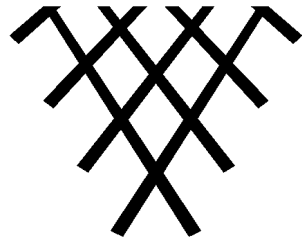




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Dear Friends, well sadly it goes without saying that we are living in unprecedented times. Perhaps several readers may remember the events of World War II and how that affected the nation and wider world? Has there been anything since on such a worldwide scale that has left us with a real sense of fearfulness and anxiety? We appear to have been in free fall for only a matter of a few weeks not knowing what the future may hold for us and when and how any sense of 'normal life' may return. The Church has not been immune to this and very quickly the Church suspended public worship only to find a week later totally closing church buildings.

The Church of England is called to model the very best practice and must lead by example, so we now find ourselves staying at home and demonstrating solidarity with the rest of the country at this testing time. The Church building, which is the place where we gather together for worship and fellowship, finds us now dispersed at our various homes and looking at creative ways to stay in touch. Thankfully we have several gifted people in St Peter's who are helping us to deliver church services via the internet, make telephone calls to stay in touch and also help in a practical way with the Stanley COVID Mutual Aid support group. Further details on staying in touch are in this magazine.

God's Church is at the end of the day the people of God, rather than buildings and although our buildings are closed, the daily rhythm of prayer continues in people's homes. It is extremely encouraging to hear stories of how people are working together helping neighbours in need and making sure nobody lacks the essentials and has somebody they can call on for support and a chat.

In a few days we shall walk through the events of Holy Week and this will be a Holy Week like no other for us as a Church. On Good Friday we shall pause and reflect on the crucifixion and hear how the disciples scattered and were fearful for their future and their lives. Three days later when Jesus rose from the dead, joy and hope returned and a new way of living was offered by the risen Christ. We pray that this Good Friday experience that is affecting us all that the risen Christ will stand amongst us in our fear and anxiety and will offer us strength, peace and comfort to face each day as it comes. Good Friday is here but Easter is coming. With every blessing this Eastertide,

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St Peter's Church Services

St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW

At present, all churches in the UK are closed, and no public church services are taking place. The clergy team at St Peter's church are filming regular services, sermons and reflections in their own homes and these can be viewed on our Facebook page and on our church website: www.stpeters-stanley.org.uk

The last church service to be held in church before the coronavirus crisis was on Sunday 15th March.

We do not know when churches will be allowed to re-open but until then, we will continue filming services behind closed doors, and making them available online.

Other Christian Worship

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In the current time, when our routines are disrupted and we might be feeling anxious and uncertain, we might find it difficult to get up and face the world each day.

Here are five things we can do every morning before we get out of bed, to prepare ourselves for the day ahead and to encourage a positive and optimistic outlook.

Good luck!

Five things to do before you get out of bed

1. Express gratitude.
2. Set your intentions for the day
3. Take five long deep breaths in and out.
4. Smile for no reason.
5. Forgive yourself for yesterday's mistakes.



Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community singers normally 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. Dates to be confirmed.....

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.

EASTER SERVICES

On our website and Facebook page

Sunday 5th

April

10am



Palm Sunday service presented by Rev David Teece, and remembering the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week.

Tuesday 7th

April, 7.30pm

Holy Week Meditation, part 1

Wednesday 8th

April, 7.30pm

Holy Week Meditation, part 2

Thursday 9th

April, 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday reflection service presented by Rev Glenn Coggins and remembering the Last Supper.

Friday 10th

April

2.30pm



Meditation for Good Friday: a contemplative service presented by Vicky Wilson to help us think about the events of Good Friday.

Saturday 11th

April, 8pm

Easter vigil service: in preparation for the resurrection and the joy of Easter Sunday.

Sunday 12th

April, 10am



Easter Sunday service: presented by Rev Glenn Coggins. Jesus is risen! He is alive! Join us as we celebrate the truth of the resurrection on this most joyous of days.

Our Easter services and reflections are being filmed by our clergy team and will be available to view on our website and Facebook page at the times given above. Once the services are available online, they can be viewed at any time and as many times as you like.

Please note that all the groups and activities mentioned in this parish magazine have been suspended for the time being. However, we hope that when the church is allowed to re-open, all our regular groups will restart and continue as before.

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: Tiny Tots Storytime for under 5's is from 11am-11.30am 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.

Coronavirus—a global pandemic

On 11th March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus to be a global pandemic. Since its outbreak in January in Wuhan, China, the world has been slowly engulfed by fear of this invisible but deadly threat.

As the virus has spread, so have the efforts of our Governments to slow the virus. Countries are on lock down, and hundreds of millions of people have been told to stay at home. Normal life has shut down for most of us. Businesses, schools, industries, restaurants, sports, theatres and even churches have all been shut. Every community in the UK and around the world, must now deal with the crisis, in one way or another.

As members of St Peter's church in Stanley, we wish to express our deep concern and sympathy for all who live in our community. We have linked with the Stanley Residents group, Stanley Day nursery and many volunteers from our village to offer emotional and practical help to those in need. Please see page 11 for details of how to contact the volunteer team for help with shopping, errands etc.

We invite you to join us, as we turn to God and pray for:

- Our Government and local authorities who bear the responsibility of confronting this challenge.
- WHO, the NHS, and all health professionals who are working to safeguard our public health.
- Industry leaders who must take huge decisions to confront this challenge to our economy.
- The leaders of our local community, who provide care and guidance for those they lead.
- Finally, let us pray for ourselves and our loved ones, for courage and endurance at this most demanding of times.

Christianity is based on hope in a God that does not fail us. We know that even in the worst circumstances, God is with us and will hear our prayers. He will answer us. As Easter approaches, this is a time to let the light of Christ shine His healing rays throughout the world, and throughout our community. May the Lord, our Chief Shepherd and our Refuge, grant mercy and grace upon the nations of the world in this time of trouble and distress.



St Peter's Senior Citizens' Lunch Club



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

- We hope that when the world returns to normal you might consider coming to our Tuesday lunch club. We have a really excellent time; it is a very friendly group and new members are always welcome. It is ideal for anyone wanting a bit of companionship and something to do!
- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by our activity of the day e.g. crafts, talks, films, games, cookery, reminiscing.

Some of the activities we've done recently:

- ★ Large art displays ★ Oscars activities ★ St Patrick's day
- ★ Chinese new year activities ★ a talk about textiles
- ★ Indoor Kurling ★ Singalong to Elvis songs ★ Quizzes
- ★ Visit by local school children ★ Making scarecrows

- Lunch is served from about 12:15pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert, for just £5 per person.

Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.

Church coffee morning—a thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported the March coffee morning at St Peter's church; it was a lovely morning and raised a fantastic £193. We don't know when the next coffee morning will be, but they are usually on the second Saturday of each month, from 10.30am—12.30pm with all the usual great stalls including cakes, raffle, jigsaws and more, and refreshments including bacon and sausage sandwiches.



Councillor Jacqui Williams holds an advice surgery at every St Peter's coffee morning. Please come along and visit Councillor Jacqui, and enjoy some refreshments and visit our stalls as well!

Stanley COVID-19 Mutual Aid WF3

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can to help you.

If there's no answer, please leave your name and
number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

While we are not an 'official charity', we all live in the village and
have been involved in lots of community activities over
the years so you might know us already.



St Peter's
Church

Film club



St Peter's church film club meets on the second Friday of the month to show a popular recent film on the big screen. Doors open 7pm; film starts at 7.30pm, and there is free entry, and free refreshments. Please bring your own popcorn and snacks!

Future dates and film titles to be confirmed.....

The big surprise lurking in Granny's chicken soup

Granny always knew her chicken soup was good for you when you were poorly, but she did not realise quite how good. Now research has found that the traditional hot broths used in many cultures to battle flu and fevers pack a bigger punch than even the cooks realised.

A range of soups, including vegetable, beef and chicken, were discovered to have the power to interrupt the life cycle of *Plasmodium falciparum*, which causes 99 per cent of deaths from malaria. Some of them were actually as effective as a leading antimalarial drug, dihydroartemisinin, in fighting malaria.



No one particular ingredient was found to be common to the broths, but there certainly seems to be "evidence that they contain antibiotic properties", according to one doctor. The study was carried out at the Imperial College London and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

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 meeting dates to be confirmed....

William Wordsworth – the people’s poet

William Wordsworth, the Romantic poet associated with the Lake District, was born 250 years ago, on 7th April 1770. He was Poet Laureate from 1843 to 1850, though he produced no new poetry during that period.

In his youth, Wordsworth travelled in France and came to share the radical politics of the French Revolution. He fell in love with Annette Vallon, with whom he had a daughter in 1792. They were kept apart by the difficult relationship between England and France, but finally met again, and the poet supported his daughter, despite marrying Mary Hutchinson, a friend of his beloved sister and muse, Dorothy. He and Mary had five children, three of whom predeceased them.

Wordsworth’s political views soon softened, and he never rejected Christianity. He has been described as a “Church of England pantheist” and saw himself as a people’s poet. He produced Lyrical Ballads in 1798 with his friend Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who inspired his last great poem, The Prelude.

Many Christians, especially those in the Anglo-Catholic movement, deeply admired Wordsworth. During his later years and in the next generation, he was regarded as a defender of the Faith. He himself seemed content that many found his poetry helpful in trying times.

Perhaps his most famous and enduring poem is ‘Daffodils’ which begins with the familiar words:



*I wander'd lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*



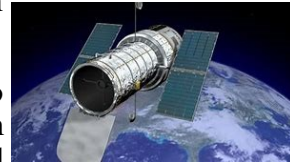
Quotes of the week:

- ‘Misfortune is an occasion to demonstrate character.’ *Seneca, philosopher*
- ‘Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it.’ *Helen Keller, author and activist*
- ‘When we take least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them.’ *Matthew Henry, 17th century scholar*

The Hubble Space Telescope

The Hubble Space Telescope was launched 30 years ago, on 24th April 1990. It was named after Edwin Hubble, an outstanding expert on extragalactic astronomy in the 1920s and 1930s. It was not the first space telescope but it is one of the largest and most versatile, well known both as a vital research tool and as a public relations boon for astronomy.

The launch, originally scheduled for 1983, had been delayed by technical and budget problems and by the Challenger disaster which occurred in January 1986—the US space shuttle Challenger broke apart only minutes into its flight, with the loss of all 7 crew. Ironically the NASA error that caused the Challenger tragedy was similar to the one that led to the Hubble telescope being launched with a defective mirror; unwillingness to accept technical warnings when there was great pressure from above to go ahead.



In the case of the Hubble telescope, also built by NASA with help from the European Space Agency, a more basic machine revealed the problem with the mirror, but those in charge did not believe it because a newer, more complex machine had given the go-ahead.

The problem was put right by astronauts in 1993—the telescope was always designed to be serviced in orbit—and since then its position outside the Earth's atmosphere has enabled it to record many detailed visible light images that have enabled scientists a deep view into space, leading to new theories in astrophysics. The telescope is estimated to remain in working order until 2030-2040.

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Prayers for April



Easter Story

The thud of nails on open palms, 'Father forgive' was all He said,
'Finished' was His final cry, as death approached God bowed His head.

Born of a woman He entered our world,
fully man yet fully divine,
Such is the mystery beyond comprehension,
That One such as this should step into time.



He came to die and rise again, The first fruits of the Father's love,
That man should follow in His train on wings of light to realms above.

By Megan Carter

Trust in God

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the
shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my
refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I trust Him.

For He will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly
disease. He will cover you with His feathers. He will shelter you with
His wings. His faithful promises are your armour and protection.'

Psalm 91:1-4

Prayer in a Time of Disaster

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength
in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos.
Surround us now with your grace and peace
through storm or earthquake, fire or flood.

By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen,
sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild,
and fill us with the hope of your new creation;
through Jesus Christ, our rock and redeemer.
By the Rev. John G. Hamilton, FPC, Rochelle, III

Daily Strength

For I am
the Lord your God
who takes hold of
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and says to you,
"Do not fear;
I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)



*Please contact the editor, Eleanor Plant, with items for the next magazine on
01924 835746, or by email: churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk*

Church minister was inspiration behind 'Great Escape'

A Church of Scotland minister nicknamed 'Padre Mac' has been named as the inspiration behind the Great Escape. The Revd Professor Murdo Ewen Macdonald's "fiery sermons" motivated the famous breakout of a German Prisoner of War camp in March 1944, according to author Dr Linda Parker.

Her book "Nearer My God to Thee: Airborne Chaplains in the Second World War," examines the story of padres who accompanied airborne forces to all theatres of war between 1942-1945.

Padre Mac was the chaplain for the men of Stalag Luft III. Dr Parker claims that "Murdo Ewen Macdonald, may have been the inspiration that led to many great escapes during the Second World War. He was moved to Stalag Luft III, where the Great Escape would take place in March 1944. Here, he befriended Roger Bushell, and Harry 'Wings' Day, both instigators and organisers of the Great Escape. As a chaplain, he would have had access to all the troops and would have been able to speak with them, in confidence, to motivate them with the story of his own escape attempts."



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