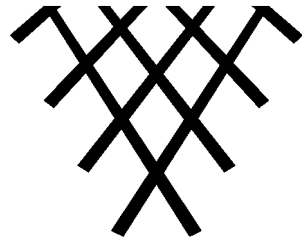




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The Minister writes:

This is the first magazine of 2017, so I would like to begin with wishing you all a Happy New Year.

We are at the beginning of the year, but already significant things have happened for the life of the Parish. The vacancies at Outwood and Wrenthorpe have given the opportunity to start a new way of working collaboratively across the parishes.

After prayer and consultation, this has resulted in me being licenced as Priest in charge of Outwood and Wrenthorpe. At the same time, two young Priests have been licenced into each Parish. Jonathan Bish into Outwood and Jo Kershaw into Wrenthorpe. They are a married couple so will be living in the Wrenthorpe vicarage.

We are in the process of thinking and praying how this will work out. I want to encourage a good relationship between the parishes. It is all too easy to live in next door parishes and yet know very little about what goes on there or the people who live and worship there.

Each parish has it's own distinctive style and the plan is for that distinctiveness to be retained but for us to grow in understanding and valuing the differences. The Church of England has a rich tradition of diversity and we have an opportunity to experience something of that in our own communities.

I would like to encourage people to come along to events in each parish, so we are inviting people from Outwood and Wrenthorpe to come to our Ceilidh on 11th March at St Peter's school. There is a Youth Event at Wakefield Cathedral in the evening of 24th February and I am hoping that young people from each parish will come to that. Wrenthorpe are having a 'Sing-along to Frozen', with optional fancy dress, on 11th February

We are planning to use the same material for our Lent groups in each parish, and to encourage some mixing from the congregations.

There are some important things to agree and decide e.g. what do we call the new grouping? I look forward to a year developing this new relationship; may God bless it.

Rev Bill Henderson

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

Sunday	10am	Family Communion
	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

Other Christian Worship

METHODIST CHURCH: Lee Mount Chapel

Sunday: 10:30am service

Minister: Revd Barry Owen

email: barry.owen@methodist.org.uk, tel: 07753 127681

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Wednesdays:	7:30pm Bible Study, discussions

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DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Tues 31st Jan 10am—2pm	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p13 for details.
Weds 1st Feb 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
Fri 10th Feb 7.30pm	<u>Film Club—'Eddie the Eagle'</u> : starring Taron Egerton and Hugh Jackman. See page 16.
Sat 11th Feb 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p11.
Sun 12th Feb 10am	<u>Family Communion and Parade service</u>
Wed 15th Feb 7.30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the church.
Sun 19th Feb 7.30pm	<u>Holy Space evening service</u> : monthly informal evening service; all welcome.
Weds 1st March 7.30pm	<u>Ash Wednesday service</u> : see page 18 for more information about Ash Wednesday and Lent.
Fri 3rd March 7.30pm	<u>Women's World Day of Prayer</u> at Mount Road Methodist church; see page 12 for information.
Sat 4th March 10am—12pm	<u>Rodillians Choir open morning</u> : thinking of joining a choir? Come along, have fun and sing!
Sat 11th March 7pm	<u>Ceilidh—live music and dancing</u> at St Peter's school—more details on page 15.
Sun 19th March 10am	<u>Visit by Bishop Nick Baines</u> to St Peter's church in the morning service.
Sat 25th March 10am-12.30pm	<u>Spring Fair</u> with various stalls and refreshments. This is likely to be held at the church. More details next month.
Sun 26th March 10am	<u>Mothering Sunday family and parade service</u> : all welcome.

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.

NEW OPENING HOURS FROM OCTOBER 2016:

Monday	9.30am—5pm
Tuesday	9.30am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am—7pm
Friday	9.30am—5pm
Saturday	10am—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.

Thank you for your generosity

During 2016, the church and community groups meeting at the church helped support a number of charitable causes; your kindness and generosity in helping us do this is much appreciated. These are some of the donations that have been made during 2016, with the support of the congregation and community:

- St Peter's church continues to support Water for Life projects in the Mara region of northern Tanzania. A total of £1,126.50 was sent during the year, including some donations collected by St Peter's school in aid of Mara.
- The church has given a total of £1,700 during the year to The Cross Project, which runs lunch clubs, religious education lessons and after-school activities in local secondary schools.
- £500 was sent to Tearfund to help with their disaster relief work in Haiti following the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew; and a further £183 was given to Tearfund for their Toilet Twinning Scheme. This money will have helped build toilets in some of the poorest areas of the world.
- £300 was given to Mytholmroyd PCC after the Boxing Day floods in 2015, and £300 was given to the local Asylum Seekers team which supports refugees and asylum seekers in our area.
- The Stanley Community Singers held a wonderful Christmas Concert on 4th December 2016 and raised £350. From this, the singing group made a generous donation to the Broadhead Family and this was augmented by a further donation from the church.
- The St Nicholas Day Service on 4th December 2016 was very well supported by the uniformed organisations and the congregation; hundreds of wrapped Christmas presents were donated to Barnados to distribute amongst children and young people in the UK.
- The Christingle Service was held on 8th January and raised £128.97 in aid of the Children's Society which supports children in the UK who are in need. Thanks to everyone who worked hard beforehand to prepare the oranges. 
- Lastly, the church continues to support the annual Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning appeal and last year raised £140; and the poppy appeal raised £130.36 for the Royal British Legion.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel:

- The next Coffee Afternoons will be on Wednesday 1st February and 1st March from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. Everyone welcome. 
- There will be a Parade service on Sunday 5th February at 10.30am with the 20th Wakefield Beaver Scouts and led by Rev Barry Owen.
- The Beavers are holding a Jumble Sale at the chapel on Wednesday 15th February from 1.30pm; all welcome.

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 Meetings: *Monday and Wednesday 6pm, Tuesday 2pm*



There are several opportunities for prayer at St Peter's Church. Rev Bill Henderson is available for prayer every Monday and Wednesday at the church from 6pm-6.30pm, and the Tuesday afternoon prayer group continues to meet from 2pm-3pm with Calli McKenna. Call in at any of these times 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 every two months. The next meeting will be Thursday 9th March at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

St Peter’s church coffee mornings to continue

Thank you to everyone who supported the most recent coffee mornings; the December coffee morning raised £176.90 and the January coffee morning raised £166.20.

Many people will be aware that due to cost savings, the community centre is no longer being run by the council and the future of the building is currently under discussion, although the library is unaffected and will continue to run as normal. This means that there are restrictions on using the building and several of the groups using the centre have had to move out.

However, because the church’s monthly coffee morning takes place during library opening times we are able to continue with it, for the time being at least.



Therefore, the next couple of coffee mornings will go ahead as planned, on Saturday 11th February and Saturday 11th March, from 10am (or thereabouts) - 12pm, with the usual great stalls: cakes, raffle, handmade greetings cards, tombola, jigsaws, and refreshments including bacon butties each month. So please continue to come along and support our coffee mornings and enjoy a very pleasant morning.

However, it is likely that the bigger fundraising events (Spring Fair and Autumn/Winter Fair) will probably now take place at the church. Details about the Spring Fair will be confirmed next month:

**St Peter’s Spring Fair, Saturday 25th March, 10am-12.30pm
at St Peter’s Church, Lake Lock Road**



Argentine Tango

at St Peter’s Church, Stanley

Every Monday 7pm—9pm

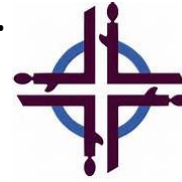
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Women's World Day of Prayer

*Friday 3rd March, 7:30pm,
Stanley Methodist Church, Mount Road*

“Am I being unfair to you?”



Women's World Day of Prayer is a international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. Every year, a great wave of prayer rises with the sun over the island of Samoa and sweeps across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, coming to rest in American Samoa some 36 hours later. By then, the WWDP service will have been celebrated in over 170 countries.

This year, the service has been prepared by the women of Philippines and is entitled—‘Am I being unfair to you’.

The Philippines comprises over 7,000 islands located on the Pacific ‘ring of fire’ close to the equator. This contributes to the high incidence of earthquakes and typhoons each year; Typhoon Yolanda in November 2013 claimed thousands of lives. Climate change is also resulting in an increase in storms and droughts.

17% of elected government posts are filled by women and there have been two female presidents. The Philippines has one of the fastest growing Asian economies; primary exports are coconut oil, fruits, garments and products for the electronics industry. Many women are the breadwinner for the family, often working abroad as service crew, in the medical field, or as domestic helpers. In fact, 90% of domestic workers are women; a considerable number working in Gulf countries. Although the constitution provides for equal rights, Filipino women are often discriminated against and treated as subordinates in the home, in the church and in society.

The service written by the women of the Philippines is on the theme of justice and the exploitation of women; a highly relevant subject in today's world; there must scarcely be a country where some form of exploitation of women doesn't occur.

All are welcome—men and women, and people of all ages—to this year's local WWDP service, which will be held at Stanley Methodist Church on Mount Road, Stanley, at 7:30pm on Friday 3rd March.



St Peter's Senior Citizens'

Lunch Club



At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road
Every Tuesday, 10am—2pm

Tues 31st Jan	"A childhood in India" talk
Tues 7th Feb	Health pod visit
Tues 14th Feb	Film club
Tues 21st Feb	Travels to China and Japan
Tues 28th Feb	Jonathan & Jo: new local vicars
Tues 7th March	Travels to Australia

- 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, for just £5 per person.
- Ideal for anyone wanting a bit of companionship and something to do!

Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

Ronald Lindley	1 December 2016
Eileen Green	21 December 2016
Doreen Martin	18 January 2017
Albert Addy	23 January 2017

Baptisms

Blake Anthony Hodgson	18 December 2016
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‘Can you find it in your heart to forgive me?’

‘Can you find it in your heart to forgive me?’ Sometime it is possible to say yes, but there are times when the pain and hurt goes too deep. Sometimes it’s gone on for years and we find it impossible to forgive. This is especially so if it has affected not just ourselves but those we love.

Last summer I came across a book in church. It is called ‘Total Forgiveness’, written by R.T Rendel, who for many years served at Westminster Chapel. The introduction starts with a quote: ‘You must totally forgive them. Until you forgive them you will be in chains. Release them and you will be released.’

How? I still have bad dreams and memories that leave me all churned up inside and bitter, which is not good for soul or health. The author tells us we have two choices: continuing this way, or forgiving and being at peace with ourselves and God. One way he managed this was by meditating on how God made this person in his own image and loves him (or her), more than we are capable of loving anyone; how God grieved over his sins and wants him to repent for the pain he has caused and come back to him.

I’ve found this helps but I have to do it on a daily basis or the memories take over again. I also look for other passages in the Bible for help, such as 1 Corinthians 13: 4—13 which includes the ‘Love keeps no record of wrongs’.



I look back at the all the wasted years and regret them. Due to circumstances I had no way of avoiding them. The author too had this problem although his circumstances were very different from mine, and he quotes a passage from the Old Testament, Joel 2v25: “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten.’

If trying to forgive our enemies - not always enemies – sometimes people closer to us – is hard, forgiving ourselves is even harder. If we feel guilty we haven’t forgiven ourselves, and can’t function as we should, we are hanging on to guilt that God has washed away. We are refusing to believe what God has freely done.

But 1 John 1v9 is true: not forgiving ourselves and being angry with ourselves is self-hate. Jesus says don't be: 'Don't be angry with yourselves, take your forgiveness and don't look back.'

Most of what I've written is taken from 'Total Forgiveness'. I think it is a book everyone should read. Although it makes me realise how hard it is, it also makes it possible. Looking at the state the world is in today, we all need to understand and love one another more, and a lot of forgiveness is needed.

Dr Ken Hart of Leeds University ran the 'World's First Forgiveness Course'. Designed to help people forgive their enemies and let go of grudges, it was not as far as I know a Christian course. But maybe it is a sign that there are, as R.T Rendel says, indications that the world is beginning to recognise the merits of forgiving people.

Meanwhile, I shall keep trying. After all, when I look back at what I've asked God's forgiveness for and compare it to what I need to forgive, it shouldn't be impossible.

Written and submitted by a reader

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# Ceilidh



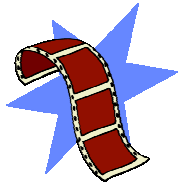
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Saturday 11th March,  
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Tickets £6, concessions/children £3, family ticket £15  
Please bring your own drinks and something  
for a bring and share supper!!  
(please note there is no meal provided as there has been previously;  
we're having a bring and share supper instead)

See Jill Temple for tickets or contact  
St Peter's Church office, tel 01924 835746

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St Peter's Church
Film Club



Friday evening, 10th February 7:30pm

'Eddie the Eagle' (2016)



'Eddie the Eagle' follows the realisation of the childhood dream of Michael 'Eddie' Edwards (Taron Egerton), to become Britain's first Olympic ski-jumper. Despite not being athletically gifted, from an early age he dedicated his life to achieving one goal: to become an Olympian. Eddie tried his hand at various sports and disciplines, including downhill skiing, before settling on ski-jumping. Begging and borrowing equipment, and reluctantly aided by former ski-jumper Bronson Peary (Hugh Jackman) as his coach, Eddie is unwavering in his quest to reach the 1988 Calgary Winter Games. This is an uplifting, inspirational story that celebrates human spirit, passion, and one man's refusal to accept defeat.

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 13th February 7pm-9pm

For an informal painting evening

Note that meetings are now taking place on Mondays

Mums and Tots—*now on Mondays at the Community Centre*

The Mums and Tots group at Stanley Community Centre has moved to Mondays. The group used to meet on Wednesdays but has had to move to Mondays because of the centre not being so available for groups as before. The details are otherwise the same: the group runs from 9.15am-11.15am and all parents, grandparents, carers and childminders are welcome to come along with children aged 0-5 years. There is a huge variety of toys to play with, refreshments and story and singing time.

Immediately following the end of Mums and Tots, at 11.15am, the library continues to have a Tiny Tots story time in the library, every Monday for under 5's.

Don't forget there are other parent and child groups in Stanley every week: Busy Bees is on Tuesdays at Zion Church on Aberford Road in Stanley from 9.15am-11.15am and there is Children's Ark on Thursdays at St Peter's Church in Stanley at the same time. Both these groups are also open to all adult carers and children aged 0-5 and also offer a variety of play, crafts, story time and refreshments. Come along to any of these groups and you and your child can both make new friends and enjoy a bit of fun and socialising.

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.

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



Ash Wednesday and Lent

Lent is the period of 40 days (not including Sundays) which starts on Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. It is traditionally a time of fasting and reflection. The name 'Ash' Wednesday is to do with getting things right between us and God and the tradition goes back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites would cover their head with ashes, or even rend their clothes, as a sign of their repentance and acknowledgement of sin. The early Christian church adopted the custom of sprinkling ashes and started to do this at the beginning of Lent. And so Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

The custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Sometimes, as at St Peter's, a branch used on Palm Sunday the year before is burned to create the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service.

The Ash Wednesday service at St Peter's will take place on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm; all welcome.



Ash Wednesday and the period of Lent is a good time for us to consider our thoughts and actions, and admit when we have made mistakes. Why not deal with these mistakes this month and put it all behind you. God is inviting you to come to him this Lent. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

St Peter's will be organising some small groups to meet each week during Lent to follow a 5 week programme of Bible study. These weekly meetings will be an opportunity to meet with other people and discuss the Bible in an informal and thought-provoking way. The Lent groups will start during the week commencing 6th March.

To join one of the groups, contact Bill Henderson on 822143, the church office on 835746, email churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk or look out for the sign-up sheet in the noticeboard church.

A Priceless Find – by accident!

70 years ago this month, on 7th February 1947, a shepherd looking for a lost sheep at Khirbat Qumran (now in the West Bank, Palestine) near the Dead Sea, stumbled across a cave containing the most important biblical discovery of the century.



Inside the cave, stored in clay vessels, were found what became known as the Dead Sea Scrolls: manuscripts of the entire Hebrew Bible except for the book of Esther. The scrolls were the work of a religious community called the Essenes, who lived near that site before and during the life of Jesus.

Despite now being known as the greatest archaeological find of the 20th century, there was an initial lack of interest. Some of the scrolls were even advertised in a small ad in an American newspaper.

More scrolls were then found in neighbouring caves, and as scholars slowly unravelled them, they discovered that they were handling manuscripts of the Bible which were hundreds of years older than any others in existence. Most of the manuscripts on which our Bible translations had previously been based were copies of copies, carefully crafted in monasteries over the centuries by people dedicated to preserving the sacred text. Surprisingly, these much older Dead Sea manuscripts were almost identical, indicating the great care taken by copyists down the ages.

Most of the scrolls were in Hebrew, but some were in Aramaic, the language spoken by many Jews, including Jesus, between the sixth century BC and the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD. One of the most intriguing manuscripts from Qumran is the Copper Scroll, a sort of ancient treasure map that lists 64 hidden treasures around Israel. However, none of these have been uncovered.



So, in February 1947, thanks to the searching of a shepherd, the world suddenly had access to a much older and therefore more accurate record of the Jewish Scriptures – the Bible of Jesus and the first Christians. Today, we now have a Bible text which is as close to the original as one could ever hope to get.

Report from Stanley Grove School

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

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

It has been lovely to welcome back all our staff and pupils after the Christmas break. We are very proud of our school's position in the latest league tables as we continue to be one of the top performing schools in Wakefield and nationally. This is an outstanding achievement. A huge well done to the pupils, staff and governors for all their continued hard work which makes results like this possible.

Children from years 3-6 took part in the Young Voices concert last month at Sheffield Arena. They sang with 7,000 other children from schools around Yorkshire in a superb and uplifting concert which also featured a beat-box group, street dance group and some excellent soloists.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last term. The money raised at the fair, the Christmas raffle, sales of refreshments and DVDs totalled £1,720 which is an incredible amount. The money will be used to improve our outdoor provision to give the children more opportunity to learn and play outside.

Class 3 have recently been on a trip to Leeds City Museum and Class 5 are looking forward greatly to their residential trip to Robinwood activity centre in Todmorden next month. Also this term, Year 4 will be having some Bikeability training, and Year 3 and Reception children will be receiving some pedestrian training from the road safety team.

First multi-faith homeless shelter is opened

The first multi-faith homeless shelter started in Leicester late last year. More than 200 volunteers from six different faith groups took part in the One Roof Leicester initiative, which involved moving around different faith venues over 11 weeks, as it provides food and emergency accommodation for ten rough sleepers each night.



The shelter brings together Anglican, Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and Sikh groups across the area. The project is funded by the charities Human Appeal and Housing Justice and Near Neighbours, administered by Church Urban Fund.

Prayers for February



Prayer of thanks for God's light

Father of all creation, thank you for signs of life and light, even in the dark and sometimes difficult days of winter. Thank you for Jesus' victory over darkness and death – and for the assurance that, if we put our trust in Him - nothing can ever separate us from you.

Help us to hold onto the hope you have given us and to walk on with Jesus as our guiding light. And may His light attract others who don't yet know Him and whom the darkness threatens to overwhelm.

Shine on us, Lord, that we may reflect your light and receive your peace. In Jesus's name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



God, our Creator

O shout for Joy across the Earth!
O shout the glory of the Lord!
Come, praise Him now for all He's worth!
Come join our praise in one accord!

Great are the deeds the Lord has done!
Great are the works that He has made!
He made the earth, the sky, the sun;
The mountain and the woodland glade.

The mighty, roaring waterfalls
The wondrous clouds that bring us rain
The birds, the beasts, He made them all
So let us praise His holy name!

He gave us life, He gave us breath,
He bids the beating of our heart;
And, when He bids it cease in death
Then we shall never be apart!

By Nigel Beeton

Daily Strength

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11: 28

"Whoever comes to me I will never drive away."
John 6: 37

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6: 35

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Sir Cliff's faith 'even stronger' after ordeal

Sir Cliff Richard has said that after nearly two years facing false sexual assault allegations, his faith in God has become 'even stronger'.

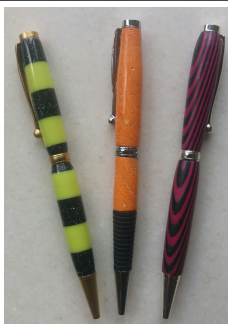
Sir Cliff was speaking in a recent interview with Steve Allen on LBC. He said that learning to forgive his accuser was for him the turning point that helped him release 'all that hate and anger'. And the support of friends who believed in him and stood by him was of critical help.



During the two year ordeal, "I found I was talking to God a lot more, praying. I felt the need to forgive this person, who I am sure I have never met, because I found myself being filled with hate. I wanted to get revenge, and I thought, 'I don't think I'm going to survive this if that's the way I'm going to feel.' So by forgiving him... it released me of all that hate and vengeance. Forgiving is not a simple thing to do, but when I look back, my God, that was the best simple thing I have ever done."

The singer said he felt he has become a 'stronger person', and even now, at 76, has no plans to retire. Instead he plans to downsize his career and make it 'more compact'.

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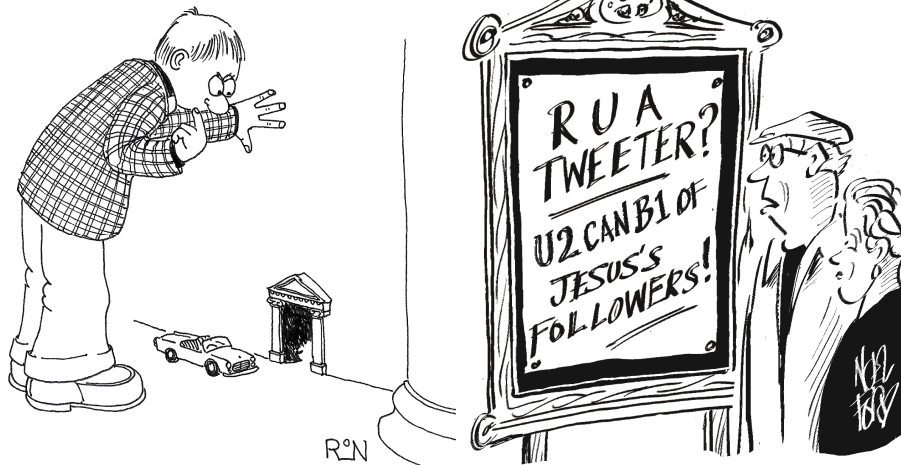
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