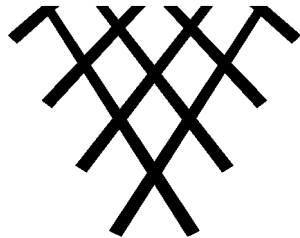


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The Minister writes:

As is often the case, the March magazine is published as we begin Lent. Once again we have an opportunity to use this month as a preparation for the great festival of Easter, with the powerful themes of death and resurrection; themes that we see all around us.

Death and resurrection are themes that we see in nature, partly through the changing seasons, but also through cultivation. Cutting back plants is a way of encouraging growth, as is digging out weeds and spreading fertiliser. In our spiritual life there are many ways of applying these principles. Cutting back can give us a positive reason for giving things up. Jesus was particularly good at spending time in prayer so he knew what to say 'no' to.

The digging up of weeds can also represent the cutting out of things in our lives that are not helpful; whilst sowing new plants or seeds can be a picture of something that will lead to growth.



It is helpful if we take time to discern the areas of our lives that leave us more desolate or diminished so are good things to stop. It could also lead to the whole area of confession as we face up to areas in our lives that need to change. Confession then becomes a positive experience as the fault is faced up to and dealt with by decisively turning away from it. By God's grace we are then set free from the consequences.

So maybe giving up a TV programme could be helpful if we used the time to enrich ourselves in other ways. This can take a number of forms: taking time to read the Bible and pray; deciding to spend time with neighbours or friends; perhaps joining one of our Lent Groups to build relationships and encourage faith to grow; choosing to care for someone perhaps with a phone call or writing a letter.

This year there are opportunities to join other churches in Wakefield for a service each Sunday evening during Lent. The times and places can be found on page 15 of this magazine, along with the details of our small groups. Let this Lent be a time for growth, as we ask the Holy Spirit to make us restless till we change, and prepare for the glorious celebration of Easter.

Rev Bill Henderson

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Sunday	10am	Family Communion
	7.30pm	Holy Space <i>(3rd Sun of month)</i>
Tuesday	2pm	Prayers
Wednesday	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Taize <i>(1st Weds of month)</i>
Thursday	9:15 am	Children's Ark

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DATES FOR MARCH

Weds 1st March 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details.
Weds 1st March 7.30pm	<u>Ash Wednesday service</u> : see page 14 for more information about Ash Wednesday and Lent.
Fri 3rd March 7.30pm	<u>Women's World Day of Prayer</u> at Mount Road Methodist church; see page 12 for information.
Sat 4th March 10am—12pm	<u>Rodillians Ladies choir open morning</u> : thinking of joining a choir? Come and have fun and sing!
Tues 7th March 10am—2pm	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p13 for details.
Thurs 9th March, 6pm	<u>Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting</u> at St Peter's church. See page 10 for details.
Fri 10th March 7.30pm	<u>Film Club—'The Bible...in the Beginning'</u> : a cinematic epic about the book of Genesis, p16.
Sat 11th March 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p11.
Sat 11th March 7.30pm	<u>Ceilidh—live music and dancing</u> at St Peter's school—more details on page 9.
Mon 13th Mar 7pm-9pm	<u>West Riding Watercolour society meeting</u> : see page 16 for more information.
Wed 15th Mar	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the church at 7.30pm.
Sun 19th March 10am	<u>Visit by Bishop Nick Baines</u> to our morning service, followed by bring & share lunch.
Sun 19th March 7.30pm	<u>Holy Space evening service</u> : monthly informal evening service; all welcome.
Sat 25th March 10am-12.30pm	<u>Spring Fair</u> at the church with various stalls and refreshments. See p9 for details.
Sun 26th March 10am	<u>Mothering Sunday family and parade service</u> : all welcome; see page 20.

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.



Ceilidh



With dancing to
'The Huntsman's Chorus'

Saturday 11th March,
7:30pm—10.30pm, in St Peter's School hall

Tickets £6, concessions/children £3, family ticket £15

Please bring your own drinks and something
for a bring and share supper!!

(please note there is no meal provided as there has been previously;
we're having a bring and share supper instead)

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

Spring Fair

Saturday 25th March,
At St Peter's Church, 10am—12:30pm


Tombola	Easter eggs	Bottle tombola
Toy stall	Books	Crafts
Greetings cards	Cake Stall	Raffle
Bric-a-brac	Children's tombolaand much more!!

Refreshments: Hot Cross Buns, biscuits, tea & coffee

Everybody is welcome!

Note this is taking place at the church and not at the Community Centre

Mount Road Methodist Chapel:

- The next Coffee Afternoons will be on Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 5th April from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. Everyone welcome. 
- The Women's World Day of Prayer service is being held at Mount Road chapel this year, on Friday 3rd March at 7.30pm with a service prepared by the women of the Philippines. See page 12 for details.
- The Spring Fayre will be on Saturday 11th March from 11am—2pm with lots of stalls and refreshments.
- The recent Jumble Sale at the chapel raised £209 for the Wakefield Beaver scouts; thank you to everyone who participated in 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 9th March at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

Remember to change your clocks on Sunday 26th March

Another winter is nearly at an end, and we can soon look forward to lighter evenings! British Summer Time starts at 1am on Sunday 26th March—which happens to be Mothering Sunday this year—so remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.



The final coffee morning at the community centre

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning at the community centre which raised an incredible £285.35. It was a very busy and enjoyable morning.

Next month's coffee morning will go ahead as planned on Saturday 11th March despite the council looking for a group or business to take over the running of the community 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.

However, this will unfortunately be the very last St Peter's coffee morning at the community centre, as the council is not taking any bookings for the centre after the end of March. The church has been running coffee mornings at the community centre for a considerable number of years, and is very grateful to the great many people who have been involved in running and supporting it during that time.



However, depending on who comes forward to take over the building, there is a possibility that the coffee mornings may be able to return in the future. In the meantime, the church plans to hold the monthly coffee mornings at the church and at least try it out and see whether they are a success—more details next month.

The library continues to be unaffected and continues to run as normal. In fact the library has set up a number of new classes and groups—see page 8 for details of the regular activities at the library.

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.

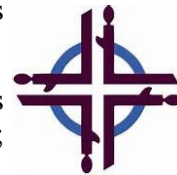
Women's World Day of Prayer

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

This year, the Women's World Day of Prayer service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines and is entitled 'Am I being unfair to you?'. Women's World Day of Prayer is an annual event which enables us to hear the voices of women from all parts of the world. It is celebrated in over 170 countries from Pacific islands, across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas.

The Philippines comprises over 7,000 islands. Its location on the Pacific 'ring of fire' near the equator contributes to the high number of earthquakes and typhoons each year. The Philippines has a growing economy and many women are the main breadwinner for their family, often working abroad as service crew, in the medical field, or as domestic helpers. 17% of elected government posts are filled by women and there have been two female presidents. However, Filipino women are often discriminated against and treated as subordinates in the home, in the church and in society.

The service written by the women of the Philippines is on the theme of justice and the exploitation of women; a highly relevant subject in today's world. Please join us.



Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community Singers meet at St Peter's Church, every Monday (in term-time), 1pm—2:30pm

Come and join our friendly group of singers!

No previous experience required, just a love of singing!

We sing a variety of different music including pop, musicals, spirituals and modern classics. Come along, make some new friends and enjoy a good sing-song!

We sing from 1pm-2pm with time afterwards for refreshments and chat. Cost per session = £2.50.

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

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



St Peter's Senior Citizens'

Lunch Club



At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road

Every Tuesday, 10am—2pm

Tues 28th Feb	Jonathan & Jo—new vicars
Tues 7th March	Travels to Australia
Tues 14th March	Cake decorating
Tues 21st March	Malcolm & Renee's films
Tues 28th March	Health pod visit
Tues 4th April	Easter crafts & box making
Tues 11th April	Easter egg making
Tues 18th April	Closed—no lunch club

- 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.

How do you see yourself this Lent?

The whole of this month is Lent – bad news for chocaholics desperately waiting for Easter so that they can indulge again! But for those who take self-discipline seriously, it's a reminder that Christianity isn't a short-term option. Among the harder sayings of Jesus was this one: 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me'.



The phrase 'deny themselves' is the challenge of Lent, and the origin of the idea that for those six weeks we 'give up' something. Once upon a time it was meat; nowadays it's more often something that we know is damaging to our health or well-being. Neither option really meets the demands of 'self-denial'. Jesus was certainly not thinking of dieting or giving up luxuries. For one thing he and his followers were known to enjoy their food and drink (and were criticised for it!). They knew about fasting as a religious discipline, because at specified times it was part of their Jewish faith – a discipline, but not 'self-denial'.

For Jesus, self-denial is a mental attitude. It's not self-loathing or seeing ourselves as valueless. We are made in God's image and of infinite value to him. Jesus demonstrated true self-denial in the Garden of Gethsemane when he simply prayed 'Not my will, but yours, be done'. 'Me first', 'looking after Number One', is self-indulgence. Self-denial is its precise opposite. Oddly enough, putting God's will before our own seems to make for happiness, not misery – even in Lent.

There are of course other ways of approaching Lent. Instead of seeing it as a time to give things up, we can use the time for self-examination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

We can also think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question, 'who am I? It is a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and the world in which we live. How will you keep the Lent period of 40 days running up to Easter? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Alongside taking time to read Scripture, study a Christian book and pray with fasting, why not give up texting for Lent and simply talk on the phone; commit ourselves to just working 40 hours a week or spend five minutes each day in silence!

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

Lent of course begins with Ash Wednesday. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at St Peter's on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm; all are welcome.



During Lent, there will be small groups meeting every week to follow a 5 week programme of Bible study entitled 'Receiving Christ'. These weekly meetings will be an opportunity to meet with other people and discuss the Bible in an informal and thought-provoking way. The Lent groups will be meeting on the following days and times and will start during the week commencing 6th March:

- Mondays at 10.30am led by Calli McKenna. Ask for location.
- Tuesdays at 2pm led by Bill Henderson, at St Peter's church.
- Tuesdays at 6.30pm led by Margaret. Ask for location.
- Tuesdays at 7pm led by Bill Henderson, at the Vicarage.
- Thursdays at 5.30pm led by Bill Henderson, at the Vicarage.

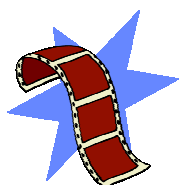
To join one of the groups, contact Bill Henderson on 822143, the church office on 835746, email churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk or look out for the sign-up sheet in the noticeboard church.

Lent evening services in Wakefield

This Lent, there is an opportunity to join other churches in Wakefield for a service each Sunday evening during Lent. See below for the times and places. We have of course got our own Ash Wednesday service, and the only other one that is different is on 12th March when we will join with St Anne's in Wrenthorpe at their 6:30pm service:

- ◇ Ash Wednesday 1st March, 7pm—Wakefield Cathedral
(or 7.30pm at St Peter's, Stanley)
- ◇ Sunday 5th March 6pm—St George's Lupset
- ◇ Sunday 12th March 6pm—St James' Thornes
(or 6.30pm at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe)
- ◇ Sunday 19th March 6pm—St Andrew's Wakefield
- ◇ Sunday 26th March 6pm—St John's Wakefield
- ◇ Sunday 2nd April 6pm—St Paul's Alverthorpe





St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 10th March 7:30pm

'The Bible....in the Beginning' (1966)



The greatest stories of The Old Testament are brought to the screen with astounding scope and power in this international film which depicts the first 22 chapters of Genesis. It starts with the very beginning of the world and the creation of man before addressing Noah and the Ark, the tower of Babel, and the life of Abraham. This is the spectacular story of man's creation, his fall, his survival, and his indomitable faith in the future. Matching the epic scale of the production are performances by George C. Scott as Abraham, Ava Gardner as Sarah and Peter O'Toole as the haunting presence of the Angel of God. The legendary John Huston directs and delivers a commanding performance as Noah. From the film's opening amidst cosmic chaos, to its lingering message of hope and salvation, 'The Bible' stands as a monumental motion picture achievement.

Doors open 7pm, film start 7.30pm

Free admission, tea & coffee; bring your own popcorn!

West Riding Watercolour Society & Art Group

The group meets every month at St Peter's Church for demonstrations by artists, informal painting evenings and to share techniques and knowledge.



Open to everyone; the cost is £3 per session.

Next meeting: Monday 13th March 7pm-9pm

With a demonstration by artist Carol Sorhaindo

Note that meetings are now taking place on Mondays

Easter Services

Please join us next month for our Easter services: we will be very happy to welcome you.



Weds 1st March Ash Wednesday service to celebrate the beginning of Lent.
7.30pm

Sun 9th April Palm Sunday Service: The service will begin at Mount Road Chapel: half-way through the service the congregation will walk to St Peter's for the rest of the service.
10.30am

Thurs 13th April Maundy Thursday Communion service
7:30pm

Fri 14th April Good Friday Hot Cross Bun service for all ages with crafts and refreshments.
10am

Fri 14th April Hour at the Cross: a contemplative Good Friday afternoon service.
2pm

Sun 16th April Easter Sunday celebration: family service to celebrate Easter Sunday.
10am

It's time for the Annual General Meeting! St Peter's church will hold its Annual General meeting on Sunday 2nd April at 12pm after the morning service. The AGM sets out the church's plans for the year ahead, as well as reviewing what has happened over the past year. If you want to learn more about the church, its ministry, where the money comes from and how it's spent, and what the various church officers do, then come along and find out!



Argentine Tango

at St Peter's Church, Stanley

Every Monday 7pm—9pm

All levels of experience welcome
£8 per session
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2017 Faith Easter Egg launched

The new look Real Easter Egg 2017 range has been launched, and churches are being asked to encourage people to support this unique way of sharing the story of Easter.

This year a 24 page Easter story-activity book, illustrated by Alida Massari, is included in the Original, Egg Hunt and Dark eggs. The Special Edition has an Easter traditions booklet inside. The Sharing box, with 30 eggs, comes with 30 colour-in posters. Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and makes a donation to charity from sales.



The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010 but the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company so they could make The Real Easter Egg.

David Marshall, creator of the Real Easter Egg, said; "With the support of churches more than one million eggs have been sold with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. The rest have been sold through independent retailers and supermarkets.

"The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £250,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes. Due to production restrictions, this year we have slightly few eggs available so we recommend people order as early as possible."

The whole range can be ordered online at www.realeasteregg.co.uk (with free delivery) or from Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, TLM trading.com, Embrace the Middle East. Christian bookshops and some cathedrals also have stocks. You can also buy the blue Original egg from Tesco, Waitrose and Morrisons.

Less drink, less smoke: Today's youngsters are the least likely on record to have tried alcohol or smoked by the time they are 16. Only 16% of 8-15 year olds has tried alcohol, compared to 45% of youngsters in 2003. And only 4% have smoked by the age of 15, compared with 19% in 2003.

The man who brought us Thomas the Tank Engine



A reluctant author who created characters loved by millions of children died 20 years ago this month, on 21st March 1997, aged 85.

The Rev Wilbert V Awdry is best known as the writer of Thomas the Tank Engine and 25 other railway books, which at the time of his death had sold an estimated 50 million copies. They have also given birth to toys, games, videos and a television film series.



He invented the stories initially to tell his son Christopher when he was ill with measles, and had to be persuaded by his wife Margaret to get them published.

Mr Awdry, who was made an OBE shortly before his death, was a clergyman who ministered in Hampshire, Wiltshire, Birmingham and Cambridgeshire. He was also a pacifist who once lost his curacy as a result. He was always interested in railways, having been fascinated as a child in Wiltshire by listening to steam trains ascending the grade into the nearby Box Tunnel.

The Fat Controller in the stories is sometimes thought to be a God-like figure, but he was intended as a satire on bureaucracy. For Mr Awdry, the morality of the stories was clearly Christian, and analogies between the Christian faith and the ways of the railway were obvious: the engines are meant to stay on the right track, and they pay the price if they go off the rails. But they are always forgiven, and never scrapped.

Asked how he hoped to be remembered, he said he would like his epitaph to say that “he helped people see God in the ordinary things of life, and he made children laugh”.

The best way to read a bedtime story: Do you want a closer tie with your children? Read them a bedtime story at night, from a book. It is much more effective than using a kindle or tablet device. A recent study by the University of Sussex discovered that children feel less of a physical and emotional connection with their parents if they are read bedtime stories from an electronic device. It may be due to the fact that children know they could be watching a film or playing a game on the same device. Or it may be that a book allows for closer physical contact during the reading of the story.



Fairtrade Fortnight, 27th February—12th March

Fairtrade Fortnight is when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers who grow our food in developing countries. When we reach for our favourite food and drink without thinking about where it comes from, we may be feeding exploitation. We become part of the problem.

But we can choose to be part of the solution: look for Fairtrade tea or coffee in the supermarket or in your favourite coffee shop. Whether choosing a healthy banana or a chocolate treat, your choice can make the difference. Look for the Fairtrade Mark, and if your local shop doesn't stock what you want, ask them to do so. If you enjoy baking, then there is a Fairtrade choice for everything from cocoa to sugar paste, from vanilla to icing sugar.

However hard they work to provide the things we depend on, millions of farmers in developing countries aren't paid what they deserve. It's not a new problem. But when we come together we can change the way people think about trade and the products on our shelves. Your actions can change the lives of those farmers and workers. Join thousands of others across the UK this Fairtrade Fortnight and help your friends, neighbours, colleagues and communities to put Fairtrade in their coffee break and take exploitation out.



Mothering Sunday—25th March

There is an old Jewish saying: "God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers." Mother Church, Mother Earth, and our own mothers have all been part of 'Mothering Sunday' which has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 1600's.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called 'Mid-Lent' or 'Refreshment Sunday', when the rigours of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. People went to their 'Mother Church' (their home church or cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Apprentices, and other workers, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

In most countries, Mother's Day is a secular festival celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May. In the UK it is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent, on the Christian day of Mothering Sunday. Join us at St Peter's on 26th March at 10am for our Mothering Sunday parade service.

Prayers for March



Prayer for Family Love

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love for us and that we are adopted into your family. Thank you for Mary and her willingness to serve you as the mother of your Son.

Lord, it must have been so hard to see the suffering of her boy on that cross, however grown up He may have been and however much she knew He was yours as well. He was her baby! Please help those of us with children always to lift them to you in prayer whenever they have problems, remembering that when we can no longer pick them up and help them, you always can.

Thank you for our earthly families; for mothers and fathers, aunties and uncles, grandmas and grand-dads, brothers and sisters - help us to live our lives in loving kindness. Help us to reflect your love in all our relationships. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Daily Strength

Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

Creation/Fall/Redemption/Glory

The Lord God created all things good and rested on the seventh day
His last creation Adam and Eve was very good in every way.
How Satan loathed that God should love a creature such as lowly man,
He tempted them to disobey and then the reign of sin began.

Cut off from God, barred from His sight but God foresaw that this would be,

And so the Word, the Son of God would come to die for you and me.

His sacrifice on that cruel cross was made to take away our sin

The gates of glory opened wide so man once more could enter in.

By Megan Carter

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Report from Stanley Grove School

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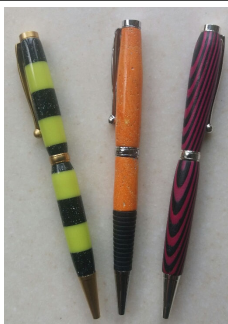
Website: www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs J Frost

The school was delighted to win first prize in the recent Shanks Waste Management 'Recycle for Wakefield' competition. The staff and pupils worked very hard to create a rubbish monster which we named 'Octotrash' and also to record a song about the perils of rubbish getting into the ocean. All the rubbish monsters in the competition were displayed in The Ridings shopping centre, and Stanley Grove was delighted to be awarded first prize of £500 in vouchers.

We are continuing to develop our outdoor provision, and will be taking delivery of 60 new trees to improve the forest area. Our new chickens, Stanley, Miller and Jeff, have settled in well and continue to lay well! They are being very well looked after by our Cheery Chicks Care team.

This month the school is taking part in 'The Great British Spring Clean' - Keep Britain Tidy's biggest ever litter campaign. We will be joining with parents and carers to do a litter pick in the school grounds.

Children from years 4,5 and 6 recently took part in netball and tag rugby competitions with other schools from the Outwood Together Partnership. The tag rugby team were runners up and the netball team also performed very well. We were very proud of their achievements. A group of 11 children from year 5 have also greatly enjoyed taking part in a 6-week after-school activity programme at Wakefield Wildcats. All year 5 children will be going on their residential trip to Robinwood activity centre in Todmorden this month. They are looking forward to it enormously.



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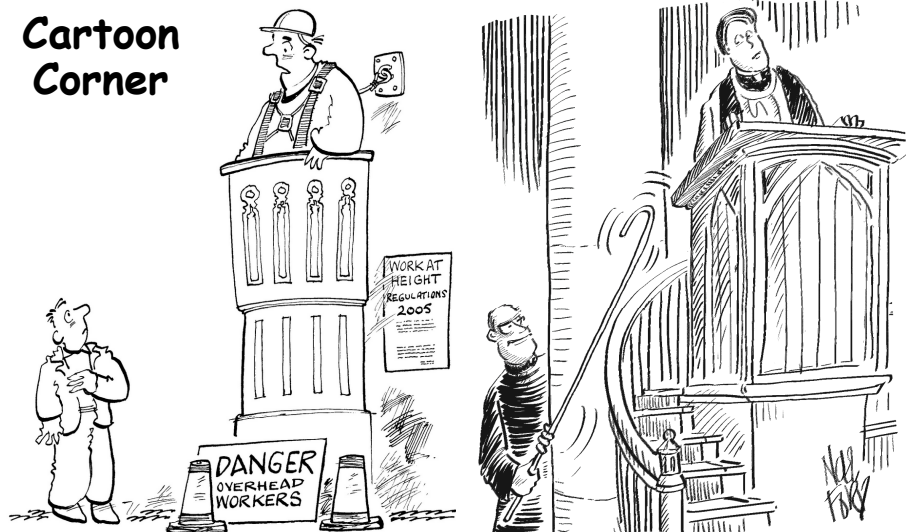
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