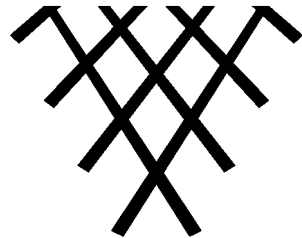




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The Minister writes:

On 27th September this year the United Benefice of Outwood, Stanley and Wrenthorpe officially came into being. The Revd Dr Joanne Kershaw was licenced as assistant priest at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe and Revd. Jonathan Bish was licenced as priest in charge at St Mary Magdalene Outwood. As Incumbent of Stanley, I then became the Priest in charge of the Benefice.

This means that we have greater opportunities to work together across the parishes and we have the chance now to work out what this means in practice. So far our discussions have come up with some clear desires. We value the different styles of worship in each church and would like each one to maintain its distinctiveness especially on Sunday mornings. We are inviting people from each parish to join in with some joint services. On the third Sunday of each month there is a reflection service at Wrenthorpe starting at 6:30pm; this has been going for some time and will continue. On the first Sunday of October and each alternate month following there will be a prayer and praise service at Stanley. On the first Sunday of November and alternate months there will be a service at Outwood using music and images to help our worship. So far these have included the music of Simon and Garfunkel and Leonard Cohen. All the services will start at 6:30pm and I would like to invite you to come and see.

We also want to work together and encourage each other in other areas; working with children and young people, men's groups and many others. We would also like to share more in our social events: there has been much interest in our wine tasting evenings and Ceilidh, to say nothing of the pantomime. You will see elsewhere that tickets will be available soon. There is a rumour that Cinderella's step sisters are particularly ugly this year! We are also planning a joint confirmation service at Outwood in December; if you might be interested or know anyone who might be, please let me know.

Last month I wrote about the mystery of finding God in the midst of suffering. The natural disasters and man-made conflicts continue to shake the world in which we live. As we celebrate Harvest and the bounty that the earth provides when properly cared for, let us continue to give thanks to our loving God and be generous to our neighbours.

Rev Bill Henderson

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Monday 6pm Prayers

Wednesday 9.30 am Holy Communion

6pm Prayers

Thursday 9:15 am Children's Ark

Other Christian Worship

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DATES FOR OCTOBER

Tues 3rd Oct 10am—2pm	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p11 for details.
Weds 4th Oct 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel in aid of Macmillan. See p10 for details.
Sun 8th Oct 10am	<u>Harvest Festival and Parade service</u> at St Peter's church. Please join us.
Tues 10th Oct 12pm-2pm	<u>Community Harvest lunch</u> at St Peter's church, all welcome to this free lunch.
Fri 13th Oct 7.30pm	<u>Film Club—'Three and Out'</u> : comedy starring Mackenzie Crook and Gemma Arterton, p14.
Sat 14th Oct 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> : now at St Peter's church but with all the usual great stalls. See page 12.
Weds 18th Oct 1.30pm	<u>Jumble Sale</u> at Mount Road Chapel in aid of Take Heart charity. See page 10 for details.
Wed 18th Oct 7.30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
Weds 25th Oct 7pm—9pm	<u>West Riding Watercolour Society & Art Group</u> with a painting demonstration. See page 14.
Sun 29th Oct 10am	<u>Joint service with local Methodists</u> : a joint morning service at St Peter's church.
Sun 5th Nov 4pm	<u>Memorial service</u> for anyone suffering bereavement. See page 12 for details.
Sun 12th Nov 10am	<u>Remembrance Sunday parade service</u> with the uniformed organisations.
Sat 18th Nov 10am-12.30pm	<u>Autumn Fair</u> at St Peter's church with lots and lots of great stalls and refreshments.

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 11.30am 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.

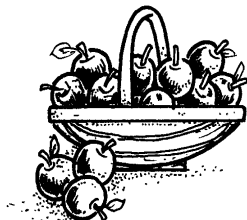
Code Club: Learn how to make your own computer games and animations at Code Club, every Thursday from 3.30pm—6pm.

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: The community centre rooms are available to hire from Stanley Nursery.

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



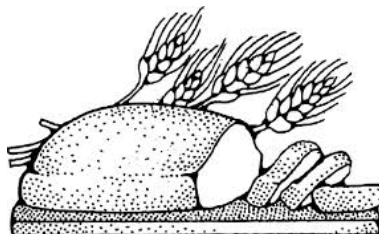
St Peter's Harvest Festival Service

The Harvest Festival Family Parade service will be held on Sunday 8th October at 10am at St Peter's Church and will be attended by the uniformed groups. Everyone is invited to bring a harvest gift: for example fresh fruit or vegetables, dried or tinned food. The fresh food will be used in the community harvest lunch on 10th October, and the remaining food will be shared between St Catherine's church food bank, and our café at St Peter's church. Come and join us for the Harvest festival service as we give thanks for God's many gifts to us all.

Harvest Lunch at St Peter's Church

Tuesday 10th October, 12pm—2pm

Everyone, young and old, is warmly invited to St Peter's Church on Tuesday 10th October for a Harvest Lunch prepared by church members and the Community Café. The meal will include a hot home-cooked meal, followed by a fruit pudding, and tea and coffee. As in previous years, the tables will be set out very nicely in the hall and the children of St Peter's school will be coming along to sing. The lunch is free of charge, although donations can be made if wished.



DON'T FORGET!!

**It's that time of year when the evenings are getting darker and the nights are getting longer!
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour
on Sunday 29th October.**

Mount Road Methodist Chapel:

- There will be a Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Wednesday 4th October from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and various stalls.
- There will be a Jumble Sale at the chapel on Wednesday 18th October from 1.30pm. This event is being held in memory of the late Joan Gibson and is in aid of the Take Heart charity which is based at the Yorkshire Heart Centre at the LGI.
- There will be no morning service on Sunday 29th October; instead there is a Joint service at St Peter's church at 10am with Rev Bill Henderson and Rev Barry Owen.



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 next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on Thursday 9th November at 6pm at St Peter's Church.

Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.



Prayer Meetings: Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm

Rev Bill Henderson is available for prayer every Monday and Wednesday at the church from 6pm—6.30pm. Call in at either 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.

The Pantomime is coming....

Rehearsals are underway for this year's church pantomime: 'Cinderella'. It's not too late to get involved—we still need singers for the singing group and help with props and scenery. Rehearsals are every Monday at St Peter's church from 7pm-9pm.



There will be the usual terrible jokes, cross-dressing characters, fantastic costumes, props and scenery and toe-tapping music. From humble beginnings, the pantomimes are now hugely successful and very well received, with over 500 tickets sold each year and a fantastic reception from the audience.

This year's pantomime will run from Sunday 26th November to Saturday 2nd December at St Peter's Church. There will be two matinees; at 3pm on Sunday 26th November and on Saturday 2nd December, and evening performances at 7.15pm on Monday 27th November, Tuesday 28th November, Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December and Saturday 2nd December. Tickets will cost £6 for adults, £4 for children and £18 for a family ticket and will be on sale very soon. Please contact St Peter's church office for tickets: telephone 01924 835746 or email churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk.

 **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.

St Peter's Church Autumn Fair

Saturday 18th November 2017, 10am—12.30pm
at St Peter's church, Lake Lock Road, Stanley.

With lots of stalls and refreshments:

Cakes, bottle tombola, greetings cards, toys,
bric-a-brac, books, raffle and much, much more!

Full details next month

Church coffee mornings—a thank you

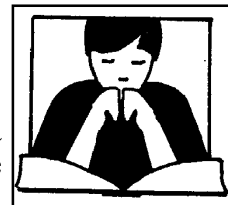
Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning at St Peter's church; it raised £178.65. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 14th October from 10am-12pm with all the usual great stalls including refreshments, bacon butties, cakes, raffle, jigsaws and more. Please come along and support our coffee mornings in its new location! You can be assured of a very warm welcome and a very pleasant morning.



Please note that there won't be a coffee morning in November because of the Autumn Fair being held the week after, on 18th November... see above.....

Memorial Service ***Sunday 5th November, 4pm***

On Sunday 5th November 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. An invitation is not required for this service, please just come along.

THE WAY I SEE IT: Well, why Do the Nations?

Canon David Winter considers worldwide unrest...

“Why do the nations so furiously rage together?” we used to sing from Psalm 2. We’ve just had a summer of international discontent, war-like words shouted across the oceans, accompanied by blood-curdling threats of fire and fury ‘such as the world has never seen’. So the question is eternally relevant: Why do nations threaten, rage and conspire? What is it in human nature that makes people who would actually prefer to live in peace act in warlike ways? The psalm, having posed the question, offers us an answer, but it is in the context of Israel 3000 years ago rather than the present world. The nations were conspiring against God’s chosen nation, so watch out!



The truth is that fear of ‘the other’ usually lies behind national anger and threats. We do not trust those strange people over there, so we will conspire or rage to stop their supposed threat to us. Fear and ignorance generally lie behind international disputes, just as they often do in domestic or personal ones. Reverence for God (‘fear’ of him) is the psalmist’s answer, and probably those who truly believe that ‘our times are in his hand’ will find it easier to replace fear and anger with prayer and trust.

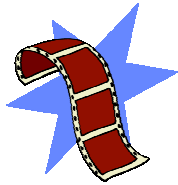
That’s not a diplomatic or political answer to a real military threat, of course. But perhaps understanding other people’s fears may help us to find a solution to our own.



William Tyndale: Bible translator and martyr

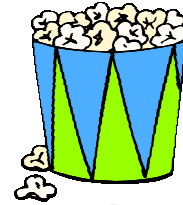
William Tyndale was born 523 years ago this month, on 6th October 1494. He was born near Gloucester, studied at Oxford and Cambridge, could speak seven languages, and was proficient in ancient Hebrew and Greek. His life’s passion was to translate the Bible so that English men and women could read it for themselves. His translation of the Bible was the first to be published in English, and the first to take advantage of the new printing presses.

However, it also cost him his life; his work was seen as a direct challenge to the Roman Catholic Church and he was executed in Brussels in 1535. However, just two years later, King Henry authorised the Great Bible for the Church of England, which relied largely on Tyndale’s work.



St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 13th October 7:30pm

'Three and Out' (2008)



Paul Callow (Mackenzie Crook) is fed up with city life and driving trains and when two people fall under his train in as many weeks, he really has had enough! Then he hears the 'three and out' rule: three fatal accidents in a month qualifies you for early retirement with 10 years salary... lump sum! Paul suddenly sees a way of clearing his debts and escaping to a better life—all he has to do is find a willing victim. Down and out Tommy Cassidy (Colm Meaney) is willing to help Paul by being his third fatality, but not before he ties up a few loose ends with his ex-wife (Imelda Staunton) and daughter (Gemma Arterton). Over the course of the weekend, relationships between all four are changed forever but when Monday morning arrives, Paul and Tommy are confronted with the harsh reality of the deal they struck. Surely they won't go through with it. Or will they?

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 25th October 7pm-9pm

*With a general painting evening;
tuition for beginners available*

Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community Singers meet every Monday (term-time only) at St Peter's Church, 1pm—2pm, with time afterwards for refreshments and chat. Cost per session = £2.50

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 and make some new friends and enjoy a good sing!

**The Stanley Singers' Christmas concert will be on
Sunday 10th December at 3pm at St Peter's Church**

Friends of Stanley Library group

Stanley Library is looking to set up a Friends group. This would be a voluntary group of people who share the same passion and enthusiasm for supporting the library as a vital part of our community. The group, supported by library staff, would form a committee of officers, that would include a chair, secretary and treasurer.

The library already runs children's activities, craft clubs, various courses and interest groups. The aim of the Friends of Group would be to raise the profile of the library in our community by planning and delivering fund-raising, promotional and exciting events.

If you would like to join the Friends of Group, please see Chris Williams (Library Supervisor) or any library staff, or contact the library on 01924 303130 or email chriswilliams@wakefield.gov.uk.

Monday Bingo at Stanley library

The bingo group that meets at Stanley library every Monday from about 1.30pm would like to welcome new members of all ages. Come and join this friendly group for an afternoon of fun. Tea and coffee is available, and there is also a raffle. Please join us!



The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Paul Hardingham considers why the Reformation was so important...

October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signaling the start of the Protestant Reformation. He was protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: ‘You can’t buy God’s friendship!’



Luther rediscovered the truths of God’s grace: ‘For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’ (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and his acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the church of Luther’s day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: ‘Here I stand; I can do no other!’

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!

The Bible in 50 words: Bible Sunday is on 29th October. You may like this fun way to sum up the Bible....

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split

Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked

Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided

Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peaked
Prophets warned

Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified

Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread

God remained. *Anon*

A heart of compassion

By Dave Brannon, writing in 'The Bible in One Year'

Seven of us were attending a musical production at a crowded amusement park. Wanting to sit together, we tried to squeeze into one row. But as we did, a woman rushed between us. My wife mentioned to her that we wanted to stay together, but the woman quickly said, “Too bad”, as she and her two companions pushed on into the row.

As three of us sat one row behind the other four, my wife, Sue, noticed that the woman had an adult with her who appeared to have special needs. She had been trying to keep her little group together so she could take care of her friend. Suddenly our irritation faded. Sue said, “Imagine how tough things are for her in a crowded place like this.” Yes, perhaps the woman did respond rudely. But we could respond with compassion rather than anger.

Wherever we go, we will encounter people who need compassion. Perhaps these words from the apostle Paul can help us view everyone around us in a different light—as people who need the gentle touch of grace. “As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” (Colossians 3:12). He also suggests that we “bear with each other and forgive one another” (v13).

As we show compassion, we will be pointing others to the One who poured out His heart of grace and compassion on us.

Compassion is understanding the troubles of others.

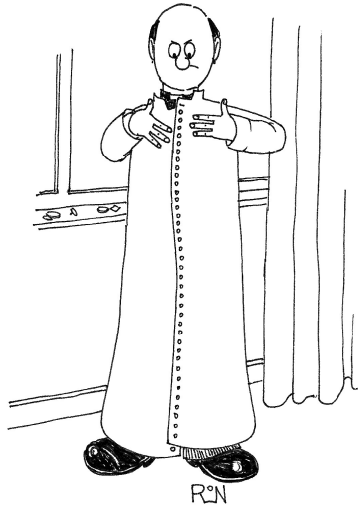
Rapid response of chaplains to Hurricane Harvey

Following Hurricane Harvey a few weeks ago, 250 ‘rapid response’ chaplains were sent by the relief organisation Samaritan’s Purse to minister to the victims of the record-breaking floods around Houston. The crisis-trained chaplains provided emotional and spiritual care to people reeling from fear and loss at some of the hardest-hit locations.



Now Samaritan’s Purse has called on Christians to continue to pray for the victims as they face a desolate autumn, for the Texas National Guard, the military, law enforcement, and local leaders who are working so hard to help in the aftermath of this crisis. It will take months, and even years, to recover from the floods.

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as he did up each button



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Prayers for October

500 years ago this month, on the 31st October 1517, Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Thesis on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg:

The Reformation

The light had dawned, now Luther saw
That all his works would count for nought,
Indulgencies could never sway God
Or make him fit for Heaven's court.

Such realisation changed his life,
And Martin now saw things anew,
It's only by grace he could be saved
And not by anything he could do.

It was the Son's redeeming death
That paid the price for sin in full,
Not by works that any should boast,
And not by any Papal bull.

Such is the wonder of salvation
When the Father from above,
Poured out His peace and grace upon us
And kissed our guilty world in love.
By Megan Carter



Thank you prayer

Father, you are almighty and all powerful. You created the universe and yet you love and care for each one of us. Thank you. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent your precious Son Jesus to save us when we couldn't save ourselves. Thank you for offering life forever with you to all who trust in Jesus and what He did on the cross. Thank you for today. Help us to use it to reflect your love to others.
In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Love

When we don't know
what to do,
when we don't know
where to turn,
how to deal with that
situation,
how to manage that
difficult person,
Jesus says,

*LOVE, love, love.
Receive my love.
Know my reality in your
heart,
then reach out and love.
Love God, love others,
love yourself
and everything will change.*

Jesus says love will do it.
Believe Him!
By Daphne Kitching

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Church Office	Eleanor Plant (Church Administrator)	835746
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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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