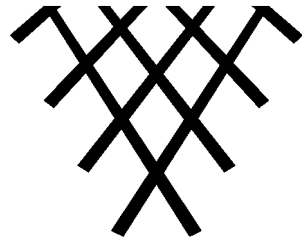




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## **The Minister writes:**

It is a very strange feeling beginning to write my last magazine letter here in Stanley. I am grateful for the many messages of encouragement about the opportunities in retirement. Time to visit family and friends and do the things that full time work makes impossible. Never the less there is also a real sense of loss too. Being a vicar is an extraordinary privilege. One has an opportunity to come alongside people and families at the most significant times in their lives. It has been wonderful to see God at work as we have prayed and struggled together over the years. I will miss the community that we have become so much part of. Thank you to all those who been part of our journey together

One of the most disturbing aspects of the world around us is the prevalence of violence; whether it is the suicide bomber or a school massacre. Even in many films and cartoons there is a theme of violence that in the end wins the day. There are 'good' guys that win and 'bad' guys that need to be destroyed. A Theologian called Walter Wink has written of the 'myth of redemptive violence', that is the idea that violence saves. So for some people the answer to school massacres is more guns in school with teachers being armed. There is the terrible image of gun fights in crowded class rooms. Wink traces this idea back to the Babylonian creation story, that tells of a violent battle between gods, that leaves some victorious and dominant. In contrast to this, Genesis tells of a creation that is made out of love and made well. In the beginning a place of Peace and beauty, though it is then messed up.

In the story of Jesus we have a stark contrast to the idea that victory comes from violence. At Easter we remember that Jesus chose to use his power not to bring violent victory, but to choose powerlessness and allowed himself to be killed. His saving act was then vindicated by his resurrection. So when Jesus challenges us to take up our cross and follow him, he is calling us away from a reliance on violence to a radical response to conflict that is non violent and that seeks to build relationships with each other rather than fight.

This is difficult but has a deep logic. Violence begets violence, and it is easy to see the danger of a never ending cycle of tit-for-tat that continues to escalate. By contrast, a response that creates a relationship of trust and a growing understanding can result in genuine peace. We can see that 'evil' is just as much part of us as our enemy. My prayer for our community and our world is that we can follow Jesus in this way of Peace.

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*Rev Bill Henderson*

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<b>Sunday</b>	10am	Family Communion <i>with Sunday Gang for children and regular parade services.</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15 am	Children's Ark <i>with songs, stories, crafts, playtime and refreshments.</i>

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## DATES FOR MARCH

<b>Sun 4th March 10am</b>	<u>Bill's final service at St Peter's</u> before his retirement. See page 12 for details.
<b>Sun 4th March 1pm—4pm</b>	<u>Farewell to Bill and Viv:</u> tea and cake drop-in afternoon; all welcome.
<b>Tues 6th March 10am—2pm</b>	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p17 for details.
<b>Weds 7th Mar 2pm-4pm</b>	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel. See p10 for details.
<b>Thurs 8th March 6pm</b>	<u>Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting</u> at St Peter's church with local councillors.
<b>Fri 9th March 7.30pm</b>	<u>Film Club-'Whisky Galore!':</u> British comedy with Eddie Izzard. See page 14 for a review.
<b>Sat 10th March 10.30am-12.30</b>	<u>Coffee morning</u> at St Peter's church with lots of great stalls and refreshments, page 10.
<b>Sat 10th March 11am—2pm</b>	<u>Spring Fayre at Mount Road Chapel</u> with various stalls and refreshments, see page 10.
<b>Sun 11th March 10am</b>	<u>Mothering Sunday family and parade service:</u> all welcome.
<b>Mon 12th Mar 7pm—9pm</b>	<u>West Riding Watercolour society and art group</u> See page 14 for more information.
<b>Wed 21st Mar</b>	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at St Peter's church at 7.30pm.
<b>Sat 24th March 10am—12.30pm</b>	<u>Spring Fair</u> at the church with various stalls and refreshments. See page 9 for more information.
<b>Sun 25th March 10.30am</b>	<u>Palm Sunday:</u> a joint service with Mount Road Methodist church. See p13 for Easter services.
<b>Thurs 29th Mar 7.30pm</b>	<u>Maundy Thursday evening service</u> with communion.
<b>Fri 30th March 2pm</b>	<u>Good Friday Hour at the Cross:</u> an hour of contemplation and communion on Good Friday.
<b>Sun 1st April</b>	<u>Easter Sunday family celebration service,</u> 10am

## 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.



# *Spring Fair*

**Saturday 24th March,  
St Peter's church, Stanley  
10am—12:30pm**

Tombola	Easter eggs
Toy stall & soft toys	Books
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Bric-a-brac	Bottle tombola
Craft stall	Plant stall
Raffle	Children's Tombola

*.....and much, much more!!*

Refreshments: Hot Cross Buns, biscuits,  
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**Everybody is welcome!**

## **Remember to change your clocks on Sunday 25th 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 25th March—which happens to be Palm Sunday this year—so remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.



## Mount Road Methodist Chapel news

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 7th March from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. Everyone welcome.
- The chapel will be holding a Spring Fayre on Saturday 10th March from 11am—2pm with various stalls and refreshments.
- The Palm Sunday service on Sunday 25th March will be a joint service with St Peter's church starting at Mount Road at 10.30am.



## 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**

## Church coffee morning—a thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning at St Peter's church; it was a lovely morning and raised a fantastic £245. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 10th March from 10.30am-12.30pm with all the usual great stalls including refreshments, bacon butties, cakes, raffle, jigsaws and more. Please come along and support our coffee morning! You can be assured of a warm welcome and a very pleasant morning.



## 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.

## **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!**



## **Women's World Day of Prayer**

This year, the Women's World Day of Prayer service has been prepared by the women of Suriname and is entitled 'All God's creation is very good!' 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.

Suriname is a small country on the north-eastern coast of South America. It has a population of only 560,000 and 90% of the country is covered by pristine tropical rainforest. Suriname is feeling the effects of worldwide climate change through increased drought, hurricanes and flooding. Other environmental change has been caused by the polluting effects of gold mining.

Suriname is a country of extreme beauty and biodiversity with 715 species of birds, many orchids, and protected animals including the giant anteater, ocelot, jaguar, blue frog and the giant sea turtle.

In the 21st century, our 24/7 lifestyle demands good economic outcomes and excellent returns. However, as Christians we need to balance God's Creation with man's creations. We need to be guided by the theme "All God's Creation is very good!"

There isn't a local WWDP service this year. The nearest service will be at Wakefield Cathedral at 12.30pm on Friday 2nd March.

## **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.

## Easter Services at St Peter's church

### **Palm Sunday, 25th March, 10.30am**

Our Palm Sunday service will be a joint service with Mount Road Methodist chapel. The service will start at 10.30am (note this is later than the usual St Peter's start time) at Mount Road chapel. During the service the congregation will process down the road to St Peter's church for the remainder of the service. This is always a lovely family service when we remember Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem. Please join us!



### **Maundy Thursday Communion service, 29th March, 7.30pm**

Maundy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his apostles. There will be a communion service at St Peter's at 7.30pm on Maundy Thursday.



### **Good Friday Communion service, 30th March, 2pm**

On Good Friday there will be an Hour at the Cross service of contemplation and prayer finishing with communion at 3pm, the time at which Jesus died on the cross. *Note that there won't be a Good Friday Hot Cross Bun service this year.*

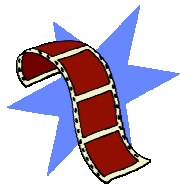
### **Easter Sunday, 1st April, 10am**

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah! Celebrate the joy with us on Easter Sunday morning at 10am.



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**The unexpected effect of celebrity vicars:** Celebrity clergy such as Rev Richard Coles and Rev Kate Bottley have helped the Church of England appear more accessible, and thereby boosting the number of trainee clergy up to a ten-year high. Such is the belief of a number of church leaders, such as the Bishop of Repton, the Rt Rev Jan McFarlane: "With Richard and Kate being on *Strictly Come Dancing* and shows like that, they've just come across as human people who happen to have a strong faith." And so, while in 2016 there were 476 new trainees; last year there were 544 new trainees. New priests are also getting younger; last year 28 per cent of trainees were under 32.



St Peter's Church

# Film Club



**Friday evening, 9th March 7:30pm**

**‘Whisky Galore!’ (2017)**



Based on the infamous 1941 true story, ‘Whisky Galore!’ is a charming and heart-warming tale of a close-knit Scottish island community who mischievously relieve a sinking cargo ship of cases of whisky during wartime scarcity. The ensuing merriment is threatened when Excise Men try to spoil the party by catching the crafty locals, red handed, with the bottled loot. After enduring a dry period, the shipwreck and its amber cargo was like manna from heaven to the islanders, to whom whisky was the very life blood of their island. Starring Eddie Izzard, James Cosmo, Gregor Fisher and Tim Pigott-Smith, this is a charming and delightful re-make of the original Ealing Studios 1949 film of the same name.

**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 March 7pm-9pm



*For a painting demonstration  
by artist Simon Brock*



### **Mothering Sunday—11th 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.

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 11th March at 10am for our popular Mothering Sunday family parade service.

### **The Charge of the Light Brigade** *by Canon David Winter*

150 years ago, this month, James Brudenell, Earl of Cardigan, died. He was the officer in charge of the Light Brigade, who 12 years earlier, following a misleading order, charged valiantly at the massed ranks of the Russian artillery in the battle of Balaclava.

Many of the men and horses were killed, and the rest were forced to withdraw. They had charged at the wrong target – they should have been retrieving some stolen guns from a small unit of Cossacks. The story was widely reported at home, but the event, and the Earl of Cardigan’s role in it, would have been long forgotten had not Alfred Lord Tennyson, six weeks after the news broke, written possibly his best-known poem, ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’.

I remember, perhaps 15 years ago, my son, who was then working for the BBC Sound Archive unit, telling me of his experience while copying and technically improving a batch of very early recordings. He was given one to work on which was Tennyson himself reciting ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’. He described it as an eerie and moving experience – the poet’s calm and controlled voice and the profoundly emotional words, full of both anger and admiration. It can be found on the BBC website, via ‘Archive’.

Although ‘the soldiers knew someone had blundered’, they charged valiantly into a hail of shells, ‘theirs but to do or die’. Great victories become part of history, but so do gallant defeats. Those 600 cavalymen, immortalised by a great poet, may have lost the battle, but they won many hearts.

## The Mother of Science Fiction

Science fiction is well-loved, not just in books, but also in films and on television. ‘Star Wars’, for instance, is almost a religion, with millions of followers. Sci-fi, as it is known, sets out to use a ‘scientific possibility’ as a fictional tool. It may destroy the world, or (as a scientific saviour usually demonstrates) bring in a new dawn of hope.

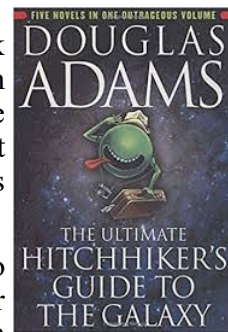
We assume science fiction is a modern phenomenon, but this month we are reminded otherwise. On March 11th 1818 a young writer, Mary Shelley, published her first book, ‘Frankenstein’, generally judged to be the earliest science fiction novel. It was the story of a scientist who, in the course of some daring experiments, found that he had created a monster, a grotesque being with some human abilities. The clever scientist Frankenstein had opened Pandora’s box.

The book had arisen out of a competition between three established writers and one novice, Mary Shelley, to write a ‘fantasy’ novel. Shelley’s Frankenstein won the competition and was published, but the author was not named. Such was its success, however, that when it was reprinted three years later, she was credited as the author. It was some time before anyone else made a similar impact with a science-fantasy novel – probably not until H G Wells and ‘The Time Machine’, 80 years later.

Many years after that, science fiction took another brilliant—this time nonsensical—turn with Douglas Adams’ science fiction comedy series ‘The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy’ which was first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 8 March 1978, 40 years ago.

Described by one commentator as ‘Dr Who meets Monty Python’, it was actually much better than that, mixing brilliant off-the-wall thinking with hilarious characterisation and situations. The radio series eventually evolved into a five-book trilogy, a TV series and a film. Adams himself died of a heart attack in 2001 before the film appeared, but his achievements in his field have probably never quite been equalled.



The adventure opens with the destruction of Earth to make way for a hyperspace bypass, and there is plenty in it to upset Christians of





a sensitive nature, reflecting as it does a universe not very close to anything depicted in the Bible, or indeed anywhere else. But although Adams described himself as a “radical atheist”, it was hard to view his work as anything but brilliant nonsense.

A memorial service was held for him on 17th September 2001 at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square, London. It was the first church service broadcast live on the web by the BBC.


**St Peter's Senior Citizens'**  
**Lunch Club**


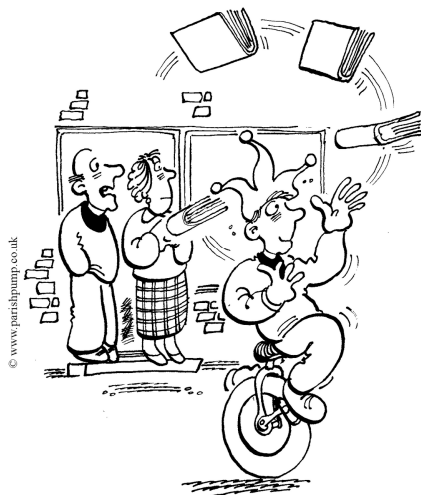
At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road  
**Every Tuesday, 10am—2pm**

Tues 6th March	Photos of Israel
Tues 13th March	Women's Land Army talk
Tues 20th March	Easter crafts
Tues 27th March	Easter egg decorating
Tues 3rd April	Local history film
Tues 10th April	Mothers' Union talk
Tues 17th April	Spring crafts
Tues 24th April	Live Well Wakefield talk

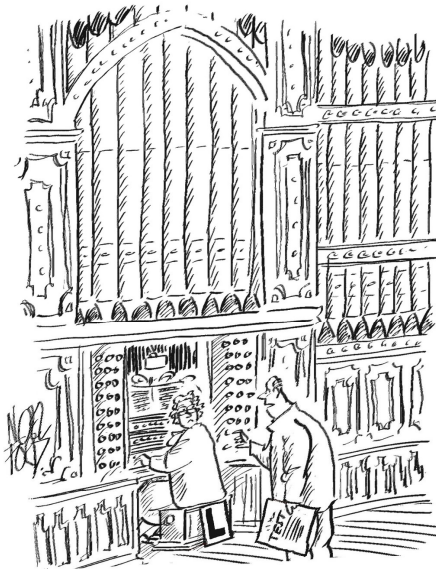
- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day.
- Lunch served from about 12:15pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert, for just £5 per person.
- Ideal for anyone wanting a bit of companionship and something to do!

**Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.**

## Cartoon Corner



...I think I must have missed that module when I was at theological college!



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## ***Prayers for March***

### **Behold the Man**

He stands condemned, speaks not a word  
The crowds resolve that He should die,  
Forgetting all His miracles  
Hosannas turn to 'Crucify'.

They haul Him to the judgement seat,  
Pilate and Herod now become friends,  
Enemies no more but one in mind  
Together involved in Messiah's end.

Herod mocks Him as a king  
Pilate washes his hands of blame,  
The crowd now shout out for His death  
But He knows it is for this He came.

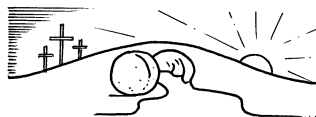
'It is finished' is the cry,  
The curtain rent, a way made in  
Upon the Cross the victory won  
Behold the Man –  
it's Christ our King.  
*By Megan Carter*



### **Easter prayer**

Almighty Father, when life is difficult and the way seems too hard, help us to remember the reality of Easter; of the resurrection of Jesus; of His wonderful saving work on the cross, overcoming death to offer us life for all eternity with you. There is so much we don't understand, Lord, but you know everything, you are in charge and we can trust you even when we can't work things out.

Thank you for the hope, peace and joy that you alone can give - and all because of the resurrection of Jesus. Thank you that He is alive today and able to help us whatever our situation. Help us to be your Easter People, reaching out with your love and life. In Jesus name, Amen.  
*By Daphne Kitching*



### **A prayer of St Patrick**

*I rise today with the power  
of God to guide me:*

*The might of God  
to uphold me,  
The wisdom of God  
to teach me,  
The eye of God  
to watch over me,  
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to hear me,  
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to give me speech,  
The hand of God  
to protect me,  
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to lie before me,  
The shield of God  
to shelter me,  
The host of God  
to defend me.*

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