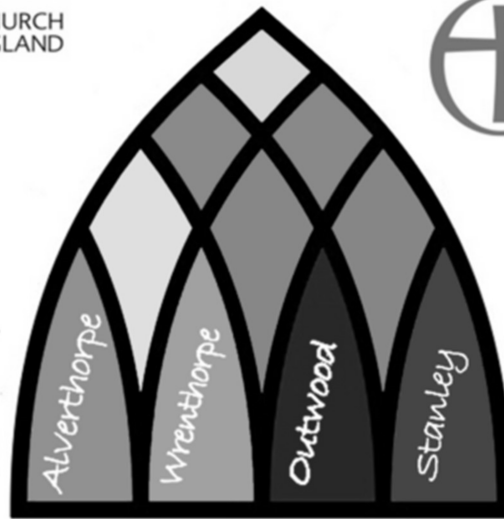


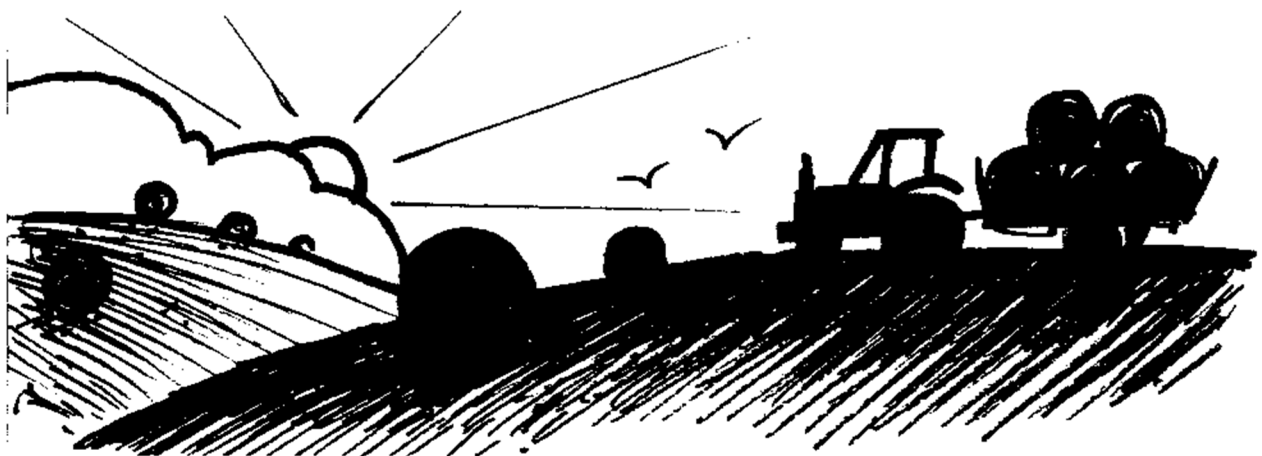
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# September 2022

# Stanley Parish News



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### 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
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.

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

**Bingo at Stanley Library, every Monday 1pm-3pm**

Refreshments included! All welcome!

Come along and have a brilliant bingo time!



**Stanley Readers Group, first Monday of the month 10am-11am**

Please come and join us in our discussions! Ask in the library for more information or contact Mary on 07900 534571

## Welcome to our new look Parish Magazine!!

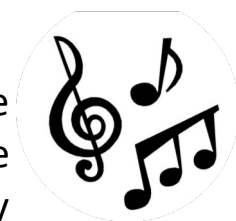
We finally have a new-look Stanley parish magazine which incorporates a 12-page booklet giving news from all the four churches in the North Wakefield team of churches (or benefice): St Paul's Alverthorpe, St Anne's Wrenthorpe, St Mary Magdalene Outwood, and St Peter's Stanley. We also have a new stained glass window logo which shows all the four churches from West to East, with Alverthorpe the furthest West and Stanley the furthest East. The 12 page booklet is also distributed as a colour pdf by email across the four churches.

Some of the regular items such as the Vicar's letter have moved into the central booklet and on page 9 there is a summary of all the events taking place across the benefice this month. All the services and events are open to everyone and you can be assured of a warm welcome in all the four churches. Information about St Peter's church services, and regular and special events are detailed on pages 10 and 11.

This is the biggest change to the Stanley Parish Magazine in over 20 years and no doubt it will continue to change and develop as we get used to the new format. If you have any comments or would like to receive the benefice newsletter by email, please contact Ellie on [churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk).

Please also see our combined website [www.northwakefield.benefice.uk](http://www.northwakefield.benefice.uk) for more information about the four churches.

### Stanley Community Singers



The Stanley Community Singers will be restarting after the summer break on **Monday 5th September** and would welcome any new members very warmly. The group meets every Monday in term-time from 1pm-2pm at St Peter's Church. We sing a variety of different music and there is no audition and no previous experience required! Cost per session is £2.50.

The choir was delighted to receive two grants recently: £300 from the Co-op Community Donation Fund and £420 from Wakefield Council Neighbourhood Improvement Fund. Many thanks to Suzan Reece from the Co-op and our local councillors for their support in applying for these grants. The money will help the group's continuing recovery from the difficult Covid times and keep us singing into the future.

**Come and make some new friends and enjoy a good sing!**

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS IN STANLEY

<b>Mon 5th Sept</b> <b>1pm-2pm</b>	<u>Stanley Community Singers</u> : the singers will be restarting after the summer break! New members welcome. See page 4 for more information.
<b>Tues 6th Sept</b> <b>10.30-1.30pm</b>	<u>Tuesday lunch club</u> : with activities e.g. films, crafts, talks, games etc and lunch every Tuesday.
<b>Weds 7th Sept</b> <b>1.30pm-3.30pm</b>	<u>Knit &amp; Natter</u> every Wednesday with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome.
<b>Thurs 8th Sept</b> <b>9.15am-11.15am</b>	<u>Children's Ark</u> : our group for pre-school children will be restarting. Please come along to our taster session and enjoy playtime, stories and refreshments.
<b>Sat 10th Sept</b> <b>10.30-12.30pm</b>	<u>Coffee morning</u> with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments, jigsaws and more. Our coffee mornings are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month.
<b>Weds 14th Sept</b> <b>7pm</b>	<u>MAPP's Men's Group BBQ</u> : a warm welcome to men from Stanley, Wrenthorpe, Outwood, Alverthorpe and beyond! Please join us for a BBQ on our church field.
<b>Weds 21st Sept</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<u>PCC meeting</u> at St Peter's church.

### Mount Road Methodist Chapel—*events this month:*

- Family services take place every Sunday at 10.30am at Mount Road Methodist chapel with a different speaker every week, and followed by tea and coffee.
- The Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 18th September at 10.30am followed by a lunch. Please let us know in advance if you intend to come along to the lunch. The collection taken will be sent to Trinity Mission in Castleford.
- There will be a Jumble Sale on Wednesday 7th September from 1.30pm
- Call in for Free Tea & Coffee every Thursday 1.30pm-3.30pm with refreshments, cake stall and opportunity to chat.
- The Monday Stay and Play group from 9.30am-11.30am every week is very popular. New attendees welcome.





## Update from Stanley Residents Group

Although the finances for the **Stanley Gala** aren't available at the time of writing, we can say wholeheartedly, how pleased we were with the support it got from the community.

The event was held on Saturday 6th August, and as always we are very grateful to St Peter's Church for the use of their premises and field, and to all those who gave their time to contribute to the entertainment on the day. But in particular to our local businesses who generously donate prizes each year to our Grand Raffle, without which, we could not provide the hanging baskets.

It is amazing to see how the number of hanging baskets are growing with the help of sponsors and Gala funding, allowing us to increase the spread of them into wider areas. It was also nice to see so many small businesses and local entrepreneurs having the chance to show what they offer and we hope that we provided good family fun at affordable prices for all to enjoy.



The names of the winners for the Best in Show at our **Vegetable, Flower and Cake Show** have now been added to the Trophy Board at the Library and we are immensely grateful to ALL the entrants for taking part once again.

The **Scarecrow Trail** is well underway for 2022 and trail maps including the voting slip, are available for £1 from many places in the village or by email:



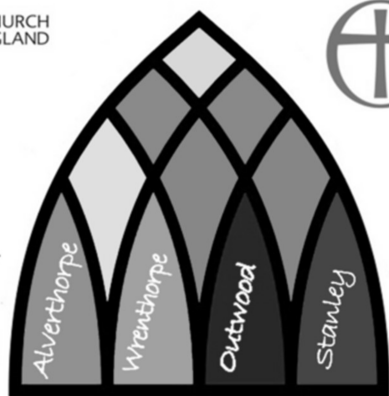
[stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com). Please do show your support to those who have worked hard to create their displays, by going to admire them and vote for your favourite. You can vote for as many as you wish by buying more maps and all proceeds go back into improving our village as with all our events.

Our next **Community Litter Pick** is on **Saturday 10th September at 2pm** collecting around the Ferry Lane area; please meet on the playing field. Individuals and families are always welcome and equipment is available to use on the day.

Your comments are always appreciated by email or by speaking to a member of the group and volunteers are warmly welcomed.

*By Anne Waring from SRG*

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**Newsletter for**  
**September 2022**

**Dear Friends,** It is lovely to welcome you to the first edition of our very own North Wakefield Benefice monthly magazine. Many thanks to Ellie at St Peter's, Stanley who has found time in her busy schedule to put together this edition and for those who have contributed articles from each of the four churches. The benefice magazine will of course evolve over time so please pass onto Ellie or myself any comments and feedback on this edition and future ones.

It is hoped that our benefice magazine will help us stay in contact with each other by allowing us to share our lives, events, stories and prayers and in doing so encourage each other in our own Christian journey. The magazine is very much a shop window for each church to share their events and activities and what is encouraging and blessing them at the present time. You will see when you read these pages that across the four churches there is a great number of activities taking place and we are all thankful to those who contribute to church life in any way. Do have a read and consider supporting an event or activity in another church in the benefice.

It is now reckoned that around three quarters of the churches in the Church of England are in some form of a benefice or team. In each case there is no set formula for how a benefice should organise itself but at the heart is a requirement for good relationships, trust and a common vision. Creativity is very much the name of the game and listening, supporting and praying together will help guide us into the future.

To help us grow together these are some of the areas the benefice is working on:

1. Our church wardens had their first joint meeting with the clergy in June and another one is arranged for early October. These meetings allow church wardens and clergy to share together common themes across the churches and encourage one another.
2. The quarterly meetings between clergy and Readers are continuing and at these meetings service planning takes place and we support one another.
3. David Payne at St Anne's is heading up a benefice prayer meeting and the next meeting is Saturday 24th September from 10am—11.30am at St Paul's.
4. On Saturday 29th October at St Mary's, Outwood, we shall be holding an open meeting from 9:30am until around 12 noon. The meeting will help congregations have an opportunity to hear what is taking place across the benefice and will include worship, tea/coffee and each church will have an opportunity to share news and there will be input about the life of the benefice and possible group work.
5. We are also thankful to Dave Florence who has arranged our benefice logo, which we hope builds up our common life together.

Take care and God Bless, **Glenn**

*Rev Glenn Coggins, Vicar of the United Benefice of Stanley, Outwood and Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe.*



## Events for September

**Monday 5th Sept, 1pm-2pm Stanley**  
Stanley Community Singers restart after the summer break. New members welcome.

**Weds 8th Sept, 9.15-11.15am Stanley**  
Children's Ark baby and toddler group returns with a taster and registration session. Come along for playtime, snacks and stories!

**Saturday 10th Sept, 10.30am Stanley**  
Coffee morning with lots of great stalls, refreshments, bacon sandwiches, raffle, tombola etc. from 10.30am-12.30pm.

**Saturday 10th Sept, 3-6pm Wrenthorpe**  
Christian Aid tea party; a special event to support this important charity.

**Sunday 11th Sept, 9.30am Outwood**  
Back to Church Sunday morning service; bring along your book bags for the 'Blessing of the Bookbags'

**Monday 12th Sept, 12 noon Wrenthorpe**  
Forget Me Not Fellowship group: support for those suffering bereavement or loneliness.

**Monday 12th Sept, 7.30pm Alverthorpe**  
Monday House group meeting, with prayer and a discussion of this week's Bible readings.

**Wednesday 14th Sept, 7pm Stanley**  
MAPPs Men's Group BBQ on the church field. All men from our four churches and beyond are welcome!

**Sunday 18th Sept, 4pm Outwood**  
'Messy Church' craft afternoon with a short act of worship.

**Sat 24th Sept, 10-11.30am Alverthorpe**  
Lifeboat prayer group meeting: a new venture across the benefice to pray and support each other more.

**Sat 24th Sept, 11am-2pm Wrenthorpe**  
Harvest Festival Fair and brunch with cake stall, activities, crafts and more.

**Sunday 24th Sept, 7.30pm Outwood**  
'American evening': chilli, music, photos and much more!

**Wednesday 5th Oct, 11am Alverthorpe**  
Friends of St Paul's Holy Communion and lunch.

**Saturday 15th October Alverthorpe**  
Project 2025 open day for all groups and individuals that meet at St Paul's Alverthorpe.

**Saturday 29th October 9.30am Outwood**  
Open morning for the congregations of all four churches to share news from across the benefice.

**Please see the individual pages for each church for further information about these events, and for details of regular services, community groups etc.**

# St Peter's Church, Stanley

Stanley



St Peter's

**Church:** Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW

**Vicarage:** Rev Glenn Coggins, The Vicarage,  
St Paul's Drive, Alverthorpe, WF2 0BT

## 10am Sunday family communion

Congregational services take place every Sunday morning at St Peter's church, with Holy Communion on most Sundays, and opportunities for one-to-one prayer. We serve refreshments after every service.

## 9pm Evening Prayers

Our online evening prayer services use the Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria community and are led by Rev Glenn Coggins, Angela Coggins and Vicky Wilson. Please visit our **Facebook page** to watch the services at **9pm** on Tuesdays, Wednes-

## St Peter's church is a Co-op 'Local Cause'

This means that throughout 2022, the church will receive a penny for every £ spent by Co-op members in our local stores (Stanley, Outwood & Woodlesford). If you shop regularly at the Co-op stores, you can become a member by going to [www.coop.co.uk/member-ship](http://www.coop.co.uk/member-ship). Once you're set up as a member, you can go to 'Choose a local cause', select St Peter's Church, Stanley as your local cause, and the church will immediately start to receive a penny for every £ you spend in the Co-op. Thank you!



## Coffee Morning Thank you

Thank you everyone who supported the last two coffee mornings: in July, £227.20 was raised, and in August an incredible £421 was raised! The next coffee morning will be on **Saturday 10th September** at St Peter's church from 10.30am—12.30pm with lots of great stalls: raffle, jigsaws, tombola, cakes and refreshments including delicious bacon butties.



In addition, Councillor Lynn Masterman is usually available during every coffee morning in case anyone has any local issues they would like to raise with her. Please join us!

## Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community Singers are restarting after the summer break on Monday 5th September, and meet every **Monday 1pm-2pm** (term-time only) at St Peter's Church,

**Come and make some new friends and enjoy a good sing!**

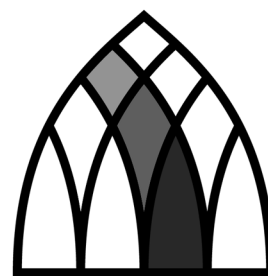
No previous experience required, just a love of singing! We sing a variety of different music including pop, musicals, spirituals and modern classics.

Cost per session = **£2.50**



# St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Outwood



St Mary Magdalene

**Church:** 560 Leeds Road, Outwood, WF1 2DT

**Vicarage:** Father Jonathan Bish,

121 Wrenthorpe Road, Wrenthorpe, WF2 0JS

## Church Services every week:

**Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass**

**Tuesday 7pm Mass**



## Back to School Sunday

### Regular Events:

<b>Mondays 7.30pm</b>	<b>Blokes United</b> in the Choir Vestry
<b>Every other Wednesday at 10am</b> 7th & 21st Sept	<b>Drop-in</b> at the Church Institute on Leeds Rd
<b>Every other Wednesday at 12pm</b> 14th & 28th Sept	<b>Lunch Club</b> at Church Institute (see below)

On **11th September at 9.30am**, we'll have our 'Back to School' service.

Music will be lighter, with some good 'school assembly bangers,' and the sermon will be aimed at all ages.

If you are returning to school, please bring along your book bags for the 'Blessing of the Bookbags' at the end of the service.

### Lunch Club

We are restarting our Lunch Club this month! It will run from **12-2pm** every other Wednesday (14th and 28th September this month) and will cost £3.50. Open to all!



For more information, please contact Colin and Carol Lunn  
[csrlunn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:csrlunn@hotmail.co.uk)

### Messy Church

There will be a 'Messy Church' craft afternoon with a short act of worship on **18th September at 4pm** in church.

Please come along and invite your friends! Suitable for all ages, especially school age children.



# St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Wrenthorpe



St Anne's

*Church and Vicarage:*

121 Wrenthorpe Road, Wrenthorpe,  
Wakefield, WF2 0JS

## Diary of Events for September

Sunday 4th September	10.30am Service
Wednesday 7th September	2.15pm Holy Communion
Saturday 10th September	3pm-6pm Christian Aid Tea Party
Sunday 11th September	10.30am Service
Wednesday 14th September	2.15pm Holy Communion
Sunday 18th September	10.30am Service
Wednesday 21st September	2.15pm Holy Communion
Saturday 24th September	11am—2pm Autumn/Harvest Fayre and brunch
Sunday 25th September	10.30am Harvest Festival Service
Wednesday 28th September	2.15pm Holy Communion

## Christian Aid Tea Party

**Saturday 10th September,  
3pm to 6pm**

At Bob and Jane's:  
2 Bankfield Court  
Wrenthorpe



- No Charge
- Donations of cash and cake please.
- Christian Aid supporters welcome.

**Christian Aid**  
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## HARVEST FESTIVAL BRUNCH

**Saturday 24th September at St Anne's**

If you enjoy fellowship, sausage and bacon rolls, croissants and fruit, bread and toast.....

....please come and join us in St Anne's Church Hall, **11am—2pm, on Saturday 24th September** where you will find a very warm welcome. There also will be a cake stall with a variety of pastries, scones, and cakes. There will be a children's activity corner, and tables available for anyone who has crafts to display and sell.

Looking forward to seeing you all there, please ring Pat on 01294 364813 if you would like to display your crafts.

## **FORGET ME NOT FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

This group meets together on the second Monday of each month, and is open to anyone suffering the loss of a loved one and/or those who are feeling lonely.

Over a cup of tea, coffee or juice, we give friendship, support, and empathy to those who feel they might benefit from meeting, talking and listening to others who are experiencing, or have experienced similar situations.

**Our next meeting will be on  
Monday 12th September at 12 noon.**

As we will be meeting over lunchtime, please feel welcome to bring a picnic lunch with you. Tea, coffee and juice and biscuits are always available.

If you would like to know more about this group, please ring Pat on 01924 364813

## **Contact details for St Anne's Church**

### **Vicar**

Father Jonathan Bish           01924 373758  
The Vicarage,                   07772 601259  
121 Wrenthorpe Rd  
frjonathanbish@gmail.com

### **Church Warden**

Malcolm Endersby           01924 361556  
malcolmendersonby6@gmail.com

### **PCC Secretary**

Jacqui Grundy  
jacquiegrundy24@hotmail.com

### **Treasurer**

David Payne  
davidpayne24@gmail.com

### **Church Hall bookings**

Bob Illingworth           07443 459558

# St Paul's, Alverthorpe

Alverthorpe



*Church and Vicarage:*

St Paul's Drive, Alverthorpe, WF2 0BT

## We are St Paul's Church, Alverthorpe

The Rev Glenn Coggins is our Vicar:  
01924 218484 or cogginsglenn@gmail.com

### Services:

**10am Sunday morning:** a mixture of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer

**11am Wednesday morning:** a short 'said' Holy Communion

**10am-12pm Saturday morning** quiet time, or simply a chat and tea/coffee.

We have tea and coffee after all services.  
We are on Facebook, and broadcast live every Sunday morning service

**A WARM welcome guaranteed**

### **Notes from the July PCC meeting**

- During the offertory hymn, wine and wafers will be brought to the altar along with the collection plate, don't worry if you have not given anything we always have a spare plate in the entrance.
- Thanks to everyone who came to the Bring and Share lunch at the vicarage on 20th August. Lots of chatting and laughter was enjoyed!

The **Monday night house group** re-starts on **Monday 12th September at 7:30pm** at St Paul's, Alverthorpe. We shall be meeting for prayer and an opportunity to discuss Sunday's bible readings and sermons.

## **Project 2025 Update.....**

In three years time St Paul's Church in Alverthorpe will celebrate its 200th year anniversary. Over this time the church building has seen many changes to its fabric with the addition of a kitchen area, committee room and toilets to name a few. We are now looking at the next stage in the church's life and this will include developing the worship space and also opening up the building for greater community use.

We are still in the early stages but at a recent meeting we listed the different groups with which St Paul's has links. It was entitled 'Mapping Our Galilee' and it was encouraging to list so many groups ranging from local schools, uniform organisations, community groups, local residents to general visitors and the occasional offices of weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The next stage is to invite these groups and individuals to an open day on **Saturday 15th October** when we can gather their comments and ideas for developing the building for community use. More details to follow....



**On Wednesday 5th October**

the 'Friends of St Paul's will join us at 11am for Holy Communion, followed by lunch at 12 noon and hopefully some entertainment and laughter to follow. Invitations will be sent out

*It's the friends  
we meet  
along the way  
that make us  
appreciate the  
journey*

**Contact details for St Paul's**

**Clergy**

*Weddings, baptisms, funerals—please talk to Rev Glenn Coggins:*

Rev Glenn Coggins 01924 218484

07951 651952

cogginsglenn@gmail.com

**Church Warden**

David Dews

**Uniformed groups**

*Cubs meet Monday evenings, and Beavers and Scouts meet Friday evenings*

Bill Sim 01924 382245

*Guides meet Wednesdays and Rainbows*

*and Brownies meet Thursdays evening*

Mrs Pat Lambert 01924 376857

A new venture in our benefice to encourage us to meet with the other parishes around us. We are having our second meeting on **10am—11.30am on Saturday 24th September** at St Paul's Alverthorpe. We are, at this stage still getting to know each other and discovering how we are going to run our meetings. These are some of the activities we will be getting involved in:

- Intercessory Prayer
- Support for events across the benefice
- Sharing our faith - Testimonies
- Biblical discussion
- Teaching on specific subjects
- Responding to issues in the wider church/world
- Supporting each other in prayer
- Sharing what we believe the Spirit is saying to us
- Becoming a prayer resource for churches across the benefice

We have created a new WhatsApp group called **Lifeboat** to keep in touch with each other. This allows discussions and prayer requests to circulate without the need for phone calls or waiting for the next meeting. If you wish to join the **Lifeboat** Whatsapp group, send me, David Payne, a text to 07717845960.

Look forward to seeing you, getting to know you, or at least hearing from you. P.S. you don't have to commit to coming to every meeting.

David Payne (david.payne24@gmail.com)

**Lifeboat**



**St Paul's,  
Saturday 24th  
September  
10am-11.30am**

# Prayers and Poems for September

## The Rhythms of Creation

The rhythms of creation -  
The never-ceasing beat  
Of seasons in rotation  
As cold gives way to heat;  
We know, when it is raining  
The sun will dry the rain  
And when the moon is waning  
It soon will wax again.

The farmer drills his acres  
When springtime rains shall fall  
Then gathers wheat for bakers  
As sunflowers grow tall;  
In spring, the fruit trees, blooming  
Attract the busy bees;  
As autumn clouds are looming  
We pick from loaded trees.

The Lord, our Great Creator  
Allowed us, by His grace  
To be the regulator  
Of earthly time and space  
But mankind has been greedy  
In burning coal and oil  
So farmers now are seeding  
In dry and desert soil.

The rhythms of creation  
Are wand'ring from their beat  
Increasing suffocation,  
Of fire, flood, and heat.  
Lord, teach us new behaviour  
To spend, with care, our days:  
Dear loving Lord and Saviour  
Forgive our foolish ways!

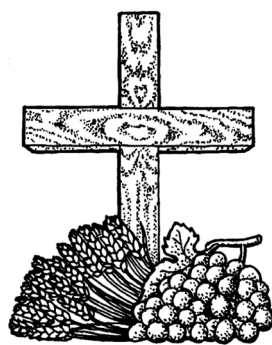
*By Nigel Beeton*

## Belonging to God

How good You are, Lord,  
and how near You are to us –  
so near that we may  
always talk to You,  
be comforted by You,  
breathe through You,  
be enlightened by You,  
find peace in You,  
and gain spiritual nourishment from You.

Grant that my fellowship with You  
may never be polluted by malice, pride,  
envy, greed, gluttony or falsehood.  
Grant that I may belong wholly to you.

*By John Sergieff (1829 – 1908)  
a Russian priest of humble family,  
who was renowned for his simple prayers*



## Daily Strength

When I look at the sky,  
which you have made,  
at the moon and the stars,  
which you set in their places—  
what are human beings,  
that you think of them;  
mere mortals,  
that you care for them?

*Psalms 8: 3-4*

The Lord watches over you—  
the Lord is your shade  
at your right hand.  
The Lord will keep you  
from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over  
your coming and going  
both now and for evermore.

*Psalms 121: 5,7-8*

## ***From the Stanley Parish Register***

### **Funerals**

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

Jean Crowther

25th August 2022

### **Baptisms**

Eva Kathleen Georgia Chivers

31st July 2022

## **Remembering Mother Teresa**

Some 25 years ago, on 5th September 1997, Mother Teresa died. She was an Albanian nun who was born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in what is now Skopje, North Macedonia, and spent most of her life in India, founding and running the Missionaries of Charity. She was winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

Mother Teresa, who took Indian citizenship, received several honours. She was beatified in 2003 and canonised on 4th September 2016. The anniversary of her death is her feast day. At the time of her death, the Missionaries of Charity had over 4000 sisters. By 2020, it had grown to 5167.

Anjezë became convinced she should live a religious life by the age of 12. She left home six years later to join the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin. She saw neither her mother nor her sister again. By 1929 she was in India, beginning her novitiate in Darjeeling, in the Himalayas. She took the name of Teresa after Thérèse de Lisieux, the patron saint of missionaries.

She then moved to Calcutta, where for 20 years she was a teacher and head teacher. She became concerned for “the poorest of the poor” and in 1952 opened her first hospice – an abandoned Hindu temple – with help from Calcutta officials and from a group of young women assistants. The aim was to help people die “a beautiful death” with dignity, whatever their faith.



Mother Teresa, who was fluent in five languages, was widely admired but also came in for criticism, partly for her views on abortion and contraception. She said: “By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus.”

## Happy Birthday to Hadrian's Wall

It was 1900 years ago, from 13th September 122 to 128, that Hadrian's Wall was built in northern England. It ran for nearly 80 miles from coast to coast and marked the northern limit of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor, Hadrian, wanted to separate the Romans from 'the barbarians'.



In pre-Christian England, the Picts—from Scotland, or Caledonia—were a real threat, often raiding Roman territories, using what we would call guerilla warfare to steal cattle and capture slaves in a province far from the centre of the empire. But the Wall also served to encourage trading with those outside, and enable the Romans to tax anyone who entered their territory.

Hadrian had a mixed reputation as Emperor. Described by historian Edward Gibbon as one of the "five good emperors", he was regarded by many as a benevolent dictator but by others as remote (he did spend a great deal of time away from Rome) and authoritarian, sometimes generous and sometimes cruel. He was certainly ambitious.

He was responsible for putting down the Bar Kokhba revolt in Judea (132-136) in an almost genocidal way. More than half a million Jews perished, and many more died of starvation or disease. This is a critical event in the history of the Jewish people.

Today the Wall remains the largest surviving archaeological feature from Roman Britain, and an amazing feat of engineering through difficult country, though only 10 per cent of it remains still visible. It is sometimes mistakenly thought to mark the English-Scottish border, but in fact most of Northumberland, an English county, is north of the wall.

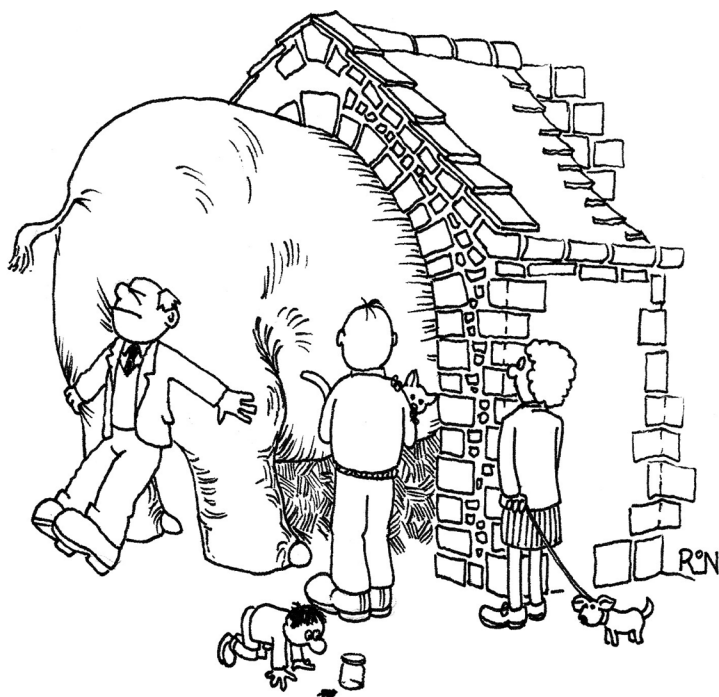


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