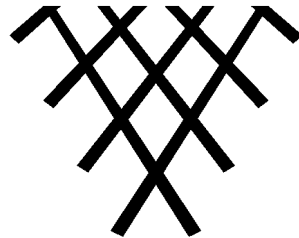
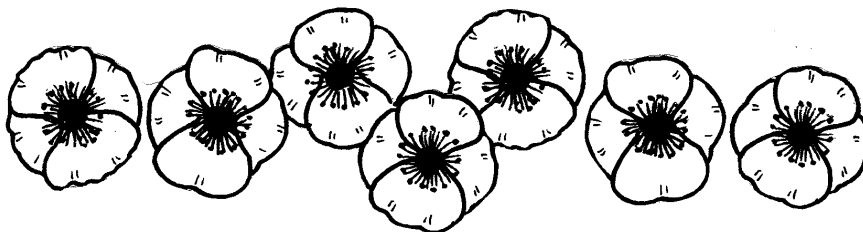


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The Minister writes:

We are moving towards the end of 2014 already. The clocks have gone back and the dark evenings are drawing in but we are seeing the beautiful autumn colours beginning to show as we move into the next season.



Plans are also progressing for the site of the old church. The idea is to make it a place that people will want to come and visit; a place for reflection; a place to tell stories of Christ, the church and the community. Plans will be on display from 17th November and there will be a drop-in day on Friday 21st November. It would be helpful if you have any ideas to hear from you.

A theme this month is 'remembering'. We had the Memorial Service for people who have died recently on October 26th. Thank you to all those who came and stayed on for tea and cakes; there was a real sense of supporting each other at a difficult time. The Remembrance Service for those who have been killed in wars will be at 10am on Sunday November 9th. As part of the service we will go over to the site of the War Memorial to place poppies and wreaths there. Do come and join us.

Each of these services are different, and at each we do more than just remember. We are bringing God into a situation that is painful. We show respect and show how we value the lives of those who have died. We say thank you for what they have given us. Sadly, as we look around today, the prospects for world peace are not very good. It is truly shocking as we observe what human beings do to each other, for example the terrible actions of ISIS and others: cycles of violence that only seem to escalate.

We can be left feeling helpless but there are some things we can do. We remember with thanks the death of Jesus; a death that was not in vain as we show each time we respond to Him. Jesus was also the great peacemaker, and lays down a challenge for us: love your enemies; do not keep a record of wrongs; forgive one another. We may not be able to effect world peace, but we can be peacemakers in our families and community.

Rev Bill Henderson

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St Peter's Church Services

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

Sunday	10am	Family Communion
	3pm	Evensong (on the first Sunday of every month)
Tuesday	2pm	Prayers
Wednesday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday	9:15 am	Children's Ark

Other Christian Worship

ZION CHRISTIAN CENTRE

466a Aberford Road, Stanley,
www.zionchurch.co.uk, telephone: 01924 872262

Sunday:	10:30am Service 11:00am Sunday School & crèche
Tuesdays:	7:30pm Prayer meeting
Wednesdays:	7:30pm Bible Study, discussions

Minister: David Dixon, telephone: 01924 872262

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Sunday: 10:30am service, including junior church

Minister: Rev Naomi Kaiga BD MA
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DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 2nd Nov 3pm	<u>Evensong</u> : with Holy Communion. Please note the earlier start time of 3pm.
Tues 4th Nov 10am-2pm	<u>New!! Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> : at St Peter's Church with activities and a hot meal. See p15.
Weds 5th Nov 2pm—4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
Weds 5th Nov 7:30pm	<u>Taize Service</u> with meditative and prayerful music. All welcome.
Sat 8th Nov 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p10.
Sat 8th Nov 2pm—3:30pm	<u>Crafty Kids</u> : lots of crafts for all ages. Refreshments also available. See p16 for details.
Sun 9th Nov 10am	<u>Remembrance Sunday Parade service</u> : please join us for this special service.
Thurs 13th Nov 6pm	<u>Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting</u> at St Peter's church. See p13 for an update.
Fri 14th Nov 7:30pm	<u>Film Club</u> : 'Private Peaceful' adapted from the Michael Morpurgo book, see p16 for a review.
Sat 15th Nov 11am—4pm	<u>Winter Fayre</u> at Mount Road chapel with cakes, tombola, jigsaws, refreshments etc. See p10.
Sat 15th Nov 11am—2pm	<u>School Christmas Fair</u> at St Peter's school with Santa's grotto, crafts, stalls, and more! See p14.
Sun 16th Nov 7:30pm	<u>Holy Space</u> : an informal monthly evening service with prayer and worship. All welcome.
Mon 17th Nov All week	<u>Consultation week</u> to view and comment on plans for the site of the old church, see p14.
Weds 19th Nov	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at St Peter's Church at 7:30pm.
Sat 22nd Nov 10am-12:30pm	<u>St Peter's Church Christmas Fair</u> at Stanley Community Centre. See p9 for full details.
Weds 26th Nov 7pm	<u>Ladies Society meeting</u> at Stanley Library with a cheese and wine evening.

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	9am—5pm
Tuesday	9am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9am—7pm
Friday	9am—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.

St Peter's Church

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 22nd November
Stanley Community Centre,
10am-12:30pm

*An ideal opportunity to do some
Christmas shopping!!*

Stalls: Raffle, soft toys, jewellery,
tombola, handmade crafts, bric-a-brac,
toys, bottle stall, cakes, children's tombola,
Knit & natter stall, books, Tearfund stall,
and much, much more!

Refreshments will be served

We look forward to welcoming you!!




Prayer Meeting—every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm

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

Evensong now at 3pm: The monthly Evensong service will now start at 3pm until the clocks change again next March. The next Evensong service will be on Sunday 2nd November.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

- The next Coffee Afternoons will be on Wednesday 5th November and Wednesday 3rd December, 2pm—4pm. Call in for some delicious cakes and refreshments. 
- The Winter Fayre will be on Saturday 15th November from 11am—4pm with cake stall, tombola, books, jigsaws and hot refreshments.

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, refreshments and friendship.

Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed



Coffee morning thank-you: Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning on 11th October: a fantastic total of £198.96 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 8th November from 10am—12pm 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. Please join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning.

Remembrance Sunday Parade Service

On Sunday 9th November, 10am

Join us as we remember those who gave their lives while in service to their community and their country. The service will be attended by uniformed group.



St Peter's Church presents

A Christmas Carol

A mean and miserly shopkeeper, Ebenezer Scrooge, is visited by the ghost of his old business partner Jacob Marley, and the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future, who make him realise that he must change his ways if he ever wants to be happy. This is the classic Charles Dickens tale, but with the usual St Peter's pantomime twists—cross-dressing characters, a pantomime dame and a pantomime animal that steals the show!



Matinées:

3pm on Sunday 30th Nov & Saturday 6th Dec

Evening:

**7:15pm on Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 4th,
Friday 5th & Saturday 6th December**

Tickets:

Adults £6, concessions & children £4, Family £18.00

Contact the Church Office for tickets:

Tel: 835746 or email churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk

All performances are at St Peter's Church
on Lake Lock Road, Stanley

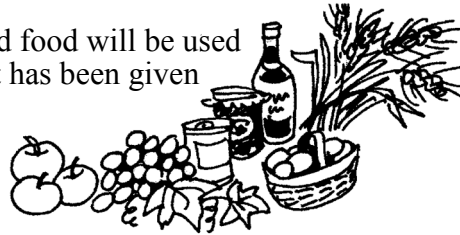
A Harvest Thank-you

Thank you to everyone from church, St Peter's school, and the uniformed groups for the generous donations of harvest produce given at the church and school Harvest Festival services last month.

The fresh food was used to provide a delicious Harvest Lunch on Tuesday 14th October. There was a choice of homemade stews served with a buttered bread roll, followed by either fresh fruit salad or apple crumble, then tea or coffee and mints. For entertainment, there was a piano recital, and then some harvest songs performed by the children of St Peter's School.

Thanks so much to Mary, the café staff and all the volunteers who helped make the Lunch such a wonderful success. One satisfied diner has written: "A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard and gave up their time to do the harvest lunch. It was lovely and so well presented; everybody enjoyed it. Thank you all once again." (Angie Daniels)

Some of the rest of the donated food will be used by the café and the church. The rest has been given to CAP (Community Awareness Programme), a charity based in the centre of Wakefield that helps those in need in our city.



New Library opening hours

Stanley library is now open from 9am every day (except Wednesdays and Sundays) and stays open during lunchtime:

Monday	9am—5pm
Tuesday	9am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9am—7pm
Friday	9am—5pm
Saturday	9am—1pm

The library can be contacted on 01924 303130 or by email: stanleylibrary@wakefield.gov.uk



Moorhouse Community Action Group update

The Moorhouse Community Action group has been actively campaigning on behalf of the Moorhouse estate for many years, and has had many successes, including various fun-days and fundraising events, and the re-establishment of a bus service to the estate.

The group had been looking into the feasibility of establishing a new community centre on the estate, but the decision has been taken recently not to take this any further as it became apparent that the project was not sustainable. The group is now exploring the possibility of using the money to fund a minibus for use by the community.

The group continues to meet at 6pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St Peter's Church, and this is an ideal opportunity to raise any issues with WDH and local councillors e.g. issues about parking, empty houses, neighbour disputes, activities for young people etc. The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th November.

Stanley Community Singers

We meet every Monday afternoon (in term-time) at St Peter's Church from 1pm—2:30pm with singing from 1pm-2pm and time afterwards for refreshments and chat.

Come and join our friendly group of singers!

No previous experience required, just a love of singing!

Make new friends, learn new songs and enjoy a good sing-song! **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.*

A date for your diary: Christmas Concert

3pm, Sunday 14th December at St Peter's Church

*A concert of new and popular Christmas songs and carols,
followed by refreshments.*

What's happening with the old church site?

Consultation week 17th—21st November

Plans for the future of the old church site are moving forwards. The intention is to build a suitable place for the war memorial and a peace garden.

The draft plans will be on display at St Peter's Church during the week beginning Monday 17th November (9:30am—2:30pm each day or whenever the building is open) for people to review and comment on them. On Friday 21st November there will be people available to talk to and ask questions.

You may have noticed that the path and steps down to Aberford Road from the old church site have now been cleared and the iron gates re-opened. Thank you to those who worked so hard to clear the path—it looks better than it has done in decades!

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

Brenda Hornsby	1 September 2014
Beryl Partridge	1 September 2014
Renee Bell	17 September 2014
Allison Dyte	19 September 2014
Joyce Charles	19 September 2014

Baptisms

Oscar Lee Cahill	21 September 2014
Samuel Mihalisin	28 September 2014
Willow Amber Gilmore	5 October 2014



St Peter's School Christmas Fair

Saturday 15th November, 11am—2pm

With Santa's grotto, lots of stalls, activities and crafts for children, and a variety of refreshments.

Please come along and support this event!!



You are invited to a
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Lunch Club

At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road

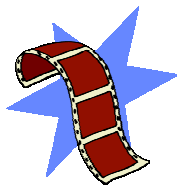
**Tuesdays from 4th November
10am—2pm**

- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat
- Followed by an activity, talk, game, craft, film, sing-along or similar
- Lunch served from 12:30pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert

Cost per person = £5

**Booking required: please contact the
church office on 01924 835746 to let us
know that you will be coming**

The lunch club is going to run for a trial period on
4th, 11th , 18th and 25th November and hopefully if it
works well, it will start again in the New Year.



St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 14th November, 7:30pm

'Private Peaceful' (2012) 12 Rating

An ideal film to watch as we remember 100 years since the start of World War 1, 'Private Peaceful' is an adaptation of the brilliant best-selling novel by Michael Morpugo. It tells the story of the unbreakable bond between two brothers during World War 1, in which they are transported from childhood innocence in the fields of Devon to the violence of the battlefield in Flanders. In the trenches they experience the brutal injustice of war, far removed from rural family life, and their rivalry for the beautiful Molly Monks. Directed by Pat O'Connor and with an all-British cast including George MacKay, Jack O'Connell and Maxine Peake, this is a powerful and emotional tale of injustice, love, heroism, and fierce family ties that will never be broken.

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

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



Crafty Kids

The very popular kids' Craft
club at St Peter's Church



**Saturday 8th November, 13th December,
10th January, 14th February and 14th March
2pm - 3:30pm**

Come along and enjoy a variety of crafts for all ages!
Cost £1.50 per child, plus 50p for each additional sibling
Refreshments also available.

Reports from our local schools

Stanley Grove School

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

Website: www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs J Frost

The first half-term of the school year has gone very quickly, and we have already enjoyed some notable events.

The children learned lots of songs for our harvest festival. Thank you to all the families who donated harvest produce. The main school gave their produce to Wakefield Hospice, and the Early Years Foundation Unit donated theirs to the residents of St Swithun's Court.

We enjoyed an excellent day of sports with Lee Whiteley, the top GB Paralympic sprinter who did some fitness circuit training with years 1 to 6 as part of the Sports for Schools Scheme. The following day, we did more sporting activities with the Wakefield Wildcats.

We were delighted to welcome Ed Balls MP into our school at the end of the term to talk to us about the importance of digital safety. Next term, years 5 and 6 will be having a talk from the magistrates service about their role, and the justice system.

Our Early Years Foundation unit is holding an open evening for prospective parents and children on Tuesday 11th November from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity to look round the unit and meet the staff.

Next term we will be holding a charity fundraising event in aid of juvenile diabetes research. Children will be able to wear a onesie to school and make a donation to the charity.

At the end of November, all our KS1 and KS2 children will be visiting Wakefield Cathedral to take part in a Victorian Christmas experience. All the children will be dressing up as Victorian school children and taking part in a variety of fun activities at the cathedral.

As well as our whole school topic of 'Victorian Christmas', Class 1 will be comparing Victorian and modern toys; Class 2 will be writing winter poems; Class 3 will be learning about Victorian inventions; Class 4 will be studying electricity; Class 5 will be making Victorian crafts and studying the properties of ice and other substances; and Class 6 will be reading 'The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey'.

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: fun activities, advice on parenting, childcare, education, benefits and finance, housing, support for childminders; adult courses; antenatal care; child health promotion clinic; breastfeeding support and more. Please see below for details of the regular weekly groups and meetings:

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>

St Peter's CofE Primary & Nursery School

Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HS, Tel: 01924 303175

Website: www.stanleystpeters.co.uk Headteacher: Mr Paul Fenton

This half-term we held a non-uniform day in aid of two charities: Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Mitochondrial Disease. Thanks to the generous donations of our school families we were able to raise £235.70 which was split between the two charities. Thanks also for the donations of cakes and buns for our Macmillan coffee morning: we raised £226.92 for the charity.

The children walked up to St Peter's Church to take part in our school harvest festival services. Thank you to everyone for the donations of harvest produce, some of which was used to prepare a community lunch. The rest has been donated to the Community Awareness Programme (CAP) in Wakefield.

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Our PTFA will be holding their AGM on 3rd November at 6pm and all parents, friends and staff are welcome to attend. We would welcome your help with our Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday 15th November from 11am—2pm at the school.

We are working towards the improvement of the outside areas, and hope to buy some new and updated lunchtime equipment, and create a shaded area in the playground.

At the end of November, our year 5 and 6 children are looking forward to a visit to Kirkstall Abbey in Leeds. All our children will soon be working hard on our Christmas productions which will take place during the week commencing 8th December.

Keeping Warm in Winter

Come along and join us for a chat to find out how you can stay safe and warm in winter



Tuesday 18th November 2014
St Peter's Church, Stanley
From 10am

We will be there to answer any questions you might have, and also give you information about a number of services, including:

- ◇ Care Link;
- ◇ Money advice;
- ◇ Wellbeing; and
- ◇ Energy Efficiency

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Lest We Forget

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers what Peace might look like...

One of the most amazing sights in London this year has been the art installation 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' at the Tower of London. The dry moat has been filled with 888,246 ceramic poppies, each representing a British or Colonial soldier killed in the First World War and commemorated in this centenary year.

'In Flanders fields, the poppies grow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our places; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amongst the guns below.'



This is the first stanza of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. Within months, it came to symbolise the sacrifices of all who were fighting in the First World War. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol of all those who have sacrificed their lives in war. But why do we remember?

'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.' (Micah 4:3). Writing about 700 years before Christ, Micah's words have to be seen against a background of violence with the fall of Samaria and the instability created by the aggression of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace instead of war. His vision was of a time when the arms of war would be turned into farming tools and people would live in peaceful community.

Our understanding of peace is more than the avoidance of war or the absence of conflict. It's about building relationships between people, communities and nations; positively creating love and care for others founded on justice for all. As we remember the sacrifice of those who died in the First World War, our response must be to look at how we can build relationships of peace and justice in our world, starting with our own families, colleagues and neighbourhoods. We need God's presence and power to change us into the people who have a passion for peace and justice, and compassion for everyone.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

Santa to visit Stanley Community Centre!

Wednesday 3rd December, 5pm—8pm



This very successful community awareness and fundraising event is running again this year, with brass band, children's roundabout, roast chestnut oven and lots more. Santa is scheduled to arrive at approximately 6pm. Community groups or charities that would like a table to fundraise or promote awareness should contact Councillor Jacqui Williams on jacquelinewilliams@wakefield.gov.uk or on 01924 278007.

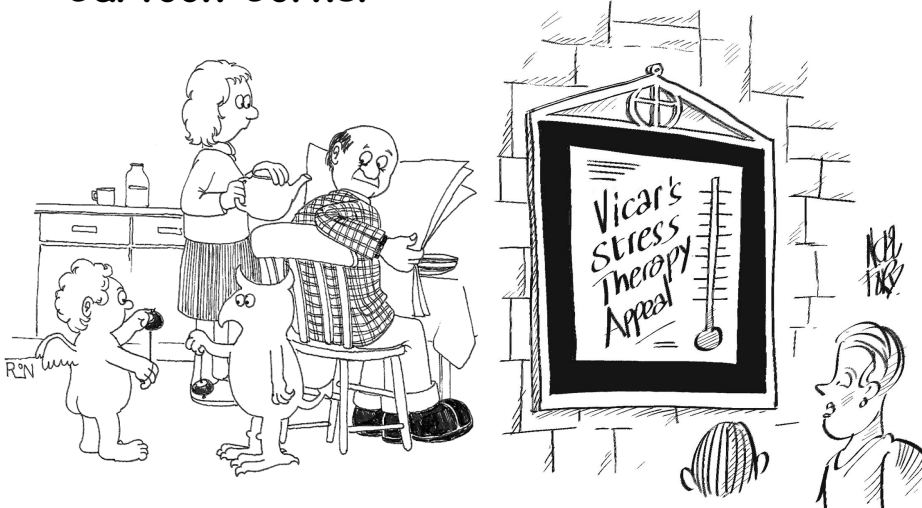
A similar Santa event is running at Outwood Memorial Hall on Tuesday 2nd December; tables also available at this event.

St Nicholas Parade service, Sunday 7th December, 10am



The St Nicholas family and parade service is an opportunity to donate a wrapped gift for a child who might otherwise not receive much this Christmas. The gifts are given to the Barnados charity to be distributed.

Cartoon Corner



An epic struggle between good and evil took place in the Vicarage kitchen

"Goodness! is it time for Christmas Fair organising, carol service planning and nativity play rehearsals?!"

Prayers for November

On 2nd November we celebrate All Saints' Day. Here we remember St Paul, whose witness to Christ literally changed world history:

Paul the man of God

Holding the clothes while Stephen was stoned
Breathing out fire and filled with hate
Determined to stamp out the Christian message
Imprisoning all he found in his wake.

Thrown to the ground on the way to Damascus,
A voice from heaven and Paul was made blind
'Who are you Lord?' the reply was given
'I Am Jesus the one that you have denied'.

He was sent to the Gentiles to open their eyes,
To turn them from darkness into the light,
God's plan was to graft them into the vine
Which Paul then embraced with all his might.

Shipwrecked and beaten and left for dead
He never abandoned the path he trod
Faithful in all until the end
We're so grateful for Paul the man of God.
By Megan Carter



Do good

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

By John Wesley



An Advent Prayer

Generous, loving Father, thank you for sending your son Jesus, not only to show us the way, but to be the way back to you. As we prepare to celebrate again that first arrival in the stable in Bethlehem, all those years ago, help us through the busyness, joys and difficulties of life to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to be alert and ready for his second, glorious, majestic arrival, which will come just as you have planned. May we be steadfast and expectant, in the name of Jesus, *Amen*.

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