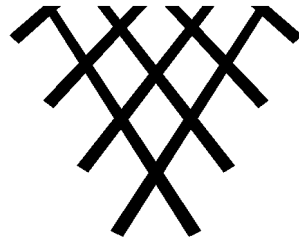
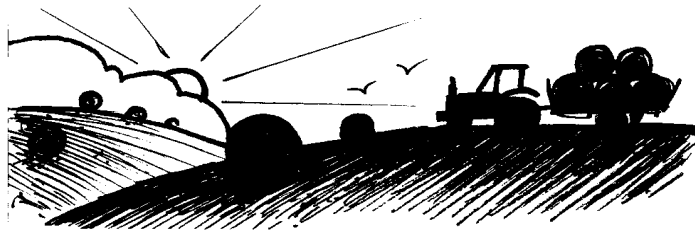


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The Minister writes:

This August we have lost two of our village's real characters: Muriel Bell and Lilly Noble.

Muriel was well known for her involvement in the community over the years and for supporting the family business of funeral directors. The family were very involved in supporting the Scouts and Muriel was a founding member of the Parents' Committee. She was a governor at St Peter's school and of course did an amazing amount to support the church. In her younger days she helped doing flowers and polishing the brasses. Her home was a venue for jumble sales when the garage was cleared and all family were involved in helping. Muriel organised coffee mornings with cakes and people would be waiting for grandma Bell's cakes to appear on the stall. Her bedroom cupboard was full of jars of homemade jam to sell for the church. Even in her last weeks, her one outing was to support the Church Gala.

Lilly was a sickly child and was rather amused in her latter years that she had lived so long. She lived life to the full and was always determined to do as much as she could. Lilly had real concern for the community and was willing to get involved and help. She has been indefatigable in the work on the Moorhouse estate being a founder member of the Action Group and always willing to speak up for and work for the improvement of the community. She was someone who was willing to give her time to making sure things happened and so was, for example, active in keeping the Monday bingo group going.

I have been inspired by the example of these two stalwarts, and it is true to say if more people could follow their example and give time to working for our village, it would be a better place. So we remember them with affection and gratitude and see how they reflected their faith and the example of Jesus. It challenges us to look at each other as brothers and sisters with love; to want the best for our neighbour and be willing to listen and understand each other, and to build significant relationships.

Rev Bill Henderson

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*All services are held at the Church Centre,
Lake Lock Road, Stanley*

Sunday	10am	Family Communion
	4pm	Evensong (on the first Sunday of every month)
Tuesday	2pm	Prayers
Wednesday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:15 am	Children's Ark

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DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Weds 3rd Sept 2pm—4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments and various stalls, see p10.
Weds 3rd Sept 7:30pm	<u>Taize Service</u> with meditative and prayerful music. All welcome.
Sun 7th Sept	<u>Evensong</u> : with Holy Communion, at 4pm.
Mon 8th Sept 1pm-2:30pm	<u>Stanley Community Singers</u> restart after the summer break, see p11.
Weds 10th Sept 1:30pm	<u>Jumble Sale</u> at Mount Road Methodist chapel with various stalls. See page 10.
Thurs 11th Sept 6pm	<u>Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting</u> at the Church Centre, see page 9.
Fri 12th Sept 7:30pm	<u>Film Club</u> : 'Noah' starring Russell Crowe in an epic interpretation of the Bible story. See p14.
Sat 13th Sept 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p9.
Sun 14th Sept 10am	<u>Family Parade service</u> with the uniformed organisations.
Sun 14th Sept 12pm—3pm	<u>Bottom Boat Playground Pirate event</u> : with lots of activities. See p17 for more details.
Weds 17th Sept	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the Church Centre at 7:30pm
Sun 21st Sept 7:30pm	<u>Holy Space</u> : an informal monthly evening service with prayer and worship. All welcome.
Weds 24th Sept 7pm	<u>Ladies Society meeting</u> at Stanley Library with a talk from a local solicitor.
Fri 26th Sept & Weds 1st Oct	<u>Macmillan Coffee afternoons</u> at St Peter's and at Mount Road Chapel with various cakes and refreshments. See page 10 for times and details.
Sat 11th Oct 2pm—3:30pm	<u>Crafty Kids</u> : the very popular monthly kids' craft afternoon returns. See p14 for details.
Sun 12th 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
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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.

Coffee morning thank-you

Thank you to everyone who supported the summer coffee mornings. On 12th July £137.29 was raised, and on 9th August £127.49 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 13th 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 books, small toys and jigsaws in good condition would be appreciated. Please contact Mavis Darlington on 822251 or bring your items to the office at St Peter's Church Centre.



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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 11th September 2014 at 6pm at the Church Centre.

Please come along and meet your local councillors and WDH representatives and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 3rd September, 2pm—4pm. Drop in for cakes, produce, other stalls and refreshments. 
- There will be a Jumble Sale at the chapel on Wednesday 10th September from 1:30pm with a variety of stalls.
- There will be a Coffee Afternoon in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Appeal on Wednesday 1st October, 2pm-4pm.

Exercise classes at Mount Road chapel:

Healthy Hearts: Wednesdays, 5:15pm and 6pm. These are circuit classes run by the Wakefield Healthy Hearts Support Group, which promotes exercise and fitness and welcomes anyone who has experienced, or had their life touched by cardiac illness. The classes allow participants to become a little fitter and reduce the risk of cardiac events. The instructors are qualified to the very high standard of the B.A.C.P.R. (British Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation) so participants are assured of the safest possible supervision at all times. For further details call 07773 134374 or pop into one of the classes.

Zumba: Mondays, 7:30pm. This is a very friendly, high impact Zumba exercise class, run by Debbie, and lasting 45 minutes. Please phone 07881 827385 for further details.

Macmillan coffee mornings/afternoons

Thurs 11th Sept, 8:30am - 11am, Stanley Children's Centre
Friday 26th September, 2pm—6pm, St Peter's Church
Wednesday 1st October, 2pm—4pm, Mount Road Chapel

Please come along to the Children's Centre, St Peter's Church or Mount Road chapel on the dates above, for refreshments and cakes in aid of the annual Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event. The money raised will help provide Macmillan nurses, and support and advice to cancer patients and their families.



From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

William Yates	30 July 2014
Emma Morris	31 July 2014
Muriel Bell	8 August 2014
Leslie Sykes	13 August 2014
Lilly Noble	18 August 2014

Baptisms

Jake Wray	13 July 2014
Lydia Elizabeth Smith	20 July 2014
Jessica Anais Pettman	17 August 2014
Harper Leigh Render	31 August 2014
Layton Thomas Render	31 August 2014

Stanley Community Singers

The group will restart after the summer break on Monday
8th September and meets at St Peter's Church, every
Monday (in term-time), 1pm-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 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.*

Abide with me—the story behind the hymn

One of the most famous hymns in the world came out of Brixham, near Torbay, Devon, in 1847.

In those days it was a poor, obscure fishing village, and the vicar was the Rev Henry Francis Lyte. It was a discouraging place to be a pastor, but Henry felt that God wanted him there, and so he stayed, though it was lonely work, and he suffered constant ill health. By the time he was 54, Henry had contracted tuberculosis and asthma, and he and his family knew he was dying. It would have been so easy for him to look back on his life and feel a complete failure. What had he ever accomplished? And yet—and yet—Henry knew that in life it is not worldly success that matters, but how much we respond to Jesus Christ, and how much we follow him.

In September of 1847 Henry was preparing to travel to the south of France, as was the custom for people with tuberculosis at that time. One day before he left, he read the story in the gospel of Luke about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were met by Jesus on the day of his resurrection, and they invited him to stay with them because it was getting late. “Abide with us”, they said “for it is towards evening.”

These words struck a chord with Henry, who knew that it was getting ‘towards evening’ in his life. So he sat down and wrote the hymn as a prayer to God. Here are just some of the verses:

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

Shortly after Henry wrote that hymn, he preached his last sermon. He was so ill he practically crawled into the pulpit to do so. He died a few weeks later in Nice, France, and so of course never knew that his hymn would go on to become world famous, and that nearly 100 years later it would be the last hymn played by the brave musicians on board the Titanic the night it went down.

Animals that heal the sick

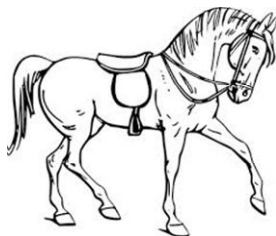
It is being increasingly recognised that animals can help restore the health of suffering human beings. As the American child psychologist Dr Boris Levinson put it recently, “a pet is an island of sanity in what appears to be an insane world”.

Dr Levinson is credited with the insight that, in the 1960s, led to the introduction of animal-assisted therapy (AAT), or pet therapy – the idea that animals can help humans to cope with, or recover from, certain medical conditions.

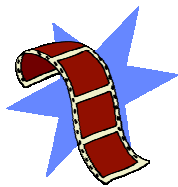
Dr Levinson came up with the idea of AAT after finding that he was better able to reach a withdrawn 9-year-old boy every time his dog (called Jingles) was in the room with him. With the dog present, Levinson found that he was able to gain the trust of the boy, something that previous therapists had failed to do.



At first, physicians were sceptical, but an increasing number have used companion animals in therapy sessions in care homes and elsewhere with good results. The benefits include personal and social development, increased self-esteem, improved mental health, better social skills and increased empathy. Among those who benefit are patients with heart problems, ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) and other types of impaired mental health.



In America and the UK, interaction with horses has proved beneficial for people with dementia and other disorders. In Sussex, a project called Intuitive Horse continues to get good results.



St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 12th September, 7:30pm

'Noah' (2014) 12 Rating

Darren Aronofsky, the Academy Award winning director, takes the helm of this epic and somewhat controversial interpretation of the biblical tale of Noah. Russell Crowe portrays Noah as a tormented, dysfunctional man in a corrupt and ruined land. The supporting cast features Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Anthony Hopkins and Ray Winstone; in fact the women's roles are greatly expanded and are made to be far more important than is suggested in the Bible story. The special effects are impressive, and help to invoke what life might have been like in those times, and during the time of an immense flood. The film is both spectacular and intense but received some mixed reviews: whilst the characters and effects were praised, it strayed too far from the Bible for some people, and not far enough for others! Come and see 'Noah', and make up your own mind!

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

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



Crafty Kids

....is restarting this autumn
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**Saturday 11th October, 8th November,
13th December, 10th January, 14th February
2pm - 3:30pm**

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Reports from our local schools

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 and overleaf for details of the courses and classes for September:

Day	Time	Group
Monday	9am—4:30pm 1.30pm—3pm	<u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed. <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	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>

- The next Parents' Forum will be on Tuesday 2nd September from 9.15am—10.30am. Come and share your ideas about the centre.
- There will be Parent Craft classes on Tuesday 2nd September and 9th September from 6.30pm—8.30pm. Booking required.
- The Childminding Support group is meeting on Wednesday 3rd and 17th September from 9.30am—11.30am.
- A new Baby Yoga course is starting on Friday 5th September from 1.30pm—2.30pm. Please phone to book your place.
- A new Cash Wise course is starting on Tuesday 9th September from 9.15am—11.15am for 6 weeks. Please phone to book your place.
- There will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 11th September from 8.30am—11am, run by the Parents' Forum group.
- 'Maths is Magic', a free 12 week course will be starting on Friday 12th from 9:15am—11:15am. Booking required; crèche available.
- An English Course will be starting on Thursday 18th September from 9.15am—11:15am. Booking required; crèche available.

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- The Fluoride Varnishing team will be visiting the centre on Friday 19th September from 1pm—4pm. Please phone for more information and to book an appointment.
- Tempest Photography will be visiting the centre on Monday 22nd September, 1pm—4pm.

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We welcome back all our children, families and staff to the start of a new and exciting school year. Please have a look at our revamped website, www.stanleypeters.co.uk which has lots of news and information about the school.

Our summer term finished with lots of very memorable events: the KS2 trip to London, our St Peter's Day celebrations and school sleepover, our summer gala, the Year 6 production of 'Bugsy Malone' and the graduation of our Year 6 pupils at Wakefield Cathedral. We now look forward to the start of another eventful year.

If it's Tuesday, it must be chilli....

Most of us have a repertoire of about seven regular meals, which we cook week in and week out. Lack of time, energy, and confidence, leads us to sticking to familiar favourites. This is the finding of a recent survey conducted by Old Jamaica Ginger Beer. Typically, families tend to eat spaghetti on a Monday, chilli on a Tuesday, pork chops on a Wednesday, lasagne on a Thursday, and casserole on a Friday. Weekends are more varied, but there is always the roast and stir fry to fall back on, if all else fails!



What is taking over your kitchen?

If you love gadgets when preparing food, you are not alone. It seems we are cramming more and more of them into our kitchens. 44% of us have slow cookers, 20% of us invest in a top of the range oven or Aga; 8% of us use popcorn machines; 15% of us have fondue kits; and 13% of us use ice cream-makers.

**Bottom Boat Playground Pirate event
Sunday 14th September, 12pm—3pm**

Face painting, sand pit, tombola, crafts, bouncy castle, treasure hunt, 'make a wish' entertainment, pirate and princess fancy dress competition, refreshments.

Come along the enjoy this fantastic family event organised by the Friends of Bottom Boat Playground



Quotes to make you think....

- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- It's easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.
- A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- The older one gets the more one finds the present must be enjoyed; it is a precious gift, comparable to a state of grace. *Marie Curie*
- When we have given God all that we have and are, we have simply given him his own. *William Plumer*

Cartoon Corner



As far as Reg could tell, the burglar had disturbed nothing in the vestry



"Delivery for whoever ordered the trendy alternative to a basket of groceries..."

Prayers for September

Name Above All Names

Name above all Names, what's in a name?
Jesus, Messiah, He's coming again.
Alpha Omega, Beginning and End,
Apostle and High Priest, the sinners' Friend.

Walking on water, calming the storm,
God incarnate calling us home.
Creator, the I Am, nailed to a tree
Lion of Judah dying for me.

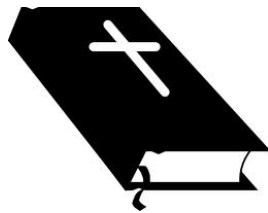
Risen, the Victor, conquering King
Coming with clouds redemption to bring.
To gather His bride for heaven above
To reign with the Lamb whose name is Love.
By Megan Carter



Prayer for mountain-top eyes

Lord of all creation, please give me your eyes. Mountains are majestic and beautiful, yet when I look at ground level, the mountain is all I can see; solid, impenetrable. But, from the summit, a wide new perspective unfolds.

Lord, help me. Lift me up, unblock my vision, give me mountain-top eyes—your eyes—to see beyond the mountain; to see the way forward. In Jesus name, Amen.
By Daphne Kitching



Lord God, for the day ahead:

Renew my life (body)
Replenish my joy (soul)
Strengthen my faith (spirit)
Through Jesus Christ, Amen.
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1st & 3 rd Tuesday of each month	6pm—7pm	Stanley Community Centre
2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month	9:30—10:45am	Stanley Community Centre
2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month	11am—12 noon	Bevin Close Community Centre, Outwood

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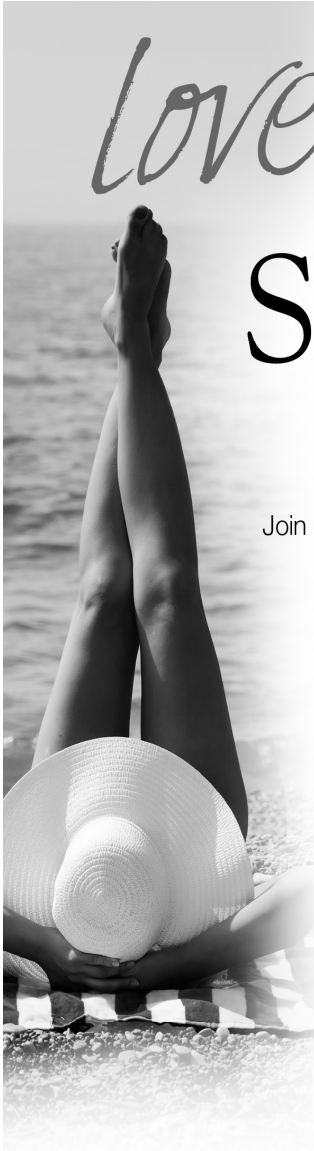
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