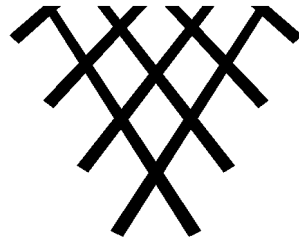




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## **St Peter's Church Services**

*All services are held at the Church Centre,  
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<b>Sunday</b>	10am	Family Communion
	4pm	Evensong (on the first Sunday of every month)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2pm	Prayers
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15 am	Children's Ark

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## DATES FOR MAY

<b>Thurs 1st May 7:30pm</b>	<u>Taize Service</u> with meditative and prayerful music. All welcome.
<b>Sunday 4th May 10am</b>	<u>Confirmation Service</u> in the morning service, attended by Bishop Tony Robinson, followed by a bring and share lunch. All welcome.
<b>Sun 4th May 4pm</b>	<u>Evensong</u> : with Holy Communion, based on the Common Book of Prayer.
<b>Weds 7th May 2pm-4pm</b>	<u>Christian Aid Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Methodist Chapel with variety of stalls. See page 10 for more information.
<b>Thurs 8th May 6pm</b>	<u>Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting</u> at the Church Centre, see page 10.
<b>Fri 9th May 7:30pm</b>	<u>Film Club: 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'</u> Come and see this box-office hit with a superb British cast. See p16 for a review.
<b>Sat 10th May 10am-12pm</b>	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p11.
<b>Sun 11th May 10am</b>	<u>Family Communion and Parade service</u> with the uniformed organisations.
<b>Fri 16th May 7pm</b>	<u>Wine tasting evening</u> at the church centre with a guess the wine competition and lot of fun. See page 12 for full details.
<b>Sun 18th May 7:30pm</b>	<u>Holy Space</u> : a new, informal monthly evening service with prayer and worship. All welcome.
<b>Weds 21st May 7:30pm</b>	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the Church Centre.
<b>Weds 28th May 7pm</b>	<u>Ladies Society Meeting</u> at Stanley Library. The speaker will be a Reiki practitioner.
<b>Sat 28th June 1pm-4pm</b>	<u>Summer Gala</u> on the church field, with lots of stalls, refreshments and entertainment. Full details next month.

## 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.



## **Welcome to the Diocese of West Yorkshire & the Dales**

On Easter Day, 2014, the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales was formed, replacing the former dioceses of Leeds and Ripon, Bradford, and Wakefield.

It is the first new Diocese to be created since 1927 and at 2,630 square miles, is one of the largest dioceses in England by area. It has a population of 2.3 million people served by 656 Anglican churches, and includes the cities of Leeds, Bradford and Wakefield as well as North Yorkshire towns such as Skipton, Catterick, Harrogate and Settle.

Nick Baines, previously the Bishop of Bradford, has been appointed as the first Bishop of Leeds for the new Diocese. He has released the following message for churches in the new diocese:

*“Born at Easter 2014, our new diocese confidently proclaims that Jesus Christ was not finished on the cross, but lives in us and through us, even today. We are here as part of the Christian Church to live out the life of Christ in the world of today. All of us. Together.*

*In the years ahead we face many challenges and exciting opportunities. Over the next few months our clergy and churches will continue to reach out to the people in our parishes with the love of God in Christ. Elsewhere we will be working hard to get the diocese on a sound operational footing as we shape our future organisation and mission. Area Bishops for Bradford and Huddersfield should be appointed and consecrated in the autumn – the archdeacons will serve their new episcopal areas from Easter Day. We will then be working on shaping a vision that can be tested as we create a new Diocesan Synod in late autumn. Posters and postcards for the new diocese are available in your local parish church.*

*Please pray for – and encourage – those who are working hard to make it all happen. These processes are complex and demanding.*

*Our new diocese has at its heart God’s compelling love and mercy. In worship, discipleship, nurture and service, we simply explore our response to God’s love by taking the risk of loving God’s world and its people. It is why we are here.”*

Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds



## Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events



- There will be a Coffee Afternoon at the chapel in aid of Christian Aid Week on Wednesday 7th May, 2pm—4pm. The event is also being supported by St Peter's Church. Christian Aid is currently trying to provide emergency supplies for 900,000 people in South Sudan who have fled the recent conflict and are desperately in need of aid.
- There will be a Jumble Sale at the chapel on Wednesday 30th April at 1:30pm with a variety of stalls and refreshments. Any donations of jumble will be gratefully received.

### 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 Knit and Natter is now starting at the later time of 2pm**



### *Prayer Meeting—every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm*

The weekly prayer meeting at St Peter's Church Centre continues to meet every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm, led by Calli McKenna. Please call in to pray for those in trouble, sorrow, sickness or need; for family, friends, the community and the world.

### **Moorhouse Community Action Group**

The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on Thursday 8th May 2014 at 6pm 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.

## Growing poppies together for the WW1 Centenary

Every church and every church school across the new diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales has received a packet of poppy seeds to grow a patch of poppies to mark the centenary of the First World War.


April 30th was designated as Poppy Planting Day when church communities and church schools were encouraged to sow their poppy seeds, mark the centenary of the war, and to recognise their new identity as a new diocese together.



The new Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nick Baines said: "A century is not a long time, but only 100 years ago the world fell apart in the most violent way. This simple act of growing poppies reminds us of our past and is a very visual way of pledging ourselves to serve together in the future."

The campaign has been working alongside the Royal British Legion and has the backing of the Archbishop of York.

In Stanley, poppy seeds have been sown at St Peter's School and at Stanley Grove School, and Wakefield Council have kindly allowed St Peter's Church to use the patch of land within the Cross Keys car park to plant seeds in.

	<p><b>British Heart Foundation Table Top sale</b> At Outwood Memorial Hall, Saturday 17th May, 10am—1.30pm Tables cost £7 each or £13 for two tables Phone 07538 638116 or email <a href="mailto:tabletopsale4bhf@hotmail.com">tabletopsale4bhf@hotmail.com</a></p>
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**Coffee morning thank-you:** Thanks to everyone who supported last month's St Peter's coffee morning: £115 was raised. Please join us at the next coffee morning on Saturday 10th May from 10am—12pm at the Community Centre, with a superb cake stall, hand-made greetings cards, tombola, raffle, toys, jigsaws, books, refreshments and more! Donations of books, small toys and jigsaws in good condition would be appreciated.



## **Building a home – can you help?**

Around the world, 1.6 billion people live in accommodation which the UN considers unfit for human habitation. Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity has been working across the globe to help address this problem. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian-based charity that aims to reduce homelessness and poverty by building safe and affordable housing.



Romania is one of the countries that benefits from Habitat's work. In Romania, 1 in 4 people live in a state of severe housing deprivation. To celebrate the charity's 15th year of operating in Romania, it is building 15 new houses. Ruth Draisey, from Stanley, will be travelling as part of a group to Romania this summer to help with the building work. Habitat volunteers get involved in digging foundations, laying bricks, mixing cement, tiling roofs, sanding and varnishing until the build is complete.

If you would like to support this work, please donate by visiting [www.justgiving.com/Ruth-Draisey](http://www.justgiving.com/Ruth-Draisey). Money can also be brought into the St Peter's Church office to be passed on to Ruth. 100% of the money raised will go to Habitat as a charitable donation.

Helping a family trapped in poverty to build a home provides the most permanent and powerful way to help them escape danger and disease and begin a new life. Thank you for your support.



### **Wine tasting evening**

**At St Peter's Church,**

**Friday 16th May, 7:30pm til late**

The popular annual event returns with a 'Guess the Wine' competition, nibbles, and a raffle.

Tickets £10: includes a sample of 6 different wines, 3 white and 3 red. Tickets are available from the Church Office, telephone 835746. Formal dress optional.



## 50th anniversary of Britain In Bloom!

This Spring brings the 50th anniversary of RHS Britain In Bloom. More than 1,600 cities, towns and villages in the UK participate each year to show off their floral displays, hanging baskets, tubs, window boxes, and roundabout displays. And we owe it all to General de Gaulle!

Britain In Bloom began with Ron Hay, who was impressed by the abundance of flowers while on holiday in France. What he was seeing was part of the 'Fleurissement de France', a campaign instituted by General de Gaulle. Hay came home and was inspired to create a similar campaign. Since 1983 it has been run by the Royal Horticultural Society who have emphasised community involvement and sustainability. As the General might have said: Vive la difference!

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## Bible Bedtime Challenge

A survey carried out by the Bible Society this Easter has shown that many children confuse Bible stories with fairy tales and fables. One in three British children aged eight to fifteen (35%) don't know why we celebrate Good Friday, while for Easter Sunday it's a similarly high one in four (24%). A quarter thinks the Golden Goose (26%) and the Hare and the Tortoise (28%) may feature in the Easter story!

The survey also showed that 8/10 parents think it's important to 'pass on' Bible stories. Therefore the Bible Society is challenging parents to help halt the decline in Bible literacy by sharing Bible stories with their children.

The Bible Bedtime app is a free app which tells five Bible stories: the Easter story in two parts, Adam and Eve, Jonah and the Whale and The Prodigal Son. The stories are written by children's author Martin Coleman, and in his unique take on the subjects, Jonah is credited with inventing sushi because he eats raw fish in the whale's belly; the prodigal son is described as smelling of 'pig poo'; and God gets 'ribbed' about the creation of Eve!

The app is part of the Bible Society's Pass It On campaign to keep the Bible alive for future generations. The app is already proving popular, and has already been downloaded hundreds of times. You can download it for free via the Bible Society website, on iTunes, or search the app store for 'Bible Bedtime'.



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—a review**

The AGM was held at 12pm on Sunday 27th April 2014. Some new members of the Parish Council Committee (PCC) were elected, and various reports were presented with some highlights given below:

**PCC Report:** Locally it has been a sad year with the demolition of the old church building. The final legacy is yet to be finalised and the finance secured. The war memorial is being stored safely in the meantime. Issues further afield have included the formation of the new Diocese and ongoing topics such as women bishops and gay marriage. Much work has been done to our building with new flooring, doors and painting. Looking to the future, St Peter's has taken time to think about how we worship and what small and more significant changes we could make to move towards a 'church for the future'. We held a Stewardship campaign which encouraged us all to review our giving. It was enormously successful—grateful thanks to everyone.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income increased during the year, thanks to some grants received and the success of the stewardship campaign. The coffee mornings, pantomime and galas continue to be well supported. However, costs increased by more, meaning that the overall financial position worsened during the year. Nevertheless, we were able to pay our Parish Share in full, and have recently received Gift Aid refunds relating to previous years from the Treasury which is a welcome boost. The Parish Share for 2014 remains at £44,917 and as always, we pray that we will fulfil our financial obligations as well as realising the many hopes we have for our church and community.

**Church Wardens' report:** The church building continues to be used by many community groups and activities. We must look to the future and establish a worship centre that will meet our needs and those of the community. Many thanks to the local councillors who are so supportive of our work in Stanley and our plans for a lasting legacy at the old site. We thank all those many individuals who contribute so much to the life of the church: to Bill and his team of spiritual leaders, and to everyone else who contributes so much despite busy lives.

**Young People:** The Explorers/Sunday Gang meets most Sunday mornings during the church services for crafts, games and Bible study. All children are made to feel welcome, whether regular attendees or

just visiting. Children's Ark meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30am for parents and tots, and includes singing, Bible stories, crafts and playtime. Many thanks to the leaders of these groups for their enthusiasm and dedication.

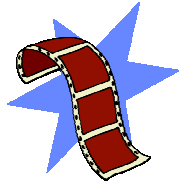
**Uniformed Organisations:** St Peter's continues to support the 1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cubs and Scouts that meet on Tuesdays at the church, and the 39th Wakefield Brownies and the 3rd Cardigan Rainbows that both meet on Mondays next door at the Cross Keys centre.

**Ladies Society:** The Ladies Society enjoyed various speakers during the year and outings to Carr Gate garden centre, Blacker Hall Farm, and to the Wheatsheaf in Altofts for Christmas lunch. New members are always welcome; meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Stanley library.

**Other groups:** The 'Knit and Natter' group continues to grow and now has 26 members! The ladies do a variety of crafts and learn some new ones too, and have also contributed to the various church fayres. The Stanley Community Singers also continues to be well attended and held two very successful charity concerts during the year. Crafty Kids is very popular with scores of children and their grown-ups enjoying a variety of crafts. The Film Club serves a wide community and shows an eclectic mix of films for all ages from modern to classic.

**Social Events:** Our pantomime, 'A Lad in a Manger' was hugely successful and we sold about 500 tickets. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to organise the monthly coffee mornings, and the other fundraising events during the year. We also held a wine tasting night, a Harvest lunch with the community cafe, a Harvest ceilidh, pot-luck suppers, charity coffee afternoons, and numerous shared lunches.

**Vicar's report:** Thank you to the whole team that supports the ministry of the church, and to the church wardens who do so much work, much of it unseen. Thank you also to everyone for the informal caring and visiting that goes on. The demolition of the old church was the most significant event for us and the wider community this year and discussions are continuing about how we can leave a worthy legacy. We continue to look at ways of serving the community and using the building well. We would like to make the building look more like a church and for it to be more welcoming. Thanks to everyone who is supporting our life and ministry in so many ways.



St Peter's Church  
**Film Club**



**Friday evening, 9th May, 7:30pm**

**‘The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel’ (2011) 12 Rating**

From the director of Shakespeare in Love (John Madden) and featuring an all-star British cast, this is a charming, life-affirming comedy drama about life, love and new beginnings. Starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Dev Patel, Tom Wilkinson and Maggie Smith, the film follows the experiences of a group of elderly British retirees who travel to Bangalore, India, to take up residence in what they believe to be a newly-opened retirement home. However, despite the glossy publicity campaign, the Marigold turns out to be rather different from the refurbished luxury hotel advertised in the brochures. Nevertheless, it soon begins to reveal some unexpected charms of its own, and the friends are forever transformed by their shared experiences, discovering that life and love can begin again when you begin let go of the past.

**Free admission, tea & coffee, but bring your own popcorn!**

*Film shown at St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road, doors open 7pm*

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**Stanley Community Singers**

At St Peter's Church Centre, every Monday  
 (in term-time), 12:30pm-2:30pm

Come and join our friendly group of singers!

No previous experience required, just a love of singing!  
 We sing a variety of different music including pop, musicals,  
 spirituals and modern classics. Come along, make  
 some new friends and enjoy a good sing-song!

**We sing from 1pm-2pm with time before and afterwards for  
 refreshments and chat. Cost per session = £2.**

*Why not arrive a bit earlier and have your lunch in the Community Café?  
 Sandwiches, salads, all-day breakfasts and hot meals all served.*

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## Reports from our local schools

### **St Peter's CofE Primary & Nursery School**

*Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HS*

*Tel: 01924 303175, Headteacher: Mr Paul Fenton*

Last term, the new Headteacher, Paul Fenton, completed his first full term at Stanley St Peter's and thanked all parents and pupils for their continued support.

The school certainly enjoyed a busy time last term with lots of successes: the Year 6 Basketball team won the Outwood pyramid tournament and the Year 6 girls' netball team came 2nd in a tournament at Jerry Clay Lane. Wakefield Wildcats coaches came into school to work on the children's rugby skills, and other children attended a 2012 Olympic legacy event in Sheffield and even got to meet Jessica Ennis!

The school has also supported many fundraising initiatives lately. We raised £200 for Sport Relief and also held a 'onesie' day and raised £227 for the National Autistic Society. Many people also took part in a sponsored walk in aid of local charity Levi's Star.

Class 10 learned Samba rhythms with a music teacher from Wakefield Music Services and took part in a Music for Youth competition. It was a great experience and the children really enjoyed taking part. We had fun on World Book Day with a fancy dress parade from the church to the school. Everyone got a free book to take home.

We wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in their SATs this term. Later in the term our older children will be going on an educational trip to London which is sure to be a fantastic success.

### **Stanley Children's Centre**

*Long Causeway, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4JB, Tel: 01924 303181,*

*Open: Monday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm Centre Manager: Liz Cooper*

The Children's Centre offers support services to families with children under 5 and parents-to-be. See below for details of this month's activities:

- Several new courses are starting this term: an English Course is starting on Thursday 1st May, 9:15am—11:15; a Book Start Group is starting on Friday 2nd May, 1:30pm—2:30pm; and a Positive Parenting course is starting on Monday 12th May, 9:15am—11:15am. Please contact the Children's Centre for more information about these courses and to book.
- The next Parents' Forum meeting will be on Tuesday 6th May, 9:15am—10:30am. Please call in with any comments about the Children's Centre.

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- There will be a First Aid Course on Wednesday 14th May from 9:30am—11:30am. Please phone to book your place.
- The Fluoride Varnishing team will be visiting the centre on Friday 31st May from 9am-10:30am. For more information about having fluoride varnishing for children aged 2-4 years, please contact the centre.

Day	Time	Group
Monday	9am—4:30pm 1.30pm—3pm	<u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed. <u>Stay &amp; 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	1pm—3pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Toddler Time</u> from 9 months —2 years.
Thursday	9am—12pm 9:30am—3:30pm	<u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed. <u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed.
Friday	10am—12:30pm 2pm—4pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Midwife Drop-in Clinic</u>

## Stanley Grove School

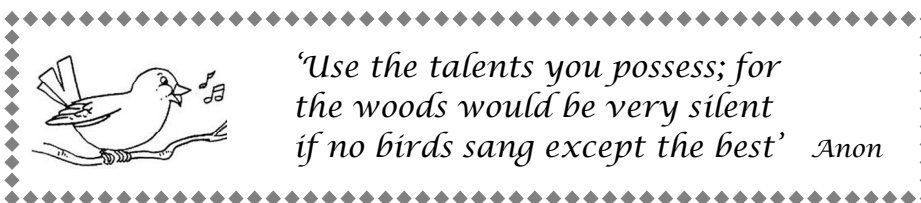
Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4NT, Tel: 01924 303805

Website: [www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk](http://www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk) Headteacher: Mrs J Frost

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SAT tests this term. They have all worked very hard and we wish them every success in reaching their full potential. Later in the term, the children will be taking part in transition events to familiarise them with their new secondary schools.

We were very pleased to receive some poppy seeds from Wakefield Diocese to commemorate 100 years since the beginning of World War 1. A group of children met with Rev Bill Henderson and planted the seeds along the front of the school and in the foundation unit.

This term, Class 3 will be performing a concert for parents and friends to show them the songs they have been learning in recent months. And our Year 5 pupils will be completing the next stage of their Bikeability training.



## When you plan your garden this Spring:

*Plant three rows of peas:*

Peace of mind  
Peace of heart  
Peace of soul.

*Plant four rows of squash:*

Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness.

*Plant four rows of lettuce:*

Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be happy  
Lettuce really love one another.

*No garden should be without turnips:*

Turnip for service when needed  
Turnip to help one another  
Turnip the music and dance.

Water freely with patience and  
Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden  
Because you reap what you sow.

*To conclude our garden we must  
have thyme:*

Thyme for fun  
Thyme for rest  
Thyme for ourselves.



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## Bible Society helps protestors in Ukraine

Hundreds of protestors in the Ukrainian capital Kiev have received food, drink, prayer support and copies of the Bible from local Bible Society staff during the recent and on-going political protests there.

The General Secretary of the Ukrainian Bible Society, Oleksandr Babychuk, said that people had responded “enthusiastically” to the Bible during the last few months: “The horrible events have forced people to turn to God,” he said. ‘We have been through some very difficult times, but God’s Word has shone brightly.’

Bible Society workers and local church leaders have joined together to provide food, run a prayer tent and lead daily prayers. “During these difficult times, the public and protestors have been especially open to prayer and the Scriptures,” said Mr Babychuk. “The tough situation has provided the Bible Society with a great opportunity.”

He added that Bible Society was keen to help support people in the coming months as the country’s situation remains unstable. “Many people have suffered, and many have relatives and friends who have been affected by the violence. Many people will need rehabilitation. That’s where we come in. The Bible Society is working on youth editions of the Bible and large print editions for older people. We are committed to standing with these people to support them.”

## POPPIES NEED YOU!

**Do you still want to see poppies for sale in your local shops?  
Do you want Wakefield to continue raising almost £36,000 for the Poppy  
Appeal? Then the Royal British Legion needs your help!**

The Poppy Appeal Organisers in Central Wakefield and Crofton have done a fantastic job on behalf of the Royal British Legion for the last few years, but sadly can no longer continue. The organisation is now desperately seeking anyone who might be interested in taking on this challenging yet rewarding role. You don't need to be a member of the local Royal British Legion branch but do need to be enthusiastic and have good organisation skills to manage the Poppy Appeal in your area.

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The Poppy Appeal raises funds for The Royal British Legion which is the UK's leading armed forces charity and has been helping service people since 1921. It organises the annual Poppy Appeal; remembering those who have given the ultimate sacrifice and raising money for those in need today.



The organisation really needs help to ensure that it can continue to raise money throughout Central Wakefield as well as Crofton, especially as this year is the Centenary Year. If you are interested or would just like to hear more, Mia Senior would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Mia on 07769 877 443 or email on [mSenior@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:mSenior@britishlegion.org.uk)

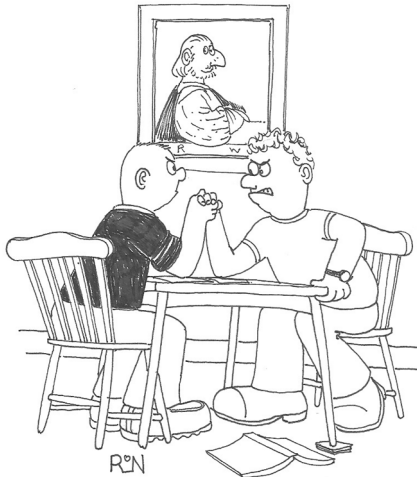


**‘Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son’** is one of the world's most popular and well-known Easter hymns. In fact, it is so loved, that it is sung in churches throughout the year.

Interestingly, the music did not start out as a hymn, but was written by Handel for his opera ‘Judas Maccabeus’, first performed in 1746. Originally the words ran ‘See the conquering hero comes’, for Handel's opera tells the story of the leader of the Jews, Judas Maccabeus, who led an army against the Syrians and restored worship at the Temple.

The words were not in fact written until 1884, by Rev Raymond Budry, a Swiss pastor from Lausanne. Even then, he wrote the hymn in French, which was translated into English by a Baptist minister from Kingston-upon-Thames, Richard Hoyle. It is not clear who first had the happy idea of teaming the words and music, but when they did, the hymn really took off. Handel was a devout man, and attended St Paul's cathedral, so surely would be delighted to know that his music eventually became such a popular hymn.

## Cartoon Corner



Together, the Vicar and organist choose the hymns for the month



"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...!'"

### **Children's prayers:**

- ◇ Give us this steak and daily bread, and forgive us our mattresses.
- ◇ Hail, Mary, full of grapes.
- ◇ He suffered under a 'bunch of violets.' (Pontius Pilate)

### **Grandparents:**

- ◇ Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting. (Anon)
- ◇ What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million pounds worth of pleasure. (Gene Perret)

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## *Prayers for May*

### **Prove it**

Prove it they cried that you're the Messiah  
Wouldn't He come as a conquering king?  
Not as a poor man riding a donkey  
How do you think we'd believe such a thing?

Wherever He went large crowds would follow,  
He calmed the storm and turned water to wine,  
The lame could walk and the deaf made to hear,  
Fully a man and yet also divine.

His teaching had never been heard before,  
He fed the five thousand with fish and bread  
Gave sight to the blind and lepers were healed,  
He cast out demons and raised the dead.

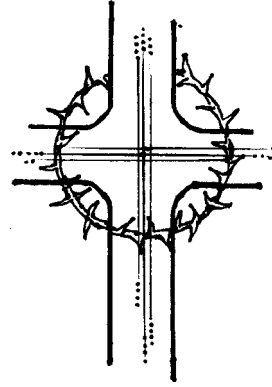
He died on a cross to take away sin  
Rose up from the grave, what more could he do?  
To prove of his love for all of mankind  
Believe it or not it, it's all up to you.

*By Megan Carter*

### **Jesus**

If I could package faith into one parcel  
And collect all hope into a single can—  
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball  
And commoditise it in a living man  
I'd already have a fully detailed label  
Prepared before the world itself began—  
And it would have one name—  
And that name - **JESUS**—  
At the centre of God's universal plan  
To take the world along the course  
God's surge of love provoked  
Till wholeness flows through everything  
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.

*By Sam Doubtfire*



### **Daily Strength**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

*John 10: 11, 27-28*



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