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The Minister writes:

I am writing this on the day the world marked the anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech, 50 years ago, and have been reminded of the importance of inspirational leadership and action.

The movement for Civil rights took a great leap forward when one woman, Rosa Parks, decided not to give up her seat on a bus. She was arrested and fined, but the resulting backlash was a bus boycott that resulted in changes in the law. Simple actions for justice can have remarkable effects. The presence of president Barrack Obama on the platform was a sign of progress, but in the same week, a large firm, Merrill Lynch, settled a race discrimination suit for \$160 million. There is clearly a long way to go. In our own country too, there is still a lot of room for improvement.

We may not be called to make great speeches on a platform like Martin Luther King, but there will be opportunities to make a difference by simple actions like those of Rosa Parks. It is important that we have our eyes open to what is happening around us and be prepared to act to show the reality of God's love.

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poverty

I was encouraged by Archbishop Justin Welby's comments about pay day loans but even more pleased to see that he proposed alternatives through Credit Unions. The one in Wakefield is called 'White Rose' and information can be found in the church. We are also looking at how we can support the work of 'Christians against

Poverty' (CAP) that is working in our area to help people in debt. See page 13 of this magazine for further information about how CAP works and how it can help. If you are struggling with bills or know someone who is, do contact me and we will pass on contact details in confidence.

Of course in caring for our community, we have the wonderful resource of prayer. I have been inspired by a number of stories of answered prayer that show God is reaching out to us with love. As we encounter the realities of life around us let us not hesitate to pray for one another in our concerns.

Rev Bill Henderson

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DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 1st Sept 4pm	Evensong: join us for the monthly afternoon service based on the Common Book of Prayer.		
Weds 4th Sept 2pm-4pm	Mount Road Methodist Chapel: Coffee & Chat meeting. Please see page 10 for details.		
Thurs 5th Sept 7:30pm	<u>Taize Service</u> with meditative and prayerful music. All welcome to this new style of service.		
Sun 9th Sept 12:30-2:30pm	<u>Stanley Community Singers</u> restart after the summer break, meeting slightly earlier, see p10.		
Weds 11th Sept 1:30pm	<u>Jumble Sale at Mount Road chapel:</u> with a variety of stalls and refreshments. See page 10.		
Thurs 12th Sept 6pm	Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting at the church centre, see p9 for details.		
Fri 13th Sept 7:30pm	Film Club: 'The Boys in Blue' starring Cannon and Ball as policemen in a classic screwball comedy. See p16 for details. Doors open 7pm.		
Sat 14th Sept 10am-12pm	Coffee Morning at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p9.		
Thurs 19th Sept 7:30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Centre.		
Sat 21st Sept 10am-1pm	<u>Craft Sale:</u> at the Church Centre with a variety of stalls, in aid of the Rodillians' Ladies Choir.		
Sat 21st Sept 1pm-3pm	Scarecrow Festival at Stanley Playground. See p13 for full details about the event.		
Sun 22nd Sept 10am	Morning family service with special guest speaker Jo Beacroft-Mitchell.		
Weds 25th Sept 7pm	<u>Ladies Society</u> meeting at Stanley Library; new members always welcome.		
Sun 13th Oct 10am	<u>Harvest Festival and Parade service</u> with the uniformed organisations.		

STANLEY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stanley Library offers a wide selection of books, talking books, selected language tapes, DVDs for hire, as well as a photocopier/A4 colour photocopier, fax machine, newspapers and selected magazines. There are also public access computers, offering free internet access, and basic computer programs (i.e. word processing). There are also free UK Online computer courses available offering internet training and Introduction to Computers—please ask in the library.

OPENING HOURS

Monday	10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm
Tuesday	10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

Wednesday Closed all day

Thursday 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

Reading Groups: There are two Reading groups: one meets in the morning of the first Monday of every month, and the second meets in the evening of the first Thursday of every month. Check with the library for times and book details.

Activities for Children: There is a Tiny Tots Storytime for under 5's, 11:30-12pm on certain Mondays: check with the Library for dates. Other activities for children are organised in most school holidays—please ask for details.

Family History Group: The Family History Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month, from 11am-12pm.

Coffee Morning: There is a coffee morning every Thursday morning, 10am-12 noon. Come and relax with friends over a cuppa.

The Community Centre: The hall, two rooms and well equipped kitchen are available for hire. Contact the Librarian on 01924 303130 to book in advance.

Join the Friends of Stanley Playground for the

Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 21st September, 1pm-3pm At the playground on Lake Lock Road

Display your scarecrow outside your home, business or school from 14th September, then bring it to the playground between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 21st September. There are two categories of prizes: schools and businesses, and individuals/families.

With music, activities and refreshments on the day.

Come and take part in a fun family afternoon!

Coffee morning thank-you: Thank you to everyone who supported the summer coffee mornings. On 13th July £159 was raised, and on 10th August, £119 was raised. The next coffee morning will take place on Saturday 14th September from 10am—12.30pm at Stanley Community Centre with lots of great stalls: a superb cake stall, handmade greetings cards, tombola, raffle, children's tombola, jigsaws, books and toys, and more!



Donations of jigsaws, books, and <u>small</u> children's toys and soft toys would be gratefully received. Please contact Mavis Darlington on 822251 or bring your items to the office at St Peter's Church Centre.

Please join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning. We would love to see you there.

Moorhouse Community Action Group

The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on <u>Thursday 12th September 2013 at 6pm</u> at the Church Centre. Please come along and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse and join in with the plans for the new Centre on Moorhouse Grove.

Stanley Community Singers

Re-starting Monday 9th September, 12:30pm-2:30pm

The Stanley Community Singers are re-starting after the summer break on Monday 9th September. The group meets every Monday afternoon in term time at St Peter's Church Centre. From this term, we are meeting slightly earlier, from 12:30pm-2:30pm with singing from 1pm-2pm and time before and afterwards for refreshments and chat. The group sings a variety of music and is open to anyone who enjoys singing—no previous experience required! Please join us: make new friends, learn some new songs and enjoy singing!

Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

There will be a 'Coffee Afternoon' on Wednesday 4th September from 2pm—4pm. These events are held on the first Wednesday of every month with refreshments and a variety of stalls.



- The next Jumble Sale at the Chapel will be on Wednesday 11th September at 1:30pm with cakes, tombola, refreshments and various other stalls.
- On Wednesday 2nd October, the Coffee Afternoon from 2pm-4pm will be in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and will include all the usual stalls.

Knit and Natter, Sew and Chatter!

At St Peter's Church Centre, every Thursday, 2pm-4pm Enjoy a cuppa, company and a 'crafty' afternoon!

Please come and join this established group of ladies as they knit, sew, compare ideas and patterns, learn new crafty skills, and share conversation and friendship.

Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed.

Please note new later start time: now starts 2pm

60 Years! – how has church changed during the Queen's reign?

For the past 60 years the Queen has been 'head' of the Church of England. What changes have there been in our churches since June 1953? A lot has happened in the past 60 years.

For a start, the UK population has grown, while church membership has shrunk. In 1953, church members were a fifth of the population (19%), but by 1973 had dropped to 15%, and by 1993 to 11%, and to an estimated 8% in 2013, a decline not quite so rapid as previously, probably again because many of our immigrants are Christian adherents (a 2000 survey indicated that 24% were Christian).

The number of churches has kept within the 50-55,000 range throughout the Queen's reign, declining from 1953 to 1993 but growing over the last 20 years, especially in England. For example, some 700 new churches have started in London alone between 2005 and 2012.

In 1953 there was an average of 180 members per church; in 1983 the average was 140 per church and in 2013 the average is 110 members per church. There were 42,000 ministers in 1953, dropping to 36,000 by 1983 and staying at about that level until 2003, since when the number has grown to 37,000 in 2013.

While the number of ministers has thus not changed greatly over the past 40 years, the proportion who are female has increased markedly, to nearly a fifth (19%) of the total in 2013, this percentage varying between zero in some denominations (like the Roman Catholics and Orthodox) to half or more in others (like the Methodists and Salvation Army).

Regardless of varying statistics over the past 60 years, two facts remained unchanged – the privileged position of the Church of England as the bedrock church of this nation and the inspiring unchanging personal faith of our Sovereign Queen. *Dr Peter Brierley, a church consultant*

Stanley Surgery Refurbishment

The refurbishment work at Stanley Surgery has now started. This is an extensive project which will take 9 months, and will give increased consulting space and improved facilities. Patients are able to park The Travellers pub opposite, and there will be very limited disabled parking in front of the surgery. The chemists is now situated in a mobile unit, to which there is disabled access. Updates about the progress of the work will be available via the practice newsletter, from reception, or from the practice website: www.stanleysurgery.com.

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

Betty Howe	10 July 2013
Alva Palfreyman	16 July 2013
Gordon Moore	19 July 2013
Muriel Durham	23 July 2013
James Nutter	29 July 2013
Margaret Urbanowski	15 August 2013
Maureen Ellis	29 August 2013

Baptisms

Amy Beatrice Norris	7 July 2013
Aiden Jon Crabtree	14 July 2013
Bethan Hattie Rayner	21 July 2013
Robby Alan Thomas Sawyer	21 July 2013
Daisy Elizabeth Nuttall	28 July 2013

Weddings (all at St Peter's Church Centre, Stanley)

Julie Fisher & Martin Stafford	13 July 2013
Kathryn Chappell & Alexander Rope	3 August 2013
Helen Wrigglesworth & Mark Madden	30 August 2013

Stanley Community Singers successful concert!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Stanley Community Singers' Summer Concert which was held at St Peter's Church Centre on Sunday 14th July. The concert raised £300 for Target Ovarian Cancer and the singers have received a letter from the charity thanking everyone who was involved in making the event such a success.



The singers performed songs from the shows, popular spirituals and modern classics and the concert also featured soloists and dancers from ElliTe Studios in Wakefield.

TARGET OVARIAN CANCER For every womon. For Me. A small donation was also made to St Peter's Church Centre, to thank them for their continued support of the Stanley Community Singers and allowing them to rehearse and hold their concerts at the church.

Free debt advice from CAP

Did you know that local people struggling with overwhelming debt can get free help? The acclaimed debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has partnered with St Helen's Church, Sandal, and is already changing people's lives through its indepth service.

Wakefield centre manager Sarah Cutts said: "The Church has always been about offering hope and we're really pleased to be able to give a tried-and-tested route out of debt alongside other great free debt advice in the area like the Citizens Advice Bureau.

"There is a lot in the Bible about looking after the poorest. In our society, a lot of poverty is debt-related so our congregation has been working hard to open a CAP centre to help get people back on track."

CAP offers a uniquely in-depth, caring service to people with spiralling personal debt. Every client is visited in their own home, the charity does all the negotiating with creditors and local volunteers offer support to each person face-to-face until the day they are debt free.

Sarah added: "Debts can happen when a relationship breaks down, or someone loses their job, or through bereavement – so often when people are least able to cope with a financial headache. We're just so pleased to be able to partner the care of our church with the financial expertise of CAP's head office in Bradford."

The charity has 233 centres around the UK currently supporting £73m of secondary debts for its clients regardless of income, age, gender, background or faith. The free debt counselling has won a string of accolades including being described as "unsurpassed" by TV's Money Saving Expert Martin Lewis.

To find out more www.capdebthelp.org or call 0800 328 0006

Banks, be good! Do bankers fear hell and hope for heaven? The Archbishop of Canterbury believes it is possible for banks to be 'good' and play a role in improving society, but only if they are motivated by moral values and not just wealth. Justin Welby, a former oil executive who is still a member of the parliamentary commission on banking standards, was making the comments at a debate in St Paul's Cathedral. He believes that when the next financial crisis comes, Britain will be more likely to survive if it has a 'moral basis'.



St Peter's Church



Friday evening, 13th September, 7:30pm

'The Boys in Blue' (2004) PG Rating

The British comedy team of Tommy Cannon and Bobby Ball star in this screwball comedy as Sergeant Cannon and PC Ball: policemen who run the police station in the quiet town of Little Botham. When the station is threatened with closure owing to the exceptionally low crime rate, the pair fabricate a phony crime wave to make it look as though they're needed after all. But when they attempt to steal a valuable painting from Lloyd (Roy Kinnear), one of the richest men in town, they find that a gang of real art thieves have been at work, and now they have a serious case to crack. 'The Boys in Blue' is a remake of 'Ask a Policeman', a 1938 vehicle for British comedy star Will Hay.

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Wakefield now part of new Diocese

The General Synod has approved a draft reorganisation scheme to create a new Diocese of Leeds, serving West Yorkshire and The Dales, and replacing the current Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds, and Wakefield.

The new diocese will come into existence on a day to be set by the Archbishop of York after the scheme has been confirmed by Her Majesty the Queen through an Order in Council.

It is not yet clear what the impact will be on all the many people employed by the current dioceses or how it will affect the day to day running and administration of parishes in Wakefield.

Be a messy gardener

This autumn, don't clean up your garden too much for the winter – leave some messy bits. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds fears that 'sterile' gardens where nature cannot survive are contributing to the decline in wildlife.

Instead, build 'homes for nature', urges the RSPB: leave some weeds and garden debris, let the grass stay long, don't cut all the nettles, leave the odd log to rot, and cut a hole in your fence for the hedgehogs. You can also fill a bucket with woodchips, soil and rotten branches for insects. Or fill up an old washing bowl with water and gravel to create a 'mini pond'.

Many celebrity gardeners applaud this approach. Monty Don of the BBC's Gardener's World recently tweeted: 'Do not strive after tidiness'. The RSPB campaign is in response to a report that 60 per cent of species in the UK have suffered declines in the past few decades. Our sparrows, starlings, grass snakes, frogs, voles and badgers need our help to breed, move around and survive.

Mike Clarke, chief executive of the RSPB, says: "Nature in the UK is in trouble. Gardens provide a valuable lifeline for species like starlings, toads, hedgehogs and butterflies, which are struggling to find homes in the wider countryside. Although the overall problem is huge, the solution can start on a small scale....Our aim is to provide one million homes for nature across the UK, because if there is no home for nature, then there's no nature – it really is that serious."

News from Stanley Children's Centre

Long Causeway, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4JB, Tel: 01924 303181, Open: Monday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm

- Welcome to Liz Cooper, the new Children's Centre Manager!
- A <u>Baby Yoga Course</u> will be starting on Friday 6th September from 2pm—4pm. Also, a new <u>Infant Massage Course</u> will be starting on Monday 23rd September from 11am-12:15pm. Please contact the centre to book a place on these courses.
- The next <u>Parents' Forum</u> will take place on Monday 9th September from 9:30am—11am.
- A <u>Triple P Parenting Course</u> is starting on Tuesday 10th September from 9:15am—11:15am. Booking required; crèche available.
- There will be a <u>First Aid Course</u> on Wednesday 11th September from 9:15am—11:15am. Booking required; crèche available.
- A new <u>English Course</u> is starting on Thursday 12th September from 9:15am—11:15am. Booking required; crèche available.
- A new <u>Active Children</u> course is also starting on Thursday 12th September, from 1:30pm 2:30pm. Booking required; crèche available.
- A new <u>Active Children</u> course is starting on Thursday 19th September from 1:30pm 2:30pm. Booking required; crèche available.
- The Children's Centre will be holding a <u>Macmillan Coffee Morning</u> on Friday 27th September from 8:30am—11am. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

Day	Time	Group
Monday	9am—4:30pm 10am—3:30pm 1.30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews:</u> by appointment. <u>Stay & Play</u> for ages 18 months—5 years.
Tuesday	10am—12pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews:</u> appointment needed. <u>Baby Time</u> from birth—9 months.
Wednesday	9:30am—12pm 1:30pm—3pm	Rightsteps: booking required. Toddler Time from 9—18 months.
Thursday	9am—12pm 9:30am—12pm	Health Trainers: appointment needed. Child Health Reviews by appointment.
Friday	9:30—11:30am 10am—12:30pm 2pm—4pm	Childminding Support Group Child Health Reviews by appointment. Midwife Drop-in Clinic

Cartoon Corner



Eunice insisted Cedric show her just where in the Bible it said men couldn't do the washing up.



"All safely gathered in – another nice little cash crop, Vicar."



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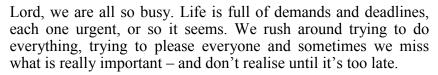


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Prayers for September

A Prayer about Priorities

(reflecting on Martha and Mary's encounter with Jesus in Luke 10:38-42)



Remind us, Lord, that some opportunities don't come again. And that actually, we *do* have time. We have all the time of our lives, which you give to us. Help us to take our time and use it wisely, to choose to sit at your feet, like Mary, and listen to you; to seek you first, so that the rest of our life time will be in balance.

In Jesus name, Amen

By Daphne Kitching

Pearl

A gift from the sea and precious beyond price, mysterious as the moon, Luminous against my skin.

It captures the light, milky iridescence, an opaline tear, heavy with forgiveness, formed around that original hurt.

Can I forgive, Close a wound with a pearl?

By Megan Smith

Priorities

In a minute,
Later,
One day,
Maybe,
Soon.
I haven't time this morning,
Perhaps this afternoon.

We'll really do it sometime, Next week, Next month, Next year. Now I'd like to be with you, That's strange, There's no-one here.

By Daphne Kitching

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1st & 3 rd Tuesday of each month	6pm—7pm	Stanley Community Centre
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