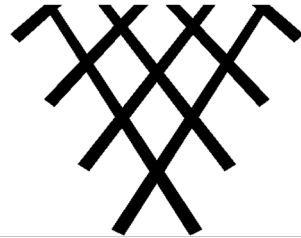


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Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of our readers remember the closing moments of the world cup final in 1966 when Kenneth Wolstenholme who was commenting for BBC TV uttered the immortal words: “they think it is all over....we’ll it is now” as Geoff Hurst scored England’s fourth goal to beat the mighty West Germany. A few seconds later England won the world cup four goals to two, Bobby Moore lifted the trophy, the country celebrated, and the rest is history, so to speak.

Well, as autumn begins to take hold and the nights draw in, there’s one thing we can say about the COVID pandemic, and that is as much as we would like it to be, it is far from over. In the past few weeks we are witnessing a rising number of positive cases and sadly more deaths as a result of this devastating and terrible virus. We are into the second wave of the pandemic and as we navigate as a country through various local lockdown measures the situation appears more complicated than in March. The pressure and challenges of living together and looking out for each other seems to get more involved and added to this a sense of tiredness it is hard to know where to turn for hope and stability. But we must continue to encourage one another and bear one another’s burdens.

In Matthew’s gospel, chapter 11, verses 28 to the end, Jesus talks about rest for the weary with these words....

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

In this passage, Jesus invites the weary and the burdened to find rest for their soul by being yoked with him. In Jesus’ day the yoke was a wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen and enabled them to jointly pull enormous weights. Jesus invites each one of us to be yoked with him in love so that he will gladly share our lives and offer us comfort and support in our present situation.

As we move deeper into autumn, why not think about inviting Jesus to share your burdens and weariness – you may be pleasantly surprised to experience his love and presence in the most unexpected places and times.

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

10am on Sundays: Family Communion

Please join us for our relaxed and friendly Sunday morning family service. There are some restrictions in place to keep us safe e.g. no congregational singing.

There is a online service every Sunday, filmed either at St Peter's or at St Paul's Alverthorpe. Please see:

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

Stanley Community Singers

Every Monday, 1pm-2pm

The Stanley Community singers have restarted after a very lengthy break, and although we aren't singing together yet, we are enjoying doing some fun musical games, activities and quizzes.

The group meets every Monday (term-time only)
at St Peter's Church, 1pm—2pm, cost per session = £2.50

*We aren't serving refreshments afterwards,
but the church café is open beforehand for delicious lunches
e.g. hot meal, sandwiches, soup etc.*

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DATES FOR OCTOBER

- Mon 5th Oct 1pm-2pm** Stanley Community Singers for musical games, quizzes etc. See p5 for more info.
- Tues 6th Oct 11am—1pm** Senior Citizens' Lunch club with various activities, friendship and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p9 for details.
- Thurs 8th Oct 2pm—4pm** Knit & Natter craft group: bring whatever craft you're working on at the moment, make friends and enjoy a natter; see page 10.
- Sun 11th October 10am** Harvest Festival service at St Peter's: celebrate God's many gifts to us at our harvest festival service.
- Sun 11th October 12pm** Annual Parochial Church Meeting: this is our much delayed annual meeting where we discuss our plans for the future, see page 12.
- Weds 14th Oct 7.30pm** PCC Meeting at St Peter's church.
- Sun 25th Oct 10.30am** Monthly Sunday morning service at Mount Road Chapel: see page 10 for details.

We are continuing to broadcast live morning and evening prayer sessions on our Facebook page. Please visit our Facebook page to watch these services at the times shown below. Once broadcast, the services can be watched as many times as you wish. Also see the Facebook page for a number of 'mindfulness' sessions recorded by Angela Coggins.

- Monday** 9am Morning prayer
- Tuesday** 9pm Compline evening service
- Wednesday** 9am Morning prayer
- Wednesday** 9pm Compline evening service
- Thursday** 9pm Compline evening service
- Friday** 9pm Compline evening service

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

(revised opening hours due to coronavirus situation)

Monday	10am—1pm
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Thursday	1pm—4.30pm
Friday	10am—1pm
Saturday	10am—1pm
Sunday	Closed all day

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.

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



St Peter's Senior Citizens' Lunch Club



At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road
Every Tuesday, 11am—1pm

- Arrive from 11am-1pm and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day e.g. crafts, talks, films, games, quizzes, reminiscing.
- We are taking lots of precautions to keep everyone safe, including extra cleaning and hygiene measures.
- 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 have done recently:

- ★ Seated exercises to music ★ Crafts ★ Making scarecrows
- ★ Indoor Kurling ★ Quizzes ★ Films about times gone by ★
- ★ Making 'word trees' ★ Learning about Jewish festivals ★
- ★ Bingo ★ Aboriginal 'dot' painting ★ Nostalgia and sharing

Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.

RSPCA launches emergency appeal in wake of Covid

The RSPCA has been overwhelmed this year by calls for help from people. They received 442,344 calls, and responded to 106,676 incidents between March and August, averaging 790 incidents a day.

It was a challenge to meet this volume of need, especially given that the charity was working with fewer officers, due to furlough, shielding and ill health. A spokesman said "As well as operating an emergency service, rescuing animals in need, RSPCA officers have also been collecting animals from the homes of people who have been admitted to hospital with Covid-19, who may not have anyone else to care for them while their owners are being treated."

Mount Road Methodist Chapel news

- The next service at Mount Road chapel will be on Sunday 25th October at 10.30am, led by Rev Barry Owen, followed by a chapel council meeting.
- Local Methodist churches, including Mount Road chapel, are holding only monthly services for the time being, in order to best support the clergy and available local preachers.
- The chapel held its first service since lockdown on 20th September: the harvest service was a successful and joyful event, and the proceeds were delivered to Castleford Trinity Mission.
- There won't be any coffee afternoons or jumble sales at the chapel for the time being.
- The chapel building is open for those groups that use the premises, as long as they have completed a satisfactory risk assessment.

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

Precautions are being taken to keep everyone safe;
come along and give it a try!



DON'T FORGET!!

**It's that time of year when the evenings are getting darker and the nights are getting longer!
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour
on Sunday 25th October.**

Bereavement course

A six week bereavement course will be starting shortly, covering such topics as attachment, separation and loss, difficult feelings, coping with change and moving forwards. The course is open to anyone, and you can either join in online, or in person:

- The online course will be on Zoom, and will start on Monday 12th October from 1.30pm—3pm. The sessions will be led by Rev Glenn Coggins. Go to www.northwakefield.benefice.uk for the zoom link. Please phone Glenn on 01924 218484 if you have any questions.



- Or if you prefer, the same course will take place in person starting on Thursday 15th October at 2pm-3:30pm at St Anne's Church, Wrenthorpe, led by Rev Jo Kershaw. Please phone Jo on 01924 373758 if you have any questions.

The course material will be based on the Bereavement Journey; a course that has been used for 20 years to gently guide people through the steps of grief, enabling them to discern the implications and next steps for themselves.

From the Stanley Parish Register

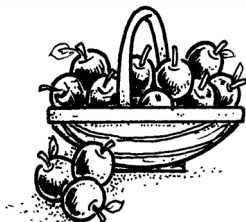
Funerals

Conducted by clergy from St Peter's church at the church, or the crematorium

Desmond Nunns	22 April 2020
Ethel Parkinson	12 June 2020
Jack Sampson	30 July 2020
Dorothy Pickering	5 August 2020
Jean Sidwell	6 August 2020
James Morris	7 August 2020
Mary Clements	16 September 2020

Baptisms

Renee Willow Robinson	9 August 2020
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St Peter's Harvest Festival Service

Despite the ongoing restrictions, St Peter's church will be holding its Harvest Festival service on **Sunday 11th October at 10am**. It will look different to previous years, as we won't be able to have as many people in the congregation, and we are still not permitted to sing. Even so it is an opportunity to thank God for his gifts to us all, and our many blessings.

We are unable to hold our community harvest lunch this year, because of the social distancing guidelines. However, any fresh food that is donated will be used by our senior citizens' Tuesday lunch club, and any remaining tinned or dried food will be donated to either CAP Care in Wakefield which provides meals to the homeless, or St Catherine's church food bank.

We will be serving refreshments after the service; people will be served where they are sat, rather than having to go up to the kitchen counter.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Straight after the harvest service on Sunday 11th October, we will be holding our APCM, more commonly known as an Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM was originally scheduled to take place back in April, but had to be delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This meeting will review what happened in 2019, which seems rather a long time ago now! The church finances from 2019 will be presented, and members will be elected to the Parochial church council (PCC) and officers elected. There will also be a discussion about our plans and hopes for the future. If you want to learn more about the church's ministry, where the money comes from and how it's spent, and what the various church officers do, then come along and find out!

The next AGM (to discuss the events and finances of 2020) will be taking place in only 6 months time, in March or April 2021, assuming that the world will have returned to a bit more normality by then! No doubt we will be reviewing how the coronavirus pandemic has affected us at St Peter's church.

Grant success for St Peter's church

Over the past couple of months, St Peter's church has been awarded two generous grants in recognition of our involvement in our local community. The grants are from the National Lottery Coronavirus Community Support Fund and from The National Emergencies Trust (NET) Coronavirus appeal, distributed by Leeds Community Foundation. It has been a very difficult year for small charities such as ours; at St Peter's church we have been affected by the loss of room hire income, the cancellation of fundraising events and fewer church services.



However, our costs are largely fixed and therefore do not change even if our income falls. Therefore these grants will help us cover our essential costs over the next few months while we are still unable to run the building and our activities at full capacity.



We have also received smaller funds from Wakefield Council and the Moorhouse community action group to cover the costs incurred during the 20 weeks of the hot meals programme that we delivered from March—July in the height of lockdown. We were also given a number of donations from members of the public for the hot meals, which was extraordinarily generous and thoughtful.

The government and charitable organisations have given millions of pounds to small charities to see them through the current difficulties and we are extremely grateful that we have been able to secure a portion of the grants; this will help us cover our costs and keep our building and activities available to our community of Stanley.

Why singing in church is the same as shouting at the pub

How dangerous is it to sing in church or in a choir, when it comes to spreading coronavirus? Apparently, it's about the same as it is to speak loudly in a pub. So say researchers at the University of Bristol. They have found that speaking loudly and singing generate about the same amounts of aerosol droplet – tiny particles of liquid – which are thought to carry Covid-19. The louder you sing or speak, the more the number of aerosol droplets.

Moral questions from the pandemic

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

You may have missed it at the time. The movie ‘Contagion’, (starring Kate Winslet, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Matt Damon and Marion Cotillard) didn’t make much of an impact when it was released for public viewing in 2011. Perhaps it was thought to be unrealistic. It was about a highly contagious, unknown virus, transmitted by an infected bat to a pig in a Chinese marketplace. From there it spread like wildfire round the world.

It was fiction then of course, but not so far-fetched as to be distant from reality, as we now know. Deadly viruses, and the plagues they cause, have been part of world history since time began. In the early days, when travel between continents was infrequent, their spread was slower and usually confined to local regions.

The way the film’s imaginary plot develops bears an uncanny resemblance to what we have experienced this year. Panic buying empties supermarkets, whole populations adopt social distancing, scientists work flat out to identify the virus and then search for a means to combat it. Meanwhile, millions are infected, and quarantines are imposed.

The story progresses far beyond the reality which we have experienced. The irresponsible use of social media and false rumours of a cure lead to the looting of pharmacies. Emergency food supplies are ransacked; law and order break down; troops police the streets. Then, a breakthrough: a vaccine is discovered. But that raises a new moral problem: who will get it first and how to distribute it fairly?

The movie is still available via Netflix, or you can buy a DVD online. Despite the inevitable carnage of the pandemic and the suffering it portrays, it contrives to have a relatively happy ending.

In real life, we haven’t got that far yet. But, please God, we will. After all, most deadly diseases are now under control and both vaccination and immunisation are part and parcel of everyday life; the older among us take it for granted that their GP will summon them for an anti-flu jab each winter.

But we may face an ethical dilemma when it comes to a vaccine for Covid-19. If there’s an initial shortage, who should get it first? Should money come into it? Are Christian principles applicable? How should it be distributed to poorer countries around the world?

Prayers for October

A Helping Hand

There is much we can do just to brighten
This world of all take and no give,
There's a great deal that we can contribute
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours
Or through lending a hand in some way
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers
To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours
In the service of those most in need
It's all about setting a standard
And trying to give others a lead

It's the way that we tend to treat others
And help and aid folks in distress
In the care and assistance we offer
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple
The rewards plain for all men to see
As you did all of this to my brother
Then said Jesus, you did it to me.
By Colin Hammacott

Litter Virus

A face mask is a helpful thing –
It traps those nasty germs!
An extra message I must bring
In these poetic terms:
When you've finished with your mask
A bin is simply found
So drop it in – an easy task!
Don't leave it on the ground!
By Nigel Beeton



Fruit of the Spirit

Opportunities

To ripen your fruit in our lives,
Lord, give us opportunities.

To grow in your Spirit,
Know your warmth
And your light,
Allow the segments of
Self-control, gentleness,
Faithfulness, goodness,
Kindness, patience,
peace and joy

To be lubricated and sweetened
By love,

Showing the world
Your nature transforming
Our natures,
In the fruit bowl of our lives
In Jesus.

Lord give opportunities
For the hungry to taste
Your ripening fruit in us,
See that you are good
And come to you.

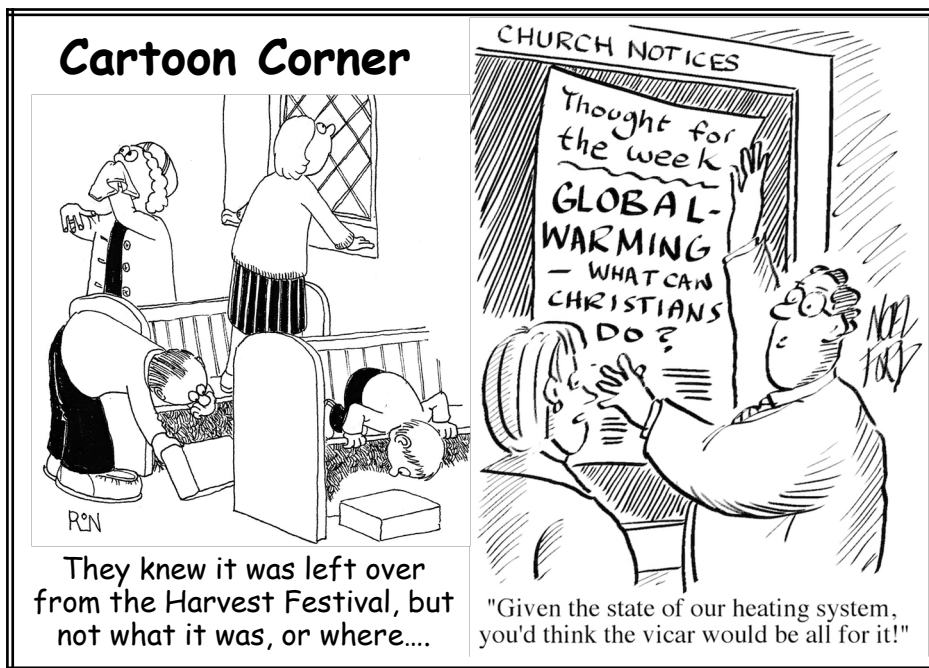
By Daphne Kitching

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01924 835746, or by email: churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk*

The charities working in Beirut

On 4 August 2020, a vast quantity of ammonium nitrate stored in a warehouse in Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, exploded. The explosion measured 3.3 on the Richter scale, caused at least 200 deaths, 6,500 injuries, US\$15 billion in property damage, and left an estimated 300,000 people homeless. Since then, many charities have been working around the clock to respond to the emergency, providing survival kits, food, shelter, hygiene products, education support, counselling, and much more.

Tearfund has been working in Lebanon since 2013, supporting the 1.5 million refugees that fled the war in Syria. Since the explosion, Tearfund has been working with its local partners to distribute thousands of hot meals, food vouchers, and to help churches and other faith organisations that are providing emergency shelter. The Barnabas Fund charity has sent more than £85,000 to help Christians in Beirut with food and the repair of their homes. Four of the five neighbourhoods worst affected are predominantly Christian. Many of those needing help were already very poor and vulnerable. Another charity on the ground in Beirut is Unicef, and St Peter's church has sent £700 to help Unicef provide emergency help to children affected by the blast.



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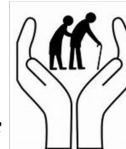
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