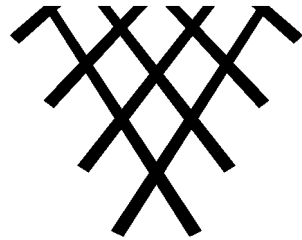


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The Minister writes:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Summer Gala such a success, and thank you to all who came to support us. It is really encouraging to see the community coming together and to catch up with friends and neighbours .

People keep telling me how time goes quicker as one gets older. This year seems to be disappearing at an astonishing pace. It is already a year since the country voted to leave Europe, but the future is even less clear than it was then. We have had another election that has confounded the pollsters. There have been a number of disturbing terror attacks in our country as well as a tragic fire. The follow up investigations to the fire at Grenfell are showing that many more buildings have unsafe cladding. In fact to date, not one tower block tested has had cladding that meets the required government standard. If we look around the world we see even more difficult and disturbing events.

Sometimes the bible is criticised for all the stories of suffering. Actually it only seems to reflect the world as it is, a place where many people find life difficult.

How can faith help us? First of all it is to note that there has never been the promise of an easy life. In fact Jesus talks about the opposite, taking up our cross to follow him. But he is with us to help and guide. As I wrote last month after the Manchester bomb; “As is often the case some hope comes out of the senseless violence. People of all faiths and none came out to stand together, to support each other and say that ‘love wins’. The only effective solution to hatred is love. After the fire at Grenfell fire our bishop Nick wrote “it comes after a weekend of remarkable events that demonstrate the unity of diverse communities. Not only the deeply compassionate response of ordinary people to the plight of those caught up in the Grenfell Tower fire, but also the Great Get Together. Thousands of people have got together in local communities not just to remember and honour Jo Cox, the MP killed a year ago here in West Yorkshire, but to demonstrate that difference does not necessarily mean division.” Let us work to build our relationships grow together in love and respect our differences.

Rev Bill Henderson

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Sunday	10am	Family Communion
Monday	6pm	Prayers
Tuesday	2pm	Prayers
Wednesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Prayers
Thursday	9:15 am	Children's Ark

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DATES FOR JULY and AUGUST

Sat 1st July 11am—3pm	<u>School summer fair</u> at Stanley St Peter's, with lots of activities.
Sun 2nd July 4pm	<u>Stanley Community Singers summer concert:</u> come and support your local community choir; also refreshments and a raffle; see page 11.
Tues 4th July 10am—2pm	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p12 for details.
Weds 5th July 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
Sat 8th July 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning:</u> now at St Peter's church but with all the usual great stalls. See page 11.
Sun 9th July 10am	<u>Family parade and communion service:</u> with the uniformed organisations.
Thurs 13th July 6pm	<u>Moorhouse community action group meeting:</u> See page 10 for more information.
Fri 14th July 7.30pm	<u>Film Club-"Lion"</u> starring Dev Patel in a film based on a true story. See page 14 for a review.
Wed 19th July 7.30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the church at 7.30pm.
Weds 2nd Aug 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
Fri 11th Aug 7.30pm	<u>Film Club-"First Do No Harm"</u> starring Meryl Streep in a medical drama, see p14 for a review.
Sat 12th August 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning:</u> now at St Peter's church but with all the usual great stalls. See page 11.
Sun 13th Aug 12pm-5pm	<u>Stanley Gala</u> on the Lime Pit Lane playing fields with a huge variety of stalls, activities, games and refreshments. See page 12.

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.

Summer Gala - a review



The annual church summer gala was held on Saturday 24th June and was a very well attended and successful event raising £1,808.42 for church funds which was a similar fantastic amount to last year.

There was a incredible team of people there from early in the morning to help set up all the gazebos and stalls, and again at the end of the day to clear everything away and tidy up.

The church was very pleased to invite Councillor Matthew Morley to open the gala in recognition of all the work he does for the church and the local community, and he was very happy to be asked. Thanks also to the Stanley Starlights Majorettes who as always put on a superb display in the arena, impressing everyone with their dance routines and energy. We were also delighted to welcome the Roche Black Belt academy who put on a demonstration of their martial arts skills. We were also treated to a demonstration of Argentine Tango and some brave members of the audience volunteered to join in!


Thank you also to all the stallholders who worked so hard to prepare their stalls. There were lots of stalls to visit: tombola, cakes, books, toys, bric-a-brac, jewellery, handbags, children's tombola, bottle tombola, sweets, plants, and face painting. There were also several children's activities and games including hook a duck, splat the rat, coconut shy, and colouring table.

For refreshments there were hotdogs and drinks, ice creams and delicious cream teas. Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard in the kitchen to serve the refreshments. Thanks also to everyone who donated prizes for the Grand Raffle, including Xscape, Kev's Fish & Chip shop, Wakefield Theatre Royal, Treasure Trails, and Costa coffee. Other prizes were a cash prize of £60, a food hamper, giant cupcake, wine, whiskey, a tea & coffee hamper, and toiletries. All prizes have now been claimed.



We were very fortunate with the weather: it was a breezy day and cool at times, but it was dry and there was some sunshine! However, the gala wouldn't have been such a success without everyone who helped organise it and who supported it so generously.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel:

- The next Coffee Afternoons at Mount Road chapel will be on Wednesday 5th July and 2nd August from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. 
- There will be a Jumble Sale at the chapel on Wednesday 28th June from 1.30pm with cake stall and refreshments. Any donations of jumble would be gratefully received—please bring them to the chapel. Last month's jumble sale raised £100 for chapel funds: thank you to everyone who supported this event.

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 13th July 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.

Church coffee mornings—*now being held at the church*

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning at Stanley Community Centre; it raised £212. The next coffee mornings will be on Saturday 8th July and Saturday 12th August from 10am-12pm. However please note that these and all future coffee mornings will be taking place at St Peter's church on Lake Lock Road.

It's not all bad news as we still plan to hold all the usual great stalls including refreshments, bacon butties, cakes, raffle, jigsaws and more. Moving to a different location will hopefully also give us the opportunity to try out a few new things so hopefully they will continue to be a success and provide somewhere for people from the community to meet and chat. Please come along and support our coffee mornings in its new location! You can be assured of a very warm welcome and a very pleasant morning.



Stanley Community Singers

Summer Concert

with special guest performers

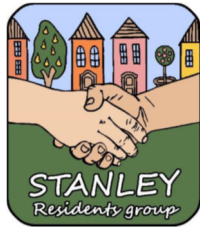
Sunday 2nd July, 4pm, at St Peter's Church

Tickets available on the door; also with a raffle, and the concert will be followed by refreshments

The concert is in aid of the Stanley Community Singers but a donation will also be made to a local charity

The Stanley Community Singers meet at St Peter's Church every Monday (in term-time), 1pm—2:30pm. No previous experience required, just a love of singing! 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



Stanley Gala

Sunday 13th August 2017
12 noon—5pm, on Lime Pit Lane field

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From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

Adrian Adams 20 June 2017

Baptisms

Toby Andrew James Rayner 4 June 2017

Joey John Beasley 4 June 2017



St Peter's church Senior Citizens' Lunch Club



Every Tuesday, 10am—2pm

- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day e.g. films, talks, crafts, games, cake decorating, to name just a few!
- 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.

The story behind the hymn: “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!*



The author of these words, William Whiting, was an Anglican clergyman in Winchester, which is hardly a seaside town. Yet Whiting had not only grown up by the sea, but had nearly died in it. As a young man, he was once on ship which was caught in a violent storm. He felt certain that it was God who saved the ship from sinking that night.

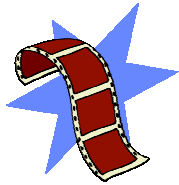
Some years later, as headmaster of the Winchester College Choristers' School, Whiting was approached by a student in distress. The student was due to sail to the USA, and was simply terrified at the thought of 3000 miles of ocean. To try and reassure them, Whiting shared his experience by writing this poem, basing the description of the power and fury of the sea on Psalm 107.

It is not known if the poem helped the nervous student or not, but within a year it had become a hymn, and sailed into the influential first edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern of 1861.

Another Anglican clergyman, John B Dykes, wrote the music. He was already a successful composer, with 300 hymns to his name. Dykes named this tune 'Melita', after an old name for Malta, where St Paul was once shipwrecked.

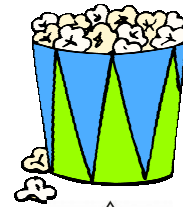
The hymn soon became a favourite with the Royal Navy and the United States Navy. Other Services adapted it, including the Royal Marines, the Royal Air Force, the British Army, and the United States Coast Guard. Above all, it became known as the Royal Navy Hymn.

It was also the favourite hymn of President Franklin Roosevelt, who was Secretary of the Navy during WW2. In 1963 'Eternal Father' was played by the Navy Band as President John F. Kennedy's body was carried up the steps of the U.S Capitol to lie in state (Kennedy had been a PT boat commander in WW2). More recently, 'Eternal Father' made an appearance in the Hollywood blockbuster 'Titanic', and is often chosen by ship's chaplains for use in civilian services at sea.



St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 14th July 7:30pm

'Lion' (2017)



Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train travelling away from his home and family. Frightened and bewildered, he ends up thousands of miles away in chaotic Kolkata. He survives on the streets, escaping all sorts of terrors and close calls, before ending up in an orphanage which is hardly a safe haven either. He is adopted by an Australian couple, and finds love and security as he grows up in Hobart. Not wanting to hurt his adoptive parents feelings, he suppresses his past and his hope of ever finding his lost mother and brother. But a chance meeting with some fellow Indians reawakens his buried yearning. With just a small store of memories and his unwavering determination, Saroo embarks on one of the greatest needle-in-a-haystack quests of modern times. Based on a true story and starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman this is a breath-taking, beautiful and totally engrossing film.

Friday evening, 11th August 7:30pm

'First Do No Harm' (2006)



Meryl Streep stars as Laura Reimuller, whose son Robbie begins suffering from epileptic fits. As the fits worsen, doctors test various dangerous drugs on Robbie, who becomes disruptive and mentally retarded. Laura conducts her own research, and discovers a special diet which may cure her son. She has to take on the medical establishment and battle for Robbie's right to try out the miracle cure. There are some excellent performances—not least from Seth Adkins who plays Robbie—in this thought-provoking film which raises questions about the inadequacies and dangers of some medical treatments.

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: Wednesday 27th September 7pm-9pm

With a demonstration by artist Miriam Laville.

Note that meetings are now taking place on Wednesdays

Jane Austen – 200 years since her death

Jane Austen, a brilliant, quintessentially English novelist much loved for her irony, social realism and criticism of the upper classes, died 200 years ago this month, on 18th July 1817. She was almost unknown in her lifetime, having published books like *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Mansfield Park* anonymously.

She was also a Christian (and the daughter of a rector) but did not wear her heart on her sleeve. A reticent Anglican, she wrote early on that she “did not like the Evangelicals” but later felt that those who were Evangelicals “from reason and feeling must be happiest and safest”. Her novel *Mansfield Park* tackles a theme dear to the heart of many late 18th century Evangelicals—the abolition of the slave trade.



Throughout her writing her main characters are transformed by love, an idea of course central to Christianity. Her faith may not call attention to itself in her novels, but it is everywhere in her work. One critic wrote: “The stories are subversive and work like Jesus' parables. The humour and the ironic insight into human sin get under your skin.”

An image of Jane Austen will appear on the new polymer £10 note, to be released in September.

The less you move, the more you age

Older people who spend most of their time sitting down age significantly quicker than those who are more active.

To add some detail to that: if you sit for 10 hours or more a day, and do less than 40 minutes of moderate physical activity, then you will end up with a body of a person eight years older than your real age. You may have shortened telomeres, the tiny caps found on the ends of strands of DNA which protect chromosomes and which are associated with faster ageing.

Experts from Age UK are therefore urging older people to make sure that they stand up and walk around every 20 minutes, if at all possible. Government advice recommends 150 minutes of moderate aerobic exercise a week for older people.



UK Active urges: “With health and social care budgets stretched to the limit, it’s time to end our love affair with the chair, and get people moving again. It’s never too late to get active, and simple things at home, such as carrying the groceries, climbing more stairs and pottering around the garden can play a huge role in staying healthy and independent. Keeping active is the surest way to look after our physical, mental and social health, adding life to our years and years to our life.”

How far do you live from where you were born?

Where were you born? And how far away is that place from where you now live? The average distance seems to be up to about 100 miles. If that does not seem far, consider this: only 25 years ago most British people tended to live within five miles from where they had been born.



Recent research by the genealogical website Ancestry has found that exactly half of us still live in the place where we were born, and half of us move on. 70 per cent of people who move away from their birthplace are sure that they will not return, and just 14 per cent ever plan to go back.

New Lambeth library

Lambeth Palace is to build a nine-story tower in order to house the biggest collection of religious works outside the Vatican. The new library will stand at the far perimeter of the grounds.

Lambeth Palace has been the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury for nearly 800 years and stands on the south bank of the River Thames, 400 yards south-east of the Houses of Parliament on the opposite bank. The first library at Lambeth Palace was founded in 1610. The construction of the new one will begin next year, and will hopefully be finished in 2020. It will be the first new construction on the site for 180 years.

The existing library contains over 120,000 books as well as the archives of the Archbishops of Canterbury and other church bodies dating back to the 12th century. Highlights of the collection include a Gutenberg Bible and rare illuminated texts such as the Lambeth Bible, Lambeth Choirbook and the Mac Durnan Gospels which is an early mediaeval Irish manuscript of the four gospels.

Holy Trinity Church, Hull

England's largest parish church has recently been made a minster. Holy Trinity faced closure in 2009, but was transformed by a £4.5million development project, and the energy and commitment of its congregation, which has tripled. The 700 year-old church was founded by Edward I, and is as old as the city. William Wilberforce, who was born in Hull in 1759 and who led the parliamentary campaign against the slave trade, was baptised in Holy Trinity church.





Argentine Tango

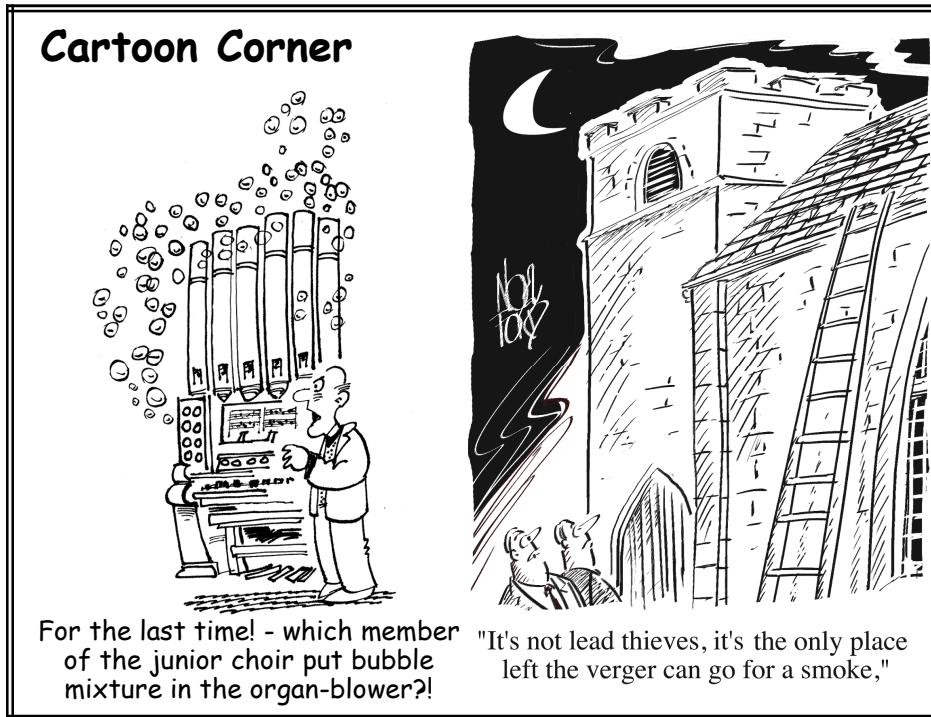
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Have a break this summer, not a break-in!

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- Cancel the milk and newspapers.
- Consider leaving any valuables (jewellery etc) with family or friends.
- Cut the lawn before you go.
- Ask a neighbour to make sure no post is sticking out of the front door.
- Lock your garage and shed; make sure no tools or ladders are left out.
- Make sure your house building and contents insurance is up to date.
- Try to leave your home looking as if it is still occupied.
- Consider using automatic timer switches for lights.
- Ask a neighbour to park their car on your drive occasionally.
- Don't write your home address on your luggage labels – just a phone number will do.
- Before you leave, spend a few minutes calmly rechecking everything, and turn on the burglar alarm.



Prayers for this month

Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning

Mary and Martha cried out to the Lord,
Distressed that Lazarus their brother had died,
Jesus wept as He went to the tomb,
Calling Lazarus forth, though dead he revived.

Looking over the city Jesus wept,
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, city of God,
The day of their visitation had passed,
And sadly the city knew him not.

Mary wept as she looked for her Lord,
'Why are you weeping?' the angel said,
'The tomb is empty He is not here,
The one you seek has been raised from the dead'.

A day will dawn when time will end,
With no more weeping or death or sorrow,
For God will wipe all tears from our eyes,
It's with joy that we wait for that glad tomorrow.
By Megan Carter

Prayer along the Way

Father, we have so many questions. Life is sometimes difficult and we can't see our way. Thank you for Jesus who told us He is the Way. It doesn't matter if we don't always understand as long as we are on your special Way – in relationship with you through your precious Son, who died on the cross to make that possible. Help us to join the Way by putting our trust in what Jesus has done.

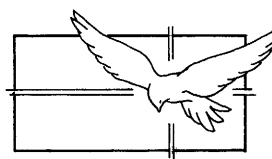
Help us to make it easy for others to find the Way – to find Jesus. Please give us revelation to know the right words to use and the right actions to take to draw people to you.

We ask in Jesus name and for your glory alone, Amen.
By Daphne Kitching



Daily Strength

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



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