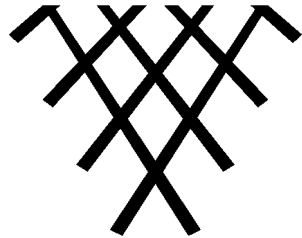




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**Dear Friends,** Many years ago I can remember a friend saying to me that the problem with common sense is that it is not very common! Well, as we start to ease lockdown it's sometimes hard to know how to interpret what we can and cannot do in our daily lives. Daily life covers such a wide range of experiences and expectations that it is hard for government advice to cover every eventuality that comes our way. Is this then where common sense comes in as we gradually move out of our homes and back into some sort of normal living? Surely each time we venture out we will be constantly thinking about how to stay safe but also making sure we consider the health and well being of our neighbour.

When you stand back, it is as if the whole of our lives are being moulded into a new way of living. The virus is causing this and as we keep hearing there will be a 'new norm' that we live in at some stage.

Thinking of being moulded I was reminded of the prophet Jeremiah who lived several hundred years before the time of Jesus who received a word from God which related to seeing a potter at work:

*Jeremiah chapter 18 v1-6: This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.*

Along with the suffering and disruption to daily living there are many things that have happened during the lockdown that are positive and life affirming. In many ways we do not want these to be forgotten in the future; just think of the way people have looked out for each other, the kindness of strangers, the new respect for those who are been working on the front line in our hospitals, nursing homes, deliver drives, shop workers, the list goes.

It would be good to think that our way of living in the 'new norm' will not be all negative and about what we are missing, rather about how we discovered the value of life through deeper relationships and that by looking out for others we help ourselves. We still have a long way to go on this journey to the 'new norm' but I pray our future life be more and more moulded in a way that reflect God's goodness and love than the dread and suffering that comes with the virus.

Take care, stay safe and God Bless, *Rev Glenn Coggins,  
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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 remain closed, and no public church services are taking place. However, our clergy team are now permitted to enter churches on their own to film services for online streaming. These can be viewed on:

- Facebook: St Peter's Church, Stanley, Wakefield
- Church website: [www.stpeters-stanley.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-stanley.org.uk)
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See overleaf for full details of our regular services.

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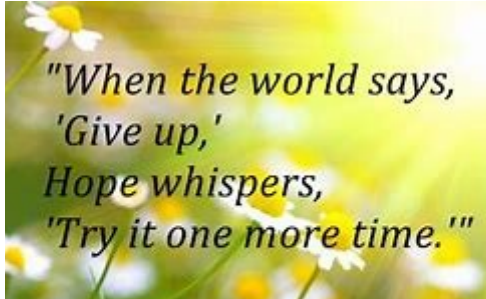
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## Stanley Community Singers

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.

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*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

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

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**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.



## June 1940 – a month to remember

June 1940, 80 years ago, was a dramatic month in WW2, and one which saw two of the most memorable speeches in our nation's history.



As the evacuation of Allied Forces from Dunkirk was completed, recently appointed Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons on 4th June: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

Surprisingly he did not broadcast it to the nation: it was not recorded until 1949, 'for posterity'. When he spoke in 1940, the French had not yet surrendered, and the idea that 'in God's good time' the USA might conceivably ride to the aid of a 'subjugated' England actually depressed as many people as it invigorated.

Two weeks later, on the 18th June, with the battle in France lost, Churchill did address the country directly with a rallying call in what must indeed have seemed a very dark hour. "The Battle of Britain," he said, "is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation." He concluded by saying that if Britain were to last a thousand years, people would still say, "This was their finest hour."

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## Remember traffic jams?

One good thing about the lockdown is that you'll have spent less hours stuck in traffic this Spring. Recent research has found that in 2019, car-using commuters lost an average of 115 hours stuck in traffic. No surprises that London was the most congested, with people losing 149 hours over the year. After all, London comes 8th in the world for bad traffic jams.



Belfast was the next worst, with 112 hours lost per commuter. That is closely followed by Bristol (103 hours), Edinburgh (98 hours), and Manchester (92 hours).

London and Edinburgh have tied for the title of UK's slowest-moving city centre, with the average speed being about 10mph.

## Stanley COVID-19 Mutual Aid WF3 group

The local volunteer group was put together at the beginning of lock-down and now has several dozen helpers who over the past 9 weeks have carried out the following ‘acts of kindness’:

- 69 prescriptions collected from Stanley, Outwood and other local chemists and delivered safely to the recipient.
- 50 shopping errands carried out 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.
- 24 other acts of kindness including making regular phone calls to offer friendship and to try and reduce the feelings of loneliness.
- 169 hot meals delivered to local people: St Peter’s church in partnership with Alternative Care Ltd is cooking and delivering a hot meal every Tuesday to those who request one.

There is also a food collection point at the Traveller’s Inn in Stanley which has provided food parcels for local people with the remainder of the food going to the main distribution point in Wrenthorpe. There is even 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.**

### *St Sofa’s by Nigel & Carol Beeton*

We worship at St Sofa’s now  
Since Covid came to stay  
We don’t dress up or do our hair  
But still we come to pray!

Our Vicar is a clever chap  
A Zoom with his IT  
And so we sit down ev’ry week  
And meet up virtually!

Our Parish Church stands empty  
With praise she does not ring;  
But still her people gather round  
To pray, and praise, and sing!

The virus is a nasty thing  
Yet it has helped us see  
The church is NOT a building  
But folk like you and me!

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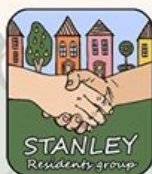
Collecting shopping, Walking your dog  
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Or would you just like a chat on the phone  
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Please give us a ring and we will do everything we  
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## **Christians and the bubonic plague of London**

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

The Reverend Richard Peirson was one of the exceptions. Most of the other clergy in the City of London had fled the Great Plague in 1665, but Peirson stayed behind to look after the parishioners of St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, where he was Rector. The parish was densely populated and the pandemic was catastrophic. The church's register records 636 burials that year in the month of September alone, with 43 interred in one day.

Houses of infected people were marked with a red cross on the door, with occupants kept inside for 40 days. Handcarts were pulled along the city streets to cart away the bodies; the drivers' cries of "Bring out your dead", became etched in the memories of subsequent generations. Relatives were banned from attending funerals.

The official count numbered 68,596 deaths in London alone, but other estimates suggested two or three times that number. Bubonic plague – for that is what it was – was incurable. Poor people were fatalistic about it but complained that even their 'spiritual physicians' had abandoned them. Clergy of the Church of England were often supplanted by non-conformist preachers.

It wasn't just the St Bride's Rector who put his life in jeopardy by staying at his post. While most wealthy people, along with King Charles II and his court, escaped the plague-ridden city, Churchwarden Henry Clarke also chose to remain at the church. When he succumbed to the illness, his brother William took over. William survived for a fortnight.



Plague cases continued to occur sporadically at a modest rate until mid-1666. That year the Great Fire of London destroyed St Bride's Church and much of the City of London. It was rebuilt to a design by Christopher Wren, but almost obliterated once more in 1940 during World War II before being restored yet again.

Today's Rector, Canon Alison Joyce, says that compared with her predecessor Richard Peirson, she has it easy. Like everyone else, she is confined by

the lockdown rules to her Rectory next to the church. But her pastoral work continues, and she collates sermons and archive music to create a Sunday webcast service. Alison writes, “these days it is a ministry of telephone calls, emails and Facetime. I offer practical help and support to the vulnerable where I can; I keep a candle burning before our main altar and continue a ministry of prayer.”

Alison says she is surprised when people regard the faith as a kind of celestial insurance policy against bad things happening to them. The first followers of Jesus knew that in dedicating their lives to following the crucified and risen Christ, their discipleship would take them into the very heart of darkness, not away from it. She adds, “Hope is no hope at all unless it can engage with utter despair and meaninglessness.”

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**The National Trust is going to get rid of its plastic membership cards.** Replacing the five million membership cards with a paper alternative will save 12.5 tons of plastic each year. The new cards will be made from a strong and durable paper, with a water-based coating. The cards will be recyclable and compostable. The National Trust also plans to almost completely remove single-use plastics from its sites by 2022. It has already replaced all disposable food packaging with compostable products. Next, it wants to remove plastic drinks bottles and eliminate plastic packaging from its shops.

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### **Terry Waite – on coping with lockdown**



Terry Waite spent four years in solitary confinement in Beirut. He says: “In isolation, it is easy to become introspective and depressed. All of us, when we are honest and examine ourselves critically, will discover things about ourselves of which we are not especially proud. I had to learn how to grow a greater acceptance of myself and work towards a deeper inner harmony.

“Today in lockdown, it’s important to keep yourself well. Don’t slob around all day in pyjamas and a dressing gown. Dress properly and develop a routine. It’s important to have a structure – get up at a certain time, eat regular meals and so on.

“If you have faith, then that will give you resources to draw on, especially if you know some hymns, psalms and prayers by heart. When I was captured, they were there to call on.”

## A biblical plague of locusts

A new wave of crop-eating locusts has been devastating East Africa, just as communities are also dealing with an increase of coronavirus cases. At the start of 2020, Ethiopia and Somalia faced the biggest invasion of the insects in 25 years, and the worst in Kenya and Uganda for 70 years. The locusts also reached parts of South Sudan, where millions of people are already suffering from severe food shortages amid conflict and political instability.

The latest plague could be 20 times larger. The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), is calling it ‘an unprecedented threat’ to food supplies and jobs.



Yet tackling the locusts will be even harder now that coronavirus has forced governments to close their borders. With severely reduced air travel and cargo shipping, pesticides from Europe and Asia can’t get into the countries, and to the farmers, that need them. Tearfund is asking governments to recognise activities responding to the locust swarms as essential services, so that they can continue despite the restrictions on travel.

‘The locust plague, together with the coronavirus pandemic, could mean all the work Tearfund supports communities with is on the brink of collapsing,’ says Ephraim Tsegay, Tearfund’s Country Director for Ethiopia.

‘If the second wave of locusts is not prevented before it inflicts further damage, more people will be forced to leave their homes to find food, land for their animals to graze, and an income elsewhere. It will also make people more vulnerable to coronavirus.’

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### *Some observations on life.....*

- ◆ “Who lives in fear will never be a free man.” Horace, philosopher
- ◆ “Flattery is the art of telling a person exactly what he thinks of himself.” Anon
- ◆ “Genuine fellowship comes when Christians stop relating to one another as righteous saints and accept one another as unrighteous sinners.” David Watson, writer
- ◆ “A friend is a person with whom I may be sincere. Before him I may think aloud.” Ralph Waldo Emerson, philosopher

## *Prayers for June*

### **In the Day of Trouble**

There is a God who answers prayer  
Who intercedes before the throne  
The Son of God who ever cares  
Who walks with us, we're not alone.

Though flood and pestilence should come  
He sees the path that we now tread  
His rod and staff will comfort us  
He knows the days that lie ahead.

We trust in Him who knows all things  
And lift our prayers to heaven above  
Our confidence is all in Him  
Encompassed by  
unfailing love.

*By Megan Carter*



### **Planted in the love of the Father**

Planted in the love of the Father  
You can grow, dear one,  
You can grow.

Watered by the spring of the Spirit  
His fruit you'll show,  
His fruit you'll show.

And when the sun scorches,  
And the thorns threaten,  
And the storms around life's garden blow -  
Your roots will hold,  
And hold secure,  
Because you're planted in the love of  
the Father.

*By Daphne Kitching*



### **Shield me**

O may God shield me,  
and may God fill,  
O may God watch me,  
and may God hold;  
O may God bring me  
where peace is still,  
To the King's land,  
eternity's fold.  
Praise to the Father,  
praise to the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit,  
the Three in One.

### **The cattle grazing**

Smooth pastures,  
long, and wide to roam,  
Beneath your hoofs,  
rich meadowland,  
Friend God the Son  
to bring you home  
To fields where springs  
eternal stand,  
Fields where springs  
eternal stand.

*From poems of the  
Western Highlanders*



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## Discovering the Great Barrier Reef – the hard way!

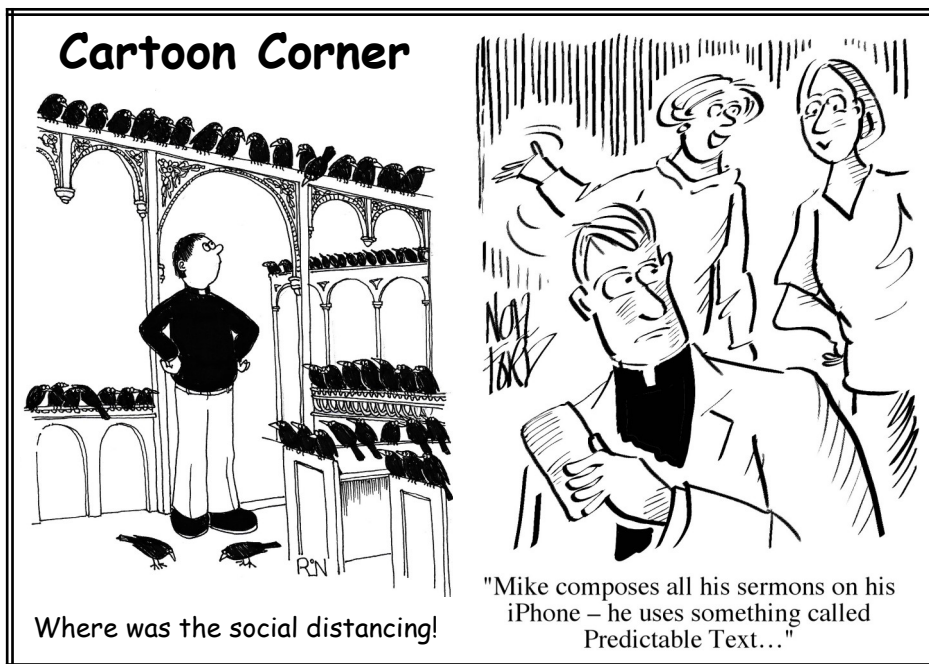
It was 250 years ago, on 11th June 1770, that English explorer Captain James Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef off Australia, when his ship ran aground on it.

While the aborigines and the Chinese may have found the reef, the largest structure in the world made of living organisms, before him, Cook made more of an impact. His ship, the Endeavour, unloaded ballast and was re-floated at high tide, but extensive repairs were necessary, as well as skill at navigating a way out through the labyrinthine coral.

Cook made extensive journeys to unexplored waters, particularly in the Pacific. At an earlier stage, when he was charting Newfoundland, he said he intended to go “not only further than any man has been before me, but as far as I think it is possible for a man to go.”

Born in Yorkshire, he worked for a Quaker ship-owning family at Whitby and started his sea life as a merchant seaman before joining the Royal Navy. Later he attended St Paul’s Church, Shadwell, in East London. Although he had six children, he has no direct descendants.

He was killed aged 50 in 1779, during a scuffle with some natives in Hawaii, but left a huge legacy of scientific and geographical knowledge.





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