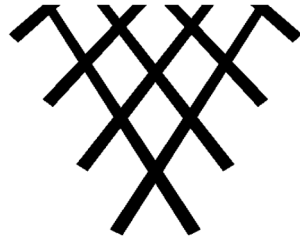




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## **The Minister writes:**

For me one of the most moving feasts in the Church's calendar is Candlemas on the 2nd February every year. It arrives forty days after the birth of Jesus but is not as well known as Christmas and Easter. Candlemas tells the story of Jesus being presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph to God the Father and shown to his people. The Law stated that every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord. In the Temple at the time were two people, Simeon and Anna, who were elderly and were waiting to see Jesus the new born child. God had revealed to Simeon that he would not die before he saw baby Jesus and when he saw Jesus he swept him up in his arms and praised God saying this words....

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace  
your word has been fulfilled  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people  
A light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of you people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*

Not only did Simeon recognize Jesus as the light of the world but also spoke of the life of Jesus to come of how he was to face not only glory but also pain. Later on in the passage, Anna—who was a widow and had never left the Temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying—also thanked God for Jesus and spoke about his life to come.

There is so much in the meeting of Jesus and Simeon and Anna that speaks to us today. They are both known as the 'quiet in the land' – going about their daily lives in prayer and quiet watchfulness for God at work in the world. They watched patiently in humble faithful expectation for Jesus and although they had both known sorrow they had not grown bitter and never gave up hope. It also was a meeting of both young and old and the part they played in God's plans. The witness and life of Simeon and Anna show to us there's no retirement in God's eyes!

The feast of Candlemas is very much a turning point in the Church year as we take one last look back at the birth of Jesus and now turn to face Lent and the events of Holy Week. and Easter. It is very much a bitter sweet turning point as we will soon begin our journey into forty days of Lent and spend time reflecting on our own lives. Join us at St Peter's on Ash Wednesday, 26th February, at 7:30pm when we gather to start our Lenten observance and in the meantime let's pray that we too may recognize Jesus, the light of the world in our lives and the life of the world.

*Rev Glenn Coggins,  
Vicar of the United Benefice of Stanley, Outwood and Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe.*

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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**

466a Aberford Road, Stanley,

[www.zionchurch.co.uk](http://www.zionchurch.co.uk), telephone: 01924 872262

Sunday: 10:30am Service

11:00am Sunday School & crèche

Tuesdays: 7:30pm Prayer meeting

Wednesdays: 7:30pm Bible Study, discussions

Minister: David Dixon, telephone: 01924 872262

## **Stanley Community Singers**

The Stanley Community singers have restarted after the Christmas break. The group meets 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 make some new friends and enjoy a good sing!**

No previous experience required, just a love of singing!  
We sing a variety of different music including pop, musicals, spirituals and modern classics.

*Many of the singers meet in the church café beforehand for a delicious lunch e.g. hot meal, sandwiches, soup etc.*

## **Moorhouse Community Action Group**

The Moorhouse Community Action Group will be meeting twice this year. The dates are:

Thursday 14th May and Thursday 10th September at 6pm

at St Peter's Church. Come along and share any issues specific to Moorhouse with local councillors and WDH representatives.

## **Keep fit while you sit!**

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## DATES FOR FEBRUARY

<b>Sat 1st Feb</b> <b>10.30am-12.30</b>	<u>Teddy Bears' picnic</u> organised by Stanley Residents group. See page 13 for details.
<b>Tues 4th Feb</b> <b>10am—2pm</b>	<u>Senior Citizens' Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p11 for details.
<b>Weds 5th Feb</b> <b>2pm-4pm</b>	<u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel; see page 10 for more information.
<b>Sat 8th Feb</b> <b>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>Weds 12th Feb</b> <b>7pm-9pm</b>	<u>West Riding Art group</u> now meeting every fortnight on Wednesdays. See page 14.
<b>Weds 12th Feb</b>	<u>MAPPS men's group</u> : a monthly men's group meeting with talks, meals etc. See page 11.
<b>Fri 14th Feb</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<u>Film Club</u> : "Young Victoria" starring Emily Blunt. See p14 for a review.
<b>Weds 19th Feb</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
<b>Weds 26th Feb</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<u>Ash Wednesday</u> : a special service to celebrate the beginning of Lent. All welcome.
<b>Sun 22nd March</b> <b>10am</b>	<u>Mothering Sunday family and parade service</u> : all welcome.
<b>Sat 28th March</b> <b>10am—12.30pm</b>	<u>Spring Fair</u> at the church with various stalls and refreshments. More details next month.

### Don't forget—Pancake Day is on Tuesday 25th February

Pancake Day, or more properly—Shrove Tuesday—falls on the day before Ash Wednesday each year, which is the first day of Lent. The custom of eating pancakes dates back to the 16th century when foods such as eggs, milk and butter would be used up before the start of the Lenten fast.



## 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 11.15am every Monday throughout the year. Other children's activities are organised in most school holidays; please ask for details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Thank you for your generosity

During 2019, the church and community groups meeting at the church helped support a number of charitable causes; your kindness and generosity in helping us do this is much appreciated. These are some of the donations that have been made during 2019 with the support of the congregation and community:

- £1,000 was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help with their disaster relief in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi following the catastrophic tropical Cyclone Idai in March 2019. £370 of the money was raised at the annual church wine tasting event.
- The church has given a total of £1,200 during the year to The Cross Project, which runs lunch clubs, religious education lessons and after-school activities in local secondary schools.
- £500 was sent to the Barnabus Fund, an international Christian charity: one of its projects supports widows in Pakistan who are rejected by their families and persecuted for their faith.
- £500 was given to CAP Care Wakefield to help with the meals, supplies, and support they offer to the homeless in Wakefield.
- £500 was given to the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice in Huddersfield that helps children suffering serious illness, and their families.
- £500 was given to the Water Aid which helps provide clean water to communities in 27 countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- The Stanley Community Singers held two concerts during the year and gave donations to Levi's Star as well as to the church senior citizens' lunch club, and to a local family with a disabled child.
- At the St Nicholas Day service in December 2019, the congregation and uniformed groups donated hundreds of wrapped Christmas presents which were donated to Barnados to distribute amongst children and young people in the UK.
- The Christingle Service was held on 15th December and raised approximately £70 in aid of the Children's Society which supports children in the UK who are in need.



**Mount Road Methodist Chapel:**

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 5th February from 2pm—4pm with cakes, refreshments and other stalls. Everyone welcome.
- Family services are held at the chapel every Sunday at 10.30am and are followed by refreshments.



**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**

**2020 Coffee Morning dates**

Thank you everyone who supported the last two coffee mornings: on 14th December 2019 £194 was raised, and on 11th January 2020 £168 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 8th February at St Peter’s church from 10.30am—12.30pm with lots of great stalls: cakes, raffle, jigsaws, tombola and refreshments including delicious bacon butties.



The coffee mornings dates for the rest of the year are shown below: they will take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month at St Peter’s church, and will continue to take place from 10.30am—12.30pm. Please join us!

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



## St Peter's Senior Citizens' Lunch Club



At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road  
Every Tuesday, 10am—1.30pm

- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day e.g. crafts, talks, films, games, cookery, reminiscing.
- 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! Please come and join our friendly group.

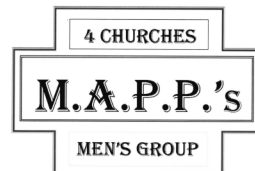
Some of the activities we've done recently have included:

- ★ Large art displays ★ Burns Night activities ★ Crafts
- ★ Chinese new year activities ★ a talk about textile design
- ★ Indoor Kurling ★ Singalong to Elvis songs ★ Quizzes
- ★ Visit by local school children ★ Making scarecrows

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

### MAPP's Men's Group

MAPP's organises social events every month for men from the four churches in our benefice: St Mary's (M), St Anne's (A), St Peter's (P) and St Paul's (P). The next meetings are:



#### A talk by Pathologist Richard Sellens: "Blood and guts!"

On Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7.30pm  
At Kirklands Hotel, Leeds Road, Outwood

#### A visit to Ossett brewery

On Wednesday 11th March 2020. Details next month.

*A warm welcome to all men from Stanley and elsewhere!*

## Lent Fasting

*By Rev Paul Hardingham writing in parishpump.co.uk*

This month sees the start of Lent, the season of penitence, self-examination and fasting running up to Easter. Fasting can be a neglected discipline, but it plays an important part in the Christian life. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and He taught His disciples to fast (i.e. not if but ‘when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen.’ (Matthew 6:17,18).

Why Fast?: Firstly, giving up something in my life underlines my desire to put God first in my life. Secondly, fasting shows me how much I depend on things other than God in my life, so I can surrender my idols to Him. Thirdly, fasting encourages me to have a deeper hunger and dependency for God in my life. Therefore, fasting gives me space to humbly focus on God for His strength, provision, and wisdom and results in a more intimate relationship with Christ. It also enables the Holy Spirit to reveal my true spiritual condition, leading to brokenness, repentance, and a transformed life, with a heart more attentive to God.

How can I fast?: Usually fasting involves missing one or two meals during the day, although some can’t abstain from food for medical reasons. It might also include abstaining or limiting the time I give to television, alcohol or social media. However, Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines e.g. joining a study group, ‘random acts of kindness’, or giving more time to prayer and Bible study. Whatever you do, make Lent count this year!

*‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.’ (Matthew 5:6).*

**Join us for a special service to celebrate the beginning of Lent at 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday, the 26th February.**



### *From the Stanley Parish Register*

#### *Funerals*

Linda Shields	22nd November 2019
Pauline Weatherby	1st December 2019
Paul Butterworth	22nd January 2020



## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

**Saturday 1st February 10.30—12.30**  
**St Peters Church Centre, Lake Lock Road, Stanley WF3-3HW**



COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER MORNING  
 An opportunity to Celebrate Stanley's local Talent and community spirit.  
 Get to see local sports, crafts and social activity groups and their table top displays.  
 Meet Stanley Residents team and see what we have planned for 2020

FOR THE CHILDREN (all age groups)  
 Bring your Teddy bear, join the picnic , take part in games arts and crafts and competitions open to all bears and children  
 Enjoy listening to bear stories, with local storyteller, learn how to grow massive vegetables and plant seeds at the event with Stanley's prize winning gardener.  
 Party food, tea coffee and cakes available on the day




**DO YOU OWN THE OLDEST TEDDY IN STANLEY? PLEASE BRING HIM ALONG**

## PACT meetings in Stanley

### Partners And Communities Together

Come along and discuss any concerns about your neighbourhood with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and local councillors. Meetings are at Stanley library on Thursdays, 6pm-7pm.



Next meeting dates:  
**Thursday 30th January**  
**Thursday 12th March.**  
**Thursday 23rd April**  
 From 6pm-7pm  
 At Stanley library





St Peter's Church

# Film Club



**Friday evening, 14th February 7:30pm**

**'Young Victoria' (2009)**



Emily Blunt takes the title role in Jean-Marc Vallee's dramatisation of the early years of Queen Victoria's rule, which began when she was just 18 years old, and her enduring romance and marriage to Prince Albert (Rupert Friend). Jim Broadbent and Miranda Richardson co-star as King William (Victoria's uncle) and the Duchess of Kent respectively. The story depicts the suffocating lifestyle that a young Victoria was subjected to, as well as the intricacies of court politics and meddling from many sources, including Victoria's own mother; Lord Melbourne the Prime Minister; and even foreign royalty. With beautiful locations and costumes and superb performances by the whole cast, we see how an 18 year old queen overcame a risky start to set up a hugely successful reign.

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

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

## *West Riding Art Group*

The group now meets every fortnight on Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm at St Peter's Church for informal painting evenings and to share techniques and knowledge.



Open to everyone; the cost is £3.50 per session including refreshments. Tuition is available—please ask.



Next meetings  
7pm-9pm

Wednesday 12th February  
Wednesday 11th March  
Wednesday 25th March

## Remembering Anne Frank and her diary

Anne Frank, the Dutch Jewish diarist and Holocaust victim, died 75 years ago, in February 1945, in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp at the age of 15 – probably from typhus. She is known for writing ‘The Diary of a Young Girl’, an account of how she and seven others were hidden in a secret annex to escape the Nazis.

The group had been arrested the previous August, and only Anne’s father Otto survived the war. At first it was believed they had been betrayed, but it is now thought possible that they were discovered by accident.



The Diary, which Anne, who was born in Germany, started writing at the age of 13, is the story of how ordinary people risked their lives to help those in need, but it says little about the unclear relationship the Dutch had with Nazi Germany. Up to 80% of the Dutch Jewish population were killed during the war, the second highest percentage after Poland.

The diary, which had been kept safe by Otto’s secretary, Miep Gies, was published in English in 1952 and has since been translated into more than 60 languages. The Anne Frank House, a museum in Amsterdam, opened in May 1960. Asteroid 5535 Annefrank was named in Anne’s honour in 1995.

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## Nelson Mandela – freed 30 years ago

Nelson Mandela, who led the movement to end South African apartheid, was released from prison 30 years ago this month, on 11th February 1990.

He became President of South Africa in 1994. Mandela had been involved with the African National Congress since 1944, advocating non-violent resistance. But after the Sharpeville massacre of peaceful demonstrators in 1960, he helped organise a paramilitary branch of the ANC.



He was arrested for treason in 1961 but was acquitted. He was arrested again in 1962 for illegally leaving the country, then again in 1964 on charges of sabotage. The same year he was sentenced to life in prison.

*(Continued on page 16)*

When F W de Klerk became President in 1989, as part of the shift away from apartheid he lifted the ban on the ANC, and then ordered Mandela's release. In 1993, Mandela and de Klerk were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mandela was raised as a Methodist and had strong Christian convictions, which he rarely aired in public for fear of alienating those who did not believe. In 1999 he said: "Without the church, without religious institutions, I would never have been here today ... Religion was one of the motivating factors in everything we did."

**2020 is a Leap Year:** Every four years an extra day is added, February 29, to keep our calendar aligned with the astronomical seasons. This is because a year according to the Gregorian calendar has 365 days but a year according to Earth's orbit around the Sun is actually 365.25 days. Without the extra day every 4 years, our calendar and the seasons would gradually get out of sync.

### **Remembering Eric Liddell—Olympian and prisoner of war**

Eric Liddell, the Scottish athlete who became a 400-metre Olympic gold medallist in 1924, died 75 years ago, on 21st February 1945, in a Japanese internment camp in China. He was 43 and had a brain tumour. Because of his Christian convictions he had withdrawn from the 100-metre heats in the 1924 Paris Olympics because they took place on a Sunday. He entered the 400-metre heats instead – and won.

He also got bronze in the 200 metres, where he finished ahead of his Jewish team-mate Harold Abrahams, the 100-metre gold medallist. Their story is told in the classic 1981 film, *Chariots of Fire*.

Born in China to missionary parents, Liddell went to boarding school for 12 years at Eltham College, South London, where he continues to be recognised as inspirational. He was always an outstanding sportsman but never failed to put God first. He returned to China after studying pure science at Edinburgh University and married a Canadian missionary, Florence Mackenzie. They set up a rural mission station and it was there that Liddell was captured by the advancing Japanese.



While in internment camp, despite his tumour and weakness, he gave hope to others, being seen as a great unifying force. He helped to ease tensions through his selflessness and was admired for the way he forgave his captors.



## Church ordered to replace name with political slogan

Chinese authorities have forced a church in Jiangxi province to paint over its name and replace it with a communist slogan, “Follow the Party, Obey the Party, and Be Grateful to the Party,” amid increasing attempts by officials to ‘sinicise’ (make Chinese) Christianity.

Late last year ‘The True and Original Source of the Universe church’ in Ji’an city was also ordered to remove a painting of a biblical figure from a prominent position and replace it with a portrait of China’s President Xi Jinping, surrounded with communist party slogans.

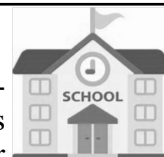


Days later, officials locked the doors and windows and confiscated the keys to the church, which is registered under the state-sanctioned Patriotic Association, preventing the congregation from gaining access for worship.

Elsewhere in Jiangxi province, elderly members of an unofficial house church, operating outside of the Patriotic Association, were told by the authorities in Poyang county that their retirement pensions would be stopped if they continued to gather for worship. Officials also removed crosses and religious banners and replaced them with portraits of President Xi and Chairman Mao Zedong.

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## When education for ALL children arrived



150 years ago, on 17th February 1870, the Elementary Education Act, or Forster’s Education Act, was introduced in England and Wales to ensure education for all children aged five to 12. Many people objected to the concept of universal education, including the upper classes, who wanted to keep educational privileges for themselves, and employers who feared losing cheap labour. But there was also a feeling that the newly enfranchised lower classes should be better educated.

Churches had doubts about the Act, worrying that they would lose their influence on young people. The Earl of Shaftesbury, 20 years earlier, had feared national education would be “a death warrant to the teaching of the evangelical religion”. Before 1870, elementary education was provided largely by the Church of England, but despite the churches’ fears, and even in the 21st century, church schools are still flourishing. After 1880 school attendance was made compulsory for children until they were 12.

## Psalm 23 Garden coming to RHS Chelsea

The Bible Society has announced that “We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with award-winning garden designer Sarah Eberle, to bring Psalm 23 to life at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2020!”

The Psalm 23 Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2020, designed by Sarah Eberle, will offer visitors the chance “to stop, reflect, and feel refreshed”. The Bible Society said: “This powerful psalm, with its visual imagery of green pastures, still waters and the valley of the shadow of death, just cries out to be turned into a garden.”



“We hope you’ll love it. And after the Chelsea Flower Show, the garden will find a permanent home at the Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, where it will be a blessing to patients and families.”

The Bible Society says it is also hoping that people will “join us in creating community gardens across the country inspired by the Psalm 23 Garden. You can do this outside your office, in your school grounds, or in your churchyard. Let’s get gardening!” You can follow the project on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and join the Bible Society on the road to Chelsea.

**Never underestimate a tortoise!** They may be hibernating at the moment, but tortoises aren’t the stay-at-homes couch potatoes that you may think they are. In fact, so many have been gone walk-about, that the RSPCA advises that they be microchipped and kept in a secure enclosure. The charity rescued almost 1,000 tortoises last year. Experts warn that once warmer weather comes, tortoises will try to climb, dig, and push their slow but determined way through barriers. “Tortoises are actually quite active and can move at quite a pace when they want to.”



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## Prayers for February



### The Three protect thee

The God of life to encompass thee,  
Loving Christ encompass lovingly,  
The Holy Ghost encompasser be  
Cherishing, aid, enfolding to send,  
To defend.

The Three be about thy head to stand,  
And the Three be about thy breast,  
The Three about thy body at hand  
For each day, for each night of rest,  
The Trinity compassing strong  
Thy life long.

*From Poems of the  
Western Highlanders*



### The Leap Year

The calendar, one year in four  
Gives February a little more  
An extra day! We must be sure!  
To wisely use these hours  
The weather, not as bitter cold;  
The garden weeds have gained no hold;  
The early bulbs start to unfold  
We welcome crocus flowers!

The sun bestows a little warmth  
The winds turn from the bitter north  
It is the time to sally forth  
From winter sanctuary!  
Tis early spring, season sublime  
So hearken to my little rhyme -  
Enjoy the little extra time  
You have in February!  
*By Nigel Beeton*



### Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)

The waiting and the  
wondering are over,  
He is here,  
Revealed by the Spirit.

By the Spirit filled  
and led I come,  
With my own arms  
to hold Him,  
With my own eyes  
to know Him,  
Miniature of humanity,  
Fullness of God.

My blessing a reality check  
Of piercing and promise,  
Of rising and falling,  
To all people  
In the challenge of light.

In the peace of my leaving,  
Lord,  
And for your glory,  
Let the light shine.  
*By Daphne Kitching*

### Love

O God give the joy  
and God the love  
To those who are lovers true,  
Shed down benediction  
from above  
As in one are joined the two.

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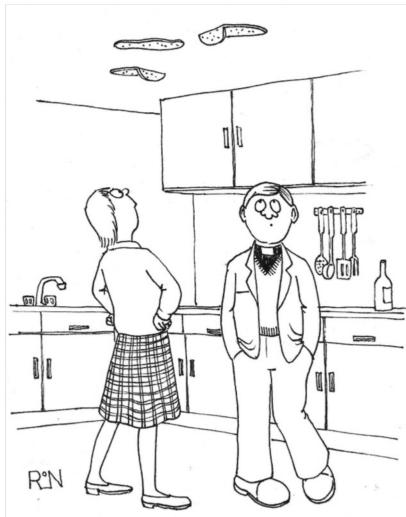
**G** – God  
**R** – ran  
**A** – alongside  
**C** – carrying  
**E** – everything



**G** – God’s  
**R** – riches  
**A** – at  
**C** – Christ’s  
**E** – expense

**Flea circus?** Here’s some news to make you itch: the flea population is on the rise. A spokeswoman for the British Pest Control Association said: “Our industry is more conscious of the chemicals it uses, so there is a chance that new products are not as effective.” In other words, current health and safety rules probably mean that we are producing less toxic stuff with which to kill the fleas. Around 95 per cent of flea eggs, larvae and pupae live in your house, and not on your pet. People think that if they have a flea infestation, it means they are dirty, but that is not necessarily so: fleas are just as happy living in a perfectly clean home. Their only demand is for a warm-blooded host to be around, like your cat or dog.

### Cartoon Corner



“Pancake party?” said Simon,  
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“Ready when you are, George...”

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