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# Stanley Parish News



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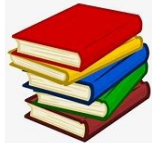
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# STANLEY LIBRARY

**Stanley Library** offers a wide selection of books, talking books, language tapes, newspapers (including the Wakefield Express), magazines, and an A4 colour photocopier (please enquire for prices). There are also public access computers with free internet access and basic software e.g. word processing. It is free to use the computer; users just need a current library card.

WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK	
<b>Mondays</b> 11am—11.30am	<b>Storytime:</b> Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
<b>Mondays</b> 1pm-3pm	<b>Bingo:</b> Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
<b>Tuesdays</b> 10am-12pm	 <b>Adult Craft &amp; Chat:</b> Join us for a friendly session of crafting.
<b>Thursdays</b> 10am—12pm	<b>Coffee morning:</b> Meet friendly faces, have a chat and a cuppa at our weekly coffee morning. With the occasional quiz you're guaranteed to have a fun-filled morning. All welcome.
<b>Thursdays</b> 2.30pm—4.30pm	<b>Family Games:</b> You'll never be bored at our family games sessions. Fun for all the family! 
<b>Fridays</b> 10am—12pm	<b>Mindful morning:</b> Relieve stress and anxiety by focussing on mindful colouring, painting and puzzles.
<b>Fridays</b> 3.30pm—4.30pm	 <b>Lego Club:</b> Build Lego scenes, stories and characters. Lego provided. All ages welcome.
<b>Saturdays</b> 10.30am—11.30am	<b>Family Crafts:</b> Colour, craft and create in our weekly family craft sessions.
<b>Saturdays</b> 10am—1pm	<b>Family History Sessions:</b> Discover the secrets of your past with our resident family history expert.

LIBRARY OPENING TIMES	
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

**Stanley Readers Group**   
 First Monday of the month  
 10am-11am: come and join our discussions! Ask in the library for more information or contact Mary on 07900 534571

**Contact Stanley Library:** Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HU  
 Telephone: 01924 303130,  
 Email: stanleylibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

## Mount Road Methodist Chapel—events this month:



- There will be a Table Top Sale on Saturday 18th March from 10.30am—3.30pm in aid of the Zarach Beds for Kids charity. No charge for admission or tables although donations are welcome. Refreshments will be available. If you would like to book a table for this event please contact Tony Bell on [tony.bell3@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.bell3@btinternet.com). So far, our fundraising efforts have raised £450 for the charity which is equivalent to three bed packages (each package comprises a bed, mattress, pillow, bedding and pyjamas).
- Family services take place every Sunday at 10.30am at Mount Road Methodist chapel with a different speaker every week, and are followed by tea and coffee.
- Free Tea & Coffee every Thursday 1.30pm-3.30pm with Joyce's cake stall.

## Children's Ark

*A relaxed and friendly baby and toddler group for pre-school children and their carers. Come and enjoy a cuppa and meet friends. £1.50 per child.*

**Play! Singing! Snacks! Stories! Toys!**

Every **Thursday** in term time at St Peter's church from **9:15am to 11:15 am**

Phone 01924 835746  
or 07746 849509  
for more info



## Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community Singers 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*



## LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ at St Peter's Church Every Monday 10am—12pm

For snacks and refreshments,  
Followed by light lunches from **12pm—1pm**  
*Plus, free Wi-Fi, Books, Games, Jigsaws,  
Newspapers, Use of Computer*

**A Warm Space and a Warm Welcome—Come and join us!**

# MARCH EVENTS IN STANLEY

## Services and events every week at St Peter's Church

**Sundays**  
**10am**

Family Communion service: with both a traditional and modern approach to worship, and with Holy Communion most Sundays and refreshments after the service.

**Mondays**  
**10am -12pm**

Lighthouse Café A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, Jigsaws etc.



**Mondays**  
**1pm-2pm**



Stanley Community Choir New members always welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy a sing-song.

**Tuesdays**  
**10.30am-1.30pm**

Tuesday lunch club for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£5.

**Wednesdays**  
**1.30pm-3.30pm**

Knit & Natter with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome.



**Thursdays**  
**9.15am-11.15am**



Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks. Cost £1.50 per child.

## Special events this month

**Mon 27th Feb**  
**7.30pm-9pm**

Lent Course 'Growing as a Christian': a 5 week course starting Monday 27th February. All welcome, see p9.

**Tues 7th March**  
**1.30pm-4pm**

Turkey Earthquake Appeal Coffee afternoon with various refreshments to raise money for the earthquake appeal.

**Sat 11th March**  
**10.30-12.30pm**



Coffee morning with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments, jigsaws and more.

**Sun 12th March**

Litter Pick with SRG by Baker Lane park at 10am.

**Weds 15th March**

PCC meeting at St Peter's church at 7.30pm.

**Sat 18th March**  
**10.30am—3.30pm**

Table Top Sale at Mount Road Chapel to raise money for the Zarach charity. See previous page p4.

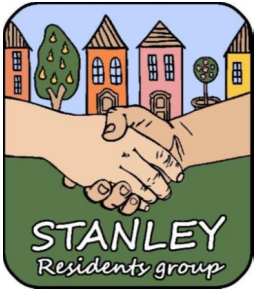
**Sun 19th March**

Mothering Sunday Café church service at 10am, see p19

**Sat 25th March**  
**10am-1pm**

Spring Fair at St Peter's church: with lots of great stalls and refreshments! Plus Big Seed Sow 11am-3pm with SRG next door at Cross Keys. See p6 & p10.





## Update from Stanley Residents Group

Hello Stanley! We hope you are enjoying the daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops around the village.

**Summer Hanging Baskets:** We have made a good start advertising for sponsors who would like to dedicate a basket in memory of a loved one, as a business promotion or just because they like them. We have kept the costs down as much as possible and although we have had a good response, it's not too late to order one should you wish to. Just message us using the email address below.

**Community Litter Pick:** The next one is on **Sunday 12th March at 10am**. Meet at the entrance to the park on Baker Lane for equipment if you don't have your own. This litter pick is particularly safe for families with young children as we will be covering the park area and the top ends of the Nagger Lines, depending on volunteer numbers. Do come along for an hour to keep the village tidy – winter winds have blown all sorts into the hedgerows.

**Stanley Vegetable, Flower and Cake Show:** The schedule of Classes and Categories (including entry form) will be available from **Saturday 25th March** at our **BIG SEED SOW in the Cross Keys car park 11am – 3pm**. This year we have increased ALL classes and incorporated many FUN and CREATIVE items to enter including painted eggs, decorated pebbles, flower arranging, handicrafts and more relaxed baking entries, as well as a special Top Tray Veg class with the Harry Lodge Memorial Award. You can also request a copy of the schedule online by using our email address below. We have joined in the RHS initiative which seeks to provide seeds and equipment to communities to encourage people of all ages to enjoy growing, so bring the kids and grandchildren along to plant their very own sunflowers and gladioli as part of the Veg Show to be held at the **Summer Gala on Saturday 5th August** or plant other seeds and plants just for fun.

Our next SRG meeting will be on **Wednesday 22nd March 6.30pm** at Waggon & Horses pub. Please email us on: [stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com)

*Anne Waring*

### Remember to change your clocks on Sunday 26th March

Another winter is nearly at an end, and we can soon look forward to lighter evenings! British Summer Time starts at 1am on Sunday 26th March, so remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.







North Wakefield Benefice

North Wakefield Team of Churches

# Newsletter for March 2023

*When the water was over  
my head, I cried out  
to you*

*You answered my prayer when I needed you  
You rescued me and  
saved my life  
Lam 3:54,58*



**Dear Friends,** Welcome to the March edition of our benefice magazine which again covers lots of news and activities across our four churches. We are now in Lent, and over the forty days we will reflect on Jesus' life in the wilderness and the temptations he faced, and our journey of discipleship.

Several years ago on a trip to the Holy Land, I decided to scoop up some of the Judean desert and placed it in a jam jar to bring home. As I went through security in Tel Aviv airport I thought perhaps I should mention it to the security guard. His response was that people often pinch a bit of desert but there's plenty to go around so it's okay. It has served as a visual aid in talks and assemblies for many years and it gives one a little sense of what life in the desert might be like: the contrast between the heat of the day and the coldness of the night, and the sheer bareness of the desert. Life in the desert would have little in the way of luxury and one would have to focus on the essentials: survival, and what is really important in life.

In the past, Lent for many people has involved going without certain things, but interestingly many contemporary Christians push back against the idea of "giving something up" and instead suggest that we "take something on." Rather than seeing Lent as a period of denial and deprivation, they suggest we view Lent as an invitation to commit to positive actions, like volunteering, donating money, or practicing deeper contemplation. Proponents of this view point out that by virtue of committing to something new, we also give something else up. We sacrifice our time and commit it to service, or to God. It may be an approach to consider for us this Lent....

During Lent we shall be holding a series of **Lent groups** at different times and places across the benefice (see opposite). In Lent we shall journey with Jesus into the wilderness and explore how his relationship with his Father sustained him and blessed him. All of us at some stage in our lives have wilderness experiences and the Lent groups will look at different aspects of our faith and how they sustain and support us at these times.

In other news we shall have **Bishop Tony Robinson** with us at each of the four Sundays in March (see opposite), and it will be an opportunity for us to share in worship and have fellowship afterwards. Further news about the vacancy will follow in due course but in the meantime please pray for the benefice and for those involved in the day to day running of the benefice during the vacancy – many thanks. Take care and God Bless, Glenn

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





## Events for March

**Tuesday 28th February, 10am** [Alverthorpe](#)

Family History meeting—find out how to research your family history online.

**Saturday 4th March, 10am** [Alverthorpe](#)

Coffee morning and table top sale in aid of the Turkey & Syria Earthquake appeal.

**Monday 6th March, 10am** [Outwood](#)

Mother's Union meeting in Outwood church to make hospital toiletry packs.

**Tuesday 7th March, 1.30pm** [Stanley](#)

Coffee afternoon with various refreshments in aid of the DEC Turkey Earthquake appeal.

**Sat 11th March, 10.30am** [Stanley](#)

Coffee morning with lots of great stalls and refreshments including bacon butties.

**Sat 11th March, 10.30am** [Alverthorpe](#)

Open meeting to talk about Project 2025 and the redesign of St Paul's guide book.

**Monday 13th March, 10am** [Stanley](#)

Family History meeting—find out how to research your family history online.

**Saturday 18th March, 11am** [Outwood](#)

Service for the Lofthouse pit disaster 50th Anniversary, with brass band and more.

**Sunday 19th March, 2pm** [Alverthorpe](#)

Lofthouse pit disaster memorial service at the Batley Road memorial.

**Tuesday 21st March, 6.45pm** [Wrenthorpe](#)

MAPPs Men's group meeting at Wakefield Cathedral for a tour and refreshments.

**Saturday 25th March, 10am** [Stanley](#)

Spring Fair with refreshments and stalls including cakes, books, raffle and more.

### Lent Course 'Growing as a Christian'

Please join us for our 5 week Lent course which will include themes such as growing in prayer; growing in the Scriptures; Being Church; understanding the sacraments; and life, death and Christian hope.

**Our Lent courses will run for 5 weeks from the week commencing 27th February at the following dates and times:**

Mondays, 7.30pm [St Peter's, Stanley](#)

Mondays, 7.30pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

(At Nancy's House Group)

Tuesdays, 2.30pm [Outwood](#)

Wednesdays, 11am [Alverthorpe](#)

(to follow on from the Wednesday morning Holy Communion)

### Visits from Bishop Tony Robinson

Bishop Tony Robinson will be visiting all the churches in the benefice this month. It is usual for Bishop Tony to visit a church or benefice after the departure of a priest and during the process to appoint a new priest. The visit dates are as follows:

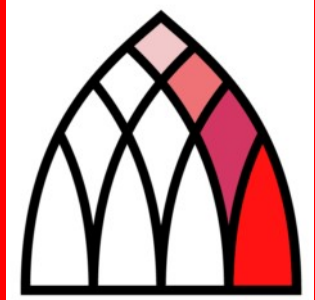
10.30am, Sun 5th March [Wrenthorpe](#)

9.30am, Sun 12th March [Outwood](#)

**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  
**Vicar:** 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.

## Regular events at St Peter's

<b>Mondays</b> 10am - 12pm	<b>Lighthouse Café</b> A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, Jigsaws etc.	
<b>Mondays</b> 1pm-2pm 	<b>Stanley Community Choir</b> New members welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy a sing-song.	
<b>Tuesdays</b> 10.30am-1.30pm	<b>Tuesday lunch club</b> for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£5.	
<b>Wednesdays</b> 1.30pm-3.30pm	 <b>Knit &amp; Natter</b> Enjoy a cuppa, company & a 'crafty' time.	
<b>Thursdays</b> 9.15am-11.15am	<b>Children's Ark</b> baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks.	

# Spring Fair

**Saturday 25th March,**  
**St Peter's church, Stanley**  
**10am—1pm**

- Tombola
- Easter eggs
- Toy stall
- Books
- Cakes
- Bottle tombola
- Bric-a-brac
- Soft toys
- Craft stall
- Raffle

.....and much, much more!!

Plus various refreshments including tea & coffee, biscuits, hot cross buns and bacon butties

**Everybody is welcome!**

...Also meeting at St Peter's church every week are Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, the Rodillian Singers ladies choir, and Mini Maestros children's music classes.

# Turkey Earthquake Appeal Coffee Afternoon



**Tuesday 7th March,  
1.30pm-4pm**

Please support our coffee afternoon and help raise money for the Disaster

Emergency Committee's (DEC) vital Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. £10 could provide blankets for 2 people, £25 could provide a family with emergency food for ten days, £50 could provide a shelter for two families. Come along for various refreshments

and help us raise money!



**DISASTERS  
EMERGENCY  
COMMITTEE**

## Tuesday Lunch Club

At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road

**Every Tuesday, 10.30am—1.30pm**

With refreshments, activities such as crafts, talks, films, games, quizzes, and a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert, for just **£5 per person**. Don't be lonely! Come and join us. The plan for this month:

- 28th Feb: Baden Powell/St David's Day
- 7th March: children to play games
- 14th March: St Patricks Day
- 21st March: children to play games
- 28th March: school choir
- 4th April: Easter crafts



## Contact details for St Peter's Church

### Clergy

*Baptism and wedding enquiries, request home visits, prayer and communion:*

Rev Glenn Coggins 01924 218484

07951 651952

cogginsglenn@gmail.com

Rev David Teece 01977 318453

davidteece@gmail.com

### Readers

David Greenwood-Haigh

Vicky Wilson

### Church Office

*Room hire enquiries, information about church groups, publicity:*

Eleanor Plant 01924 835746

churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk

### Church Officer roles

Jason Plant Church Warden

David Sunderland Church Warden

Libby Gates PCC Secretary

Jason Plant Treasurer

### Safeguarding concerns

Dave Florence 07957 203898

daveflorence@gmail.com

## Knit & Natter

At St Peter's Church,

**Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm**



*Enjoy a cuppa, company  
and a 'crafty' afternoon!*

Come and join this established group as they knit, sew, swap patterns and ideas, learn new crafty skills, and share friendship, conversation and refreshments.

**Come along for a very warm welcome**



# St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Outwood



St Mary Magdalene

**Church:** 560 Leeds Road, Outwood, WF1 2DT  
**Vicar:** Rev Glenn Coggins, The Vicarage,  
 St Paul's Drive, Alverthorpe, WF2 0BT

**Church Services every week:**  
**Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass**  
**Tuesday 7pm Mass**

## Regular Events:

<b>Mondays</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Blokes United</b> in the Choir Vestry
<b>Every other Wednesday at 10am</b> 8th and 22nd March	<b>Drop-In</b> at the Church Institute. Coffee/tea, chat, Free of charge
<b>Every other Wednesday at 12pm</b> 1st, 15th & 29th March	<b>Lunch Club</b> at Church Institute (see below)

## Lunch Club

Our fortnightly Lunch Club takes place at the Church Institute from **12-2pm** every other Wednesday (1st, 15th & 29th March this month) and costs £3.50. Open to all!



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

## 50th Anniversary Service for the Lofthouse Pit Disaster

**Saturday 18th March, 11am**

On 21st March 1973, seven men were killed when the seam they were working was flooded by 3 million gallons of water after they cut into an abandoned shaft. During its years of operation, around 80 men died at the pit, and a steel obelisk in the Lofthouse Colliery Nature Park marks the spot above ground where the 7 men died in 1973.



The service at Outwood parish church on Saturday 18th March at 11am will be led by Bishop Tony Robinson and will be attended by local dignitaries, ex-miners and families of those who died. At 12pm there will be a procession, plus pipe band, along Church Lane and Potovens Lane to the miners' wheel on Ridings Way. Afterwards there will be refreshments at Outwood Memorial Hall and music from Lofthouse 2000 Brass Band, and at 5pm, a performance by Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir; no ticket required—donations only.

## Some church improvements!

You will have noticed that some scaffolding was erected around the church recently. This was to facilitate repairs to the roof, ahead of the work that we hope to carry out on the main window—for which we are trying to secure a grant. The scaffolding has now been taken down.

Thank you to everyone who helped last month to move the large quantity of soil into the raised flower beds at the east end of the church yard. It was a good job done by everyone!



### Mothers' Union News

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Monday 6th March at 10am** in St Mary Magdalene's church in Outwood when we will be putting together emergency toiletry packs for the Burns Unit and Paediatric ward in Pinderfields Hospital.

Please contact Sheila Crosby on 01924 825866 for further information on the group, or just call in! You would be very welcome.

### Lent Course

The 5 week Lent Course 'Growing as a Christian' will be beginning on **Tuesday 28th February at 2.30pm** at Outwood parish church. Please join us.

Another date for your diary—we will be welcoming **Bishop Tony Robinson** to our 9.30am service on Sunday 12th March.

### Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

#### Vicar

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

Rev Glenn Coggins      01924 218484  
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#### Church Wardens

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#### Parish Secretary

Margaret Taylor  
taylordowning6351@gmail.com

#### Treasurer

Duncan Hall

### Benefice Day trip

It has been suggested that when the weather gets better the Benefice could organise a day out together, possibly by coach. Some suggestions are:

- Picnic and day out at Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Visit to Liverpool to include both cathedrals and sightseeing



Let us know if you are interested in either of these options!

### PCC meeting

Wednesday 1st March, 7.30pm

Please submit all items for the PCC meeting agenda to the church wardens as soon as possible.

# St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

## Wrenthorpe



**Church:** 121 Wrenthorpe Road, Wrenthorpe,  
Wakefield, WF2 0JS

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

### Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Sundays, 10.30am Holy Communion

Weds, 2.15pm Holy Communion

### Other weekly events (term time only)

Mondays, 10am Cheeky Cherubs

Mondays, 2.30pm Youth Drop-in



### Cheeky Cherubs

Our toddler group,  
meets in church at

**10am on Mondays in term time.**

It is for children aged 0-4 years and  
their carer, and includes stories, activ-  
ities, crafts and plenty of time to play!

## A Lasting Impression

"I like it here. I'm going to ask my mummy to bring me again" - words of a smiling seven-year-old girl from one of the three Year 1 and 2 classes from the Wrenthorpe Academy who recently visited St Anne's Church. "We must have done something right," is the reaction of Lynn Fowley and Stuart Millington who were privileged to host the visits.

These three visits were arranged at the request of the school and were part of their exploration of different faiths. In this case, of course, it was to answer such questions as "What is a Church?" "What do Christians believe?" "What do we find in a church?" "What do the various symbols mean?"

Lynn had gone to great lengths to produce numerous visual aids, including power points, to help the children get answers to these questions at a level they could understand - and to make it fun! For example, they enjoyed exploring God's work of creation by each adding a picture they had been given to a floor collage showing the wonder and variety of the natural world. It was clear that Lynn's efforts paid off as the children's attention was held throughout the almost 2 hours each class was in the Church.

Stuart talked about the building, its furniture and what each item is used for. He then spoke about the symbols we have in church and what they represent. He next "baptised" a doll, "married" a couple (the bride looking radiant in her veil, the groom looking dapper sporting a dickie bow) and he spoke about the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

*(continued overleaf...)*



## MAPPs Men's Group

MAPPs provides an opportunity for men from all four churches in the benefice to get together once a month. A warm welcome awaits anyone who wishes to come along.

This month we are meeting on **Tuesday 21st March at 6.45pm** at Wakefield Cathedral for a guided tour and ending with a time of reflection. If you wish, you can attend Evensong at 6pm, with the tour beginning with refreshments at 6.45 pm. Our host will be Canon Philip Hobday.

For more info, contact Stuart Millington on 01924 375996 or 07919 311166 or by email [stumillington@btinternet.com](mailto:stumillington@btinternet.com)

## Contact details for St Anne's Church

### Vicar

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please talk to Rev Glenn Coggins:*

Rev Glenn Coggins           01924 218484  
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  cogginsglenn@gmail.com

### Church Warden

Malcolm Endersby           01924 361556  
  malcolmendersonby6@gmail.com

### PCC Secretary

Jacqui Grundy  
  jacquiegrundy@hotmail.com

### Treasurer

David Payne  
  davidpayne24@gmail.com

### Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth           07443 459558

Then, much to the delight of the children, he transformed their teacher into a priest ready to preside at Holy Communion! (First came the dog-collar, followed by an alb, a stole and finally a chasuble). The teachers too enjoy this and couldn't stop smiling!

Lynn also spoke about the Bible, ending with Jesus' parable of the Lost Sheep, pointing out that the shepherd's care for this one sheep is like God's care for each of us. But then, to bring the point home the children were asked to try and find the lost sheep that was "hiding" somewhere in the church. In addition, as a lasting reminder of the parable and as a memento of their visit, Lynn invited the children to make a sheep of their own using pre-formed woolly bodies on which they stuck a face and eyes. The delight on their faces was clear for all to see!



Finally, Stuart said the Lord's Prayer (noting this was the prayer that Jesus taught us) and everyone was invited to light a prayer candle while holding someone special to them in their minds. Amazingly the church fell silent as one by one each child and then their teachers and accompanying adults stepped forward to take the taper and light a candle.

Like the animals going into the Ark two by two, so the children left the church to walk back to school each clutching their sheep. Judging by the chatter and the laughter disappearing up the road their time in St Anne's had been most enjoyable and, we pray, had left a positive and lasting impression on them about the Church and her faith in God made known to us in Jesus Christ.

# St Paul's, Alverthorpe

Alverthorpe



**Church:** St Paul's Drive, Alverthorpe, WF2 0BT

**Vicar:** Rev Glenn Coggins, The 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

### Sunday and mid-week services:

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

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

### Saturday coffee & chat:

**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**

## Project 2025 Update....

In 2025, St Paul's Church in Alverthorpe will celebrate its 200th anniversary. We are planning various events to mark the anniversary and the beginning of the next stage in the life of the church.

One of the plans is to revisit the church guide book and bring it up-to-date. The first meeting to start planning the edits will be on **Saturday 11th March at 10:30am in St Paul's church**. This will be an open gathering of interested people; join us for tea and coffee and a chat, and bring any documents, photos or leaflets that will help in editing the guide book.

## Thank you for your donations to CAP Care

Rev Glenn Coggins was delighted to hand over a cheque for £190.84 to the Community Awareness Programme (CAP Care) in Wakefield, as well as lots of toiletries. The money and gifts were raised at last month's coffee morning and table top sale at St Paul's. Many thanks to everyone who supported and organised the event. The money and toiletries will be used by CAP Care to support homeless people and those in need in Wakefield; CAP offers practical support such as clothing, meals, showers, as well as friendship, and benefit and employment advice.



## TURKEY EARTHQUAKE



**Coffee morning**  
**Saturday 4th March,**  
**10am-12pm**

### **Help people in Turkey and Syria!**

Donate now to help people affected by the earthquake which struck on Monday 6th February, near the city of Gaziantep on the Syrian border, with a magnitude of 7.8. At least 44,000 are feared to have died and thousands more have been left homeless.

We hope you will come along to support this very worthy cause with your donations. As well as coffee, tea, cake etc, there will be a table top sale—bring along any new gifts from Christmas or birthdays that we can regift and sell.

### **Warm Spaces at St Paul's**

You are very welcome to our warm spaces sessions during the winter months:



On **Saturdays from 10am—12pm** there are warm drinks and biscuits available, and also games and other activities.

On **Wednesdays from 11.40am onwards** there are refreshments to include soup and a roll with cheese to follow on from Holy Communion which begins at 11am.

### **Contact details for St Paul's**

#### **Clergy**

*Weddings, banns, baptisms, funerals—  
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#### **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 Thursday evenings:*

Mrs Pat Lambert      01924 376857

### **Lofthouse Pit Disaster memorial** **Sunday 19th March, 2pm**

Please meet us at the Batley Road memorial on Sunday 19th March at 2pm for a short service to remember those who died in the Lofthouse pit disaster 50 years ago. There will be refreshments afterwards at St Paul's church and time to share memories.

### **Family History Research Group**

***Tuesday 28th February, 10am-12pm  
at St Paul's Alverthorpe***

***Monday 13th March, 10am-12pm  
at St Peter's church in Stanley***

Come and meet up with Angela Coggins to find out what resources are available to help you research your family history.

*Refreshments will be available*



## Prayers for March

### Some kind of lamb

If I were some kind of lamb,  
soft, easy to attack,  
fragile in the field

I would listen for the shepherd  
who loves the colour  
and texture of my wool

and the way I raise my head  
when the sun shines:  
He would overlook

the awkward way I run  
and hit my knees  
against protruding  
fences

in the night  
and he would  
pick me up  
for no good reason  
*by Tim Lenton*



### A Prayer for Lent

Dear Father in Heaven, in this month, when Lent begins, we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness. The world today can seem like a wilderness. So many difficult, incomprehensible things going on. It is tempting to turn away in horror or denial, tempting to look out for ourselves, tempting to take the easy path, to pay attention to whatever the culture dangles before our eyes.

Lord, please help us. We need your word to guide us. We need your Holy Spirit to fill and strengthen us. Help us to give our attention and our worship only to you. Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Thank you, Father, for Jesus, who by his death and resurrection, opens the way to you. Help us to renew our trust in him and through him, to walk with you every day. In his name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

### St David's Day, 1st March

Remembering a monk  
of long ago

On 1st March – St David's Day  
A preacher who was  
greatly revered  
Who lived his life  
in a simple way.



He was made the Patron Saint of Wales  
Daffodils on that day abound,  
Leeks are an option, but flowers preferred,  
And Welsh cakes in many a kitchen are  
found.

"Always be joyful and keep the faith"  
A message St David continues to give  
"And remember to do the little things"  
A profound but simple way to live.

*By Nigel Beeton*

### Your will

Father, I wait thy daily will;  
Thou shalt divide my portion still;  
Grant me on earth what seems thee best,  
Till death and heaven reveal the rest.

*By Isaac Watts*

# Mothers Day Cafe Church

Join us at our family-friendly cafe style worship with Master Chocolatier David Greenwood Haigh

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*Mums, dads, and children welcome..*

**10.00 -11.00 am. 19 March  
St Peters Church, Stanley.**



## Remembering Sir Christopher Wren

It was 300 years ago, on 8th March 1723, that English architect Sir Christopher Wren died at the age of 90. Best known for designing St Paul's Cathedral, he was also a ground-breaking anatomist, astronomer and physicist. He was a founder of the Royal Society and served as its president from 1680 to 1682. He was highly regarded by such eminent scientists as Isaac Newton and Blaise Pascal, but it is as an architect that he is best known. St Paul's, completed in 1710, was regarded as his masterpiece, but he also directed the rebuilding of 52 churches after the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Born at East Knoyle in Wiltshire, he was a sickly child but lived a long life, marrying twice, although both his wives died very early – one of smallpox and the other of tuberculosis. Although Wren lived 90 years, he was married for only nine of them, but had four children.



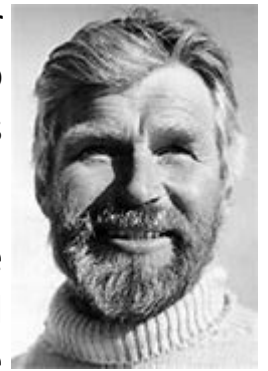
Two factors may have contributed to Wren's success as an architect: there was certainly a dearth of architects in the mid-17th century; but also the Great Fire of London necessitated so much rebuilding that it gave him the opportunity to shine.

## The first crossing of Antarctica

The first land crossing of Antarctica was completed 65 years ago, on 2nd March 1958, by the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, led by Sir Vivian Fuchs. The team of 12 men travelled 2,158 miles from Shackleton Base to Scott Base (via the South Pole) in 99 days, using six vehicles.

The journey – nearly 22 miles a day, much of it in appalling conditions and obstructed by huge crevasses – started from the Weddell Sea and ended at McMurdo Sound. It was well prepared and strongly supported. The advance team at the Shackleton Base had to over-winter in weather much more severe than they had anticipated, but still they remained healthy.

Mount Everest conqueror Edmund Hillary, starting at the ‘end’, was responsible for laying supplies for the crossing party and forging a route for vehicles through the western mountains, but he and his group also made an unscheduled dash for the Pole, becoming in the process the third group to reach it, and the first to do so in vehicles.



The expedition had been timed to cash in on the worldwide interest created by the International Geophysical Year, a global project designed to stimulate scientific co-operation. Under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth II, the expedition was funded by the UK, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. The continent was not crossed again until 1981.

Fuchs, whose determination was key to the expedition’s success, was the son of a German immigrant and his British wife. He was educated as a geologist – a profession he chose so that he could pursue his interest in the outdoors. He was knighted on his return to the UK and became one of very few explorers to whom the Royal Geographical Society has awarded a Special Gold Medal. He also became Director of the British Antarctic Survey until 1973 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society the following year.

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**World Water Day is 22nd March:** We take clean water for granted. After all, when did you last turn on the tap and expect filthy water to come out? But sadly, bad water is still a daily reality for billions of people. The United Nations wants to ensure that everyone can access clean water by 2030. It is part of the so-called ‘2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’, and it is an enormous challenge. We can help by making a donation to Water Aid, which will help provide safe water to marginalised communities worldwide. Simply go to: [www.wateraid.org/uk](http://www.wateraid.org/uk)





## Easter Services next month at St Peter's church

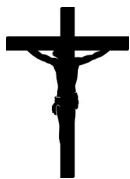
### Palm Sunday, 2nd April, 10am

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem; he rode a donkey as the crowds waved palm branches and shouted 'Hosanna!' We also look ahead to the events of Holy Week.



### Maundy Thursday service, 6th April, 7pm

Maundy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his apostles. Our Maundy Thursday service will be a service with a difference, with readings of the scriptures and samples of food.



### Good Friday Hour at the Cross service, 7th April, 2pm

On Good Friday there will be an Hour at the Cross service of contemplation and prayer finishing at 3pm, the time at which Jesus died on the cross.

### Easter Sunday, 9th April, 10am

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. We are forgiven! Christ has died for our sins! Christ has risen! We are redeemed! Hallelujah! Celebrate the joy with us on Easter Sunday morning at 10am.



## Cartoon Corner



*As the servers' strike entered its third week, the Army was called in.*



"The new vicar is really cool, Dad. Did you know that God emailed the Ten Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

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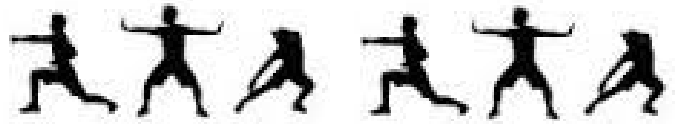
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Stanley Library & Community Centre, Lake Lock Road, Stanley,  
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St Peter's Church Centre, Stanley  
2nd Saturday of each month 10am - 11am

*Excluding bank holidays*

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