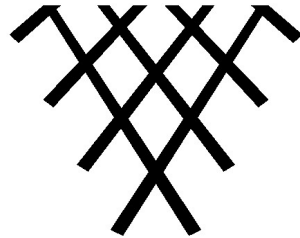




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The Minister writes:

“Repay no one evil for evil.....live peaceably with all. Never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12: 17—21

We don't have to go too many days without coming across a story of revenge – some variation on the spurned lover who cuts off the sleeves of their ex's clothes and gives their silver car a coat of red gloss paint. Many books and films are driven by a revenge-type plot, building up the tension until the bad guys gets their comeuppance, with the sense of relief that brings. There seems to be endemic in humans a desire for personal justice that is powerful and potentially deadly.

But God wants us to find different ways of dealing with vengeance; different ways of handling people who wrong us.

It feels like passive acquiescence, but it's not. The negative commands in the Bible: 'do not repay anyone evil for evil', 'do not take revenge', 'do not be overcome by evil' – are balanced with positive ones: 'be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone, live at peace with everyone', 'leave room for God's wrath... feed [your enemy]... give him something to drink', 'overcome evil with good'. These actions require us to be proactive; they place the initiative with us.

That makes sense. Most of us have to work hard at not coming back with the snide comment, not wanting to get ahead of that car that undercut us, not firing off that passive-aggressive email. Revenge keeps evil in circulation, whether in a family or on a motorway or between nations.

Loving our enemies in tangible ways ('feed him...give him something to drink') seems so counter-intuitive. And it is. But no less counter-intuitive than what we see in the cross, the supreme demonstration of God's love for us, even 'while we were God's enemies' (Romans 5:10). It's there we see a different way of responding to hostility. In seeking to overcome evil, how could we not expect to be called to do the same?

Antony Billington writing in www.parishpump.co.uk

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*All services are held at St Peter's Church,
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Sunday 10am Family Communion *with
Sunday Gang for children
and regular parade services.*

Thursday 9:15 am Children's Ark *with songs,
stories, crafts, playtime and
refreshments.*

*We do not currently have a mid-week communion
service. Please contact the church office on 835746 if
you would like to request a communion visit at home.*

Other Christian Worship

METHODIST CHURCH: Lee Mount Chapel

Sunday: 10:30am service

Minister: Revd Barry Owen

email: barry.owen@methodist.org.uk, tel: 07753 127681

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www.zionchurch.co.uk, telephone: 01924 872262

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DATES FOR JUNE

Tues 5th June 10am—2pm	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p11 for details.
Weds 6th June 2pm-4pm	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel; see page 10 for more information
Fri 8th June 7.30pm	<u>Film Club—'First Sunday'</u> : a comedy starring Ice Cube. See page 14 for a review.
Sat 9th June 10.30am-12.30	<u>Coffee morning</u> at St Peter's church with lots of great stalls and refreshments, see page 10.
Sun 17th June 10am	<u>Father's Day parade service</u> with the uniformed organisations.
Mon 18th June 7pm—9pm	<u>West Riding Watercolour society and art group</u> See page 14 for more information.
Wed 20th June 7.30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
Sat 23rd June	<u>Scout Fest</u> : an outdoor fundraising event at the church with the 1st Yorkshire Cubs and Scouts.
Weds 27th June 1.30pm	<u>Jumble Sale at Mount Road chapel</u> with cakes and various other stalls. See page 10.
Sat 30th June 1pm-4pm	<u>St Peter's church Summer Gala</u> with lots of entertainment, stalls and refreshments. See page 9 for more information.
Thurs 12th July 6pm	<u>Moorhouse community action group meeting</u> : see page 10 for more information.
Sat 14th July 1pm—4pm	<u>Peace Picnic in the Park</u> : an afternoon family event on the church field to celebrate 100 years since the end of WW1. Bring a picnic! See p12.
Sun 15th July 4pm	<u>Stanley Community Singers Summer concert</u> : purchase your tickets on the door. See page 15 for further details.

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.

Summer Gala

Saturday 30th June, 1pm-4pm
St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Rd, Stanley

Features:



- The Gala will be opened at 1pm by **Rev David Teece**
- Entertainment including the Stanley Starlights Majorettes and Normanton Dog Training Club

Stalls, games and activities:

tombola, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, toys, sweets, children's tombola, bottle tombola, home-made crafts, plants, greetings cards, soft toys, plants, face painting, various children's activities and games, and much more!

Refreshments: Cream teas, hotdogs, ice-creams

Grand Raffle: 1st prize £60, 2nd prize food hamper, plus many other fantastic prizes!! The draw will be at 3.30pm.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from church members before the event and will also be on sale at the Gala



Mount Road Methodist Chapel news

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 6th June from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. Please call in for a coffee, cake and a friendly chat.
- The 10.30am service on Sunday 24th June will be a joint service with Altofts Methodist church led by Rev Barry Owen.
- There will be a Jumble Sale on Wednesday 27th June with lots of stalls, cakes and refreshments. All welcome.



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 raised £188. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 9th June 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 12th July at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.


St Peter's Senior Citizens'
Lunch Club


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

- 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.

Emmeline Pankhurst – leader of the suffragettes

Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the British suffragette movement, died 90 years ago this month, on 14th June 1928. Less than a month later, women were given equal voting rights with men.

Born in Moss Side, Manchester, in 1858, she helped found the militant Women's Social and Political Union in 1903, after the death of her husband. They became known as suffragettes, and often attacked church buildings, because the Church of England as an institution was seen as opposing votes for women. Nevertheless, there were large numbers of Christians in the Church League for Women's Suffrage, which by 1914 had over 5000 members.

Mrs Pankhurst was arrested on many occasions and went on hunger strike, which led to violent force-feeding. But she ended her militancy at the outbreak of war, reasoning that it would be no good having the vote if her country ceased to exist. It was the use of female labour during the war that led as much as anything to their eventually obtaining the vote. In 1926 she surprised many people by joining the Conservative party; she was selected to run for Parliament shortly before she died.

Peace Picnic on the park

Saturday 14th July, 1pm-4pm
St Peter's Church field, Stanley



A fun family outdoor event to mark
100 years since the end of WW1



With singalong music, games,
activities and entertainment.



Bring your own picnic, chairs and drinks.

Free event

War Memorial and the old church site

It is hoped that the war memorial and the miners wheel will be put in place on the old church site in time for Remembrance Sunday, 2018. The war memorial was removed when the old church was demolished and has been kept securely in storage ever since. This year is particularly poignant as it will mark 100 years since the end of WW1. The church is planning various other commemorations including a large poppy display. And the miners' wheel will help us to commemorate the mining history of Stanley and the surrounding area.

Bishop Tony Robinson will come and dedicate the war memorial once it is place, but before that happens, it needs to be cleaned and re-gilded. **The re-gilding will cost £1,200.** The cost will be met by the church, but contributions towards the cost would be very much appreciated—please see any of the clergy, church wardens or the church office. Thank you to Councillors Jacqui Williams and Matthew Morley who have been and continue to be so helpful and supportive.

World Cup Fever

By Rev Paul Hardingham writing in parishpump.co.uk

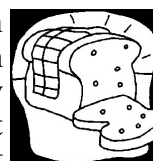
The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!'

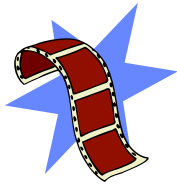
This month sees the start of the World Cup in Russia; a truly global event watched by billions on television. Yet this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13b,14).

A prize to be won: the dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is underserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: if a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our godly muscles we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group. How is your training going?

Bread: It takes a year to produce a loaf of bread, from field to fork. Yet in the UK we throw away 24 million slices of it, every day. The average person will throw away more than half a loaf of bread every month. A recent survey by Love Food Hate Waste has also found that among 18 to 34-year-olds, 69 per cent throw bread away every week. The campaign is urging people to slice and freeze their bread when they get it home, so that it can last for several months.





St Peter's Church

Film Club



Friday evening, 8th June 7:30pm

'First Sunday' (2008)



Ice Cube continues his winning streak as a likeable everyman as ne'er-do-well Durell, an out-of-work Baltimore dad who needs over \$17,000 to keep his ex from taking their son with her to Atlanta for good. Desperate to raise the cash but hamstrung by his self-defeating attitude and the criminal antics of his goofy sidekick, LeeJohn (Tracy Morgan), Durell gives in to temptation and decides to rob a church. The crime goes badly when it turns out a number of parishioners are in the building at the time, and a hostage situation develops. Events take a twist when the would-be thieves become the beneficiaries of Christian charity and forgiveness from the men and women they kidnapped, and a bigger criminal is revealed amongst the congregation.

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 18th June 7pm-9pm

With a general painting evening. All abilities welcome including beginners; tuition available

Stanley Community Singers
Summer Concert

Sunday 15th July, 4pm, at St Peter's Church

Tickets available on the door; also a raffle and refreshments

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

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

In praise of knitting

Knitting can be astonishingly good for you. This gentle hobby has been found to lower blood pressure, reduce depression, keep your mind alert, slow the onset of dementia, distract from chronic pain (such as arthritis), boost wellbeing, and reduce loneliness.

A major study by the organisation Knit for Peace has found that knitting lowers the heart rate by an average of 11 beats per minute and induces 'an enhanced state of calm.' The repetitive movement also boosts calming serotonin, which lifts your mood and dulls any pain. Knitting also boosts the reward centres of the brain, because it allows people to feel that they can still make a contribution to society.

In Britain, where the NHS spends more than £2 billion each year on blood pressure treatments, £26 billion on dementia, and many millions on treating chronic pain and depression, perhaps more people should take up knitting. As one expert says: 'Research has shown that there is a growing crisis in primary care. As a skilled and creative occupation, knitting has therapeutic potential. There is an enormous amount of research showing that knitting has physical and mental health benefits.'



*St Peter's church Knit & Natter group meets every Thursday
from 2pm-4pm. New members always welcome*

Cocoa blogging from Haiti: *by David Greenwood-Haigh*

In the morning I awoke to the sounds of the cockerels and Brad, the proud peacock, heralding the start of a new day in amazing Haiti.

I enjoyed a breakfast of a jam-filled Danish pastry and a clutch of grapes before driving the short distance to the local hospital. My driver for the morning was waiting anxiously to whisk me off to the *PISA* Cocoa Processing Centre in Acul de Nord a 45minute drive from Haiti's second city, Cap Haitien.

We travelled along dusty roads taking in the vibrant and often chaotic sights and sounds. Traffic consisted of motorbikes carrying three and sometimes four people; tap-taps (buses) carrying enough folk to give even the most laid back Health & Safety inspector a heart attack.

The streets were lined with vendors selling their wares amongst the litter which served to highlight the abject poverty that many Haitians experience. I stopped to photograph the 'Cane Train': three trucks pulled by a tractor carrying the waste from sugar beet used to make Clarin, the local alcoholic drink, requiring my driver to deftly avoid the oncoming traffic.

I finally arrived at my destination where the driver alerted the security guard of my presence with his car horn. He drove through the large iron gates into the processing centre where the first thing to hit me was the powerful acidic aroma I have come to associate with fermenting cocoa beans. Sheets of tarpaulin covered the ground and men armed with large rakes painstakingly spread the beans as they lay under the baking Caribbean sun. I was met by Aline, an extremely able and enthusiastic French woman who oversees the project, and we embarked on a tour of the centre.



PISA began in 2014 and is the brainchild of the DuFort family. It was originally set up to enable the local cocoa farmers to appreciate and understand the value of their product and re-establish Haiti as a fine cocoa producer. *PISA* works with an association of nearly 1500 producers in the foothills of the Massif de Nord mountain range. A third of the producers are female and while there I witnessed a young girl bringing a bowl of cocoa beans to sell. Together they manage an impressive 974 hectares of organic certified land.

The farmers receive double the income that they would normally expect for the raw cocoa beans encouraging them to protect their trees from the charcoal market which, in turn, limits the amount of deforestation which is a major factor in the flooding that often devastates the island.

In the past farmers have brought their beans to the market place where large companies would dominate the prices resulting in poor quality and low prices. *PISA* buys the wet cocoa beans straight from the pod collecting them from the farmers in a truck six days a week. Using a bowl method they purchase by volume rather than the usual weight. The wet cocoa is then taken to the depot and placed into large wooden fermentation boxes. During the next 160 hours the cocoa beans are monitored for temperature and transferred across three different wooden boxes.

Following fermentation the beans are sun dried in the open air and in tunnels, which are specially designed for air circulation, for five to seven days until the cocoa beans reach a humidity level of between 6.5% and 7%. Prior to weighing and bagging, a gravity table is used to remove all the dust and stones leaving a sack of clean, accurately selected cocoa beans.

David Greenwood-Haigh is a lay reader at St Peter's church in Stanley. David is also a chocolatier and has visited Haiti many times, to support the orphanage, school and medical centre that he set up and continues to support with the other founders of the 'Hands of Hope' charity based in Wakefield (handsofhope.org.uk), and to find out more about the Haitian cocoa industry.

**Saturday 23rd June 2pm-8pm,
St Peter's church field**

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Father of Stephen Lawrence: “I’ve embraced my Christian faith, and forgiven his killers”

The father of murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence has made the humbling decision to forgive his son’s killers, saying he has embraced his Christian faith (reports the Press Association). Nearly 25 years after losing his first child, Neville Lawrence, 76, said the decision was the hardest he has ever made, and that he struggles to put into words the devastation caused to his family when his son was killed.

Stephen was murdered by a gang of racists in Eltham, south-east London, on April 22 1993 at the age of 18. His father told the Press Association: “The fact that I had to lose my first child has been devastating. I can’t begin to explain the pain and the anguish we have suffered over the past 25 years.”

Mr Lawrence, who speaks to young people to spell out the dire consequences of carrying a weapon, said: “Right now with the violence, and the knife crime violence, it is even more urgent now that I talk to these youngsters and explain to them the pain and the suffering they inflict on families. I’ve been serving a life sentence for the last 25 years and I will go on serving that until the day I die.”

Sadly the problem of knife attacks hasn’t gone away, and the first four months of this year were full of news reports of stabbings, and even killings, among young people in north London. Almost all of the victims and perpetrators were teenagers, some as young as thirteen.

Some police chiefs and secondary school teachers are convinced that a major factor in this tragic situation is ‘social media’ – Facebook, Twitter and the rest. Teachers believe that online taunts, insults and challenges to respond to them are a major trigger of this violence.

No increase in police numbers could possibly monitor every spat that ends with a knife being drawn; a spat usually about nothing significant at all. ‘You’re stupid!’ ‘You’re fat!’ ‘Keep away from my girlfriend!’ It’s pathetic that youngsters are prepared to risk their lives over such insults. But when they are put online, for all to see, the insult becomes a public humiliation, and no teenager wants that.

It is such a pity that 25 years after the death of Stephen Lawrence, some are still using deadly knives to settle scores. This looks like a long, slow battle for civilisation.

Prayers for June



Beautiful Days

Lord, it's a beautiful day
sun shining,
birds singing,
blossom and flowers at their best.
I'm thankful,
but so, so lonely,
so, so sad.
Summer doesn't fill the gap,
it widens it.
Smiles and shorts and sun-cream,
the holiday plans of others
magnify my loss.

Lord help me, please.
Restore my strength,
hold me close and safe
in the reality of your presence –
which my loved one
also shares!
He is with you,
you are with me,
and so we are connected
by love-links which
cannot be broken.
We still share the
beautiful days you give,
just differently.
Thank you,
Lord.
*By Daphne
Kitching*



Short prayers

*Prayers don't need to be long
to be acceptable to God:*

“Lord, save me”
Matt 14:30

“Lord, help me”
Matt 15: 25

“Speak, for your servant
is listening”
1 Sam 3: 10

“I will fear no evil, for you
are with me.”
Psalm 23: 4

Dancing in the Rain

We wait and hope for better times
And pray for far less pain;
We're waiting for the storm to pass
Taking shelter from the rain.

But yet we wait for far too long
And waiting seems in vain.
The storms outside are stronger still
We see torrential rain.

So wait not for the storm to pass!
Come – see what joys we gain!
By laughing 'neath those heavy clouds
And dancing in the rain!
By Nigel Beeton

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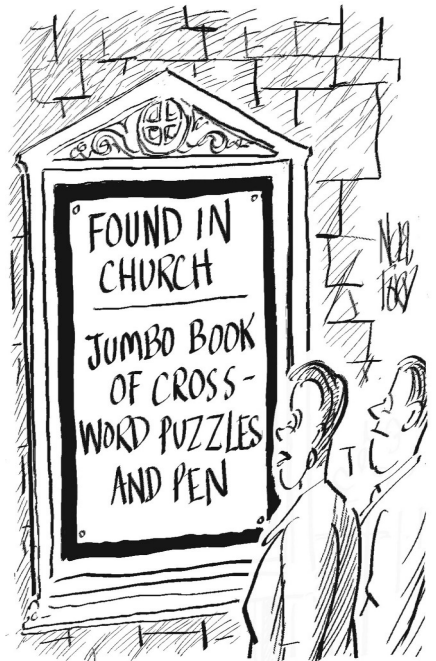
Go, germ, go!

You may be wasting your money on antibacterial wipes and sprays because common germs can replicate themselves in just 20 minutes, recolonising to their original mass. Dr Clare Lanyon, a biomedical scientist from Northumbria University, says that using wipes on kitchen surfaces is in fact 'an absolutely redundant' exercise.

Following a programme for the BBC, Dr Lanyon said: 'The point of the show is that you don't need to be so fastidious in cleaning your home because you can't actually remove all bacteria, and nor would we want to – exposing ourselves to everyday pathogens is good in keeping the immune system healthy and strong.'

She goes on, 'Personally, I don't waste my time purchasing antibacterial products for the home... our research found that a lot of antibacterial cleaning products were not as effective as good old-fashioned soap and water.'

Cartoon Corner



The flower ladies
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"It'll be interesting to see if anyone
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