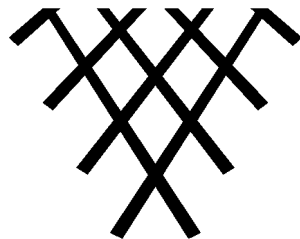


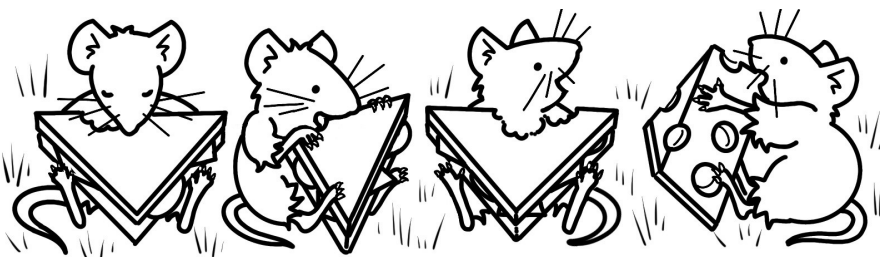
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Dear Friends,

You will have heard the saying that ‘a picture is worth a thousand words’. Well, in this case it was a recent Matt cartoon in the Daily Telegraph in which a man was dressed for work in a suit and holding a brief case and upon opening his front door he is faced with a bricked up door. In the cartoon, he turns to his wife and says ‘did anybody tell us about the latest local lockdown restrictions?’ As lockdown eases and hopefully we continue travelling in the right direction, it is such a challenge for the government to communicate clearly what we can and cannot do in our daily lives. We know by now that information, instructions and guidance can get misinterpreted, ignored and half followed and against this navigating a path that allows for some easing of restrictions and keeping COVID under control is a job not many people would sign up for.

When one sits back though it’s amazing though how technology has allowed us to communicate and keep in touch. Just think how we can talk face to face with people at the other side of the world say in Australia. We then have 24 hour news, social media and the likes of Google that offers you advice on anything under the sun and Wikipedia that puts the contents of the Encyclopaedia Britannica at your finger tips. But, with all this communication and access to information, getting one’s message over is such a struggle. People can get half the story, give up reading after the first paragraph, only hear what they want to hear or suffer information overload and switch the telly off.

I was reflecting on this the other day about how the early Church spread the message of Jesus across the known world. When you think that Jesus didn’t write a book, only gathered a few people around him during his three short years of ministry, and did not travel very far from his home town. And yet his message has spread to all four corners of the world and has transformed the lives of millions of people down the generations and helped countries build a good foundation for society to live and thrive. A couple of weeks ago we heard the story of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost empowering those early disciples to go out and share the good news in words and action. The church has continued to take Jesus’ transforming message out and at St Peter’s we try live our lives following in Jesus’ footsteps and being a family together and sharing the good news with those on our doorstep. As lockdown eases we continue to gather for services and social events are starting to be booked. You are most welcome to join us at anytime and discover the life changing message of Jesus.

God bless, take care and stay safe, and hope to see you soon.
Glenn

An update on services and activities at St Peter's church

Despite the restrictions still in place, we are enjoying worshipping together on Sunday mornings. It still feels a little strange to wear a mask, sit so far apart and refrain from singing, but we are making the best of the situation and hope that it won't be long before these restrictions are lifted.

We still have space for more people to join us; we have chairs set out in all our 3 rooms with screens on the wall so that people can follow what is going on in the main hall. So please consider coming along and joining us on a Sunday morning.

Quite a number of our regular groups and activities have returned, such as Mini-Maestros music classes, Sapphire Supreme Majorettes, Total Sport youth club and the 1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cubs and Scouts. This month, the 1st Cardigan Rainbow and Brownie groups will return, and the disabled adults' Zumba group.

The Tuesday lunch club is also running, with our usual variety of games, crafts, films and activities. We are now allowed to serve meals inside the building, although we may still go outside to eat if the weather is nice as everyone seems to enjoy it so much. We hope that the Knit & Natter group might restart later this month.



The Stanley Community Singers and the Rodillians choir have restarted, although both choirs have been very disappointed by the last minute change to the guidelines which forbids groups of more than 6 singers from singing together indoors. As a result, the Rodillians are limiting their rehearsals to 6 people on a rota basis, but the Stanley Community Singers have moved their rehearsals outside, which is allowed by the regulations. Hopefully later this month the restrictions on singing will be lifted for everyone, including choirs and church congregations.

We have not made any plans yet about our coffee mornings, other fund raising events and the pantomime, except that we are unlikely to hold a summer gala this year, at least, not on our usual date at the end of June. We hope that when the rules around large outdoor gatherings is relaxed, we may then be able to plan some outdoor events.

St Peter's Church Services

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

10am on Sundays: Family Communion

Congregational services are taking place every Sunday at St Peter's church, and it is wonderful to worship together after such a long time apart. Please join us; we have plenty of space across our 3 rooms with screens on the wall to follow what's going on in the hall.

We are no longer streaming our Sunday morning services to Facebook but are continuing with our online mid-week morning and evening prayer services.

For up-to-date news and other information please see:

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

Our mid-week morning and evening prayer services use the Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria Community.

Please visit our Facebook page to watch them at the times shown below. Once broadcast, the services can be watched as many times as you wish.

Monday	<u>9am Morning prayer</u>
Tuesday	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>
Wednesday	<u>9am Morning prayer</u>
Wednesday	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>
Thursday	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>
Friday	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>

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 from May 2021)

Monday	9.30am—5pm
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Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am—7pm
Friday	9.30am—5pm
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.

DATES FOR JUNE

Tues 1st June 10.30am-1pm	<u>Tuesday lunch club:</u> with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p11 for details.
Sun 6th June 10am	<u>Sunday morning service:</u> Rev David Teece will be leading our service and the preacher will be Vicky Wilson.
Mon 7th June 1pm	<u>Stanley Community Singers:</u> the singers will be rehearsing outside, weather permitting! Please see page 8 for more information.
Sun 13th June 10am	<u>Sunday morning service:</u> Rev Glenn Coggins will be leading our service and also preaching.
Sun 13th June 11.30am	<u>Coffee & Scones:</u> please join us after the morning service for refreshments and scones; hopefully outside, weather permitting! See p9.
Weds 16th June 7.30pm	<u>PCC meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
Sun 20th June 10am	<u>Sunday morning service:</u> Rev David Teece will be leading our service and the preacher will be Joe Harrison.
Sun 20th June 10.30am	<u>Mount Road Methodist chapel</u> monthly family service with Rev Andrew Longshaw. See p8.
Sun 27th June 10am	<u>Sunday morning service:</u> Rev Glenn Coggins will be leading our service and also preaching.

Hundreds of churches have signed up to a week long **Nature Count in June** which will encourage people to visit their churchyards and record the nature that they see, such as animals, birds, insects and fungi. Church land is often unploughed and undeveloped and can be a habitat for endangered plants and wildlife. Together, churchyards cover a huge area, estimated to be equivalent to a small national park. The project is being run by conservation charity Caring for God's Acre and the data will be collated on the National Biodiversity Network.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel news

- The next family service at Mount Road chapel will be on Sunday 20th June at 10.30am. The service will be led by Rev Andrew Longshaw.
- A new Parent and Toddler group is now running on Monday mornings and is proving to be very popular indeed, so much so that a rota is being used to keep numbers to a permissible level.
- Note that the local Methodist churches are only having monthly services for the time being, in order to best support the clergy and available local preachers.
- The chapel building is open for those groups that use the premises, as long as their activities are allowed by the current government guidelines and they have completed a satisfactory risk assessment

Stanley Community Singers

Every Monday in term-time, 1pm-2pm

The Stanley Community singers have restarted after a very long break, and are meeting and singing outside, weather permitting. The current rules do not allow choirs to sing indoors, but we are allowed to sing outside, so we are setting up chairs outside in the church car park and singing there.

In some respects this is better than singing inside because we don't have to limit the numbers, and we can sit closer together.

In the event of bad weather, we will be doing musical games and quizzes inside.

Hopefully as time goes on, we will be able to return to our more normal pattern of rehearsals inside the building.



St Peter's church café will be open on Mondays, so choir members are invited to call in from 12pm for a delicious lunch e.g. hot meal, sandwiches, soup etc.



After service Coffee and Scones

Sunday 13th June 11.30am onwards

After the Sunday morning service on Sunday 13th June we will be serving scones with jam and cream, and refreshments.

We hope that the weather will be nice and we will be able to set the tables up outside and enjoy a chat and a get together.

Please come along and join us!



The beginnings of Boots the Chemist

Jesse Boot, the British pharmacist and philanthropist, died 90 years ago, on 13th June 1931. He turned the Boots Company started by his father John, a former agricultural worker, into a chain of chemists branded 'Chemists to the Nation'. The 1st Baron Trent, as Jesse became in 1929, sold his controlling interest to American investors in 1920, but Boots continues to be a familiar name to all Britons. Ironically John Boot had offered his close friend and business associate John Harston the opportunity of going into business with him, but Harston had felt it was not a good investment.

Jesse Boot was a great benefactor to the City of Nottingham. He gave land for what is now the University of Nottingham and was presented with the Freedom of the City of Nottingham in 1920. He met his wife, Florence Rowe, in a Wesleyan Chapel in Jersey while he was recuperating from illness. She was also an astute businesswoman, who



helped to develop the Boots business, and her home island of Jersey benefited from the couple's generosity. After her husband's death she commissioned the glass artist René Lalique to refit the Anglican church of St Matthew there as a memorial to him.

Personal Memories of 1950's Stanley

One of my first memories in Stanley were the rhubarb sheds—magical places! - dark, lit with candles and the gentle cracking of the yellow leaves as they grew and opened. The farmer was nearby and let us children go into the sheds.

Walking to St Peters Junior School and being enveloped by steam as the trains went under the bridge on Mount Road. The wall was so tall you couldn't see the trains. It was a treat to go see the trains in the station (The Chase now) and occasionally get on one and go to Bridlington.

We had lots of shops then. On Lee Moor Road there was Jacks (a wooden shed) and Lee Moor stores. On Canal Lane there was Shillitoes and Sheards. Plus Gledhill's butchers started there, before it moved to Lake Lock Road. Quite a few fish and chip shops, pubs, clubs and post office. Brearleys (now Stanley Co-op) sold everything you could possibly need! Long Causeway had a cobblers and greengrocer, plus some I might have forgotten! The Doctors was on Aberford Road with the chemist next door and a dentist above. Plus the cinema, known as The Clog & Rhubarb, (now Halfords Garage). We didn't need to go out of Stanley.



The Church of course – we used to go quite often from school, and Sunday school. An amazing building inside and outside. I remember it being very cold inside. The Lantern service at Easter, and seeing a big projector screen at the front. Taking a palm leaf cross home on Palm Sunday and a daffodil on Mothers Day.

Seeing a television for the first time in 1953 for the Queen's coronation. A neighbour invited us in to watch, in black and white not colour.

My Grandad had retired from Newmarket Colliery but I remember lots of men with dirty faces cycling home from the pit. It seemed another world. But we had wonderful walks near the river and canal and lots of green spaces.

Here we are nearly 70 years later and things have changed. Places have been demolished, more houses have been built, roads changed leading to motorways etc., but we still have lovely walks and green spaces with improvements to Stanley Marsh and the canal side. Best cafe for miles and lots more.

We are now in a pandemic and not able to travel very far but I personally still enjoy Stanley and all it has to offer.

A Happy Resident



St Peter's Church Tuesday Lunch Club



The lunch club is operating normally now, with lunches being served indoors, although on a nice day, we might still serve the lunches outside. We have been happy to resume our usual variety of activities including music, crafts, games, quizzes and films. Please join us; you will be very welcome.

- Arrive from 10.30am and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day e.g. crafts, talks, films, games, quizzes.
- 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 did last year:

- ★ 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.

Remembering Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was born 100 years ago on 10th June 1921, on a dining room table in Corfu, at a villa called Mon Repos. He was born Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark and always thought of himself as Danish, though he was in line of succession to both thrones. He was the fifth child of Princess Alice of Battenberg and Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark. He left Greece at the age of 18 months, travelling in an orange crate crib, when his father was banished from the country as a result of the Greco-Turkish war.

Philip was brought up as a Greek Orthodox Christian but spoke neither Greek nor Danish, though he was fluent in French and German. He lived part of his childhood years in Paris. His maternal grandfather, Prince Louis of Battenberg, who died shortly after Philip's birth, was a naturalised British subject who changed his name to Mountbatten, a "translation" of Battenberg, because of anti-German sentiment following the war. This was the name Philip eventually took.

Just when we thought the last word had been written about the Duke of Edinburgh, it emerged that he had a genuine interest in theology. That dashing young naval officer, who became the Queen's dutiful consort and accompanied her to thousands of church services, was someone who listened intently to sermons, thought through what was being said, and then asked questions.

Every Sunday when the royal couple were at Sandringham, a diocesan bishop was invited to preach in the parish church. Afterwards, they could expect to be grilled by the Duke about what had been said from the pulpit!



Prince Philip was baptised into the Greek Orthodox Church and was received into the Church of England just before his marriage. He organised much of his own funeral, and if you followed it, you will remember how traditional it was. Many of the prayers were from the 17th Century Book of Common Prayer, the hymns were more ancient than modern, and the Bible readings confidently proclaimed the magnificence of God's Creation and Jesus' teaching about the resurrection. These are basic to Christianity and it was from such a foundation that he was able to explore.

Speaking in the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury paid tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh: “We have thanked God for Prince Philip’s life of extraordinary service. There are some rare people who bring energy into a room; the Duke of Edinburgh was one of those people. His presence lifted a gathering. He might have challenged and interrogated, but whatever he said, he never bored anyone.

“He had a profound moral imagination, extraordinary foresight and even vision. He saw the world not just as it is but as it could and should be, as worked out in his commitment to young people, especially through the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, to the Commonwealth, to our Armed Forces, and to engineering, technology and design.

“His genuine and deep sense of humility and his service came from the same place, which was his faith. He had a sincere Christian faith absolutely untainted by false piety. He understood deeply how important faith is for the vast majority of the world’s population. He engaged the rich diversity of faiths within the UK and the Commonwealth. He was a pioneer in recognising the crucial role that faith leaders play in advocating for creation care. He was literally half a century ahead of his time in this area.”

The man who invented the saxophone

It was 175 years ago, on 28th June 1846, that Belgian musical instrument maker Adolphe Sax patented the saxophone. Born in 1814, Sax quickly became known for his brilliant inventiveness and his abrasive personality, but also, to the despair of his mother, for his brushes with death. He fell from a height of three floors and was believed dead, drank a bowl of dilute sulphuric acid thinking it was milk, swallowed a pin, and received serious burns from a gunpowder explosion. He also fell on to a hot cast-iron frying pan, was struck by a cobblestone and fell into a river, then several times narrowly escaped poisoning from sleeping in a room where varnished furniture was drying. He also contracted lip cancer in the 1850s but made a full recovery.



It was surprising then, that he lived until his 80th year, dying in poverty in Paris despite his many musical instrument inventions, which did not bring him wealth because they were copied by others, despite his patent. As well as the saxophone, which received huge support from classical composer Berlioz, he also invented the saxatromba, saxhorn and saxtuba. He himself played flute and clarinet.

What do you think will happen after Covid?

You can take your choice: a recent survey has found that a third of us think that society may never go back to the old ways, a third of us think we will go back to exactly as we were before, and a third of us think that we will be keener than ever to stay together.

The Together Coalition, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been working for the past year on a piece of research to track just what has happened to communities during lockdown. The new research has found that “people feel a stronger sense of connection to their neighbours and community...We found a clear public appetite for a society in which we are more connected to each other, and the community spirit of 2020 is kept alive.”

It also found that around 12.4 million people have volunteered during the pandemic, 4.6million of them for the first time. And 75 per cent of those volunteers would be happy to do so again.

Certainly we have seen that same enthusiasm to help others in our community of Stanley, where many people were involved in the mutual aid group which delivered shopping, prescriptions, food parcels and hot meals to people who were shielding, and made befriending phone calls. Many more people will have been helping their neighbours and relatives on an informal basis. It would be nice to think that at least some of that community spirit and concern might continue.

“It is like driving on the moon”

Some of our British roads are beginning to resemble “the surface of the moon”, according to the RAC. It has recently reported that an average of 52 drivers a day are breaking their cars on potholes and needing to be rescued. More than 4,000 drivers have needed assistance since January, despite the fact that lockdown has meant many fewer cars on the road.



After years of underfunding and patch-up repair jobs, and despite the fact that councils are currently filling a pothole every 19 seconds, the RAC says that the Government and local councils face an ‘enormous task’ to get our roads ‘anything like reasonable’ again. Potholes are nasty to cars. They can break your suspension springs, distort your wheels, and damage your shock absorbers, among other woes.

The Ancient Church

Sometimes I sit within my pew
And gaze upon an ancient view
Of stones, which, set by mason's line
Have stood through centuries of time;
Of glass, whose colours, vivid, bright
Have told their wondrous tales of light
And filtered sunshine's timeless rays
To countless eyes through countless days.

The pulpit where, through long past years
God's servants preached to faithful ears;
The lectern and its Bible read
Aloud to both the quick and dead;
The feet, which down that aisle have trod
To worship everlasting God;
The angels, as they downward gaze
Have heard ten thousand songs of praise!

Songs of joy, and infant cries
As they gathered to baptize,
Songs of love and celebrations
In marriages and confirmations,
Songs of sadness and of loss
Sung before the Saviour's cross.
So many lives have come, then flown
Within this ancient house of stone.

So, as I sit and wonder how
Such history should guide me now?
Such faithful worship through the years
May move me to shed humble tears.
These ghosts bring me joy, not fear
I know I'm just a tenant here
And in one way they are my guide –
They keep me free from pompous pride!
By Nigel Beeton

Prayers for June

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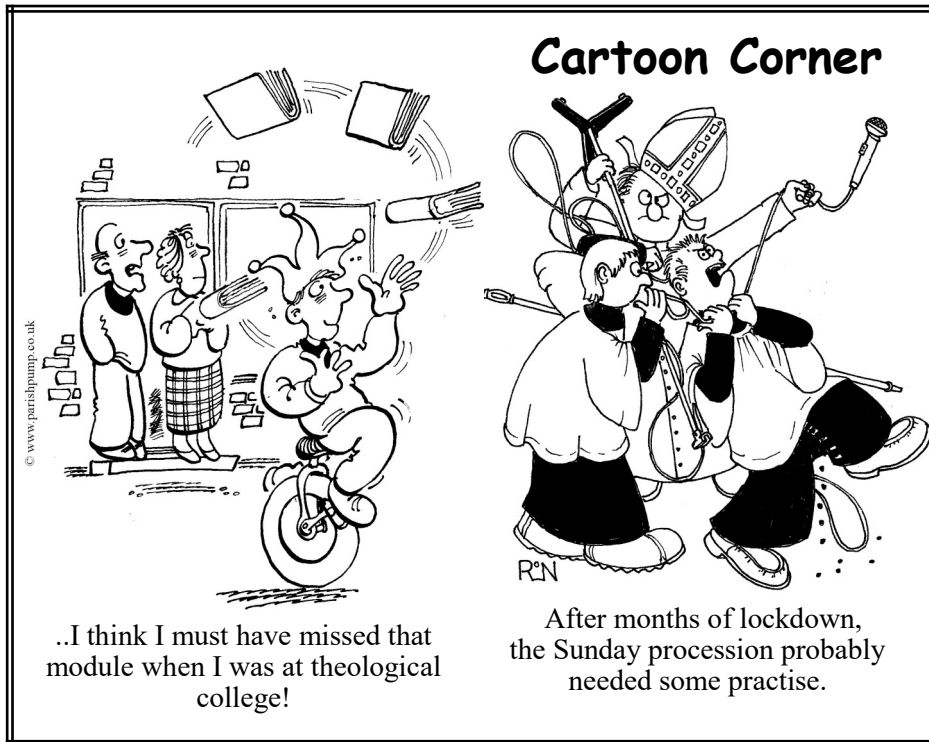
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on their wedding day
The verses they all want
the preacher to pray
The wonders of love
that overrules all,
That holds on believing
whatever befalls.

Love always trusting
always prevails
Enduring, protecting,
love never fails.
Faith hope and charity,
virtues all three
But love is the greatest
and ever will be.
By Megan Carter



*Please contact the editor, Eleanor Plant, with items for the next magazine on
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Give a compliment!

We all like to receive a compliment from time to time. As Robert Orben, former script writer for President Gerald R. Ford once said, “A compliment is verbal sunshine.” Another American, Leo Buscaglia once observed: “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn someone’s life around.”

At a funeral service, nice things are usually said of the deceased. While these comments are comforting for the relatives, did the same folks ever say these kind things to the person themselves, when they were alive, to show them how much they were appreciated? Sadly, not everyone seems able to compliment others. Perhaps they never received compliments when they were young, or perhaps they feel that to compliment someone else is to somehow put themselves down. For whatever reason, such people miss out on a whole lot of pleasure in life.

Whenever we see something that is worthy of a compliment, why not give it, and bring ‘a little verbal sunshine’ into someone else’s life?!

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