



North Wakefield Team of Churches

Newsletter for

April 2023

North Wakefield Benefice



Dear Friends,



Welcome to the April edition of our benefice magazine which again covers lots of news and activities across our four churches. I am sure we are all looking forward to Easter Day on 9th April, when after the long period of Lent we can gather in our home churches and say together “He is risen, He is risen indeed!”. What a glorious and majestic God we meet in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are very much Easter People and through the resurrection, Jesus meets us by his spirit in our daily lives and offers us hope that nothing can separate us from his love.

With regards the vacancy for a new Associate Priest, it is very good to report that work has been progressing in the background putting together a benefice brochure, role description and person specification. It is planned to advertise the post in April throughout the Leeds Diocese and also at national level as well. There has also been work taking place on the Wrenthorpe vicarage where the new person will live. 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.

Also, I offer you this prayer for your personal use.....

Almighty God,

We thank you for the life and ministry of the North Wakefield Benefice.

We thank you for the blessings and love we receive from you our heavenly Father and for all that we share together in worship, social events and in many other ways as part of your family.

As we look to the future for a new associate priest to join our family here in the benefice, we pray that your Holy Spirit would guide and bless us as we advertise the post and in the process to appoint the new priest.

We ask that you would prepare the heart of the right person to join us here in the benefice so that together we can continue to share our lives and the good news of Jesus across the benefice.

We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Take care and God Bless, Glenn

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

Events for April

Saturday 1st April, 10am [Alverthorpe](#)
Coffee morning and table top sale in aid of local charity Beat Autism.

Monday 3rd April, 10am [Outwood](#)
Mother's Union meeting in Outwood church to plan future events.

Friday 7th April, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Good Friday Club for children and carers, with stories, crafts, egg hunt and more!

Wednesday 12th April, 7pm [Outwood](#)
APCM annual meeting at Outwood Institute.

Saturday 15th April, 10.30am [Stanley](#)
Coffee morning with lots of great stalls and refreshments including bacon butties.

Sunday 16th April, 12pm [Wrenthorpe](#)
Faith Lunch after the 10.30am morning service for 'Low Sunday'.

Sunday 23rd April, 10am [Stanley](#)
St George's Day parade service with the uniformed groups; an informal family service to celebrate St George's Day.

Sunday 23rd April, 11.30am [Stanley](#)
APCM annual meeting after the morning service.

Thursday 27th April, 7.30pm [Wrenthorpe](#)
MAPPs Men's group meeting at Kirklands Hotel on Leeds Road with a talk about the Air Ambulance.

Sunday 30th April, 12pm [Outwood](#)
Bric-a-brac sale at Outwood Institute—come along and grab a bargain!

Holy Week services across the benefice

Sunday 2nd April
9.30am, Palm Sunday [Outwood](#)
10am, Palm Sunday [Alverthorpe](#)
10am, Palm Sunday [Stanley](#)
10.30am, Palm Sunday [Wrenthorpe](#)

Monday 3rd April
7pm, Mass [Outwood](#)
7pm, Meditation [Wrenthorpe Methodists](#)

Tuesday 4th April
7pm, Meditation [Alverthorpe](#)
7pm, Mass [Outwood](#)

Wednesday 5th April
7pm, Stations of the Cross [Outwood](#)

Thursday 6th April
7pm, Liturgy of the Last Supper [Outwood](#)
7pm, Maundy Thursday [Stanley](#)
7pm, Maundy Thursday [Wrenthorpe](#)

Friday 7th April
10am, Good Friday Kids' Club [Wrenthorpe](#)
2pm, Hour at the Cross [Stanley](#)
2.30pm, Service on the green [Wrenthorpe](#)
7pm, Good Friday service [Outwood](#)

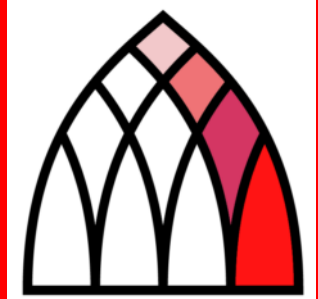
Saturday 8th April
8pm, Easter Vigil service [Outwood](#)

Sunday 9th April
9.30am, Easter Sunday [Outwood](#)
10am, Easter Sunday [Alverthorpe](#)
10am, Easter Sunday [Stanley](#)
10.30am, Easter Sunday [Wrenthorpe](#)

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

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

Easter Services at St Peter's, Stanley

Sunday 2nd April, 10am

Palm Sunday family service

Thursday 6th April, 7pm

Maundy Thursday service

Friday 7th April, 2pm

Hour at the Cross contemplative service

Sunday 9th April, 10am

Easter Sunday celebration service



Please join us!

Coffee morning

Thanks to everyone who continues to support our monthly coffee mornings. They are a great place to enjoy a chat and some lovely refreshments. The next coffee morning will be on:

Saturday 15th April
from 10.30am-12.30pm



This is a week later than previously scheduled to avoid clashing with Holy Week. Please join us for bacon butties, tea & coffee, raffle, tombola and more!

St George's Day Parade Service Sunday 23rd April, 10am

Join us, and the uniformed groups, for our family service to celebrate St George's Day.



Coronation Events

We are planning a number of events to mark the coronation of King Charles III:

- ◇ **Tuesday 2nd May:** The Tuesday Lunch Club will have a coronation theme.
- ◇ **Sunday 7th May 10am:** our Sunday morning service will celebrate the Coronation with prayers for the new King.
- ◇ **Sunday 7th May 12.30pm-3pm:** Picnic on the field— bring your own picnic, drinks, chairs etc and enjoy an outdoor community celebration.
- ◇ **Bank Holiday Monday 8th May:** Enjoy a craft morning with refreshments in the Lighthouse café 10am-12pm, lunches at 12pm, or join the Stanley Community Choir 1pm-2pm.



Earthquake Appeal thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee afternoon in aid of the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. The event, along with some money given on Sunday mornings, raised £300. The PCC added a further £500 from its charitable giving; therefore we have sent a **total of £800** to help charities in Turkey and Syria provide shelter and food to those affected by the recent devastating earthquake.



Contact details for St Peter's Church

Clergy

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

Rev Glenn Coggins 01924 218484

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Readers

David Greenwood-Haigh

Vicky Wilson

Church Office

Room hire enquiries, information about church groups, publicity:

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Church Officer roles

Jason Plant Church Warden

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APCM meeting

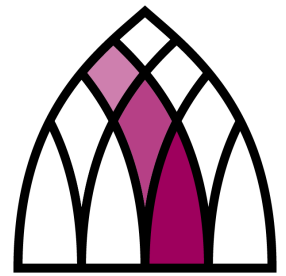
Sunday 23rd April, 11.30am

after the morning service

This is the annual meeting for St Peter's Church in Stanley, when the accounts and annual report will be presented, and new members elected on to the PCC. Come along and find out more!

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:

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| Mondays 7.30pm | Blokes United in the Choir Vestry |
| Every other Wednesday at 10am 5th and 19th April | Drop-In at the Church Institute. Coffee/tea, chat, quiz, raffle, free of charge |
| Every other Wednesday at 12pm 12th & 26th April | Lunch Club at Church Institute (see below) |

Lunch Club

Our fortnightly Lunch Club takes place at the Church Institute from **12-2pm** every other Wednesday (12th and 26th April this month) and costs £3.50. Open to all!



For more information, please contact Colin and Carol Lunn
csrlunn@hotmail.co.uk

Easter Services at St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Sunday 2nd April, 9.30am

Palm Sunday Mass, beginning with a procession from Outwood Institute

Monday 3rd April, 7pm

Mass

Tuesday 4th April, 7pm

Mass

Wednesday 5th April, 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 6th April, 7pm

Liturgy of the Last Supper

Friday 7th April, 7pm

Good Friday service

Saturday 8th April, 8pm

Easter Vigil service

Sunday

9th April,

9.30am

Easter Sunday

Mass



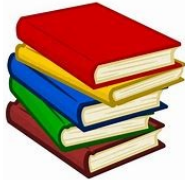
Bric-a-Brac Sale

Outwood Institute

Sunday 30th April, 12pm

Come and support our event!

We will be setting up at 11am on Saturday the day before, if you would like to come along—any help much appreciated!



A review of the

50th Anniversary Service for the Lofthouse Pit Disaster

On Saturday 18th March there was a very moving service at Outwood church to remember the 7 miners who perished at the Lofthouse colliery 50 years ago.

Bishop Tony Robinson gave the address and Councillor Denise Jeffery, leader of Wakefield Council, did a Bible reading. The daughter of miner Edward Finnegan who died in the disaster gave a very moving recollection of the events that day; there was also a poem 'Men Without Fear', and candles were lit by the families in memory of those that died.

The City of Sheffield Steel and Miners Pipe Band was also in attendance, and after the service there were speeches and food at Outwood Memorial Hall, along with performances by Lofthouse 2000 Brass Band, and Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir.

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

Vicar

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

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Treasurer

Duncan Hall

APCM meeting

Wednesday 12th April, 7pm

at Outwood Institute

This is the annual meeting for Outwood parish church, when the accounts and annual report will be presented, and new members elected on to the PCC.

Benefice Day trip

A benefice day trip has been suggested and the most popular idea appears to be an trip to Liverpool to visit the cathedrals and do some sight-seeing. Please let your PCC secretary know if you are interested to give an idea of numbers.



St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Wrenthorpe



St Anne's

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!

MAPPs Men's Group

MAPPs provides an opportunity for men
from all four churches in the benefice to
get together once a month.

This month's meeting is on **Thursday
27th April at 7.30pm in the Kirklands
Hotel** in Outwood. Our speaker will be
from the Air Ambulance Service.

For more info, contact Stuart Millington
on 01924 375996 or 07919 311166 or by
email stumillington@btinternet.com

Easter Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Monday 3rd April, 7pm

Meditation

At Wrenthorpe Methodist Church

Tuesday 4th April, 7pm

Meditation

At St Paul's, Alverthorpe

Wednesday 5th April, 7pm

Meditation *at Lindale Methodist
Church, Kirkhamgate*

Thursday 6th April, 7pm

Maundy Thursday service

At St Anne's Wrenthorpe

Friday 7th April, 10am

Good Friday Club *at St Anne's,
Wrenthorpe (see details opposite)*

Friday 7th April, 2.30pm

Service at the Cross,
On the Green, Wrenthorpe

Sunday 9th April, 10.30am

Easter Eucharist

At St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Faith Lunch

Sunday 16th April – Low Sunday

There will be a Faith Lunch in the Church Hall, so please bring some food and drink to share. Drinks will be served from 12pm and food will be available from 12.30pm.

Low Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Easter and the name might serve to contrast it with the 'high' festival of Easter. On Low Sunday, Jesus's visit to the disciples is commemorated: following his resurrection, Jesus visited Thomas and the other disciples in a locked room.

Contact details for St Anne's Church

Vicar

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PCC Secretary

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Treasurer

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St. Anne's Church Wrenthorpe



Children, accompanied by their parent or carer, are invited to

GOOD FRIDAY CLUB

Friday April 7th 2023 at 10am

**Come and listen to the Easter Story while enjoying Easter Crafts,
an Easter Egg hunt and much more!**



**Starting in the Church Hall and culminating
in a short service in St. Anne's Church**

St Paul's, Alverthorpe

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

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

Alverthorpe



St Paul's

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

Easter services at St Paul's Alverthorpe

Monday 3rd April, 7pm

Meditation

Wrenthorpe Methodist Church

Tuesday 4th April, 7pm

Meditation *at St Paul's, Alverthorpe*

Wednesday 5th April, 7pm

Meditation *at Lindale, Kirkhamgate*

Thursday 6th April, 7pm

Maundy Thursday service
St Anne's, Wrenthorpe



Friday 7th April, 2.30pm

Service at the Cross, *Wrenthorpe Green*

Sunday 9th April, 10am

Easter Sunday service at *St Paul's*

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1st April, 10am-12pm

Beat Autism is a local charity offering practical support to families of children with autism. Come along to our coffee morning to support this charity: there will be refreshments, and a nearly-new sale, so bring along any unwanted gifts.



Family History Research Group



Are you interested in researching your family tree? If you would like some advice, please contact Angela Coggins: email angelicog11@gmail.com or tel 01924 218484. A convenient time can then be arranged to meet up.

The Lofthouse Pit Disaster 21st March, 1973

Some of us can remember only too well those terrible days 50 years ago and the tragedy of the Lofthouse Pit disaster. St Paul's congregation did their part, providing hot food, drinks and prayer to the many men from the various pits who fought tooth and nail to rescue the men trapped underground. We also remember the memorial 10 years ago at the pit disaster plinth on Batley Road and the special service that was held in church, with many men from the pit telling their personal and moving stories.

This year it is the 50th anniversary of the disaster, and after the short memorial service on Batley Road on Sunday 19th March led by Bishop Tony Robinson, St Paul's once again opened it's arms and welcomed the families into the church. During the gathering, Nicola Harrison, whose dad Edward Finnegan died in the disaster, spoke very movingly about the impact of his death on the family, both at the time and during the years since. All the men who lost their lives, and their families, continue to be in our prayers and thoughts.

Special thanks to Pam Brockbank who found the 1973 April parish magazine which contained a touching piece written by Rev Maurice Turner who was vicar at the time. He had also worked as a miner and wrote:

"This Bevin Boy of three years, three months experience – 'a gentleman

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Clergy

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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

miner' – so called: salutes you, and remembers again, never to forget, what it is down below. For a week or so I was one of you again, day after day walking over part of my parish to see that you were cared for which for that time became part of a focus for the world to gaze upon."

At the service in Outwood on Saturday 18th, Bishop Tony reminded us that coal production in our country over several hundred years came at a great cost, with many losing their lives. It was only through disasters that improvements were made in the mining industry and even though nowadays there are no mines in the UK, elsewhere in the world, young people are working down mines, in terrible conditions, and we should never forget that the fight continues for good working conditions for all types of employment.

Ian Harrison

Prayers for April

Easter Story

Amazing love how can it be
As helpless Babe from heaven He came
Walked our earth as Light descending
To our world engulfed in pain.

How marvellous, how wonderful
His loving kindness as a flood,
Taking all our sin and sorrow
As He shed His precious blood.

The rugged cross was a battle ground
As the Father's face turned from His Son
Darkness engulfed the whole of the land
'Finished!' - the cry as victory was won.

We stand now amazed in the presence
Of the Man that came from above,
The Crucified One - but living again,
Who kissed our guilty world in love.

By Megan Carter



Easter Prayer 2023

Thank you, Father, that
you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter
Day and that He is alive now and forever. Thank you
that whoever believes in Him and turns away from
selfish living and towards you can be forgiven
through His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same
today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible - your inspired, unchanging,
and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to
Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is
truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we
might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Only Jesus

Carrying the cross by
Himself

He went out.

Sent out,

Yet choosing to go.

Word of life,

Choosing death,

Knowing the end from

the beginning,

Carrying the cross by Himself

He went out.

The only one who could,

The only way He could,

He went out

To the Skull Place,

For me.

By Daphne Kitching



John 12

The tomb was a cave
and Lazarus asleep:
Jesus walked in the light
on a pathway of tears
carrying God's glory

He lifted His eyes,
called into the darkness:
Lazarus rose and came out

Jesus keeps on calling
into the darkness:
different names
different caves

By Tim Lenton