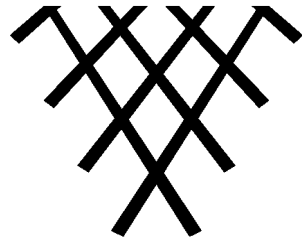




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The Minister writes:

I began the February 2017 magazine wishing everyone a happy New Year and welcoming Jo and Jonathan to Outwood and Wrenthorpe. I begin this one preparing to say goodbye.

We arrived as a young fresh faced family in 1993, little knowing that we would still be here 24 very special years later. Seen here with Viv's godmother at my induction. In this time I have been involved in marrying 338 couples, baptising 677 children and adults and commending 1188 souls to God's love at funerals. It has been such a privilege to be involved with so many families at such significant times. I also have been doing school assemblies (or collective worship as it is now known) at St Peter's school most weeks over this time. With many other contacts it is remarkable how many people I have got to know, though do excuse me if I forget a name.

One of the things I have enjoyed the most is our 'Just Looking' groups, when we have got together to discuss our faith and seen many people discover the reality of a living faith in Christ.

We have seen the life of the church grow from mainly Sunday worship, to a full programme throughout the week serving the community in all sorts of ways. I am so grateful for the team that has made this possible.

One of the most difficult things was coming to the decision that the old church was no longer the place to worship, and I know this has been painful for many. I do believe that we have been following God's will in this and indeed the present building is what has made our full life possible. The life of the church will go on in the benefice, so please look out for things to join in with. We are planning to use the same material for our Lent groups in each parish, to encourage some mixing and enable people to get to know each other across the villages.

God Bless you all.

Rev Bill Henderson



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Wednesday 9.30 am Holy Communion

6pm Prayers

Thursday 9:15 am Children's Ark

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DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Sat 3rd Feb 9am—4pm	<u>Prayer day</u> : open to all, to pray for Bill and Viv in their retirement, and for our church.
Sun 4th Feb 6.30pm	<u>Holy Space</u> : a relaxed and informal evening service at St Peter's.
Tues 6th Feb 10am—2pm	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p16 for details.
Weds 7th Feb 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel. See p10 for details.
Wed 7th Feb 7.30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
Fri 9th Feb 7.30pm	<u>Film Club—'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels'</u> starring Steve Martin and Michael Caine; see page 14.
Sat 10th Feb 10.30am-12.30	<u>Coffee morning</u> at St Peter's church with lots of great stalls and refreshments, page 11.
Mon 12th Feb 7pm—9pm	<u>West Riding Watercolour society and art group</u> See page 14 for more information.
Weds 14th Feb 7.30pm	<u>Ash Wednesday service</u> at St Peter's. A joint service with Mount Road Methodist church.
Weds 21st Feb 1.30pm	<u>Jumble Sale at Mount Road chapel</u> : see page 10 for details.
Sun 4th March 10am	<u>Bill's final service at St Peter's</u> before his retirement. See page 12 for details.
Sun 4th March 1pm—4pm	<u>Farewell to Bill and Viv</u> : tea and cake drop-in afternoon; all welcome.
Sun 11th March	<u>Mothering Sunday family and parade service</u> : all welcome.
Sat 24th March 10am—12.30pm	<u>Spring Fair</u> at the church with various stalls and refreshments. More details next month.

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.

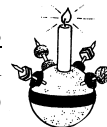
Community Centre rooms: The community centre rooms are available to hire from Stanley Nursery.

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


Thank you for your generosity

During 2017, 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 2017, with the support of the congregation and community:

- St Peter's church continues to support various projects in the Mara region of northern Tanzania. £500 was given to support the purchase of a biofilter, and £150 was given to our link parish of Sakawa, partly to help them purchase maize following a serious drought.
- The church has given a total of £1,200 during the year to The Cross Project, which runs lunch clubs, religious education lessons and after-school activities in local secondary schools.
- £1,000 was sent to Tearfund to help with their disaster relief around the world. This money was given in response to their Christmas appeal which is being matched by the Government; every pound raised will be doubled by the UK Government.
- The annual wine tasting night at St Peter's raised an incredible £342 which was donated to local charity Levi's Star. Each year, the church chooses a charity to receive the proceeds of the raffle and auction which are held on the night.
- The Stanley Community Singers held a wonderful Christmas Concert on 10th December 2017 and raised £410. The singing group has donated £200 of this money to Wakefield Hospice. The church raised a further £32 for the hospice through the 'share a Christmas card' scheme.
- The St Nicholas Day Service on 3rd December 2017 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 recently on 14th January and raised approximately £100 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.



Mount Road Methodist Chapel news

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 7th February from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. Everyone welcome. 
- There will be a Jumble Sale at the chapel on Wednesday, 21st February from 1.30pm with cakes and other stalls.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas brass band event before Christmas; it was well attended and the voluntary collection has been shared between St Gemma's hospice and the Action for Children charity.

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.

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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.

Moorhouse Community Action Group

The Moorhouse Community Action Group meets every two months. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th March at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals


Mabel Pine	4th December 2017
Margaret Ellis	27th December 2017
Elsie Frost	28th December 2017
Brian Wright	28th December 2017
Hilary Donaldson	17th January 2018

Weddings

Ann Brickwood & Michael Hughes	6th January 2018
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Pray for South Sudan: South Sudan recently marked four years of a devastating war that has left two-thirds of the population in need of aid. The UN recently warned that more than 1.9 million people in the country are displaced, with 1.2 million ‘just one step away from famine’. The UK Government has recently announced an additional £52 million in aid for South Sudanese communities affected by the conflict. But as well as food and aid, progress towards sustainable peace is desperately needed.

2018 Coffee Morning dates

Thank you everyone who supported the last two coffee mornings: on 9th December 2017 £210 was raised, and on 13th January 2018 £222 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 10th February at St Peter’s church from 10.30am—12.30pm with lots of great stalls: cakes, raffle, jigsaws, tombola, and refreshments including delicious bacon butties. 

The coffee mornings dates for the rest of the year are shown below: they will take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month at St Peter’s church, and note that we are trialling a slightly later start and end time: 10.30am—12.30pm. Please join us!

13th January	14 April	14 July	13 October
10 February	12 May	11 August	10 November
10 March	9 June	8 September	8 December

Saying goodbye to Bill and Viv—*Sunday 4th March*

As Rev Bill Henderson has written in his letter on page 3 of this magazine, we will shortly have to say thankyou and farewell to him and Viv, after nearly 25 years of dedication and commitment to our parish of Stanley. Many of us will have been helped enormously over the years by their kindness and wisdom, and we will all miss them greatly.

Bill's last service at St Peter's will be at 10am on Sunday 4th March. Everyone is invited to this service and to a bring and share lunch which will follow the service.

For those unable to come to the service, from 1pm—4pm on Sunday 4th March there will be a tea and cake drop-in—call in at anytime during the afternoon for tea, coffee and some cake.

These are both opportunities to say farewell to Bill and to Viv; to share memories and to give thanks for all they have done for us.

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All services and activities at St Peter's church will continue unchanged after Bill's retirement, and services will be led by our assistant minister Rev David Teece, and Readers Vicky Wilson and David Greenwood-Haigh.

St Peter's will begin a period known as 'interregnum' which means that the church will be without a priest in charge. However, the process to appoint a new vicar will start immediately, and the PCC will shortly be preparing all the information needed to advertise the post.

This process will be done in conjunction with the other churches in our United Benefice: St Mary Magdalene in Outwood and St Anne's in Wrenthorpe, as the new vicar will take over Bill's role as Lead Vicar for the United Benefice, as well as being the priest in charge of Stanley.

It is not clear how long the process to appoint a new vicar will take, but we will continue to give you updates where appropriate in the parish magazine and on our Facebook page.

We have a huge amount to offer a new vicar at St Peter's and in Stanley: a supportive community and many exciting things going on. And the fact that we have such a warm and welcoming church to offer a new vicar is testament to the character and inspiration of Bill and Viv.



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.

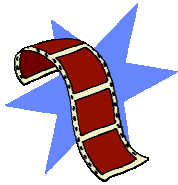
The Ash Wednesday service at St Peter's will take place on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm. This is a joint service with Mount Road Methodist chapel and the speaker will be Rev Barry Owen. All are welcome.



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.

The United Benefice of Stanley, Outwood and Wrenthorpe will be organising some small groups to meet during Lent, and all will be following the same 5 week programme of Bible study, starting during the week commencing 20th February.

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.



St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 9th February 7:30pm

'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' (1988)



When small-time con-artist Freddy Benson (Steve Martin) invades the lucrative Riviera turf of old pro Lawrence Jamieson (Michael Caine), the latter agrees to take him on and tutor him in the methods of fleecing wealthy widows. However, it is not long before Freddy is chafing at the second fiddle role imposed on him by Lawrence, and when a beautiful American heiress (Glenn Headly) arrives in town, the duelling scamsters agree to a contest; whoever gets their hands on her money first forces the loser to leave town for good... The pairing of Caine and Martin was seen as a dream ticket, and even when viewed many years later, it is obvious that the casting was perfect, and they are both on superb form. All round, it's a stylish, charming, witty film.

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 12th February 7pm-9pm

....with a general painting evening. Bring whatever you're working on at the moment.

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

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Lenten Valentines—by Rev Paul Hardingham

This year, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day share the same date! It seems an odd mix, yet there is an obvious link: love! Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, is about learning how to love God more, as we give Him space in our lives.

Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit where He was tempted by Satan, but demonstrated the path of real love. Jesus is tempted to turn stones into bread. Love gets to the heart of human need, not just satisfying physical desires. Satan tempts Jesus to worship him. However, worshipping God is the beginning of love and results in sacrificial service to meet the needs of others. Finally, Jesus is tempted to put God to the test, by jumping off the Temple. Only real love can change hearts by practical love and care.

Lent teaches us how to live out the love of God in practice, as we follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

Valentine was Christ's follower, committed to sharing God's love with others. We know little about him, except that he was a priest who lived in the 3rd Century AD and was martyred on February 14th. He also helped Christians in Rome during times of persecution and demonstrated the importance of showing real love in action



'What, do you wish to know your Lord's meaning in this thing? Know it well, love was his meaning.' (Julian of Norwich)



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!

We have various activities planned for the next month or so. Bill Henderson will be coming to talk to the group on Tuesday 20th February before his retirement, and we will have a food activity on Tuesday 27th February. We also have some activities planned for Chinese new year and in the run-up to Easter.

Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.



Red Noses? No Laughing Matter

Thirty years ago this month, on 5th February 1988, Britain experienced its first Red Nose Day. 'Comic Relief', an American idea, had crossed the Atlantic in a uniquely British form. Suddenly red noses were everywhere. Lenny Henry and comedy script-writer Richard Curtis were its first pioneers, using the basic principle that poverty, exploitation and famine are not funny, but well-known funny people could help those who were their victims. The first Comic Relief drew an audience of 13 million and raised five million pounds. Once again, this month the red noses will appear – at school, at work, and in shops: visible, bizarre reminder that all the world is not happy, but our laughter is that of sympathy, not ridicule. Next year the total raised by Comic Relief should pass a hundred million pounds, and that's no laughing matter.

The BBC to increase coverage of religion

The BBC has recently pledged to 'raise our game' on religion by increasing the portrayal of all faiths in mainstream shows. The corporation said it would 'enhance' the representation of religion on TV and radio dramas and documentaries. It said it would also create a new global religious affairs team, headed by a religion editor, in BBC News. The BBC will also keep Thought For The Day on Radio 4's Today programme.

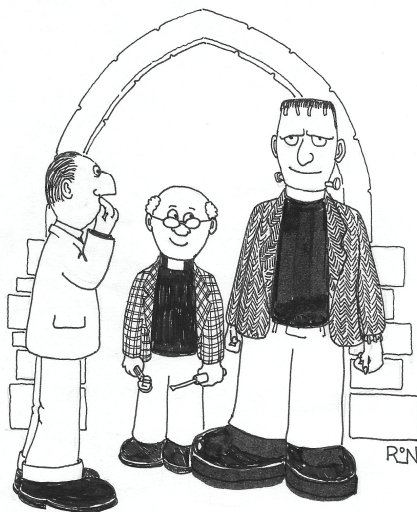


The corporation recently published the conclusions of a review into its coverage of religion and ethics, and Director General Tony Hall said audiences of all faiths and none have said they want to learn more about those topics: 'They recognise that, if we truly want to make sense of the world, we need to understand the systems of belief that underpin it,' he said. He added that he wants the corporation 'to do more about Christianity and other beliefs as well.'

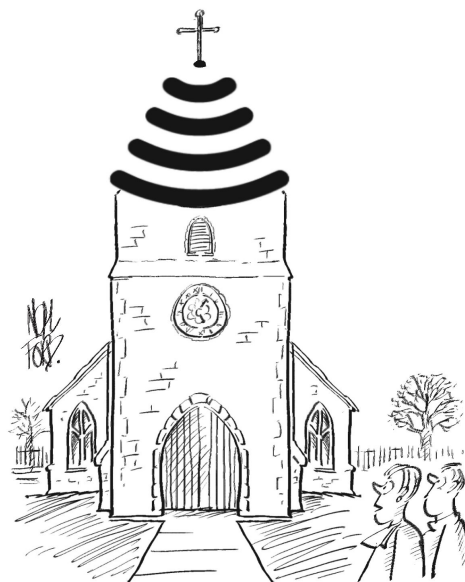
- There will be more about non-Christian festivals like Diwali, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Ramadan and Eid on mainstream programmes like The One Show, The Chris Evans Breakfast Show and Newsround.
- There will be landmark programmes to 'explore religion in all its forms', including a major TV series about the world's sacred sites, a Radio 4 series on morality in the 21st Century, and a Radio 2 initiative to encourage young people to discuss issues about peace.
- 2019 will be 'A Year of Beliefs', with programmes looking at how people make big decisions and how they get their moral values.
- There will be more 'people-led stories that have warmth and depth', such as observing vicars working in local communities.
- There will be tie-ins with music and comedy, and more digital-first video and social media content.

The role of the religious affairs correspondent - currently Martin Bashir - will be upgraded to religion editor, leading BBC News's new global religious affairs team. BBC News will also broaden the range of interviewees and contributors to represent a wider range of opinions and practices.

Cartoon Corner



The archdeacon had no idea where Colin's new curate come from



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Prayers for February

Christ the Hiding Place

The birds have their nests and the foxes their holes.
But you were homeless, Lord Jesus, with nowhere to rest your head.
And yet you were a hiding-place where the sinner could flee.
Today you are still such a hiding-place, and I flee to you.
I hide myself under your wings,
And your wings cover the multitude of my sins.
A prayer of Soren Kierkegaard (1813 – 1855)



The Ten Commandments

This rhyming version of the Ten Commandments, published, it is thought, by Isaac Watts in 1709, was still going strong some years ago.

Thou shalt have no gods but Me.
Before no idol bow thy knee.
Take not the name of God in vain,
Nor dare the Sabbath Day profane.
Give both thy parents honour due,
Take heed that thou no murder do.
Abstain from words and deeds unclean,
Nor steal, though thou art poor and mean.
Nor make a wilful lie, nor love it,
What is thy neighbour's, do not covet.

All snarled up
With thoughtless
and impatient hands,
We tangle up the plans
the Lord hath wrought;
And when we cry in pain,
He saith, 'Be still,
while I untie the knot.'
Anon

Prayer for strength

Dear Father in heaven, thank you for the example Jesus gave us when He was in the wilderness – the desert where He was tempted by the enemy of all that is good. Lord when we are tempted to give in to temptation, whatever form it may take, help us to remember that Jesus was tempted too, in the same ways that we are. But He looked to you for help and strength; He looked to your word and trustworthiness.

Help us to know your help and strength too. Help us to resist temptations by trusting you through Jesus. Help us to be good examples to others who may be struggling with life issues and to lead them also to you. Lord, please help us, as only you can.

We ask in Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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Church Wardens	Jason Plant David Sunderland	
Church Office	Eleanor Plant (Church Administrator) churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk	835746
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