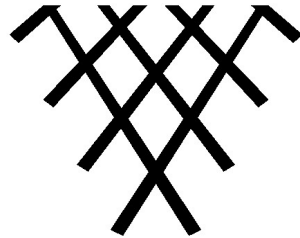




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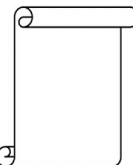
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**The Minister writes:** October sees us celebrating harvest (and everyone at St Peter's is welcome to the St Anne's harvest supper on Saturday 13th October at 6.30pm!), which is many people's favourite festival of the church year. It's a relatively recent addition to the church calendar, being a Victorian invention. The inventors of the harvest festival were drawing on the Old Testament festival of 'first fruits', and perhaps also on the Mediaeval feast of 'Lammas' (a corruption of 'Loaf-Mass'), which was celebrated near the first of August, at the wheat harvest, when the first grains of the year were milled into flour, baked into bread, and brought to church for a blessing. But the Victorians decided to celebrate harvest in the autumn, as fruit and vegetables put forth a last abundance before everything slows down for winter.

Over the past few weeks, I've been almost overwhelmed by the productivity of the vicarage garden - especially by the wonderful and slightly terrifying bounty of plums. Many jars of jam have been made, although I didn't entirely manage to keep up with the tree's production - it would have been nearly a full time job to do so! But I felt a responsibility to make as much use as I could of the fruit which God's had blessed me with. It's a blessing, but there were moments when I wasn't sure I wanted that blessing!

God gives us abundantly of his love, in our creation and in our redemption and in the presence of his Spirit among us. I wonder, how often do we stop to dwell on this? And how do we respond? Of course, God's grace is a free gift - but it demands a response from us too, not because we need to earn God's love, but because we shouldn't waste the grace and love poured out on us. Sometimes, we might perhaps feel slightly overwhelmed by this. But God does not over-burden us - he calls us to live lives of faithful love, sharing that love with others. We're called to bear the fruits of love and holiness - and it's in doing that, that God's gift to us come to its full harvest of joy.

This month will also see the launch of a six week study course that we're inviting people from across the benefice to participate in, called "Lifting the Lid." It aims to equip churches to support people affected by mental health issues. It's being held in Outwood church on Tuesday evenings. Please see page 15 of this magazine for more information.

As many of us have become increasingly aware, there are lots of people known to us who are going through hard times mentally; it's my prayer that this course will help us to offer a little bit of support. It's not just an us and them thing - some of us have dealt with or are dealing with the issue for ourselves, and this course should give us all a bit more insight into positive ways the church can make a difference. Blessings,

*Rev Joanne Kershaw, Priest at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe*

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## St Peter's Church Services

*All services are held at St Peter's Church,  
Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW*

**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](mailto:barry.owen@methodist.org.uk), tel: 07753 127681

**ZION CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

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Sunday: 10:30am Service

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## DATES FOR OCTOBER

<b>Tues 2nd Oct 10am—2pm</b>	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p12 for details.
<b>Weds 3rd Oct 2pm-4pm</b>	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel; see page 10 for more information
<b>Sun 7th Oct 6.30pm</b>	' <u>Spirit of the Age</u> ' service at Outwood parish church. A service based around contemporary music; this month it features the music of U2.
<b>Fri 12th Oct 7.30pm</b>	<u>Film Club—'King's Faith'</u> : a Christian film about faith and forgiveness; see page 14.
<b>Sat 13th Oct 10.30am-12.30</b>	<u>Coffee morning</u> at St Peter's church with lots of great stalls and refreshments, see page 10.
<b>Sat 13th Oct 6.30pm</b>	<u>Harvest supper</u> in the village hall at St Anne's Wrenthorpe. Tickets £5.50.
<b>Sun 14th Oct 10am</b>	<u>Harvest Festival and Parade service</u> at St Peter's church. Please join us. See page 9.
<b>Tues 16th Oct 12.30pm</b>	<u>Community Harvest lunch</u> at St Peter's church, all welcome to this free lunch, see page 9.
<b>Weds 17th Oct 1.30pm</b>	<u>Jumble Sale</u> at Mount Road chapel with various stalls and refreshments. See page 10.
<b>Wed 17th Oct</b>	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
<b>Wed 24th Oct 7pm-9pm</b>	<u>West Riding Watercolour society and art group</u> See page 14 for more information.
<b>Sat 27th Oct 6.30pm</b>	<u>50's and 60's night</u> at Outwood institute in aid of Outwood parish church.
<b>Sun 28th Oct 4pm</b>	<u>Memorial service</u> to remember friends and relatives who have passed away recently, p11.

## STANLEY LIBRARY

**Stanley Library** offers a wide selection of books, talking books, selected language tapes, newspapers (including the weekly Wakefield Express), selected magazines (including the monthly Which magazine), and an A4 colour photocopier; please enquire for the cost of using the machine. There are also public access computers, offering free internet access, and basic computer programmes (i.e. word processing). The computers are free to use; users just need to have a current library card.

### 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 every Monday throughout the year. Other activities for children are organised in most school holidays—please ask for details.

**Crafts and Chat morning:** Every Tuesday from 10am-11.30am: bring your knitting, drawing, crocheting or any other activity and enjoy chat and refreshments.

**Coffee Morning:** There is a coffee morning every Thursday morning, 10am-12 noon. Come and relax with friends over a cuppa.

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

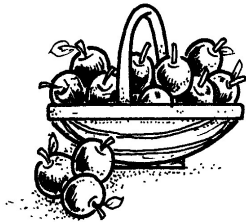
**Family History:** Would you like help researching your family history? An advisor is available in the library every Saturday from 10.30am who can help navigate Ancestry and other useful sites.

**Reading Groups:** Check with the library for the meeting times and book details of the current reading groups.

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

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





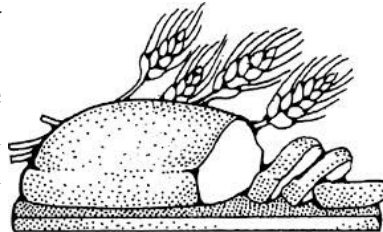
## **St Peter's Harvest Festival Service**

The Harvest Festival Family Parade service will be held on Sunday 14th October at 10am at St Peter's Church and will be attended by the uniformed groups. Everyone is invited to bring a harvest gift: for example fresh fruit or vegetables, dried or tinned food. The fresh food will be used in the community harvest lunch on 16th October, and the remaining food will be shared between St Catherine's church food bank, and our café at St Peter's church. Come and join us for the Harvest festival service as we give thanks for God's many gifts to us all.

## **Harvest Lunch at St Peter's Church**

**Tuesday 16th October, 12.30pm—2pm**

Everyone, young and old, is warmly invited to St Peter's Church on Tuesday 16th October for a Harvest Lunch prepared by church members and the Community Café. The meal will include a hot home-cooked meal, followed by a fruit pudding, and tea and coffee. As in previous years, the tables will be set out very nicely in the hall and the children of St Peter's school will be coming along to sing. The lunch is free of charge, although donations can be made if wished.



### **DON'T FORGET!!**

**It's that time of year when the evenings are getting darker and the nights are getting longer!  
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour  
on Sunday 28th October.**

## Mount Road Methodist Chapel news

- There will be a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 3rd October from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls.
- There will be a Jumble Sale at the chapel on Wednesday 17th October from 1.30pm with various stalls. Thanks to everyone who supported last month's jumble sale which raised £125.
- Thank you to everyone who supported the harvest festival service. The proceeds were donated to Trinity Methodist community project.



## 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; it raised £179. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 13th October 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 November at 6pm at St Peter's Church. Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

## **The Pantomime is coming....**

Rehearsals are underway for this year's church pantomime: 'Jack, the Giant and the Magic Bean'. It's not too late to get involved—we still need singers for the singing group and help with props and scenery. Rehearsals are held every Monday at St Peter's church from 7.30pm-9pm.

There will be the usual terrible jokes, cross-dressing characters, fantastic costumes, props and scenery and toe-tapping tunes. From humble beginnings, the pantomimes are now hugely successful and very well received, with more than 650 tickets sold each year for seven sell-out performances. The pantomime is always very well received by our very enthusiastic audiences!

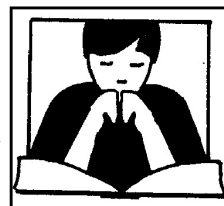


This year's pantomime will run from Sunday 25th November to Saturday 1st December at St Peter's Church. There will be matinees at 3pm on Sunday 25th November and on Saturday 1st December. The evening performances will be at 7.15pm on Monday 26th November, Tuesday 27th, Thursday 29th, Friday 30th and on Saturday 1st December.

Tickets will cost £6 for adults, £4 for children and £18 for a family ticket and will be on sale very soon. Please contact St Peter's church office for tickets: telephone 01924 835746 or email [churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk).

### *Memorial Service* *Sunday 28th October, 4pm*

On Sunday 28th October at 4pm there will be a Memorial Service at St Peter's Church for anyone suffering from bereavement.



It will be an opportunity to remember and pray for friends and family who have died recently or in the past, and for ourselves, who are facing feelings of loss, sadness and grief. An invitation is not required for this service, please just come along.

## A new vicar for Stanley?

The advert for a new vicar for St Peter's has finally been released, and can be found in various publications including 'Church Times' as well as on the Leeds Diocese website (see [leeds.anglican.org/vacancies](http://leeds.anglican.org/vacancies)). On this website, applicants can also see our 'parish brochure' which explains more about our church and people.

The advert is for 'Vicar of the United Benefice of Outwood, Stanley and Wrenthorpe and Priest-in-Charge of St Paul Alverthorpe'. This is quite a mouthful! But in essence, the new vicar will be based in Stanley and will be vicar of St Peter's, but will also oversee the whole benefice which also includes Outwood and Wrenthorpe. Outwood and Wrenthorpe already have their own vicars (Father Jonathan Bish and Rev Joanne Kershaw) but the three parishes are now working together as a team to support each other. The intention is that St Paul's Alverthorpe will also be added into the benefice in due course.

The closing date for applications is 15th October and interviews will be held in November. Please pray that the right person comes forward to apply for this role—so that we can appoint a wonderful new vicar to serve our church and community in Stanley.



**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.**

## **St Peter's Church Autumn Fair**

Saturday 17th November 2018, 10am—12.30pm  
at St Peter's church, Lake Lock Road, Stanley.

### **With lots of stalls and refreshments:**

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

Full details next month

### **Celebrating Paddington Bear's 60th birthday**

Paddington Bear made his first appearance 60 years ago, on 13th Oct 1958, when the book *A Bear Called Paddington*, by Michael Bond, was published.

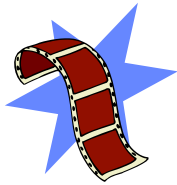
Paddington is of course a fictional, anthropomorphised bear who has featured in more than 20 books that have been translated into 30 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies. He has also starred in two major films and has been described as a worthy successor to Winnie the Pooh.

Though he comes from darkest Peru, and not heaven, he possesses many of the characteristics of Jesus, though falling short in some areas: he has a tendency, for instance, to get the wrong end of the stick. Nevertheless, he is always polite, kind-hearted, hospitable, generous and loving. One can even imagine Jesus giving some people the Paddington "hard stare", though it does not appear to be mentioned in the New Testament.

Paddington Brown – to give him the name of his adopted family – also has the gift of transforming other people's lives through his own goodness.

A Paddington Bear soft toy was the first item passed through the Channel Tunnel by British tunnellers to their French counterparts in 1994.





St Peter's Church

# Film Club



**Friday evening, 12th October 7:30pm**

**'King's Faith' (2014)**



Brendan King is a teenager who has been bounced around the American fostering system due to his rebellious and destructive youth. The troubled teen finds God in juvenile penitentiary, then subsequently lands on his feet when released to a Christian foster home and settles into a suburban high school with a supportive bunch of friends. But the chains of his past quickly resurface when his old gang track him down. Faced with a difficult decision, Brendan must choose whether his new found faith is worth fighting for. With a strong message of forgiveness through Christ, King's Faith doesn't sugar-coat the trials of faith but presents a realistic tale about hope, pain, and spiritual growth through faith and friendship.

**Doors open 7pm, film start 7.30pm**

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

## *West Riding Watercolour Society & Art Group*

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



Open to everyone; the cost is £3.50 per session.

Next meeting: Wednesday 24th October 7pm-9pm

*With a general painting evening. Just bring along whatever you're working on.*

## “Lifting the Lid” on mental health

Outwood parish church is holding a 6-week Bible study course focussing on faith and mental health, starting Tuesday 2nd October. The course was created with small groups in mind, and draws on well-known Bible stories to help explore the topics of emotional and mental well-being, using the Bible as a guide.

Churches and individuals can use this course to help them support people who are struggling with mental health issues. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this very important subject is welcome to come along.

**The course will be on Tuesday evenings at St Mary Magdalene church, Outwood at 7.30pm.**



## Stanley Community Singers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Stanley Community Singers 'Songs for September' concert which was held on Sunday 30th September at St Peter's Church. The choir sang a number of popular songs and were joined by several young singers and instrumentalists. The concert was followed by refreshments and a raffle was also held. The concert raised an incredible £245; a donation from this is being sent to the Alzheimer's Society.

**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!**

## Tim Peake speculates on intelligent design

The astronaut Tim Peake, on a recent visit to Peterborough Cathedral, has said that although he is not religious, his time in space made him consider the possibility that the universe is not an accident, but the result of intelligent design.

Tim Peake spoke about his journey back to Earth in 2016. According to The Times, he said: ‘Although I say I’m not religious it doesn’t necessarily mean that I don’t seriously consider that the universe could have been created from intelligent design. There are many things in science that lead us towards that conclusion.

‘From a point of view of seeing how magnificent the Earth is from space and seeing the cosmos from different perspective, it helps you to relate to that.’

Peake added that, as well as the scale of the universe being impressive, looking at the minute details also made him think: ‘When you look at the smaller scale, the micro level, and you understand quantum mechanics and quantum physics, there are many things that lead us... towards intelligent design of the universe.’

The Astronaut’s Soyuz landing module and spacesuit is on display in Peterborough Cathedral until 5th November.



### Stanley Rodillians RUFC—new members needed!

Stanley Rodillians RUFC is looking for girls and boys of all ages between 4 and 11 to join the mini/junior section.



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Or just come along to training every Tuesday at 6.30pm at the club off Lee Moor Road and see what it’s all about.

**[www.stanleyrodilliansruffc.rfu.club](http://www.stanleyrodilliansruffc.rfu.club)**





## Numbers of bags plummet

We are all using far fewer plastic bags. On average, we now only use about 19 each year – as opposed to the 140 that we used to use. It seems incredible that we ever used that many!

The number of disposable carrier bags issued by the seven biggest supermarket chains has declined by 86 per cent since the 5p charge per bag was introduced in 2015, according to statistics from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Michal Gove, the Environment Secretary, has said the charge is vital to reverse the “rising tide of plastic waste finding its ways into our rivers, seas and oceans, and the catastrophic impact this is having on our marine environment.”

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## Sir Walter Raleigh: Queen Elizabeth I’s favourite

Sir Walter Raleigh died 400 years ago, on 29th Oct 1618. The famous English adventurer, writer, poet and courtier was a favourite of Queen Elizabeth I.

The youngest of five sons in a devout Protestant family from Devon, he had faced persecution under Queen Mary. As a result, he developed a life-long hatred for Roman Catholicism, and at the age of 17 fought with the French Huguenots in the Wars of Religion.



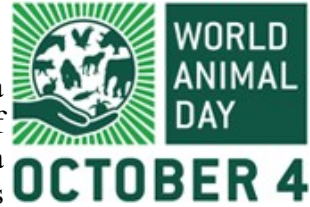
He later became Captain of the Queen’s Guard, and between 1579 and 1583 he fought in Ireland, establishing a Protestant presence in Munster. He was knighted in 1585 and soon invested in expeditions to establish a colony in what is now North Carolina. This was ultimately unsuccessful, but he brought back potatoes and tobacco to England.

The legend that he spread his expensive cloak over a puddle for Queen Elizabeth has never been proved, but it is recognised as the kind of thing he would have done.

Sir Walter had already established a reputation for privateering, and when the pacifist-inclined James I succeeded Elizabeth he was first arrested and imprisoned for treason (he wrote his ‘History of the World’ in the Tower) then executed after attacking Spanish territory in South America on his release.

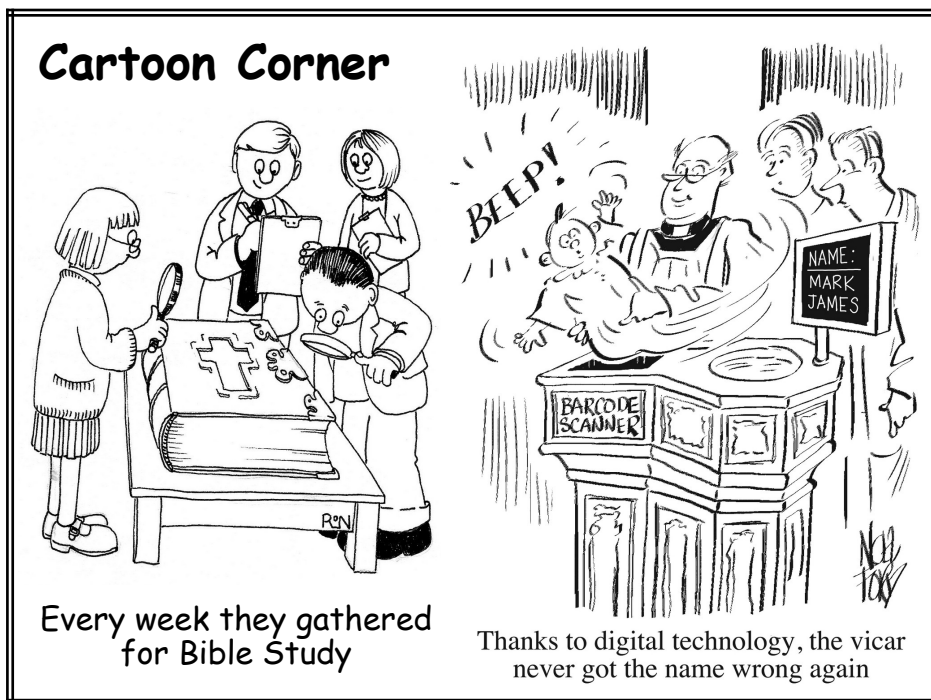
## World Animal Day – 4th October

Each and everyone of us can make a difference for animals in our world. The aim of World Animal Day is to help make the world a fairer place for animals, and to raise their status in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.



Welfare organisations, children's groups, businesses and individuals are encouraged to organise events in celebration of World Animal Day, which is now celebrated in many different countries around the world, regardless of nationality, religion, faith or political ideology. Through increased awareness and education we can create a world where animals are always properly cared for.

To coincide with World Animal Day, St Anne's church in Wrenthorpe is holding a **Pet Service at 3pm on Sunday 7th October**. Please come along and show your support for all the creatures in God's creation.



## ***Prayers for October***

### **Our Friend**

You're the Alpha and Omega  
The beginning and the end.  
The God in whom we place our trust  
And utterly depend.  
You're the One who's all forgiving  
And kind and just and true,  
So merciful and powerful –  
Who can compare with You?

You are mighty and majestic  
Yet gentle as a dove,  
Delighting in Your children  
Enfolding us in love.  
Compassionate and full of grace  
And faithful to the end,  
We come with hearts of joy to serve  
Our Saviour and our Friend.  
*By Kathleen Gillum*

### **Prayer for changing seasons**

Faithful Father,

As the leaves change colour and fall we are reminded of life's changing seasons. We become aware that time passes more quickly than we expect or plan for. Help us to make the most of each day You give us - and to be thankful. Thank you that through all the changing seasons You are unchanging. Your love goes on reaching out.

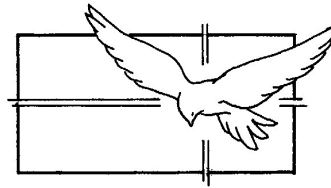
Thank you for sending Jesus who died to make it possible for us to know You and come to You when our days on earth are completed. Help us to trust Him, to receive Him and to live in the power of His Spirit, now and forever.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

### **The Guarding of the God of Life**

The God of life  
With guarding hold you,  
The loving Christ  
With guarding fold you,  
The Holy Spirit,  
Guarding, mould you,  
Each night of life to aid,  
Enfold you  
Each day and night  
Of life uphold you.

*From Poems of the  
Western Highlanders*



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01924 835746, or by email: [churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk)*

## Whatever happened to ties? *By Canon David Winter*

I've recently been sorting through some family photographs. What struck me was how easy it was to date them by what people were wearing. My grandmother always wore black, with a crinoline blouse, and had her hair in a bun. I picked up a photo of her in 1945. She looked, to a modern eye, distinctly elderly. Actually, she was in her sixties. But even pictures from more recent times – the sixties and seventies – display how fashions change. The men all wear ties. The women are almost all in skirts (many in 60's mini-skirts).



As I pondered, I wondered when I first saw someone read a lesson in church wearing jeans and a T-shirt – let alone the shorts that became universal during our recent hot August. And whatever happened to ties? Even male cabinet ministers don't wear them. On television only, the news readers always wear a tie, perhaps in tribute to Lord Reith's instruction back in the 1920s that those who read the news bulletins on the radio should wear dinner jackets (even though no-one would see them). As for women wearing hats in church, I noticed that even our prime minister was not wearing one at the service of commemoration of the Battle of Amiens in the cathedral.

It doesn't matter, of course. Fashions have always changed, and it's quite possible that the next change will be towards dignity and formality. Meanwhile we can all cherish our own prejudices. My personal *bête noire* is flip-flops underneath cassocks. I wonder if St Paul had such things in mind when he pleaded for all things to be done 'decently and in order'?

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