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Dear Friends, As I write we are now entering our sixth week of lockdown which for all of us has resulted in many changes to our daily lives. I pray there may have been some positive things happening in your life but what a change and challenge to our daily living. As a country we are now exploring how we gradually come out of lockdown and begin to open up businesses and factories and re-start the economy and get back to some sort of normality. We don't know what this new norm will look like now the world has changed; some things we took for granted will now present us with new challenges and fears. For example using public transport, going into crowded areas or events, possibly our old work environment, schools and universities etc the list goes on and that's without mentioning going to a local pub or eating out or visiting the cinema and theatre. Yes, the world we shall go back into has changed and we have as well.

There are many stories of Jesus in the gospels and one of them is when he was with his disciples on a boat on the Sea of Galilee when a storm blew up and threatened to overwhelm the boat: 'Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.' (Mark 4:39).

What started out for the disciples as a routine trip across the Sea of Galilee, ended up with a storm threatening to overwhelm their boat! Jesus was asleep in the boat, so little wonder they feared for their lives: 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' (v38).

Firstly, we read that Jesus calmed the storm; he is the Lord of the storm and holds our circumstances in His hands. We are called to trust, not fear, being assured that He is with us to protect us. Nothing is outside of His control.

Secondly, despite the calm, the disciples were still terrified: 'They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!' Like us, the disciples were asking why Jesus, who loved them, had allowed the storm to happen! Our circumstances provide us with an opportunity to understand more deeply who Jesus is and our role in his plans.

As we journey forward together into an unknown future, Jesus is with us in the storm of the on-going pandemic. Let us trust and look to him to overcome our fear, anxiety and insecurity as we seek reassurance and calm and peace that all in the end will be well and that nothing can separate us from God's love.

Take care, stay safe and God Bless, Rev Glenn Coggins, Vicar of the United Benefice of Stanley, Outwood and Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe.



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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:

- Facebook: St Peter's Church, Stanley, Wakefield
- Church website: www.stpeters-stanley.org.uk
- YouTube: St Peter's Church, Stanley

See overleaf for full details of our regular services.



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Five Tips for Tackling Loneliness and Isolation

The Church of England has suggested five tips to help with loneliness:

Pray: light a candle, if safe, and pray for hope, faith and strength to keep loving and caring for each other during this time of struggle.



- Talk about how you feel. This may be difficult if you are selfisolating, but do use the telephone, internet, and social media. If you need to contact a counsellor this can be arranged by your GP, or via local agencies, or privately. Samaritans are there 24 hours a day, every day, and it's free to call them on 116 123.
- ♦ Focus on things that you can change, not on the things you can't.
- ♦ Look after yourself: physically, emotionally, spiritually. Plan things that you enjoy at regular intervals during the day e.g. a TV programme, a phone call, a book, a favourite dish, a game.
- ♦ Look after others: Even if only in small ways, do what you can: a smile, a kind word, writing a letter or an email.



Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community singers normally meet every Monday at St Peter's Church, 1pm—2pm, followed by refreshments.

We are continuing to meet via Zoom to enjoy singing our favourite songs and have even tried some new songs!

We are looking forward to getting back to our face-to-face rehearsals! You would be very welcome to join us.

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!

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

REGULAR SERVICES

All our services are streamed via our Facebook page

Sundays 10am	Sunday Morning service: presented by our clergy team, with prayers, Bible readings and hymns. This service is also available on our website https://stpeters-stanley.org.uk/sunday-services and on YouTube.
Mondays 9am	Morning prayer: with Glenn and Angela Coggins
Tuesdays 9pm	Compline evening service: with Glenn and Angela Coggins
Wednesdays 9am	Morning prayer: with Glenn and Angela Coggins
Wednesdays 9pm	Compline evening service: with Vicky Wilson
Thursdays 9pm	Compline evening service: with Glenn and Angela Coggins
Fridays 9pm	Compline evening service: with Vicky Wilson

Once the services are available online, they can be viewed at any time and as many times as you like.

On our Facebook page, there are also a number of 'Mindfulness' sessions led by Angela Coggins.

Please note that any 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.

Life in quarantine

By The Ven. John Barton writing in parishpump.co.uk

Full marks to Jamie Oliver for his Channel 4 series, 'Keep Cooking and Carry On'. He shows us how to make tasty meals with basic ingredients and a minimum of fuss.

The pandemic has prompted other encouraging responses. One mother in the 'at risk' category said her adult children thought she was immortal until now. Now they ring her every day to see how she's getting on. An elderly clergyman has had offers to shop from two new neighbours whom he hardly knew. The whole nation has stopped taking the National Health Service for granted and has started showing gratitude. Telephone, television, the internet and email prevent many from going stir-crazy. Some have even tried the cryptic crossword, though newcomers should be warned it takes years to learn its secrets!

The isolation is tough for many. Isolated families have had to get used to each other's company and foibles for long periods, away from school or office. Couples have been parted from each other by distance or illness. Those living alone have been cut off from visitors and communal activities. Churchgoers missed Holy Communion at Easter for the first time. That should help us identify with millions of Christians across the world who have to pray in secret because their neighbours would persecute them if they did so publicly.

Alone-ness, rather than loneliness, can be productive. Albert Einstein valued time alone, when he could "go for long walks on the beach so that I can listen to what is going on inside my head." Isaac Newton's greatest discoveries began when he escaped the effects of the bubonic plague, by returning home to the family farm in Lincolnshire. He had time to observe what was going on around him and, yes, that did include watching the famous apple fall.

When the bubonic plague was at its peak, the Reformer Martin Luther wrote: "I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, He will surely find me and I have done what He has expected of me, and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others."

Help from your community

Forget panic buying and the minority who flout the social distancing guidance; by and large the current crisis has brought out the very best from across our communities.

Around the UK, many thousands of local volunteer groups have been set up to help those self-isolating during the coronavirus outbreak. Others groups are sewing hospital scrubs and facemasks, or are manufacturing protective face shields on home 3-D printers. Others have converted vans into grocery stores and are driving around their local community to save people having to leave their houses. And it seems as though every other house is displaying some sort of rainbow picture to help

The <u>Stanley COVID-19 Mutual Aid WF3</u> group was set up at the beginning of the crisis (see poster opposite).

spread hope and cheer to passers-by.

Since the beginning of the 'lockdown', volunteers from Stanley have carried out over 80 'acts of kindness'. These have included:

- Collecting prescriptions from chemists all around our local area and delivering them to the person's house.
- Doing shopping for people who are self-isolating; these may be people who have no family nearby, or perhaps they would usually be supported by family members who are key workers who are trying to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.
- Making regular phone calls to offer friendship and to try and reduce the feelings of loneliness.

In addition, St Peter's church in partnership with Alternative Care Ltd is cooking and delivering a hot meal every Tuesday to around 25 local people. The Mutual Aid group has also set up a food collection point at the Traveller's Inn in Stanley, is collecting toiletries for staff and patients at Pinderfields and has even set up a jigsaw swap point next to the Little Library by Stanley Day nursery.

The group also receives requests for help from the Wakefield Council coordination team and has close links with the neighbouring volunteer groups in Eastmoor, Outwood and Wrenthorpe.

If you need help with shopping or errands, please contact the telephone numbers shown opposite. We will be happy to help.

Stanley COVID-19 Mutual Aid WF3

Supported by St Peter's Church, Stanley Residents Group and Stanley Day Nursery

Dedicated phone number 07395 328912

Or call St Peter's church on 01924 835 746

Are you self-isolating with no one to support you?

Do you need help with:
Collecting shopping, Walking your dog
Picking up medication, Taking your bins out
Any other little chores.

Or would you just like a chat on the phone so you know you're not on your own?

Please give us a ring and we will do everything we 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.



2020: WHO's 'Year of the Nurse'

When the WHO (World Health Organisation) decided to make 2020 the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, they based it on the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth on 12th May 1820. But with the arrival of the coronavirus, it is a remarkably apt year to celebrate all that nurses do for us.

As the ICN (International Council of Nurses) says: World Health Organization "All around the world, nurses are working tirelessly to provide the care and attention people need, whenever and wherever they need it. Nurses are central to the delivery of health care; nurses are making an invaluable contribution to the health of people globally."

Nursing as a vocation goes back to the Early Church. When plague struck the Roman world in the third century, it was Christians who tended the sick and dying, often at great personal cost. Their self-sacrifice made a huge impression on Roman society. Centuries later, in medieval Europe, it was the monastic orders that provided health care.

Florence Nightingale is rightly recognised as the founder of modern nursing. Also known as the 'Lady with the Lamp', she saved many lives in the hospitals of the Crimean War, and was also a social reformer, and a statistician

She was named after the Italian city of her birth, but the family moved back to England the following year, and she was brought up in Derbyshire. As a teenager, she experienced a vivid religious conversion and had several experiences that she believed were calls from God to devote her life to the service of others. Writing in February 1837, she stated: "God has spoken to me and called me to His Service."



Four years before going to Crimea, she studied at a Lutheran religious community in Germany which trained deaconesses in medical skills, nursing, and theology. Many of the ideas that Nightingale adopted for her nurses came from that religious community.

She never married, but a close friend was Sidney Herbert, who became Secretary of War and helped to make her work in the Crimea possible. During the Crimean War (1853-56) she saved thousands of lives by transforming the field hospitals and hugely improving the standards of care for wounded and dying soldiers. Some claim that she reduced the death rate in hospitals there from 42% to 2%. She introduced handwashing and other hygiene improvements, but she never claimed personal credit for reducing the death rate.

Nightingale developed a nursing training programme that was not solely devoted to secular medical sciences. Her student nurses were required to attend chapel, and her nurses read prayers on the wards. She wrote many letters of spiritual encouragement to her students. To one, she wrote that Christ considered it an "honour to serve the poorest and the meanest... He will not give His crown except to those who have borne His cross... Enduring hardship is what He encourages and rewards."

The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally trained and worked as a nurse before being appointed to senior positions in the Health Service. She was Chief Nursing Officer for England between 1999 to 2004. She says: "I became a Christian as a teenager and wanted to follow Christ with my whole life. Rather than having two careers, I have had one vocation: to follow Jesus Christ, to know Him, and to make Him known."

Certainly, of all the professions, nursing has one of the strongest claims to being rooted in the Gospel. Christian nurses implicitly witness to Christ in caring for others.

Florence Nightingale's reputation grew: her work inspired nurses in the American Civil War, and in 1883 she became the first recipient of the Royal Red Cross. In 1907, she was the first woman to be awarded the Order of Merit. She died in 1910. Her image appeared on the reverse of £10 banknotes issued by the Bank of England from 1975 until 1994.

It is a fitting tribute that the seven emergency hospitals set up around the UK to cope with the coronavirus crisis have been called 'Nightingale Hospitals'.

VE Day—the end of WW2 in Europe

By Tim Lenten writing in parishpump.co.uk

VE Day (Victory in Europe) was celebrated 75 years ago this month, on 8th May 1945, marking the end of World War II in Europe.

The previous day the formal act of military surrender had been signed by Germany, and celebrations broke out when the news was released. Big crowds gathered in London, impromptu parties were held throughout the country, and people danced and sang in the streets. King George VI and his family appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, and Churchill made a speech to huge applause. The two princesses Elizabeth and Margaret mingled with the crowds outside.

Many went into churches to give thanks, and to pray for those still involved in the war in the Far East, because the real end of the war, Victory over Japan, would not happen until 15th August. At St

Paul's Cathedral there were ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each attended by thousands of people.

VE Day marked a turning point. Not everything was going to be easy in the post-war years, and the celebrations



masked the fact that so many had lost family and friends, as well as possessions and homes. But the hideous shadow of war had gone and 75 years later it has yet to return to these shores, thank God.

Sadly, all the processions and celebrations that had been planned for 8th/9th May 2020 have been cancelled and are being tentatively reschedule for 15th/16th August when VE Day and VJ Day (Victory over Japan) will be celebrated together.

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Prayers for May

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Protected by His sheltering love Our refuge we take in Him each day, If we call on His Name His answer will come As angels will guard us in all our ways.

What comfort and peace we all can know That God Himself will hold us fast, And keep us safe engulfed in His love Until these days of danger have passed. By Megan Carter



May our kindness be witnessed by all

When the things of the world seem so dark and so grim

When disease and despondency call, Rejoice in the Lord and the nearness of Him -May our kindness be witnessed by all!

When the pillars of life seem to crumble and creak When our walls seem to tumble and fall. In prayer and petitions our Father we seek – May our kindness be witnessed by all!

The tempest may rage, but His wondrous peace Stills the storms that may rage in our soul In our hearts and our minds shall the turmoils cease And our kindness is witnessed by all! By Nigel Beeton



Caring for the sick For hospital staff and medical researchers Gracious God. give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Loneliness

Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

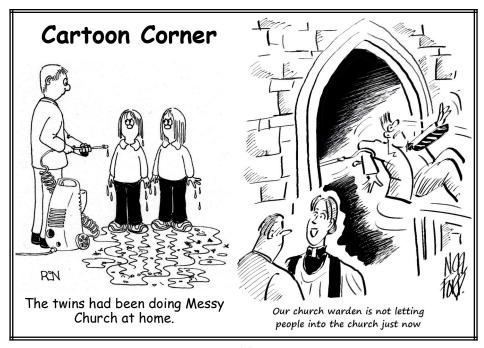
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How WW2 stopped Tokyo's Olympic Games in 1940

This year's Tokyo Olympic Games have been postponed for a year because of coronavirus. But 80 years ago, the Tokyo Games scheduled for May 1940 were cancelled completely, because of World War II. Rescheduled for Helsinki, they were eventually abandoned, and the Olympic cycle did not restart until 1948 in London.

The cancellation proved to be a wise decision, because by May 1940 the war had escalated dramatically. On 10th May Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned and was succeeded by Winston Churchill, and between then and 28th May Germany invaded Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Also, on 10th May Germany dropped its first bombs on England, at Chilham and Petham, near Canterbury, and on 13th May Churchill gave his first speech in the House of Commons, saying: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

The next day the Home Guard, 'Dad's Army', was established, and by the end of the month the battle for Dunkirk was raging, with nearly 340,00 soldiers being rescued by a makeshift fleet of about 800 boats, crossing the English Channel to escape the German army.



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2nd Saturday of each month 10am - 11am

Bevin Close Community Centre , Outwood 2nd Saturday each month 11.15am - 12.00noon

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Stanley Rodillians RUFC—new members needed!

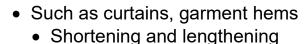
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