



**The Minister writes:** This is the time of year when we think about harvest; the good gifts that come from the earth and our gratitude to God and those who work the land to provide for us.

Honouring God's creation means honouring those who look after it. It's very easy to go to the shops and buy what we want, as cheaply as possible, without any real thought about where our food is coming from. The principles of Fairtrade are important: to help each person in the supply chain get a just reward. Our choices of where we shop and what we buy can make a difference.

As usual we are encouraging people at Harvest to bring gifts to symbolise our gratitude for what we have. St Peter's school is joining us in this too. This means that the younger children will bring gifts of food. Some of this will be used by the church to provide a harvest lunch for people in the community (on Tuesday 13th October, 12pm). The rest will support the local food bank so they have enough to give

to families that need support. Older children will bring gifts of money. This will go to our Water for Life Project which is helping people in Tanzania.

We have a special link with a village called Sakawa, where we have sponsored a water tank to collect rain water. I was fortunate to be able to visit the village in May and see the tank complete (see my June letter). So



we know the money has gone to the right place. The village would like another tank so we are continuing to raise funds for that.

Harvest is when we are encouraged to stop and think but also celebrate and enjoy the good things that we have and this is much more than the food we can eat. We would like to invite you to join in these celebrations. On Saturday 10th October we are holding an Arts & Crafts Day with various local skills and talents being displayed and demonstrated. If you have a skill to share please come and join in. If not, come along anyway to see the exhibitions. There will be a Ceilidh with a live band in the evening at St Peter's School (please ring 835746 for tickets). On Sunday 11th October after the morning Harvest Festival service there will be a soup and roll lunch. Please join us.

Rev Bill Henderson



<b>St Peter's Church Services</b> All services are held at St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW		
Sunday	10am	Family Communion
	7.30pm	Holy Space (3rd Sun of month)
Tuesday	2pm	Prayers
Wednesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Taize (1st Weds of month)
Thursday	9:15 am	Children's Ark

# Other Christian Worship

METHODIST CHURCH: Lee Mount Chapel Sunday: 10:30am service

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#### ZION CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Sunday:

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

10:30am Service11:00am Sunday School & crèche7:30pm Prayer meeting7:30pm Bible Study, discussions

Minister: David Dixon, telephone: 01924 872262



# DATES FOR OCTOBER

Fri 2nd Oct 2pm and 6.30pm	<u>Talent Showcase</u> : a musical show by adults with learning difficulties. Tickets $\pounds 4$ or $\pounds 2$ .
Tues 6th Oct 10am—2pm	Senior Citizens' Lunch club with activities and a hot meal, every Tuesday. See p17 for details.
Weds 7th Oct 2pm—4pm	Mount Road chapel Coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. See p10.
Weds 7th Oct 7.30pm	<u>Taize Service</u> with meditative music and contemplation. All welcome.
Thurs 8th Oct 6pm	Moorhouse Action Group meeting: come and share any issues about Moorhouse. See p13.
Fri 9th Oct 7.30pm	Film Club: '2nd Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' with Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. See p14.
Sat 10th Oct 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p9.
Sat 10th Oct 10am—4pm	Exhibition of Arts and Crafts: with displays, workshops and refreshments. See page 11.
Sat 10th Oct 7pm	<u>Harvest Ceilidh:</u> with steak pie supper and dancing to a live band. See p9 for full details.
Sun 11th Oct 10am	Harvest Festival and Parade service: followed by a soup and bread lunch, see page 13.
Tues 13th Oct 12pm	<u>Harvest lunch</u> : all welcome to this free lunch prepared by the church and café staff, see p13.
Sat 17th Oct 12pm—3pm	<u>Macmillan Coffee Afternoon</u> at St Peter's Church with various stalls and refreshments.
Sun 18th Oct 7.30pm	Holy Space: an informal monthly evening service with prayer and worship.
Weds 21st Oct 7.30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the church.
Sun 25th Oct 4pm	<u>Memorial Service</u> : for anyone suffering the pain of bereavement. All welcome, see p12.

#### 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:** Family history sessions take place in the library on Saturday mornings from 10am-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 last month's church coffee morning; £186.79 was raised for church funds. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 10th October from 10am-12pm at Stanley Community Centre. As always, there will be lots of great stalls: cakes, handmade greetings cards, raffle, tombola, jigsaws, books and toys, and more! Please join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning.

After attending the coffee morning, please consider making your way up to St Peter's church for the Arts & Crafts Exhibition, which is running from 10am-4pm. See page 11 for full details.



## **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 is very welcome; please just come along.

## **Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events**

- The next <u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road chapel will be on Wednesday 7th October from 2pm—4pm with cake stall, sandwiches and refreshments. Proceeds will be sent to Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone is welcome.
- Thanks to everyone who supported last month's jumble sale; £143 was raised.
- The <u>Winter Fayre</u> will be taking place on Saturday 14th November. More details next month.
- The chapel will be welcoming Rev Barry Owen as the new minister in charge from the middle of October, and look forward to his involvement within the community.

# 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



## Jewellery for Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Society is currently running an appeal asking people to send in jewellery that is either broken or no longer wanted; maybe odd earrings that have lost

their partners, or a necklace no longer worn. All the jewellery will be recycled, and the money raised will be used by the charity to fund their projects against dementia.

Mavis Darlington is organising a collection of old jewellery to be sent from St Peter's. Please give any unwanted jewellery to Mavis (at the coffee morning on 10th October) or bring to St Peter's church for Mavis to collect from there.





## New chairs for church!

St Peter's church has now taken delivery of a set of new chairs which will be used in the main hall.

All users of the church building have for many years benefitted from the use of wooden framed chairs which originally came from the old prison officers' college.

However, they had become rather tatty, were very heavy, and didn't stack. The new chairs are cushioned and comfy, but with aluminium frames making them much lighter. They are also stackable, making for more flexible use of the church building.

The church has already received donations of £586 towards the cost of the new chairs but more donations would be very welcome. Please see Rev Bill Henderson, or pop into the church office.

# Macmillan coffee afternoons

Wednesday 7th October, 2pm-4pm, Mount Road Chapel Saturday 17th October, 12pm-3pm, St Peter's Church

Every year, Macmillan Cancer Support holds its 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event to raise money to provide medical, emotional, practical and financial support to cancer patients and their families, as well as campaigning for better cancer care.

Last month, St Peter's church held various events in aid of Macmillan, including a coffee afternoon, Sunday morning collection, and the Murder Mystery evening, and raised a fantastic total of approximately **£265**. Thank you to everyone who supported these events and gave so generously.



It's not too late to donate to Macmillan. There is a coffee afternoon at Mount Road Chapel on Wednesday 7th October, 2pm-4pm, and a coffee afternoon at St Peter's church on Saturday 17th October, 12pm-3pm. Please come along to one of these events and help raise even more money for this worthwhile cause.

# Memoríal Servíce Sunday 25th October, 4pm



On Sunday 25th October at 4pm there will be a Memorial Service at St Peter's Church for anyone suffering from bereavement.

It will be an opportunity to remember and pray for friends and family who have died recently or in the past, and for ourselves, who are facing feelings of loss, sadness and grief. An invitation is not required for this service, please just come along.

## DON'T FORGET!! To turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday 25th October.



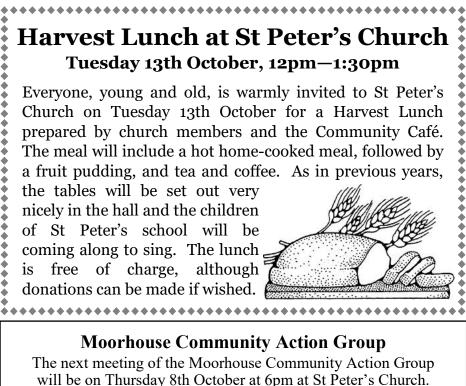


# St Peter's Harvest Festival Service

The Harvest Festival Family Parade service will be held on Sunday 11th October at 10am at St Peter's Church and will be attended by the uniformed groups. Everyone is invited to bring a harvest gift: fresh fruit

or veg, dried or tinned food for example. The fresh food will will be used in the community harvest lunch on 13th October, and the remaining food will be shared amongst St Catherine's food bank, local elderly people in need, and St Peter's church café.

After the service there will be a shared lunch of soup and bread to which everyone is invited. Come and join us for Harvest festival and lunch as we give thanks for God's many gifts us all.



The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on <u>Thursday 8th October at 6pm</u> at St Peter's Church. Please come along and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.



# Friday evening, 9th October 7:30pm

# 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' (2015) PG

Check in at the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel once again for more love and laughter as new arrival Richard Gere joins an all-star ensemble cast (including Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy and Dev Patel) as they return for this heart-warming sequel to The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Now that his first venture has been proven successful, everconfident Sonny (Patel) is busy juggling plans for a second resort, as well as his own wedding. But his efforts are constantly hampered by hilarious complications, and in order to pull it all together, he'll need a little help and encouragement from his resident friends. Touching and hilarious in equal measure, with witty dialogue as well as moments of poignancy, it's impossible to watch without a smile on one's face!

# Doors open 7pm, film start 7.30pm

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

# West Rídíng Watercolour Society & Art Group

The group meets monthly at St Peter's Church for demonstrations by artists, or to share techniques and knowledge. Open to everyone; cost is £3 per session.

<u>Next meeting:</u> Wednesday 14th October, 7pm-9pm: (note meeting is on Wednesday, not a Monday as previously)

Informal painting evening: all abilities welcome Bring your own paints, paper, brushes etc.



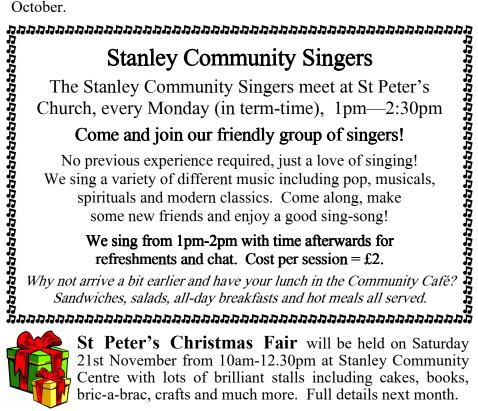
#### The Pantomime is coming....

Rehearsals are underway for this year's church pantomime: 'Snow White and the Magnificent Seven' which will run from Sunday 29th November to Saturday 5th December at St Peter's Church. From humble beginnings, the pantomimes are now hugely successful and very well received, with over 500 tickets sold each year and a fantastic reception from the audience.

There will be the usual terrible jokes, crossdressing characters, fantastic costumes, props and scenery and toe-tapping music.



There will be two matinee performances: at 3pm on Sunday 29th November and Saturday 5th December, and evening performances at 7.15pm on Monday 30th Nov, Tuesday 1st, Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December. Tickets will be on sale towards the end of October.



#### **Report from Stanley Grove School**

Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4NT, Tel: 01924 303805 Website: www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk, Headteacher: Mrs J Frost

The children are now all well settled into their new classes and we have been very pleased to welcome those starting at the school for the first time. We held meetings with the parents earlier this term to talk about the different topics the children will be studying this term and throughout the year.

This term's 'SEAL' (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic is 'new beginnings'. All children throughout the school will be taking time to talk about how they might have experienced new beginnings e.g. new house, school or siblings. The children have been setting up class rules and discussing their responsibilities in school. The new school council members have been elected and different roles throughout the school have been allocated e.g. lunchbox trolley monitors, playtime equipment monitors, librarian, CD operator etc.

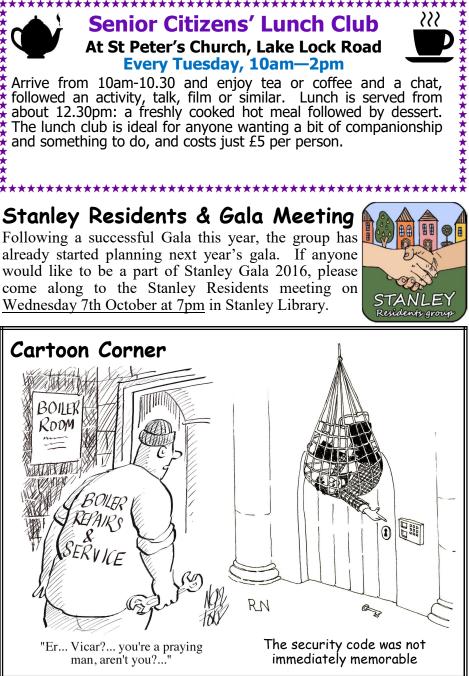
There have already been two class outings. Class 2 went to Sandal Castle as part of their topic about looking at the local area. Class 3 had an outing to Scarborough where they looked at the effects of erosion on different types of stone. Later this month, Class 5 will be visiting Wakefield museum to learn about the history of our local area.

This term, the school will be having a harvest festival service and all the children have been learning harvest songs. Donations of harvest produce from the main school will be given to Wakefield Hospice, and those from the Early Years Foundation unit will be given to the residents at St Swithuns Court.

Engineers from BAE Systems and the RAF came to the school and put on a brilliant science show with some fantastic science and engineering experiments. After half-term we will be experiencing a mobile planetarium with a local astrophysicist.

We celebrated the Queen becoming the longest-serving monarch by having a quiz, and a competition to draw a picture of the Queen. We now look forward to the rest of our busy term!

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



# **ECROSS Project** St Peter's Church supports the Cross Project

Last month, Nick Warner from the Cross Project came to a parade service at St Peter's church and told everyone about the exciting work that the charity is doing with local schools. The Cross Project has several full-time youth workers who go into local high schools leading RE lessons, running lunch time and after school clubs and organising outings. The purpose of the group is to help students explore their spirituality and faith and to teach them about Christianity. St Peter's supports the Cross Project financially by making a regular monthly payment. It is wonderful that through the generosity of the congregation and others, the church is able to support this local organisation.

## The Silver Line—helpline for older people

A few weeks ago, a volunteer with The Silver Line charity came to talk to the Senior Citizens Lunch Group. The Silver Line was set up by



Esther Rantzen to provide a free, confidential helpline offering information, friendship and advice for older people, open day and night every day of the year. Some older people may be lonely, bereaved or housebound and just want to hear a friendly voice at the end of the phone. This is where The Silver Line can help: call **0800 4 70 80 90**.



## October

What of October? A month that is lost Twixt warmth of September, and November frost? It's not really winter, and though the leaves fall The month of October is nothing at all!

A month spent regretting the summer now gone? A month spent in dreading the winter to come? A month spent in labour, in sorrow, not song? A month when we're sad at the loss of the sun?

Yet October's a month with much that can please! The gath'ring of fruit and the gold on the trees! The dew on the web and the stars up above – Yes! Truly October's a month that I love! *By Nigel Beeton* 



# **Prayers for October**

## Gathered in

All is safely gathered in Frozen, cured or sealed in tin, Then sent quickly off to store, Tesco, Aldi, many more.

There the seasons are no more As they were in days of yore, Summer fruits in winter days, Far away they're grown and raised.

Autumn treats in Spring to choose And even more exotic foods, Things we never knew when young Brought to us from lands far flung.

All to satisfy our taste, Tons of which will go to waist, And supermarket shelves to fill, Yet millions are starving still.

So just remember while you feast On food from north, south, west and east And celebrating this harvest To spare a thought for those with less. *By Allan Lewis* 

## **Prayer for heart-peace**

#### Dear Lord,

Sometimes the world is a worrying place, so many problems, so much pain for so many. We feel overwhelmed and don't know which way to turn. Help us to turn the right way - to you Lord. Help us to hand over to you our worries, to exchange them for your peace in our hearts no matter what's going on all around, knowing that you walk with us through it all, today, tomorrow and forever. In Jesus name, Amen *By Daphne Kitching* 



## **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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