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The Minister writes:

One of the great themes of God's relationship with his people throughout history, is helping them move from slavery into freedom. As we approach Easter we see this powerful picture of hope displayed in a number of ways. At Passover the Jewish people remember how God set his people free from slavery in Egypt, using symbols to remember both the pain and suffering as well as the joy.

This year we are planning some thing special for Maundy Thursday—the night we remember Jesus at the last supper with his friends. It was the time of the Jewish Passover and Jesus took the traditional symbols that had been used for hundreds of years and developed them in a way that is relevant for us today. We will be celebrating a version of the passover meal.

This has been the foundation for the communion service that we use today. Taking part in the Passover meal really adds to our understanding of the history of our faith, and the powerful symbols of bread and wine help us to identify with the first disciples.

When Jesus took these symbols and applied them to himself, he was pointing to a profound new way that God was setting people free. Free from a deeper and more insidious slavery, a slavery to selfishness that leads to self destruction. This is not just a message for 2000 years ago, but a message for today. A message not just for certain communities, but for everyone. As we become more self aware we realise the different ways that we are still slaves: slaves to other peoples' opinion; slaves to the desire for more money or excitement; slaves to fashion and consumerism. Each of us can move and grow into new freedom. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have LIFE, and life in abundance". He delivered this promise, supremely by releasing us from the fear of death by his glorious resurrection.

This is a time when we seek to receive this promise afresh. Do please make a point of coming to join in our celebrations that evening, Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Church Centre, or some of our other Easter celebrations, details of which you can find on page 12.

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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

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DATES FOR MARCH

Sun 1st March Evensong: with Holy Communion. 3pm Tues 3rd March Senior Citizens' Lunch club with activities and a 10am—2pm hot meal, every Tuesday. See p13 For details. Weds 4th Mar Coffee Afternoon at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details. 2pm—4pm Weds 4th Mar Taize Service with meditative and prayerful 7.30pm music. All welcome. Fri 6th March Women's World Day of Prayer at Parkside 7.30pm Methodist Church, Leeds Rd. See p14 for info. Sat 7th March Dips and Dessert evening: come to a fun social evening and bring something to share, see p15. 7pm Thurs 12th Mar Moorhouse Action Group meeting: come and 6pm share any issues about Moorhouse, see p11. Film Club: 'Saving Mr Banks' starring Emma Fri 13th March Thompson and Tom Hanks, see p16 for a review 7:30pm Sat 14th March Coffee morning at the Community Centre with 10am-12pm tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p11. Sun 15th March Mothering Sunday family and parade service with the uniformed organisations, see page 15. 10am Sun 15th March Holy Space: an informal monthly evening 7.30pm service with prayer and worship. All welcome. Weds 18th Mar PCC Meeting 7.30pm Fri 20th March Alternative Care presents 'The Wizard of Oz': a 2pm & 6.30pm show by adults with learning difficulties. Sun 22nd Mar Church APCM: the annual meeting will be held 12pm after the morning service. See p20. All welcome. Spring Fair at Stanley Community Centre with Sat 28th Mar lots of stalls. See p9 for details of stalls. 10am-12.30pm Easter services See p12 for details of all the Easter services.

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.



Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

• The next <u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road chapel will be on Wednesday 4th March, from 2pm—4pm with various (stalls and refreshments. Everyone welcome.



- The <u>Spring Fayre</u> will be on Saturday 21st March from 11am—2pm. There will be various stalls and light refreshments; also hot snacks and meals.
- Thanks to everyone who supported last month's jumble sale; £150 was raised for the Royal Lifeboat Institute.

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



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.

Remember to change your clocks on Sunday 29th March

Another winter is nearly at an end, and we can soon look forward to lighter evenings! British Summer Time starts at 1am on Sunday 29th March, so remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.

Following the clock change, the Evensong services will revert to their summer start time of 4pm.

Coffee morning thank-you

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning; £185 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 14th March from 10am—12pm 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.



Please join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning.

Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community Singers meet at St Peter's Church, every Monday (in term-time), 1pm—2:30pm

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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.

Moorhouse Community Action Group

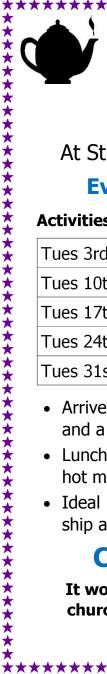
The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on Thursday 12th March at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Please come along and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

Easter Services

Please join us at St Peter's Church on Lake Lock Road and at the Methodist Chapel on Mount Road for our Easter services next month: we will be very happy to welcome you.

Sunday 29th March, 10am	Palm Sunday Parade Service: The service will begin at Mount Road Chapel: half-way through the service the congregation will walk to St Peter's for the rest of the service.	
Weds 1st April 7.30pm	Holy week Taize service: a contemplative style of worship with meditative music.	
Thursday 2nd April, 7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Passover meal at St Peter's Church. A special evening service and meal to celebrate the Last Supper. Please let us know if you'd like to come so we know how many people to expect.	
Friday 3rd April 10am	Good Friday Hot Cross Bun service: a very popular service for all ages, followed by crafts and refreshments.	
Friday 3rd April, 2pm	Hour at the Cross at St Peter's: an hour of prayer and contemplation on Good Friday.	
Sunday 5th April, 10am & 10.30am	Easter Day services: Easter Sunday family services at 10am at St Peter's Church or at 10.30am at Mount Road Chapel. Everyone is very welcome.	

Please contact the editor, Eleanor Plant, with items for the next magazine on 01924 835746, or by email: churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk



Please come to our senior citizens'



Lunch Club

At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road

Every Tuesday, 10am—2pm

Activities booked for the next few weeks:

Tues 3rd March	Chair exercises
Tues 10th March	'Playful Memories' art project
Tues 17th March	A talk about the war with Frank
Tues 24th March	Wakefield Movie Makers
Tues 31st March	Trading Standards talk

- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day.
- Lunch served from 12:30pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert.
- Ideal for anyone wanting a bit of companionship and something to do!

Cost per person = £5

It would be helpful if you could phone the church office on 01924 835746 and let us know that you will be coming

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March, 7:30pm, Parkside Methodist Church, Leeds Road

On March 6th, women, men and children from 170 countries across the world will gather to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer using a programme of worship that is offered this year by Christian women from the Bahamas.



The theme of this year's service is 'Jesus said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you?""

The Bahamas comprises 700 islands scattered over 100,000 square miles, with a total population of 353,600. About 86% of the population is descended from African slaves; slavery was abolished in 1802. The Bahamas is overwhelmingly Christian and has been since 1647 when a group of English puritans settled on the islands. Although women have held some key roles in government and the law courts, women did not get the vote until 1962 and still have a low status in law. There are few work opportunities for women outside the domestic and hospitality industries.

The WWDP service at Parkside Methodist Church is open to everyone: women, men and people of all ages. Please come along—you will be very warmly welcomed.



STANLEY SUMMER GALA

If you would like Stanley to have a gala this summer we need help to organise it!

You may not need to be there on the day but we need people to help us get it organised.

For a family fun day and to help raise money for the community please email: stanleyaction@talktalk.net.

Without your help we will be unable to organise it. We will be making a decision based on responses soon, so please **GET IN TOUCH!**

We will inform all those who have been in contact with us of the final decision regarding the gala.



Dips, dunks and dessertsSaturday 7th March, 7pm, St Peter's church



Come along to St Peter's for a fun social evening, and bring a dip, or dessert, or both, to share.

Please bring your own drinks.

All welcome!

Mothering Sunday—15th March

There is an old Jewish saying: "God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers." Mother Church, Mother Earth, and our human mothers have all been part of 'Mothering Sunday' which has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

The Romans held great festivals every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods, and other pagan festivals celebrated Mother Earth. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became to honour Mother Church and the freedom we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church.

People were encouraged to go to their home church, or 'mother church' to worship and give thanks. Apprentices and servants went home for the weekend and brought gifts for their families.

In most countries, Mother's Day is a secular festival celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May. In the UK, it is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent, on the Christian day of Mothering Sunday. Join us on 15th March at 10am for our Mothering Sunday family Parade service.

Monday Bingo!

The bingo group that meets at Stanley Community Centre every Monday, 1pm-3pm would like to welcome new members of all ages. Come and join this friendly group for an afternoon of fun. Tea and coffee is available, and there is also a raffle. Please join us!



St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 13th March, 7:30pm

'Saving Mr Banks' (2014) 12 Rating

Emma Thompson was nominated for a BAFTA for her role as the Mary Poppins author P.L Travers in the film 'Saving Mr Banks'. The film was inspired by the extraordinary untold tale of how this, one of the most beloved stories of all time, was brought to the big screen. The film is a poignant, sharply funny and moving recounting of Walt Disney's (Tom Hanks) quest to fulfil a promise to his daughters to make a film of their favourite book, and of its fiercely protective author P.L Travers (Thompson), who has no intention of letting her beloved nanny go to Hollywood. The film follows Walt as he pulls out all the stops to change her mind and both have to face some uncomfortable truths about their childhoods. Together they set Mary Poppins free to become one of the most endearing films in cinematic history.

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

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

West Riding Watercolour Society & Art Group

The group meets monthly for demonstrations from visiting artists, or for workshops to share techniques and knowledge. Open to everyone, including beginners, at £3 per session.

Next meeting: Monday 16th March, 7pm-9pm at St Peter's Church, with a painting demonstration by John Rudkin Phone 01924 784747 for more information.

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

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on 5th March. All the children will be able to come into school dressed as their favourite book character, and we will be having some special whole-school activities and games.

On Tuesday 10th March from 3.30pm-4.30pm our Foundation stage unit will be having an open evening for prospective new parents and children. Please come along and have a look around our unit and meet the teachers. There will also be the opportunity to look around the main school.

At the end of this term, our Year 5 children will be going on a residential trip to Hawkshead in Cumbria. This will be a wonderful opportunity to play lots of games and have lots of fun.

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 the regular groups and sessions, or contact the centre for more information.

Day	Time	Group	
Monday	1.30pm—3pm 2pm—4:30pm	Stay & Play for ages 18 months—5 years. Health Trainers: appointment needed.	
Tuesday	10am—12pm 1pm—1:30pm 1:30pm—3pm	Child Health Reviews: appointment needed. Breastfeeding support Baby Time from birth—8 months.	
Wednesday	1pm—3pm 1:30pm—3pm	Child Health Reviews: appointment needed. <u>Time for Tots</u> from 8—18 months.	
Thursday	1pm—3:30pm 1pm—4pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Health Trainers:</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

The school is looking forward to supporting some good causes this month. Red Nose Day is back on Friday 13th March, and this year the theme is 'make your face funny' using face paint, moustaches, wigs etc! Donations sent into school will be forwarded to Comic Relief.

The annual sponsored walk in aid of local charity Levi's Star will be on Saturday 14th March, meeting 1pm at Newmillerdam. For more information email levisstar@btinternet.com. And Friday 27th March will be 'wear a onesie' day in aid of the National Autistic Society.

There are currently places available in our Nursery school. Please contact the school office or visit the nursery block to put your child's name down to start.

The school is also seeking to recruit on a 'relief' basis lunch time supervisors and a special needs lunchtime supervisor. Anyone interested in these positions should contact the school office.

The school council has run a whole school competition to revamp our Quad, alongside Vicky from the Levi's Star charity. The designs had to include an outside reflection area, somewhere to grow things, recyclable outdoor musical instruments and decorations for Levi's tree. The winner will be announced shortly. Two members of the school council have also completed an energy audit of the school and are in the process of discussing how we might make improvements.

Last month, children from years 3 and 4 visited the National Coal Mining museum. They went on a tour of the mine, 140 metres below the surface, descending down the pit shaft in an original cage. It was a real eye-opener to see what it would have been like to work underground. The month before, our Young Voices children took part in a memorable event at Sheffield Arena, performing with 7,000 other school children from the surrounding area. They all had a wonderful time and did the school proud.

Sadly, the school must announce the retirement of Mrs Jill Temple, our School Administrator, who has worked at the school for 25 years. She will be sadly missed by all the staff, parents and children, and we wish her all the very best in her retirement.

The Queen brings Maundy Money to South Yorkshire— For the first time in 900 years!

The Queen will distribute the Royal Maundy money at Sheffield Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, 2nd April. This is the first time in over 900 years that this State Occasion has taken place in South Yorkshire.

She will be welcomed to the city's Church of England cathedral by a congregation of over 1,000 representatives from churches in South Yorkshire and organisations from the whole County. The Queen will then personally distribute a gift of Maundy Money to 178 individuals over the age of 70, in recognition of their service to the church and community.

According to ancient tradition, the number of recipients and the amount of money are directly related to the Sovereign's age. Therefore, as Her Majesty is 89 years old, 89 men and 89 women will receive 89 pence in specially minted Maundy Money, together with a further gift, in two specially made leather purses. The money is specially struck by the Royal Mint for this service, and includes 3 pence pieces—which apparently are legal tender!

Royal Voluntary Society meals

The Royal Voluntary Service will be offering samples of their care service meals at <u>Stanley Community</u> <u>Centre on Thursday 12th March</u> from 12pm-12.30pm. Please come and see what they have to

offer. There is no criteria to meet to receive the meals, and you don't

have to have them every day. The RVS will also be doing taster sessions for the Wheelers and Wobblers group from 1pm-1.30pm.

Please also come along if you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the RVS.



Together for older people

It's time for the Annual General Meeting!!

St Peter's Church will hold it's Annual General meeting on Sunday 22nd March at 12pm after the morning service. It is an important event in the life of the church: it sets out the church's plans for the year ahead, as well as reviewing what has happened over the past year.

One of the important tasks is to elect the churchwardens for the year. They are the Bishop's agents in the parish and represent all parishioners. The members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which helps run the church, are also elected. Everyone who is on the electoral roll of the church is entitled to vote in these elections. Anyone who lives in the parish of Stanley can ask to join the electoral roll (you also have to be over 16, and have been baptised): you don't have to be a regular attendee at church.

The church's financial accounts will also be presented and discussed at the AGM. You can discover how much we will need to pay the Diocese next year and how the church proposes to meet these costs.

Rev Bill Henderson will report on what has happened in the past 12 months and his plans for the future. Various other reports will be presented e.g. by the PCC, the uniformed groups, the Ladies Society, Children's Ark and Sunday Gang, the church wardens and more.

If you want to learn about what St Peter's church does, what it's ministry is all about, where we get out money from and how we spend it, and what the various church officers do, please come along to our AGM. You may be surprised to learn how much goes on!

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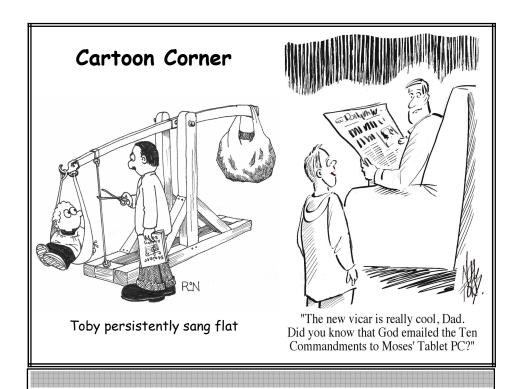
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Sabbath Moments

Sabbath Moments are not to be confused with Senior Moments; those maddening occasions when we can't remember what to buy, or go upstairs and don't know why, or wonder where we parked the car or where our keys and wallet are.

No, Sabbath Days are much more clear; one in seven throughout the year, like clockwork, one might almost think. But life is ever on the brink of chaos and the unforeseen, of consequence we did not mean, all of which can soon deplete the steady pulse of godly beat, until each day appears the same and Sabbath comes but just in name.

Oh for the best of Sabbath rest, for which our hearts are yearning; Come healing peace, let clamour cease, in Christ, our hearts returning. Come moments of renewing. *By David Williams*

Palm Sunday Prayer

Loving Father, people didn't recognise Jesus as your son, on that first Palm Sunday, even though you had told them what to expect. They wanted him to be their hero, to do things their way, to meet their expectations. To be a king of their own creation. Perhaps we still do.

Help us to look beyond what we think is best, to see that the values of your Kingdom are very different from the values of this world. Help us to proclaim you as our King, to commit ourselves to building for your Kingdom to come - and then to trust you and get on with it.

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Prayers for March



Thy counting day
O thou King of the blood
loyal and true,
Exclude me not from
thy covenant new,
For my unjust misdeeds
make me not pay,
Overlook me not
in thy counting day,
Overlook me not
in thy counting day.
From an old Celtic prayer



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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		Bevin Close Community Centre, Outwood

Excludes bank holidays, no appointment necessary, home visits can be arranged





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