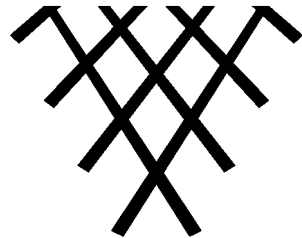
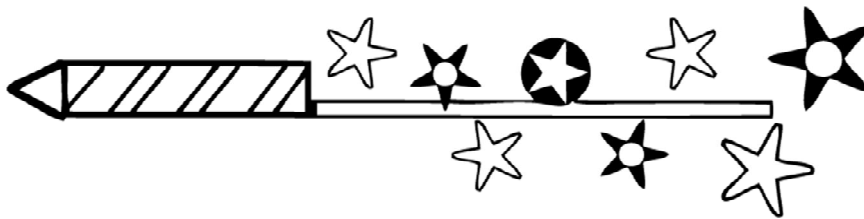




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*All services are held at St Peter's Church,  
Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW*

<b>Sunday</b>	10am	Family Communion
	7.30pm	Holy Space <i>(3rd Sun of month)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	2pm	Prayers
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Taize <i>(1st Weds of month)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15 am	Children's Ark

## **Other Christian Worship**

**METHODIST CHURCH:** Lee Mount Chapel

Sunday: 10:30am service

Minister: Rev Naomi Kaiga BD MA

email: [nkirotekaiga@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nkirotekaiga@hotmail.co.uk), tel: 01977 705100

Steward: Mrs Doreen Abson, telephone: 01924 824577

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## DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- Tues 3rd Nov 10am—2pm** Senior Citizens' Lunch club with activities and a hot meal, every Tuesday. See p13 for details.
- Weds 4th Nov 2pm—4pm** Coffee Afternoon at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
- Weds 4th Nov 7.30pm** Taize Service with meditative music and contemplation. All welcome.
- Sun 8th Nov 10am** Remembrance Sunday Parade service: please join us for this special service. See page 10.
- Thurs 12th Nov 6pm** Moorhouse Action Group meeting: come and share any issues about Moorhouse. See p9.
- Fri 13th Nov 7.30pm** Film Club: 'Paddington' - the recent animated/live action blockbuster. See p16 for a review.
- Sat 14th Nov 10am-12pm** Coffee morning at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p12.
- Sat 14th Nov 11am—2pm** Winter Fayre at Mount Road chapel with lots of stalls, refreshments and light lunches. See p10.
- Sun 15th Nov 7.30pm** Holy Space: an informal monthly evening service with prayer and worship.
- Sat 21st Nov 10am-12.30pm** St Peter's Church Christmas Fair at Stanley Community Centre. See p9 for full details.
- Weds 25th Nov 7pm** Ladies Society: cheese and wine evening at Stanley Library.
- Weds 25th Nov 7.30pm** PCC Meeting at the church.
- Sun 29th Nov- Sat 5th Dec** Snow White and the Magnificent Seven pantomime at St Peter's Church. See page 11 for details of performances and tickets.
- Weds 2nd Dec 3.30pm-5pm** Christmas Fair at St Peter's School with lots of trade and other stalls, activities and games, p17.
- Sun 8th Dec 10am** St Nicholas parade service: bring a gift for a child in need this Christmas, see page 17.

## 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.



St Peter's Church

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 21st 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 is very welcome; please come along.

## **Moorhouse Community Action Group**

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

## Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

- The next Coffee Afternoon at Mount Road chapel will be on Wednesday 4th November from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls.
- The Winter Fayre will be on Saturday 14th November from 11am—2pm with various stalls, games, light lunches and refreshments.
- The Afternoon Tea event that was held last month in aid of the Macmillan appeal raised £143; thanks to everyone who supported it.



## 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



Just a reminder that Mavis Darlington is collecting old jewellery to send off to the Alzheimer's Society. The charity is currently running an appeal to ask people to send in jewellery that is either broken or no longer wanted. All the jewellery will be recycled, and the money raised will be used by the charity to fund their projects against dementia. Please give any unwanted jewellery to Mavis (at the coffee morning on 14th November) or bring to St Peter's church for Mavis to collect from there.

## *Remembrance Sunday Parade Service*

*On Sunday 8th 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 groups.



*St Peter's Church proudly presents*

# SNOW WHITE *and the* MAGNIFICENT SEVEN



The well-known fairy story is given a bit of a twist, with some additional characters and the most unusual 'seven dwarves' you would ever expect to see. 'Snow White' also includes the usual cross-dressing characters, terrible jokes, silly songs, great costumes and props. We hope you can join us for another successful and hilarious pantomime.

## **Performances:**

- ~~3pm, Sunday 29th November~~ *sold out!*
- 7.15pm, Monday 30th November
- 7.15pm, Tuesday 1st December
- 7.15pm, Thursday 3rd December
- 7.15pm, Friday 4th December
- 3pm, Saturday 5th December
- 7.15pm, Saturday 5th December



## **Tickets:**

**Adults £6**  
**Children/concessions £4**  
**Family £18.00**

Contact the Church Office for tickets:  
Tel: 835746 or email:  
[churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk](mailto: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.

All the fresh fruit and vegetables was used to provide a delicious Harvest Lunch for 40 older members of the community on Tuesday 13th October. There was a choice of homemade vegetable soups served with a buttered bread roll, followed by a roast pork dinner. For pudding there was either fresh fruit salad with cream or apple crumble with custard, followed by tea or coffee and mints.

Towards the end of the lunch, two classes of children from St Peter's school walked up to the church to perform a number of harvest songs. Everyone really enjoyed listening to the children sing—they really were excellent.

Some of the tinned and packet food that was donated will be used by the church and the café; the rest of it has been given to the St Catherine's food bank.

The lunch was offered free to everyone, but many people gave a donation. In total, £117 was given which was very kind indeed. Thanks so much to Mary, the cafe staff and all the volunteers who helped make the lunch such a wonderful success. And thank you to everyone who came along to eat the food!



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## Coffee morning thank-you

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's church coffee morning; £207.80 was raised for church funds which was a fantastic total. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 14th November 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, refreshments and more! Everyone is most welcome to join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning.





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 Nov	Healthy eating cookery
Tues 10th Nov	Christmas card making
Tues 17th Nov	Christmas crafts
Tues 24th Nov	Chocolate demonstration
Tues 1st Dec	Healthy eating cookery
Tues 8th Dec	Internet and iPad demonstration
Tues 15th Dec	Christmas lunch and carols

- 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**

**Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.**

## The way I see it—The Fifth of November

*By David Winter*

Until fairly recent years 5th November in England was well known for foggy evenings as bonfires were lit all over the country. On many of them a ‘guy’ would be burnt – usually a couple of old pillows and some cast-off clothes in the rough shape of a man.

The ‘guy’ was, historically speaking, Guy Fawkes, one of the chief conspirators in a plot by Roman Catholic zealots to blow up the Palace of Westminster at the State Opening of Parliament on 5th November 1606, thus removing James I from the throne. Fawkes was arrested as he stood guard over a massive collection of gunpowder in an undercroft beneath the House of Lords. Under torture he revealed the names of the other conspirators, and they were hanged, drawn and quartered on 31st January 1607, though Fawkes jumped from the scaffold and broke his neck, thus avoiding the actual execution.



The previous sixty years had seen unprecedented religious strife in England, following the breakaway of the Church of England from Rome under Henry VIII. Hundreds of priests loyal to Rome were hunted down and many put to death, often under the accusation of ‘treason’. During the brief reign of a Catholic monarch, Mary, there were many Protestants who were similarly executed. Years of strife, often over verbal definitions, were testimony to the bitterness of feelings which religious conviction can inspire.

There is still plenty of religious strife in the world, as we all know, though little now between different groups of Christians. The 5th November might be a good day on which to pray to the one and only God that the world might see an end to the blasphemy of any killing in His Name.

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**David Suchet** the actor, has recorded the whole NIV Bible for use by people with sight loss, for the charity Torch International. In preparation for doing the recording, he said that he “had to study each book as to when it was written, who may have written it, what was its purpose, who were they writing for, and putting it into its context before recording one word of each book. So I gave myself a complete Bible course as well as recording it.”



## Time for Remembrance

If you would like to pay your own personal tribute to the soldiers who died during the First World War, consider participating in a very easy project being run by the British Legion. It will also yield big results for your garden next year!



It is the Centenary Poppy Campaign, in which the Royal British Legion has joined forces with B&Q to encourage the public and local authorities to plant Flanders poppy seeds on their own land. The Flanders poppy seeds can be purchased from B&Q, where a donation of £1 will go towards the work of the Legion. Just visit any B&Q for more details.

You can have a look at all of the WW1 centenary projects being undertaken by the British Legion at: [www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary-projects/](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/remembrance/ww1-centenary-projects/)

### Stanley Community Singers

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

**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!

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

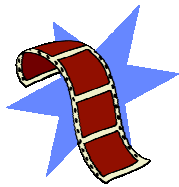
*Why not arrive a bit earlier and have your lunch in the Community Café?  
Sandwiches, salads, all-day breakfasts and hot meals all served.*

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### A date for your diary: **Christmas Concert**

3pm, Sunday 13th December at St Peter's Church

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



St Peter's Church  
**Film Club**



**Friday evening, 13th November 7:30pm**

**‘Paddington’ (2015) PG rating**

Adapted from Michael Bond’s beloved books, ‘Paddington’ follows the comic misadventures of a polite young Peruvian bear (voiced by Ben Whishaw) with a passion for all things British, who travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he begins to realise that city life is not all he had imagined – until he meets the kind Brown family (Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters), who offer him a temporary haven. But then this rarest of bears catches the eye of a sinister, seductive taxidermist (Nicole Kidman), and it isn’t long before his home – and very existence – is under threat. Paddington the bear is extremely well animated and the mix of CGI and real people is completely seamless. This film is a wonderful homage to the original Michael Bond stories.

**Doors open 7pm, film start 7.30pm**

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

*West Riding 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.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th November, 7pm-9pm:  
*(note meeting is on Wednesday, not a Monday as previously)*

**AGM:** come along and participate in this review of the groups’ year



## **Santa to visit Stanley Community Centre!**

*Wednesday 2nd December, 5pm—8pm*

This wonderful community awareness and fundraising event is running again this year, with free Santa visit and present, children's roundabout, and bags of free candyfloss. Charities and community groups will have tables free of charge to raise funds or promote awareness. Please contact one of the local councillors if you would like to have a table at this event.



## **St Peter's School Christmas Fair**

*Wednesday 2nd December, 3.30pm—5pm*

With a huge number of stalls, activities, refreshments and crafts, plus various trade stalls

**Please come along and support this event!!**

*If you would like to book a stall for this event,  
please contact the school office on 01924 303175*

## **St Nicholas Parade service, Sunday 6th 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 will be handed over to the Barnados charity to be distributed. Please bring a wrapped gift, labelled with a suggested age and gender.

## **Ladies Society Cheese & Wine evening**

The Ladies Society would like to invite anyone who would like to, to come to their Cheese and Wine evening on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm at Stanley library. You will be most welcome.



## **Reports from our local schools**

### **Stanley Grove School**

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

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

At the end of last half-term the school council organised an ‘Orange Day’ in aid of their chosen charity, Myeloma, a bone marrow cancer charity. Everyone was asked to come to school wearing something orange, and make a donation to the charity. There was also a raffle, and a bun sale. This was an extremely successful event which raised over £400—thank you to everyone for your generosity.

This term, our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic will be ‘getting on and falling out’ and will incorporate an anti-bullying week. The children will be working at age-appropriate levels to recognise the differences between bullying and falling out, and how to deal with these issues.

Years 4 have been working towards their level 1 bikeability training, and this month, classes 5 and 6 will have a number of sessions to work towards their level 2 award. This bikeability training helps them to be safe while riding a bike. Later in the term, our Year 3 children will be having some pedestrian training sessions which includes practise in crossing the road.

The whole school is very excited to be having a visit from a local astrophysicist who will demonstrate a mobile planetarium and share their knowledge about space. As part of our space topic, all children in the school are being encouraged to build their own rocket.

We are continuing with our class assemblies. Each class take it in turn during the term to deliver an assembly to the rest of the school. It is an excellent opportunity for parents to see what their children have been working on. For example, the children might show their art work, read a bit of a story they’ve written, sing a song, or show some photos.

This term, the classes will be working on class enterprise projects to make something to sell at our Christmas fair which will be on Wednesday 9th December from 3.30pm-5pm. They will also be making Christmas cards and decorations.

*(Continued on page 19)*

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

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

*Website: [www.stanleystpeters.co.uk](http://www.stanleystpeters.co.uk)*

*Headteacher: Mrs J Dale*

Thank you to all the parents and carers that supported our Macmillan coffee mornings last month. It was also a great opportunity for them to meet our Headteacher Mrs Dale, and other members of the Senior Leadership Team and Governors. With everyone's help the school raised £341 which was a fantastic total.

Our Year 3 and 4 children led a wonderful Harvest Festival service for parents and guests during which they sang their favourite harvest songs and read poems and prayers that they had prepared. Thanks for all the generous donations of food and money; the food was given to St Peter's church to prepare a community harvest lunch, and the money will help provide clean water to villagers in Tanzania

At the end of last half-term, we held a non-uniform day with donations given to the Bone Cancer Research Trust. Children were invited to come into school dressed as a film or cartoon character, and make a donation to the charity.

Stanley St Peter's was the winner of a Green Fingers Growathon 2015 gardening competition. The top prize was a visit from TV gardener, Chris Collins, who was the Blue Peter Gardener for several years, and is currently involved in a schools learning project with celebrity chef, Raymond Blanc. Chris visited the school on 24th September and assisted with the clearing and planting of our garden area. The children got stuck in and enjoyed assisting Chris to create an unbelievable transformation of our garden. If anyone would like to help continue this work in the garden, please contact our school office.

Rehearsals for the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena in January are going well and everyone is working really hard.

The school Christmas Fair is being held in the school hall on Wednesday 2nd December from 3.30pm-5pm. If anyone would like a stall at the event, the prices are £15 for the main hall and £10 for classrooms; please contact the school reception to book a stall. The event is being organised by the PTFA who meet throughout the year; they would welcome any other parents or carers to join them and share their ideas for future activities and fund-raising events.



## Advance notice of our Christmas events!!



*We look forward to welcoming you*

Sun 29th Nov 10am	<u>Advent Sunday service</u> : a family service to celebrate the start of advent.
Sun 29th Nov—Sat 5th Dec	<u>‘Snow White and the Magnificent Seven’</u> : our popular Christmas pantomime, see page 11 for details of performances and tickets.
Sun 6th Dec 10am	<u>St Nicholas Day service</u> and parade service. An ideal opportunity to donate a wrapped gift to a child in need. See page 17 for details.
Fri 11th Dec 7.30pm	<u>Free Film Club</u> , doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm, free tea and coffee.
Sat 12th Dec 10am—12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at Stanley Community centre with the usual great stalls and refreshments.
Sat 12th Dec 6pm	<u>Torchlight procession</u> and carol singing around Stanley. More information next month.
Sun 20th Dec 6pm	<u>Carol service</u> : a traditional carol service with carols and Bible readings.
Thurs 24th Dec 2pm	<u>Crib service</u> : all-age Christmas service followed by a craft activity and refreshments.
Thurs 24th Dec	<u>Midnight Communion</u> starting at 11pm
Fri 25th Dec	<u>Christmas Day Family service</u> at 10am

### Arts & Crafts exhibition - a review

Thanks so much to everyone who helped make the Arts & Crafts exhibition on Saturday 10th October such a success—the organisers, the artists and the visitors. There was an amazing selection of talent on display including painting, photography, lace work, knitting, tapestry, sewing, drawing, and much more. There was also a bread making demonstration, and children’s and adults craft activities, as well as refreshments throughout the day. It was a really lovely day, and the standard of arts and crafts displayed was incredible—there are some very talented people in

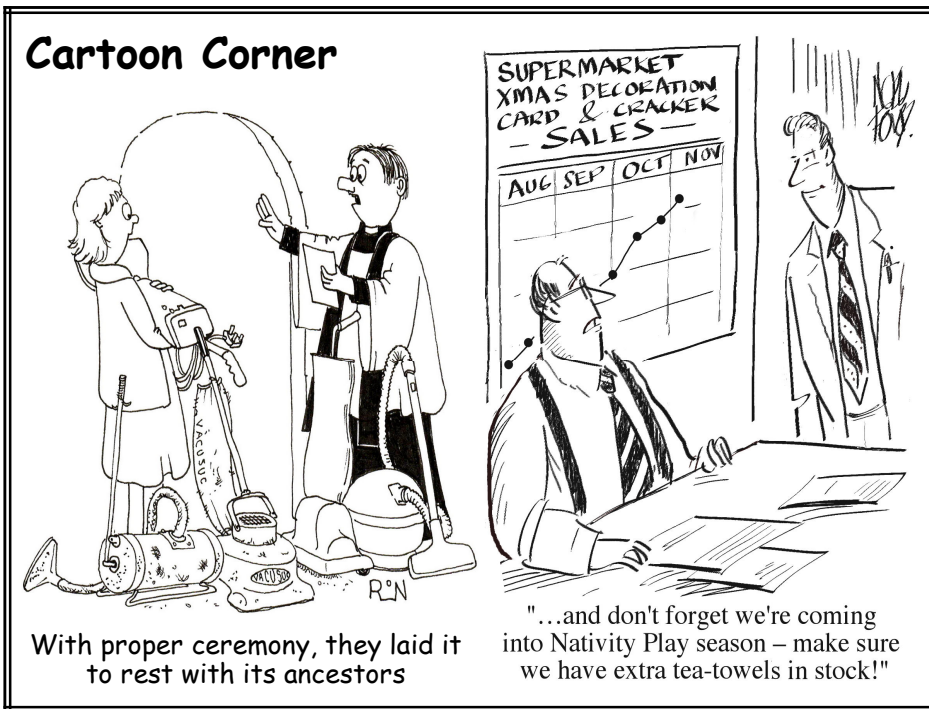


**Smile lines.....**

The new minister was visiting some of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but there was no answer to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door. Later that week, his card was returned, with the cryptic message 'Genesis 3:10' added.

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter: Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

- Notice in a farmer's field: "The farmer allows walkers to cross this field for free. But the bull charges."
- Message on a leaflet: "If you cannot read, this leaflet will tell you how to get lessons".
- On a repair shop door: "We can repair anything. (Please knock hard for entry – bell broken)"



## **Assisted Dying Bill overwhelmingly rejected by MPs**

The Church of England recently welcomed a vote by MPs to reject a move to legalise assisted suicide. The Assisted Dying Bill was defeated in the House of Commons with MPs voting nearly three to one (330 to 118) not to give the proposed legislation a second reading.

The Bill would have permitted assisted suicide for terminally ill patients with six months or less to live. James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, said the vote sent a strong signal that the right approach to supporting terminally ill people is to offer compassion and support through better palliative care.



“We are heartened that MPs have decided not to change the law on assisted suicide,” he said. “We believe that the proposals contained in the Assisted Dying Bill would have exposed already vulnerable people to increased risk. The vote sends a strong signal that the right approach towards supporting the terminally ill is to offer compassion and support through better palliative care. We believe that all of us need to redouble our efforts on that front.”

The defeat of the Bill came after the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, warned that a change in the law to permit assisted suicide would cross a ‘legal and ethical Rubicon’ and would place thousands of vulnerable people at risk. More than 20 faith leaders including those from the Catholic and Jewish faiths signed an open letter to MPs opposing the Bill.



### **The changing age of motherhood**

Have you ever wondered the age at which most UK women have babies? The average age of having a first baby in 2015 is 30, but it has not always been so high. Immediately after the Second World War, the average age was 28, doubtless because many couples delayed parenthood till more secure times prevailed.

In the 1960s and 1970s the average age dropped to 26. In fact, over two-fifths of all babies born in those years were to those aged 24 or under. The “swinging sixties” culture gave England the highest teenager pregnancy rate in Europe. Less than a fifth of babies born now, in 2015, are to those under 25.

## ***Prayers for November***

*With thoughts of All Saints' Day  
and Remembrance Day:*

### **The Blessed Dead**

They lie at rest, our blessed dead;  
The dews drop cool above their head,  
They knew not when fleet summer fled.

Together all, yet each alone;  
Each laid at rest beneath his own  
Smooth turf or white allotted stone.

When shall our slumber sink so deep,  
And eyes that wept and eyes that weep  
Weep not in the sufficient sleep?

God be with you, our great and small,  
Our loves, our best-beloved of all,  
Our own beyond the salt sea-wall  
*By Christina Rossetti 1830 -94*

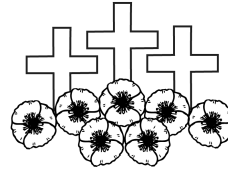


### **Prayer at Remembrance Time**

Loving Father, when we watch the news or read the papers, we can feel overwhelmed by the tragedy of lives lost or affected by war or terrorism. And our Remembrance Day Services and anniversaries just seem to emphasize that continuing suffering.

Help us Lord, to switch our focus from what self-centred people do in their pursuit of power, to what you have done in Jesus, who gave his life so that the brokenness of creation might be restored to wholeness—and that we might have your peace in our hearts, even while the world rages about us. Help us to remember the important thing—to put our trust in Jesus, your Son. In his name, we pray, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*



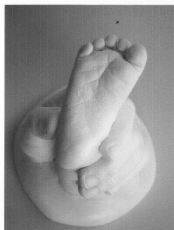
### **The Promise of Advent**

Stir up our hearts,  
we beseech you,  
to prepare ourselves  
to receive your Son.  
When he comes  
and knocks,  
may he find us  
not sleeping in sin,  
But awake  
to righteousness,  
Ceaselessly rejoicing  
in his love.  
May our hearts and minds  
be so purified,  
That we may be ready  
to receive his promise  
of eternal life.

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