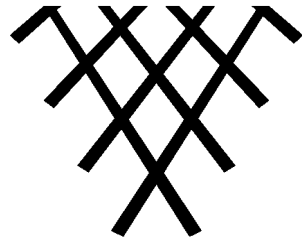
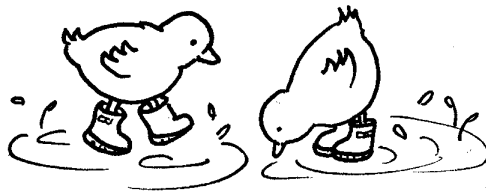




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The Minister writes:

We approach Easter this year with the sadness of having lost one of our most faithful members of the congregation, Don Somerville.

Don was born in Paddington, London, and brought up there. As a child in the war he was evacuated to Crowcombe, a little village in Somerset, which he remembered as a happy time. He was a good rugby player who played for Wasps in their B team; though he did damage his knee. He continued to follow rugby, especially the 6 Nations and the World Cup.

As an adventurous young man he travelled to Ceylon—Sri Lanka as it is now—to work as a manager on a tea plantation. It was there that he acquired the taste of drinking his tea black, a habit he continued throughout his life

After returning from Sri Lanka he went on holiday to visit his sister in Newport. It happened that Nan worked with his sister and they needed an extra girl to make up numbers. With a decision that would change her life forever, Nan chose to give up her original plans and join the party. Nan was involved with guides and Don was into scouts. They never stopped talking, Don stayed the full 2 weeks, and they ended up spending the rest of his life together. They set up home in London where Don worked making jigsaws. Then Waddington's bought out the company he worked for and he was asked to move North, where he was a factory foreman.

As newcomers in the village they thought coming to church would be a good way of getting to know people. They soon got involved. John Crabb, the vicar at time, could see a good man and in 1971 asked Don to carry the cross. He has done so faithfully ever since for the last 46 years. He helped Laurie set up the scouts. His service to the church has been amazing. Mostly in the background; not making a fuss. He was efficient ,thoughtful and very supportive. We are still discovering all the background jobs he did, getting the church ready for services.

He will be greatly missed and the church will never be the same without him.. We give him into God's love with our Easter hope of resurrection and new life.

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 APRIL

Sun 2nd April 12pm	<u>St Peter's church APCM:</u> come and find out about the church finances, other news and plans.
Tues 4th April 10am—2pm	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p13 for details.
Weds 5th April 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
Sat 8th April 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at Stanley community centre with tombola, jigsaws, raffle and more, see p11.
Sun 9th April 10.30am	<u>Palm Sunday service:</u> starting at Mount Road chapel at 10.30am and finishing at St Peter's.
Thurs 13th Apr 7.30pm	<u>Maundy Thursday:</u> an informal evening service to celebrate the Last Supper.
Fri 14th April Good Friday	<u>Good Friday:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10am for the all age Hot Cross Bun service with crafts and refreshments, and• 2pm for the Hour at the Cross service.
Fri 14th April 7.30pm	<u>Film Club-'Me before You'</u> a funny but moving film based on the book by Jojo Moyes, see p14.
Sun 16th April 10am	<u>Easter Sunday family celebration service:</u> join us as we celebrate the joy of Easter.
Sat 22nd April 7pm	<u>Wine tasting evening:</u> always a great social event with nibbles and guess the wine, p11.
Mon 24th April 7pm-9pm	<u>West Riding Watercolour society meeting:</u> see page 14 for more information.
Wed 26th April 7.30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the church at 7.30pm.
Sun 30th April 10am	<u>St George's Day family parade service</u> with the uniformed organisations.
Sun 30th April 4pm	<u>Memorial service:</u> to remember loved ones who have died recently. See page 18.

STANLEY LIBRARY

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	9.30am—5pm
Tuesday	9.30am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am—7pm
Friday	9.30am—5pm
Saturday	10am—1pm

Activities for Children: There is a Tiny Tots Storytime for under 5's from 11.15am on most Mondays in term time. Other activities for children are organised in most school holidays—please ask for details.

Crafts and Chat morning: Every Tuesday from 10am-11.30am: bring your knitting, drawing, crocheting or any other activity and enjoy chat and refreshments.

Coffee Morning: There is a coffee morning every Thursday morning, 10am-12 noon. Come and relax with friends over a cuppa.

Code Club: Learn how to make your own computer games and animations at Code Club, every Thursday from 3.30pm—6pm.

Family History: Would you like help researching your family history? An advisor is available in the library every Saturday from 10.30am who can help navigate Ancestry and other useful sites.

Reading Groups: Check with the library for the meeting times and book details of the current reading groups.

Community Centre rooms: Please note that the community centre rooms are no longer available to hire.

Stanley Library contact details: Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HU, Telephone number—01924 303130.

St Peter's Spring Fair – a review

For the first time, the church's annual Spring Fair was held at the church on Lake Lock Road, due to the community centre being unavailable. The event was held on Saturday 25th March and the change of location didn't seem to matter as it raised £1,060 which was in fact quite a bit more than last year.



An advantage of the event being at the church was that stall-holders were able to set up the night before which was very convenient. Many thanks to all those who put in so many hours of work beforehand to prepare items for sale, and thanks also to the many people who donated raffle prizes and items for sale. As always, there were some excellent stalls: cake stall, bottle tombola, chocolate egg tombola, books, bric-a-brac, a raffle, children's tombola, homemade knitted and craft items, and much more. Visitors were also able to enjoy refreshments including tea, coffee, cakes, bacon butties and hot cross buns.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who helped on the day, and to all the visitors who came along and supported the event; it was wonderful to see such a large number of people there.

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!

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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 = £2.50.

Why not arrive a bit earlier and have your lunch in the Community Café?

Sandwiches, salads, all-day breakfasts and hot meals all served.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel:

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 5th April from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. Everyone welcome.
- The Palm Sunday service on Sunday 9th April will be a joint service with St Peter's. The service will start at 10.30am at Mount Road chapel with a procession during the service to St Peter's for the remainder of the service. 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

Moorhouse Community Action Group

The Moorhouse Community Action Group is now meeting every two months. The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th May at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

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.



Wine tasting evening

At St Peter's Church,

Saturday 22nd April, 7:30pm 'til late

The popular annual event returns with a 'Guess the Wine' competition, nibbles, and a raffle.

Tickets £15: includes a sample of 6 different wines; 3 white and 3 red. Soft drink tasting menu also available for £6. Tickets are available from the Church Office, telephone 835746. Formal dress optional.

Coffee mornings to continue at community centre

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning at the community centre which raised a fantastic £224.40. It was a very busy and enjoyable morning.

Next month's coffee morning will go ahead as planned on Saturday 8th April at Stanley community centre despite the council looking for a group or business to take over the running of the centre. The coffee morning will be from 10am until 12pm, with the usual great stalls: cakes, raffle, handmade greetings cards, tombola, jigsaws, and refreshments including bacon butties.

We had expected last month's coffee morning to be the last one at the community centre but we have now been told that we can continue at the community centre on a month by month basis. Therefore, the coffee mornings will continue at the community centre as long as is possible. There is a chance that whoever takes over the community centre might allow the church to continue to run its coffee mornings there into the future, but for now, we will have to make a decision on a month by month basis.



The library continues to be unaffected and continues to run as normal. See page 8 for details of all the regular activities at the library.

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

Ron Clark	6 February 2017
Charles (Geoff) Manns	6 February 2017
Michael McMullan	8 February 2017
Winifred (Angie) Daniel	9 February 2017
Gilbert Robinson	28 February 2017
Alwyn Bottom	13 March 2017
Grace Morris	22 March 2017
Molly Alexander	23 March 2017
Don Somerville	28 March 2017

Baptisms

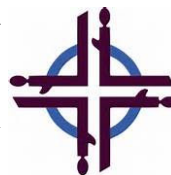
Rose Louise Dunwell	26 February 2017
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Women's World Day of Prayer—*a review*

The Stanley and Outwood branch of the Women's World Day of Prayer organisation held their local service at Stanley Methodist Church on Friday 3rd March. This year's service was written by Christian women from the Philippines and was entitled 'Am I being unfair to you?'

20 people attended our service and joined in the music and prayer taking place all over the world. An offering of £75.00 was sent towards the work of the Women's World Day of Prayer which supports many different charities.

Next year's service has been written by Christian women from the South American country of Suriname, and is entitled "All God's Creation is Very Good". If anyone is interested in helping to organise the local service, our committee is looking for new members and support; please get in touch with Judith Draisey through St Peter's Church.



Wanted.....warm clothing (hats, jumpers, coats, gloves etc) to help the homeless in Wakefield and surrounding area. Please take any items to the collection point at Stanley library.



St Peter's Senior Citizens'

Lunch Club



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

Tues 4th April	Easter crafts & box making
Tues 11th April	Easter egg making
Tues 18th April	Closed—no lunch club
<i>.....future activities to be arranged</i>	

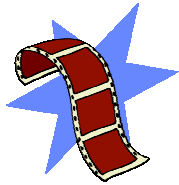
- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day.
- Lunch served from about 12:15pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert, for just £5 per person.
- Ideal for anyone wanting a bit of companionship and something to do!

Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.

Easter faith: Three years after the Russian Revolution of 1917, a great anti-God rally was arranged in Kiev. The powerful orator Bukharin was sent from Moscow, and for an hour he demolished the Christian faith with argument, abuse and ridicule. At the end there was silence.

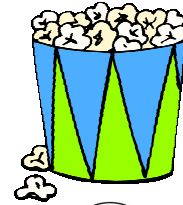
Then a man rose to speak. He was a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. He went and stood next to Bukharin. Facing the people, he raised his arms and spoke just three triumphant words: 'Christ is risen!'

At once the entire assembly rose to their feet and gave the joyful response, "He is risen indeed!" It was a devastating moment for an atheist politician, who had no answer to give to this ancient Easter liturgy. He had not realised he was simply too late: how can you convince people who have already experienced God, that He does not exist?



St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 15th April 7:30pm

‘Me before You’ (2016)



Young and quirky Louisa "Lou" Clark (Emilia Clarke) moves from one job to the next to help her family make ends meet. However, her cheerful attitude is put to the test when she becomes a caregiver for Will Traynor (Sam Claflin), a wealthy young banker left paralyzed from an accident two years earlier. Will's cynical outlook starts to change when Louisa shows him that life is worth living. As their bond deepens, their lives and hearts change in ways neither one could have imagined. Based on the best-selling book by Jojo Moyes, the film also stars Janet McTeer and Charles Dance and retains much of the quirky emotion of the book. Touching, funny and with excellent performances and a great soundtrack, this is a wonderfully moving film. Maybe bring a couple of hankies just in case....

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 £3.50 per session.

Next meeting: Monday 24th April 7pm-9pm

With a general painting evening. All abilities welcome; tuition for beginners if required.

Wilbur & Orville Wright – the first men to control flight

Wilbur Wright, the American aviation pioneer, was born 150 years ago this month, on 16th April 1867. Together with his brother Orville, he achieved the first powered, sustained and controlled plane flight on 14 December 1903.

They could have made the flight the previous day, when conditions were good, but declined because it was a Sunday. Their interest in flying had originally been sparked when their father, a bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, brought home a toy ‘helicopter’, based on a French invention, for his two younger sons. They played with it until it broke, and then built their own.

Wilbur, who was perhaps the driving force of the two, never married because “he did not have time for a wife and an airplane”. He died early, in 1912, worn out by business exertions, mainly surrounding patent controversies.

The Wright brothers, who started out as bicycle builders, were among several people in different countries trying to invent aeroplanes. Their first flight took place near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.



Their fundamental breakthrough was the invention of a unique method of control which enabled the pilot to steer the aircraft effectively and to maintain its balance. This method remains standard on fixed-wing aircraft of all kinds and justifies the Wright brothers’ claim to have made powered flight possible.

Good soup—When did you last buy a tin of canned soup? If you can’t remember, you are not alone – it seems that these days we prefer chilled fresh soup in cartons, or even making it ourselves by blitzing together fresh ingredients straight from our fridge. Research by The Grocer magazine concluded that, with a drop in sales of £28.7 million just last year alone, ‘canned soup is on a sinking ship.’



Prayers for April



Victory

In the garden His sweat was as great drops of blood,
Knowing the ordeal that lay ahead.
When He came from eternity into time
'It's to do Thy will, not mine', He said.

The hour had come, He must drink the cup
Fulfilment of scripture would start that day
When He who was sinless would forfeit His life,
Unblemished the Lamb who would take sin away.



His miracles had touched so many lives
But the crowd had turned, it had come to this –
An arrest by the chief priests with lanterns and swords,
Led by a friend and betrayed with a kiss.

He bore the cross - a victory shout!
God's wisdom now for all to see,
'If I be lifted up', He said
'Then I will draw all men to me.'

By Megan Carter

Daily Strength

Christ suffered for you...He
himself bore our sins in his
body on the tree.
1 Peter 2: 21,24

Prayer for Resurrection Power

Thank you Father that, because of what Jesus achieved on the cross, we can be resurrection-powered people; empowered to live each day confidently, whatever life's challenges may be, knowing that our security is in you alone.

In Jesus you have overcome the world and its troubles and have defeated death. When the world seems overwhelming Lord, help us to keep Jesus as our compass and to come safely to the one who has the words of eternal life. Help us to hear those words and respond in trust and anticipation.

Thank you Father for giving us your Son and your Spirit. Thank you for your life-giving Easter work. In Jesus name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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

23rd April: St George and Hiccup and the dragon

Have you seen the film ‘How to Train your Dragon?’ It’s set in a Viking village under attack from dragons, who steal livestock and burn down houses. Hiccup, the village Chief’s son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it, because he sees that the dragon is just as frightened as he is. Through this friendship, the people and dragons eventually live in harmony.



This month we celebrate St George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a legend which became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is debateable! However, we do know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303AD.

The contrast is clear: St George slayed the evil dragon, while Hiccup refused to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor, while Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in a daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we also need to be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again, so that we might have God’s power to do this in our lives.

Memorial Service: Sunday 30th April, 4pm



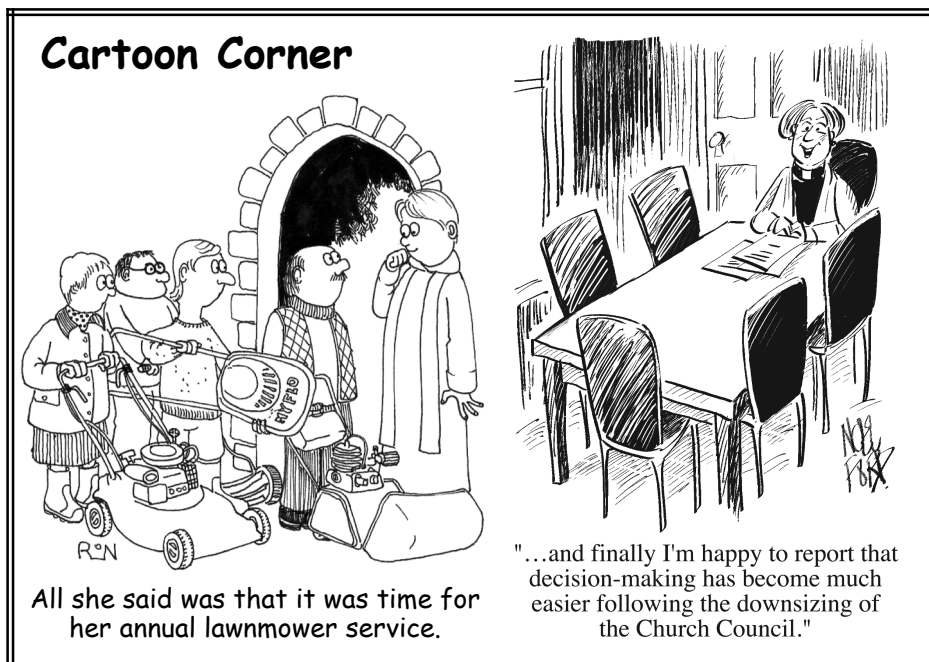
On Sunday 30th April at 4pm there will be a Memorial Service at St Peter’s Church for anyone suffering from bereavement. It will be an opportunity to remember and pray for friends and family who have died recently or in the past, and for ourselves, who are facing feelings of loss, sadness and grief. Please stay afterwards for some refreshments and cake. An invitation is not required for this service, please just come along.

April 1st: All Fools' Day

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1st April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve's Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'





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	Vicky Wilson	
Lay Pastoral Minister	Margaret Woffendin	
Church Wardens	Jason Plant	
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Church Office	Eleanor Plant (Church Administrator)	835746
	churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk	
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For information regarding weddings and baptisms please contact the Vicar after any church service or by telephone on 01924 822143.

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