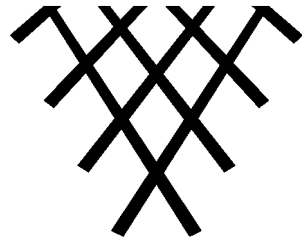
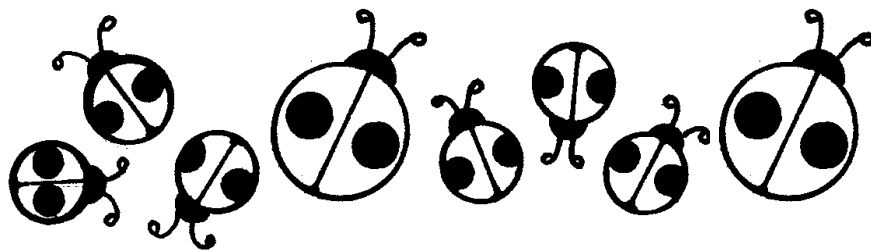




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The Minister writes:

It is hard to believe that we are into May, when we recently suffered from heavy frosts and snow showers. It feels rather strange after such a mild winter.

It is not only the weather that seems in chaos in the world around us. There are atrocities in Syria and ones not so well publicised in South Sudan as well as many other countries. People are fleeing for their lives into difficult and deadly situations, creating a crisis for their care. We watch in astonishment at the build up for elections in the USA where extraordinary rhetoric gains people's support.



In our own nation it is difficult to find out the actual implications of staying in or leaving Europe. Our own government freed of the restraint of coalition partners and maybe an effective opposition is exercising a rather bullying power, imposing a contract on junior doctors and a policy for all schools to become academies. The implications could be doctors leaving their jobs so there is a dangerous shortage. Already junior doctor posts are over subscribed in Scotland (that still has the old contract) and posts in London are under subscribed for the first time ever. School head teachers are considering strike action.

Sometimes it can feel overwhelming and leave us feeling helpless. At the time of Jesus, when their nation was occupied by a Roman army and people of power were acting in appalling ways, Jesus came with a message of hope and challenge. This has been a guide for His followers ever since, especially in times of persecution. It is a message to love, to be especially concerned for the poor and marginalised. But also to speak truth to those in power. When faced with issues that seem too big and difficult to manage, we can decide to do what we can where we are. As a former Bishop of Wakefield once said while visiting us, 'bloom where you are planted'. Small acts of love and kindness can transform situations, together these small acts can transform a nation.

Rev Bill Henderson

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

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DATES FOR MAY

- Tues 3rd May
10am—2pm** Senior Citizens' Lunch club with activities and a hot meal, every Tuesday. See p15 for details.
- Weds 4th May
2pm-4pm** Coffee Afternoon at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
- Weds 4th May
7.30pm** Taize service with contemplation, prayer and meditative music.
- Sun 8th May
10am** Family and parade service with the uniformed organisations.
- Thurs 12th
May, 6pm** Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting at St Peter's Church. See p10 for details.
- Fri 13th May
7.30pm** Film Club: 'The Lady in the Van' written by Alan Bennett and starring Maggie Smith, p14.
- Sat 14th May
10am-12pm** Coffee morning at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p11.
- Sun 15th May
7.30pm** Holy Space: a relaxed and informal evening service.
- Mon 16th May
7pm-9pm** West Yorkshire Watercolour Society meeting with a painting demonstration. See page 14.
- Weds 18th
May, 7.30pm** PCC Meeting at the church.
- Sun 12th June
Afternoon** Queen's birthday family picnic: on the church field; more details next month.
- Sat 25th June
1pm-4pm** St Peter's Church Summer Gala on the church field, with entertainment, refreshments, lots of stalls and some amazing raffle prizes. The gala will be opened by Andrea Jenkyns MP.
- Sat 2nd July
11am—3pm** St Peter's school summer fair: with lots of stalls and activities. More details next month.

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.

Stanley Community Singers

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

Come and join our friendly group of singers!

No previous experience required, just a love of singing!
We sing a variety of different music including pop, musicals, spirituals and modern classics. Come along, make some new friends and enjoy a good sing-song!

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

A date for your diary: **The Stanley Community Singers Summer charity concert will be on Sunday 3rd July at 4pm at St Peter's Church**

Stanley Evening Walk: The Wakefield Walking Club is organising a summer programme of evening walks, and there will be a 5 mile evening walk on Tuesday 10th May starting at 7pm from the Fayre & Square pub car park at Stanley Ferry. The route will include the towpath, Pinders Heath and Hatfeild Golf course before returning to Stanley Ferry. The pace will be nice and steady and everyone is very welcome. For more information contact Llew Jacklin on 366655 or 07860 866654.



Plant and Seed swap at Stanley Library

There will be a coffee morning at Stanley library on Friday 13th May from 10am-12pm with a plant and seed swap. Bring along any seedlings, tomato or bedding plants etc. and swap them for something else for your garden! Don't worry if you have nothing to swap; a small donation is welcome instead. Browse the gardening books, and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

- The next Coffee afternoon at Mount Road chapel will be held on Wednesday 4th May from 2pm—4pm. There will be various refreshments and stalls, and all money raised will be donated to Christian Aid.
- Everyone is welcome at the Sacrament service on Sunday 29th May at 10.30am. The preacher will be Rev Barry Owen.
- Thank you to everyone who supported, attended or assisted at last month's jumble sale; the event raised £227 for chapel funds.



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 is very welcome; please come along.

Moorhouse Community Action Group

The Moorhouse Community Action Group is now meeting once every two months. The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th May at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Come along and raise any issues about Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

St Peter's Community Café

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Coffee morning thank-you

Thank you to everyone who supported the church coffee morning last month; it raised £175. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 14th May from 10am—12pm at Stanley Community Centre. There will be lots of great stalls: tombola, raffle, cakes, handmade greetings cards, jigsaws, books and toys, and refreshments including bacon butties.



Donations of books, small toys and jigsaws in good condition would be very much appreciated. They can be brought to the church on Lake Lock Road anytime, or on the Saturday morning to the community centre. Please join us for a very pleasant morning.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—a review

The AGM was held at 12pm on Sunday 24th April. Copies of the April 2015—March 2016 annual report are available in the church or on the church website. Highlights are given below:

PCC Report: Plans for the old church site including the war memorial are ongoing. Newcold have pledged to help but inclement weather has held up progress. However, the positions for the columns have been marked out and excavated. Negotiations for extending the lease on the present building are ongoing. In April 2015 the church was officially designated as a ‘Parish Centre of Worship’. Heartfelt thanks to Barry McCarthy who is standing down as churchwarden after many years of faithful and dedicated service. Our links with the local community are strong and continue to develop in many ways. Thank you to everyone who supports our church financially which enables us to continue our work both here and in other parts of the world.

Treasurer’s Report: Income for the year was £93,827; there were increases in planned giving, room hire income and café income. The coffee mornings, pantomime and galas continue to be well supported. Costs for the year were £94,176; the increase of £8,967 from last year was largely due to our investment in some lovely new chairs, and also higher energy costs. The overall financial position worsened slightly by £349. Thanks to higher regular giving, we were able to pay our Parish Share in full although the share amount for 2016 has increased again, to **£46,503**. We pray that we will be able to fulfil all our financial obligations as well as realising the many hopes we have for our church and community.

Church Wardens’ report: The church continues to be a base for many community groups, which wouldn’t have been possible in the old building. Rather than worrying about the state of the building, we can instead concentrate on becoming a living and active church. We still await a decision about an extension to our lease, and thank our local councillors for their ongoing support. We are actively discussing locating a miners’ wheel on the old church site. We thank all those many individuals who contribute so much to the life of the church: to Bill and his team of spiritual leaders, and to everyone else who contributes.

Young People: The Explorers/Sunday Gang meets most Sunday mornings during the church services for crafts, games and Bible study.

All children are made to feel welcome, whether regular attendees or just visiting. Children's Ark meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30am for parents and tots, and includes singing, Bible stories, crafts and playtime. Many thanks to the leaders of these groups for their enthusiasm and dedication.

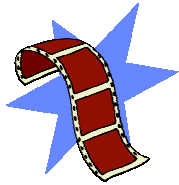
Uniformed Organisations: St Peter's continues to support the 1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cubs and Scouts that meet on Tuesdays at the church, and the 39th Wakefield Brownies and the 3rd Cardigan Rainbows that both meet on Mondays next door at the Cross Keys centre.

Ladies Society: The Ladies Society enjoyed various speakers during the year and outings to Otley town centre, and Rogerthorpe Manor for Christmas lunch. New members are very welcome; meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Stanley library.

Other groups: The 'Knit and Natter' group continues to grow and has over 20 members. The ladies do a variety of crafts and learn some new ones too, and have also contributed to the various church fairs. The Stanley Community Singers also continues to be well attended and held two very successful charity concerts during the year. The Film Club serves a wide community and shows an eclectic mix of films for all ages from modern to classic.

Social Events: Our pantomime, 'Snow White' was very successful and we sold about 600 tickets. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to organise the monthly coffee mornings, and the other fundraising events during the year. We also held a wine tasting night, murder mystery evening, Harvest and Christmas community lunches, Harvest ceilidh, and numerous charity events.

Vicar's report: I am very grateful for the team that supports the ministry of the church: assistant minister, pastoral ministers, readers, baptism co-ordinator, church wardens and many others. We have held regular Taize and Holy Space services, and continue to be very involved with St Peter's school. Thank you to those who continue to make improvements to the building, and to the staff and volunteers who keep the café going. We held a John the Baptist lent course and are currently working through the Jesus Shaped People 15 week course. If we continue to work together, seeking the Lord's guidance and using the gifts he has given us, we have a challenging and exciting future ahead of us.



St Peter's Church
Film Club



Friday evening, 13th May 7:30pm

'The Lady in the Van' (2015)



Two-time Oscar winner and star of "Downton Abbey", Dame Maggie Smith, recreates one of her most celebrated roles – the singular Miss Shepherd – in 'The Lady in the Van', Alan Bennett's big-screen comedic adaptation of his own iconic memoir and honoured stage play. Based on a true story, Miss Shepherd was a woman of uncertain origins who "temporarily" parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years. What began as a begrudged favour became a relationship that would change both their lives. Filmed on the street and in the house where Bennett and Miss Shepherd lived for all those years, acclaimed director Nicholas Hytner reunites with Bennett to bring this funny, poignant, and life-affirming story to the screen.

Doors open 7pm, film start 7.30pm

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

*West Riding Watercolour Society
& Art Group*

The group meets every month at St Peter's Church for demonstrations by artists, informal painting evenings and to share techniques and knowledge.



Open to everyone; the cost is £3 per session.

Next meeting: Monday 16th May, 7pm-9pm
*for a painting demonstration by
artist Geoff Leathley*



St Peter's Senior Citizens'
Lunch Club



At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road

Every Tuesday, 10am—2pm

This is the timetable for the next few weeks:

Tues 3rd May	Photos of the Caribbean
Tues 10th May	Chair exercises and games
Tues 17th May	Family history talk
Tues 24th May	Local interest films
Tues 31st May	Healthy eating cookery

- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day.
- Lunch served from about 12:15pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert.
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Report from Stanley Grove School

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

For the second year running, the school has been awarded the SSAT National Award for children's attainment, which recognises that the school is performing in the top 20% of schools nationally. This is a fantastic achievement and the school is very proud of all the children. Thank you to the staff for their hard work and to the governors and parents for their ongoing support.

The school council have been very proactive and have organised a safer internet competition, and an Easter paper plate decorating competition last term. Our sports relief event last term raised £173; thank you to everyone who took part and contributed.

We were delighted that out of all the schools in Wakefield who took part in building a rubbish monster out of non-recyclable materials for a competition run by Shanks, we won first prize! Thank you to all the children who helped to create our monster, who was named 'Yuk' by the nursery children. We have also been working on various outdoor environment projects; thanks to the parents who have been giving their time to help with these.

The school has been learning more about the Queen in honour of her 90th birthday. There will be a celebratory lunch in June; hopefully a picnic outside if the weather is nice enough. Children have been designing birthday cards for the Queen and writing fact files about her life. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries.

Children from various classes have recently taken part in multi-skills sports events with children from other schools. The children enjoyed taking part in a number of different games and sports activities.

Class 4 took part in a special performance of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' at St Paul's in Alverthorpe with children from two other schools. The event was a great success and we were very proud of our children in both the rehearsals and the evening performance. Thanks to all the parents and family members that came to support the children and thanks to the staff for organising the event.

Good luck to all our Year 6 and Year 2 children who are taking their SATS exams this term. The Year 6 pupils have been working very hard in preparation and taking part in some extra-curricular lessons. We are sure that they will do very well indeed.

EU Referendum – which way should Christians vote?

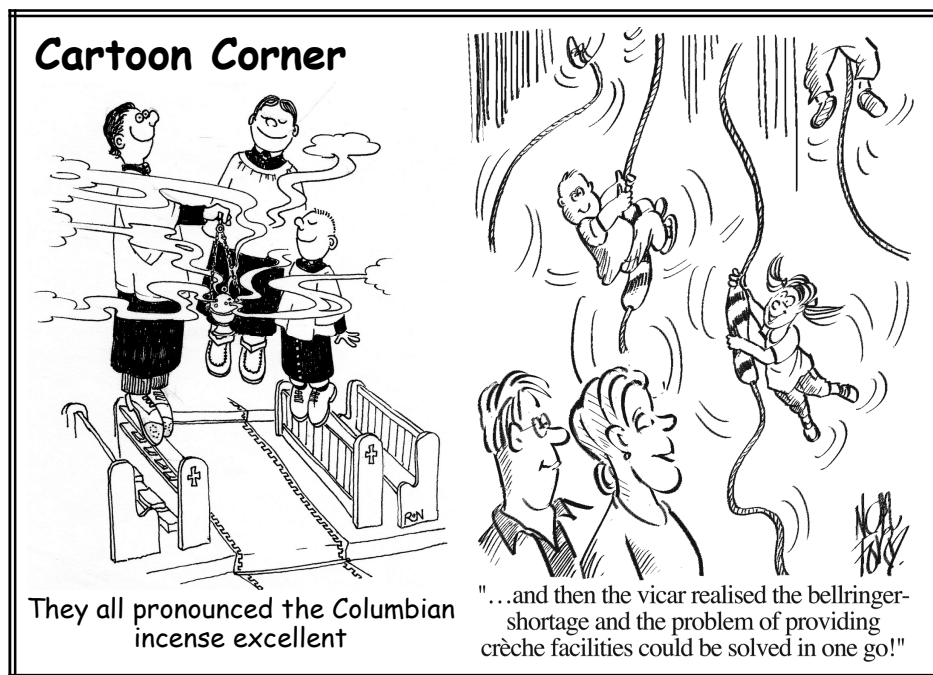
There is no ‘correct Christian view’ on how to vote in the EU referendum which is taking place in the UK on Thursday 23rd June, so says the Archbishop of Canterbury. He also says that people are entitled to fear the impact that “enormous” numbers of migrants will have on our jobs, housing and the NHS.

Speaking in a recent interview with The House magazine, Justin Welby said it was “outrageous” to condemn people who raise concerns as “racist”. Instead, their “genuine fears” needed to be addressed.



“Fear is a valid emotion at a time of such colossal crisis. This is one of the greatest movements of people in human history. Just enormous. And to be anxious about that is very reasonable.”

His comments are taken by many as the most significant concerns raised by the Church of England in the present migrant crisis. The archbishop went on to repeat his call for Britain to take more than 20,000 refugees.



BBC Breakfast host who honours the Sabbath

The new host of BBC Breakfast, Dan Walker, is to be given Sundays off because as a dedicated Christian he refuses to work on the Sabbath. Dan Walker, 38, was a sports presenter before replacing Bill Turnbull. He is the son of a Baptist preacher, and has reportedly built his career around his religious beliefs. On first becoming a television presenter, fronting sports events and hosting Football Focus on BBC One, Dan struck a deal that meant he did not work on Sundays. “I was convinced that it was the right thing to honour God... Observing the Lord’s Day is a great privilege and brings with it loads of blessings.”

BBC Breakfast has an average daily audience of six million viewers. Dan Walker will continue presenting Football Focus.

Jihadist attacks on Christians

The jihadist attacks on Christians and other religious minorities across the Middle East are now so serious that they should be officially classified as genocide. This is the view of a number of Britain’s top legal authorities.

And so a cross-party group of peers has recently written to David Cameron, urging him to use the UK’s position on the UN Security Council to begin the process of bringing war crimes prosecutions against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil) terrorists. Led by Lord Alton, the group includes Lord Mackay, a former lord chancellor, Lord Carlisle, a former reviewer of government terrorism legislation, and Baroness Butler-Sloss, a former president of the High Court Family Division.



Beware the ‘Trump culture’

Twitter risks turning the world into a place where people abuse each other quicker than they can think. So says the new bishop of Dorking, the Rev Dr Jo Bailey Wells. “There is a sort of, you might call it, a Trump culture. I’ve certainly experienced that in America. I would be keen to keep it from these shores. But part of our culture is that we now tweet and blog before we speak and think. Cyberspace, the blogosphere, has encouraged that kind of behaviour.”

Prayers for May

Generous Father,

Life is such a complex journey, with its ups and downs. We can easily go off course, or even feel lost. But you gave us Jesus to be our Way and our guide, and you promised never to leave us or forsake us. And when Jesus came back to you Lord, after His life on this earth, you promised even more wonderfully to send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, exchanging our fears and anxieties for your power and peace – a peace which we can't explain, but can experience when we trust you.

Thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit that you keep your promises, and that in your strength we can move forward, confident in your reality and sovereignty, one step at a time. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

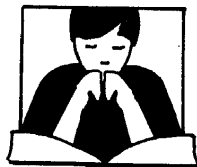
By Daphne Kitching

His Glorious Day

He's the Ground of all being, the Spirit of life,
The Father of faith and the Mother of love,
He's the Christ-child within who fills darkness with light,
He calms our worst fears with the peace from 'above'!

He's the giver of comfort when our spirit is low
And source of all courage when faith calls out – 'Go:
Go tell all the nations that peace truly comes
When God's voice is heard and God's will is done.

So follow the Christ-man,
Hold fast on His way,
Then one day we'll all share
His glorious day'!
By Sam Doubtfire



Daily Strength

God did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world,
but to save the world.

John 3: 17

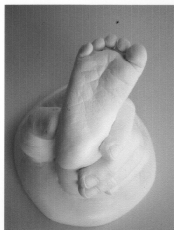
If we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful
and just and will forgive us our sins.

1 John 1: 9

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