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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	
Mondays 11am—11.30am	Storytime: Join us for our exciting Storytime with stories, songs and discover our magic games table!
Mondays 1pm-3pm	Bingo: Join us at Stanley Library for a fun-packed session of Bingo! 
Tuesdays 10am-12pm	 Adult Craft & Chat: Join us for a friendly session of crafting.
Thursdays 10am—12pm	Coffee morning: 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.
Thursdays 2.30pm—4.30pm	Family Games: You'll never be bored at our family games sessions. Fun for all the family! 
Fridays 10am—12pm	Mindful morning: Relieve stress and anxiety by focussing on mindful colouring, painting and puzzles.
Fridays 3.30pm—4.30pm	 Lego Club: Build Lego scenes, stories and characters. Lego provided. All ages welcome.
Saturdays 10.30am—11.30am	Family Crafts: Colour, craft and create in our weekly family craft sessions.
Saturdays 10am—1pm	Family History Sessions: 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

<p><u>Stanley Readers Group</u> </p> <p>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</p>

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:*



- Sunday 9th July 2.30pm Thanksgiving service: See p19 for full details about this service and the closure of the church.
- Free Tea & Coffee every Thursday 1.30pm-3.30pm Although there sadly will no longer be any church services, the free coffee afternoon with Joyce's cake stall will continue on Thursdays, raising money for the Zarach Beds for Kids charity which provides a bed, mattress, pillow, bedding and pyjamas to children in need.



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!



Knit & Natter St Peter's Church, Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm

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

New members always welcome—
knit, sew, swap patterns and
ideas, learn new skills, and
share friendship, conversation
and refreshments.

**Come along for a very
warm welcome**

Tuesday Lunch Club

At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road
Every Tuesday, 10.30am—1.30pm

- 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.

Phone the church office on
01924 835746 for more info.




JUNE EVENTS IN STANLEY

Services and events every week at St Peter's Church

Sundays 10am		<u>Family Communion service:</u> with both a traditional and modern approach to worship, Holy Communion most Sundays and refreshments after the service.	
Mondays 10am -12pm		<u>Lighthouse Café</u> A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, jigsaws etc.	
Mondays 1pm-2pm		<u>Stanley Community Choir</u> New members always welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy singing!	
Tuesdays 10.30am-1.30pm		<u>Tuesday lunch club</u> for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£5.	
Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm		<u>Knit & Natter</u> with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome.	
Thursdays 9.15am-11.15am		<u>Children's Ark</u> baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks. Cost £1.50 per child.	

Special services and events this month

Sat 8th July 10.30-12.30pm		<u>Coffee morning</u> with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments, jigsaws and more. Always a great opportunity to socialise and chat!
Saturday 8th July 7pm		<u>Murder Mystery evening: 'Death by Chocolate'</u> with 3 course meal and chocolate fountain! See page 11.
Sunday 9th July 2.30pm		<u>Stanley Methodist Church service of thanksgiving</u> on the closure of the church. See page 19 for details.
Weds 21st June 7.30pm		<u>PCC meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
Sat 5th August 12pm-5pm		<u>Stanley Gala</u> on the church field, organised by SRG with lots of stalls, refreshments and activities. See page 6.
Sat 12th August 10.30-12.30pm		<u>Coffee morning</u> with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments, jigsaws and more.
26th Aug—3rd Sept		<u>Stanley Scarecrow Trail</u> See page 6 for details about how to enter and how to vote!

Update from Stanley Residents Group



STANLEY GALA

Saturday 5th August 12pm-5pm at St Peter's Church

Plans are well underway for a fantastic day and as always we aim to make it an affordable day out for families with FREE Bouncy Castle, FREE Entertainer and LOW COST traditional games. Our stalls focus on local small businesses with refreshments available from the bar and kitchen.

New for this year is a Donut stand, Face and Tattoo painting and Stanley's very own Sapphire Supremes Dance Troupe. And don't forget the ever popular DOG SHOW. PLUS the Vegetable, Flower, Baking and Handicrafts Show will be open for viewing inside the building to see who's won the Best in Show Trophies and Rosettes this year. (Entry forms are available NOW for this event if you would like to join in this fun, informal competition)



We are a relatively small bunch of volunteers and any help from the community on the day makes a tremendous difference to us. If you can spare an hour during the morning before we start or the evening when it's finished, PLEASE contact us as there will definitely be a job you could help with.

STANLEY SCARECROW TRAIL

Saturday 26th August to Sunday 3rd September

It will be an open theme again this year but if you need any inspiration, we have provided some ideas on our website: stanleyresidentsgroup.org.

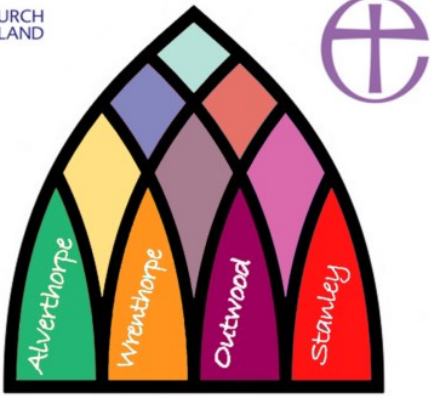
The cost is still £2 to enter either the Individual or Business category with a chance to win £50, £30, £20 by public vote for the top three exhibits and the TROPHY for the best local Business entry.

Entry forms will be available towards the end of July and also on Gala Day—just LOOK for the SCARECROW!!

Ways to contact us for more information:

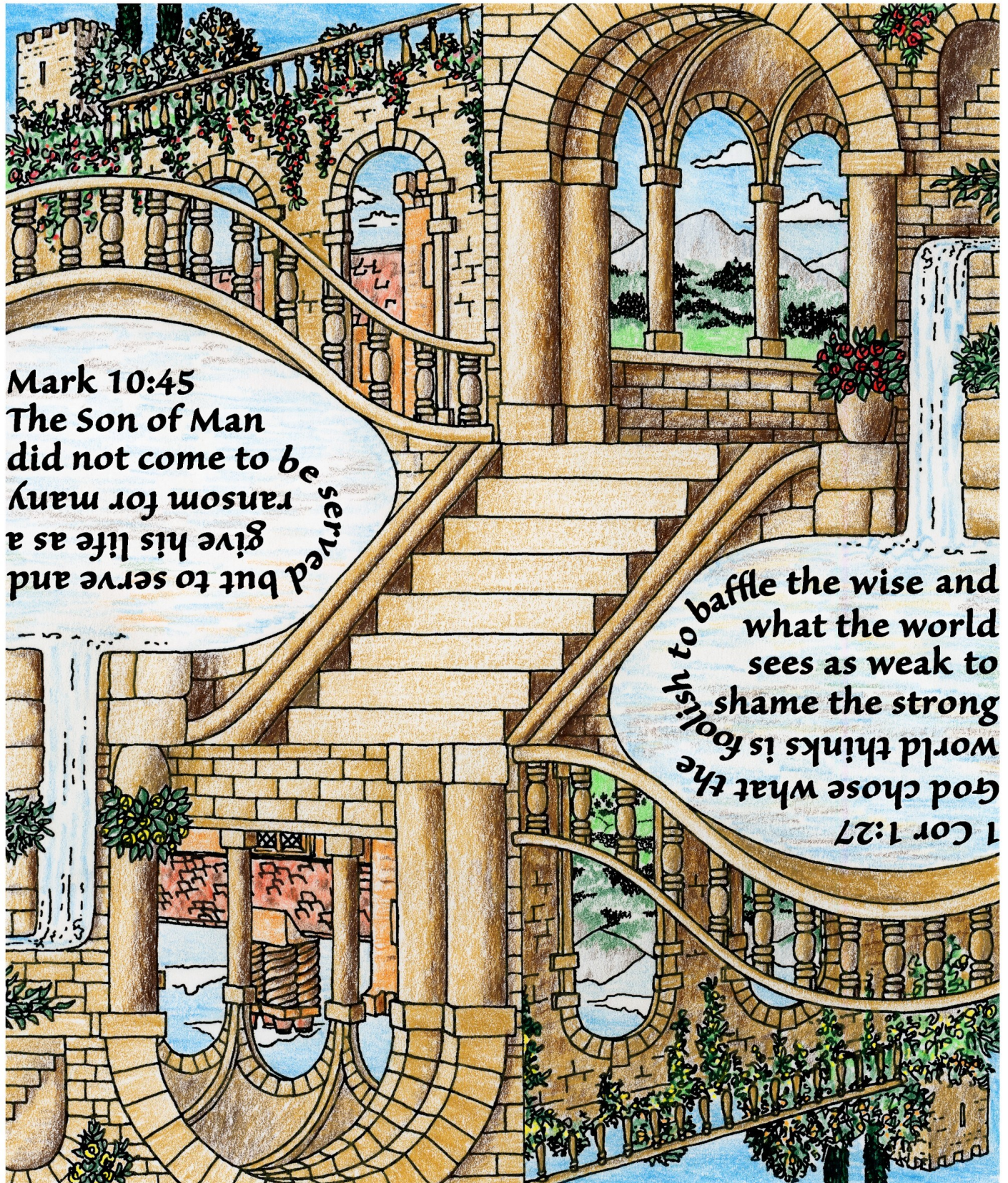
- Email: stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com
- Website: stanleyresidentsgroup.org
- Facebook page: Stanley Residents Group





North Wakefield Benefice

North Wakefield Team of Churches Newsletter for July & August 2023



Dear Friends, Welcome to a bumper edition of the Benefice magazine which covers both July and August – again thanks to all who have contributed.

I have always been a keen tennis fan; I played for many years but also enjoy following the game as it circumnavigates the globe during the year. When you play singles it is quite a lonely experience as you pit yourself against the other player as you seek victory. There were never any crowds or coaches offering advice at my level! Anyway I was thinking about tennis singles, and how you are own your own, and how it compares to life in church. There are many examples in the Bible about how we are called to work together and share our gifts to build up the body of Christ. It is when we work together and share in worship and prayer that we realise we can do far more together than on our own.



This working together was very much in evidence on Saturday 17th June when we gathered as a benefice in St Peter's Church, Stanley, to hear from each church about their life and ministry. For me it was very uplifting to hear about the number of projects that are on the go across the four churches, and to see the energy and enthusiasm on show. We also met in different groups to think about areas of our shared lives that we could develop. Lots of good ideas came out of the groups, but of course, we can't work on everything at the same time! However, all the suggestions have been noted down and the next stage will be to discuss over the summer how some projects could be launched in the autumn. Here's a flavour of some of the ideas we shall be taking forward:

1. On Tuesday 11th July from 7pm there is a meeting at the Alverthorpe vicarage for fellowship, and to discuss house groups, prayer groups and outreach. Also, see the St Anne's page for details of a new women's group starting 16th September.
2. We will look at how some key church services could be joint services for the benefice e.g. Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day etc. Also look at the formation of a worship group that could deliver key services like Harvest across the benefice.
3. Social events: maybe each church could organise a social event during the year.
4. We have a number of children and young people's groups—we could meet up now and then to share good practice etc.

Overall, the challenge is to discover areas of life we can share that is sustainable, measured and responsible. Sadly, church life across the board is facing financial pressures, and with few clergy as well as decreasing numbers in our pews, we face a challenging future. God hasn't given up on us though! Just read the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and see what he can do with just a few loaves of bread and fish! It will be through prayer, openness to God's Spirit and working together that God will continue to bless us as we seek to be a beacon of light and hope to those we serve and live.

So dear friends, please keep praying, and watch this space for more details about our plans for the future. Also keep praying for a new Associate Priest to join us.

God Bless and take care, Glenn

Rev Glenn Coggins, Vicar of the United Benefice of North Wakefield

Events for July & August

Saturday 8th July, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

Coffee morning with refreshments and bacon butties, and lots of great stalls including cakes, raffle, tombola and more.

Saturday 8th July, 7pm [Stanley](#)

Murder Mystery evening—enjoy a fun evening with meal and chocolate fountain. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £8.50.

Sunday 9th July, 2.30pm [Stanley](#)

Stanley Methodist church service of thanksgiving on the closure of the church, with light refreshments.

Monday 10th July, 12pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Forget-Me-Not fellowship group for those bereaved and/or lonely.

Tuesday 11th July, 7pm [Alverthorpe](#)

Benefice meeting in the vicarage gardens to discuss setting up some Bible study groups.

Saturday 15th July, 2pm-4pm [Alverthorpe](#)

Cream tea afternoon at St Paul's vicarage garden. All St Paul's congregation, friends and family welcome.

Sunday 16th July, 2.30pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Family service—join us for worship, chat and learn how to taste chocolate!

Tuesday 18th July, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

Lunch club taster session—enjoy activities for Friendship Day, bring a friend!

Thursday 20th July, 7.30pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

MAPPs Men's group meeting at Kirklands Hotel on Leeds Road.

Saturday 22nd July, 2pm [Outwood](#)

Summer Gala at the rear of the Church Institute with various stalls and activities.

Sunday 23rd July, 12pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Benefice event to celebrate St Anne's Patronal festival, with afternoon tea in the church hall.

Saturday 29th July, 10am [Alverthorpe](#)

Lifeboat prayer group meeting with Bible study and prayer time. All welcome.

Saturday 5th August, 12pm-5pm [Stanley](#)

Stanley Residents gala on the church field with lots and lots of entertainment, stalls, refreshments and activities.

Saturday 12th August, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

Coffee morning with refreshments and bacon butties, and lots of great stalls including cakes, raffle, tombola and more.

Sunday 13th August [Outwood](#)

Parish lunch—please see anyone from church for more information.

Sat 26th Aug—Sunday 3rd Sept [Stanley](#)

Scarecrow Trail around Stanley village.

Thursday 14th September, 7pm [Stanley](#)

Men's Group BBQ on the field at St Peter's church in Stanley.

Saturday 16th Sept, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Women of Substance group for women, with study, lunch, crafts and chat to learn about women in the Bible.

St Peter's Church, Stanley

Church: Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW
Vicar: Rev Glenn Coggins, The Vicarage,
 St Paul's Drive, Alverthorpe, WF2 0BT

Stanley



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.

Tuesday Lunch Club Taster Session

Tuesday 18th July, 10.30am-1.30pm



Join us for Friendship Day activities:

- Chair exercises
- Craft/colouring
- Singalong

Plus...refreshments and a 2 course meal

Bring a friend—2 for £9

The lunch club meets every Tuesday from 10.30am-1.30pm and is an ideal activity for older ladies and gentlemen.

Every week we do a different activity such as quizzes, games, crafts, films, or a visiting speaker. We have a lot of fun and always learn something new!

These are some forthcoming activities:

- 4th July—US Independence Day
- 11th July—Bastille Day & France
- 18th July-Friendship Day/bring a friend
- 25th July—card making
- 1st August—Yorkshire Day
- 8th August—India
- 15th&22nd August—Scarecrow making

Don't be lonely, join us! Just £5- includes a delicious lunch and all activities.

Regular events at St Peter's

Mondays 10am - 12pm	Lighthouse Café A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, Jigsaws etc. 
Mondays 1pm-2pm 	Stanley Community Choir New members welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy a sing-song.
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Wednesdays 1.30pm-3.30pm	 Knit & Natter Enjoy a cuppa, company & a 'crafty' time.
Thursdays 9.15am-11.15am	Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks. 

Murder mystery evening

'Death by Chocolate'

Written by David Greenwood-Haigh

Saturday 8th July, 7pm

(please note change of date)

At St Peter's church

With 3 course meal including chocolate fountain! Plus raffle.

Bring your own drinks.



Tickets £8.50 each
from Val, Barry or
David G-H

*Proceeds to a charity
project in Ghana*

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

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David Greenwood-Haigh

Vicky Wilson

Church Office

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Church Officer roles

Jason Plant Church Warden

David Sunderland Church Warden

Libby Gates PCC Secretary

Jason Plant Treasurer

Safeguarding concerns

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Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community Singers will be restarting after the summer break on Monday 4th September. We 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 spirituals, modern classics, pop and musicals.

Cost per session = **£2.50**

*Light lunches available in our café
from 12pm e.g. hot meals, soup etc.*

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 mornings will be on:

**Saturday 8th July & 12th August
from 10.30am-12.30pm**

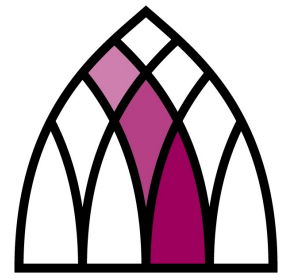
Please join us for bacon
butties, tea & coffee, raffle,
tombola, cakes, and more!



St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

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

Outwood



St Mary Magdalene

Church Services every week:

Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass

Tuesday 7pm Mass

Regular Events:

Mondays 7pm	Blokes United in the Choir Vestry
Every other Wednesday at 10am 12th & 26th July	Drop-In at the Church Institute. Coffee/tea, chat, quiz, raffle, free of charge
Every other Wednesday 12.30pm 5th & 19th July	Lunch Club at Church Institute (see below)

Lunch Club

Our fortnightly Lunch Club takes place at the Church Institute from **12.30-2pm** every other Wednesday (5th and 19th July this month) and costs £4.50. Open to all!



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

Summer Gala

Saturday 22nd July

at 2pm, at the rear of the Church Institute, Leeds Road, with various stalls and refreshments!



Parish Lunch

Sunday 13th August

Please see anyone from the PCC for more information!

Communion by Extension

On Sunday 16th July, our service will include 'Communion by Extension'. This means that we will receive bread and wine that have been consecrated at a service held earlier in the day at another church in our benefice. Leeds Diocese is currently conducting a trial of Communion by Extension and other local churches are also participating in the trial. We hope that as a congregation we can give it a try, but it will not become a permanent arrangement until the end of the trial study, when a final decision will be made by the PCC.





Gardening Club

After a year of hard work by various volunteers, we have now opened the garden at the rear of the church. Many thanks to Kitty, Mary, Victoria, Carol and everyone else who contributed. The garden was opened by Father Jonathan Bish.

The garden contains a variety of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The intention is to open the garden every Saturday—if you would be prepared to volunteer some time to look after the garden on Saturdays, please let us know!



The next meeting of Outwood parish church PCC is on Monday 21st August

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

Vicar

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

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Parish Secretary

Beverley Beaumont
beverleybeaumont@hotmail.com

Treasurer

Duncan Hall

Church Warden's licensing

On Thursday 15th June, Brian Taylor and other church wardens from across the benefice and further afield, were licensed at a special service at Wakefield cathedral. It was a lovely service with singing from the Cathedral choir—including Father Jonathan Bish.

Prayers were said for all church wardens, who made a declaration to 'faithfully and diligently perform the duties of their office'. The message to take away from the service is that change is inevitable; churches—including Outwood—cannot expect to have their own priest in the future but that we must all look more to sharing resources across the diocese and benefice.

St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

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

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

Wrenthorpe



St Anne's

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

Women of Substance

**Starting Saturday 16th September,
10am-2pm at St Anne's Church**

I would like to invite the women of our Benefice to a new group called Women of Substance. The aim is to hold the group monthly on a Saturday morning at St Anne's Church, Wrenthorpe.

We will be studying the women of the Bible; these women may have lived thousands of years ago, but when we look at their lives and stories, we discover just how relevant they are to us today. They can offer us wisdom or a warning, and are worth getting to know.

The format would be....



Share the study, have lunch, do a craft, have a chat, and grow together as Christian women, strong and empowered to serve God.

The first session will be on Saturday 16th September, from 10am—2pm. Hope you can join us! *Lynn Fowley*

*"Above all else guard your heart well;
it is the wellspring of life within you"*

Proverbs 4:23

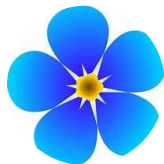
Family Service
Join us for worship
and chat and
chocolate tasting

16 July 2023 @2:30

Come and meet the
2 Davids and learn
how to taste chocolate
ALL WELCOME

Forget-Me-Not Fellowship group

Monday 10th July, 12pm-2pm



The St Anne's Forget-Me-Not Fellowship Group is a support group for those who are bereaved and those who are lonely. We meet in St Anne's Church on the 2nd Monday of each month from 12pm-2pm. Our aim is provide support, friendship and empathy for bereaved, and or, lonely people.

We hope that by meeting with others who are experiencing, or have experienced similar situations, it will bring help to all who join us in building up new friendships and feeling less alone.

If you would like to join us, or would like more information about the group, please contact Pat Nutting on:
patnutting3034@btinternet.com



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,
crafts, activities and time to play!

**MAPPs Men's Group, Thursday
20th July, 7.30pm, Kirklands Hotel**

The MAPPs men's group offers a warm welcome to men from all the four churches in the benefice, or none! Most meetings are held in the room at the back of the Kirklands pub in Outwood. Forthcoming dates as follows:

Thursday 20th July: Roland Harden shares his experiences working in hospitality. August: no meeting.

Thursday 14th September: BBQ at St Peter's church in Stanley.

Contact details for St Anne's Church Vicar

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

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PCC Secretary

Jacqui Grundy

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Treasurer

David Payne

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Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth

07443 459558

St Anne's Patronal Festival

Sunday 23rd July, 12pm

All members of the benefice are invited to join St Anne's church in celebrating their patronal festival on Sunday 23rd July. Arrive 12.30pm for aperitifs, followed by afternoon tea in the church hall. Please let Jacqui or Pat know if you would like to join us and any special dietary requirements:
jacquiegrundy@hotmail.com or
patnutting3034@btinternet.com

4 CHURCHES

M.A.P.P.'s

MEN'S GROUP

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



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

Lifeboat prayer group

**Saturday 29th July, at St Paul's
Alverthorpe, 10am—11.30am**

'Lifeboat' is our benefice spirituality group. We currently meet on the last Saturday of every month at St Paul's, Alverthorpe from 10am-11.30am.

We begin with drinks and chat before we share testimonies, new initiatives and prayer points which leads into a time of open intercessory prayer. This works well, with most of those attending taking part in the prayer time. We close this section with the Lord's prayer followed by a hymn/chorus.

The next section opens with someone reading a from Scripture, followed by a short reflection from the leader, and a general discussion of how we can take pointers from the scripture to apply in our daily lives.

Please think about joining us! You would be very welcome to come along.



Family History Research Group

Are you interested
in researching your
family tree?

If you would like some advice, please contact Angela Coggins: telephone 01924 218484 or email angelicog11@gmail.com. A convenient time can then be arranged to meet up.



in the Vicarage garden



All St Paul's congregation, family and friends are invited! If you would like to come, please RSVP to Sue Watson by 8th July, or see Glenn, Angela or David, so we can make sure we have enough scones for everyone!

Over the next couple of weeks, Glenn will be presenting the Scripture Union book “It’s Your Move” to all year 6 children at Alverthorpe, Stanley and Wrenthorpe primary schools. The books are a gift from our benefice and offer real advice and support to young children as they make the transition to secondary school.



Mrs Pat Lambert 01924 376857

Thank you, *Glenn*

Prayers for this month

Storms of Life

The boat was tossed
from side to side
Buffeted by the
wind and rain,
Alarm and panic
filled their hearts



Would they ever reach the shore again?

The sky was dark and looking out
They thought they saw a ghost appear,
Transfixed with horror, what could it be
Treading on water and drawing near?

Their hearts were stilled as hope arose
As they heard the voice of the One they knew,
'Do not be afraid, this storm will pass'
And the sea grew calm and the wind withdrew.

When storms of life assail our boat
And our hearts are filled with dread and fear,
Remember the One who treads the waves,
He sees our plight – He's drawing near.

By Megan Carter

A prayer for this summer

Loving Father, the summer brings long days and summer pleasures, for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don't know how they will feed their children during the upcoming long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid.

Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility. And please Lord, show us how to help, how to be part of the solution. May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us.

In Jesus' name. Amen

By Daphne Kitching



There

There, in that other world,
what waits for me?
What shall I find
after that other birth?
No stormy, tossing,
foaming, smiling sea,
But a new earth.

No sun to mark
the changing of the days,
No slow, soft falling
of the alternate night,
No moon, no star,
no light upon my ways,
Only the Light.

No grey cathedral,
wide and wondrous fair,
That I may tread
where all my fathers trod.
Nay, nay, my soul,
no house of God is there,
But only God.

Mary Coleridge (1861-1907)

Stanley Methodist Church Service of Thanksgiving

On **Sunday 9th July at 2.30pm** there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at Stanley Methodist Church to celebrate the faithful witness of its members and friends over the years.



Everyone at the chapel thanks the community of Stanley for their support over the years, but it has become clear that the time has come to close. This sadly brings to an end Christian worship in the Methodist tradition in Stanley—Lee Mount is the fourth to close—but the remaining members will be able to find new homes at any of the other Methodist churches in the area, such as Parkside in Outwood, Lofthouse Methodist, Lindale in Kirkhamgate or Trinity Methodist in Wakefield.

Many in Stanley have shared the journey, with its building challenges and varied outreach and missions. Sadly, but gratefully, there will be a final service to praise God for all that is past and put our trust in Him for all that is to come.

Light refreshments will be served after the service and people are welcome to stay and share reminiscences. At this time all those who have been associated with our church over the years are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

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

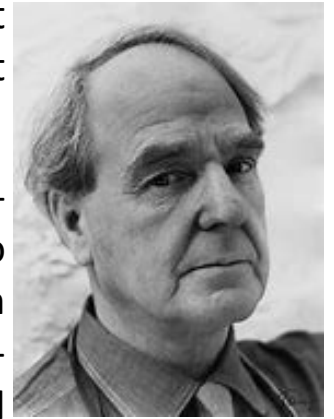
Frank Coombes	17 February 2023
John Moffat	22 February 2023
Doreen Highley	22 February 2023
Winifred Crichton	18 April 2023
Violet Luty	26 April 2023
Richard Broome	27 June 2023

Baptisms

Renee-Elizabeth Margaret Jane Wise-Penney	12 February 2023
Jonah James Roy Wise	12 February 2023

Henry Moore and his monumental sculptures

Henry Moore, the British sculptor and illustrator best known for his monumental semi-abstract bronze sculptures, was born 125 years ago, on 30th July 1898, in nearby Castleford. He knew he wanted to be a sculptor from an early age, having heard at Sunday school about Michelangelo's life and work. But his parents regarded sculpture as manual labour, and he trained as a teacher before joining the Army during WW1. An ex-serviceman's grant brought him, via Leeds School of Art, to the Royal College of Art in London, where he met and later married Irina Radetsky.



During WW2, Moore became popular as a war artist, mainly through his drawings. But in 1943 he was commissioned to carve a Madonna and Child for the Church of St Matthew in Northampton. His fame as a sculptor grew quickly, with exposure in the media backed up by major exhibitions in London and Florence. In 1977, at the age of 79, he established the Henry Moore Foundation, to encourage "enjoyment and opportunity" in the arts, especially sculpture. The Foundation now runs his house and estate at Perry Green, Hertfordshire.

His work was not without controversy. An early 'modernist' sculpture bought by artist and poet Roland Penrose in 1937 for his Hampstead garden aroused some indignation. Then in 1962, Moore, being a socialist, sold another statue to London County Council at a fraction of its value so that it could enrich the lives of those living in a socially deprived area. It was installed on the Stifford council estate but was moved to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in 1997 after being vandalised. YSP was founded in 1977 by Sir Peter Murray, and Moore was its first Patron; he promised that there would always be a display of his work there.



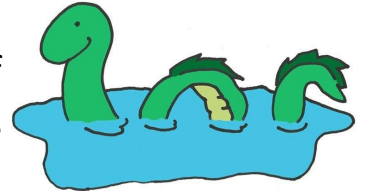
Summer Gala— a review

Our church summer gala was held on Saturday 1st July and was a very successful event raising £1,250 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who organised and ran stalls. We had a tombola, raffle, cakes, bric a brac, books, toys, soft toys, bottle stall, handmade crafts, as well as some children's crafts, and games such as hook a duck and splat the rat. For refreshments there were incredible hotdogs and delicious cream teas. We had some lovely raffle prizes, and all prizes have now been claimed. Thank you again to everyone who helped to organise the gala and who supported it so generously.

Even the BBC couldn't find the Loch Ness Monster

Twenty years ago, on 27th July 2003, a BBC team reported that the Loch Ness monster did not exist. They had combed every inch of the loch, using 600 sonar beams guided by satellite navigation, and found nothing. The operation was covered in the BBC One documentary, 'Searching for the Loch Ness Monster'.

Reported sightings of the monster had led to speculation that it might be a plesiosaur, a marine reptile from the age of the dinosaurs. The BBC team hoped the air in Nessie's lungs would be detected by the instruments on their search boat.



"We went from shoreline to shoreline, top to bottom... we covered everything in this loch, and we saw no signs of any large living animal," said Ian Florence, one of the specialists who carried out the survey for the BBC.

The earliest report of a monster involved the Celtic monk St Columba in the sixth century AD. He was said to have banished a monster from the River Ness into the loch. In 1933 the local paper reported a sighting by a water bailiff, and later that year published a photograph taken by Hugh Gray, and another by surgeon Robert Wilson in 1934. But the BBC report did not kill off interest. Nessie continues to be sighted, and the Loch Ness Centre in Drumnadrochit, near the shores of the loch, has just reopened following a major transformation.

Cartoon Corner



"It's not a new stained-glass window – the Youth Club put its skateboard ramp too close to the church's west wall!"

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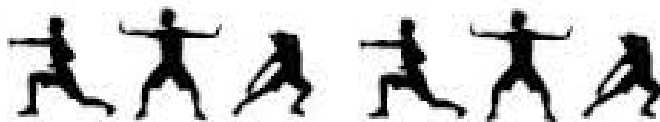
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