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



LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ at St Peter's Church **Every Monday and Wednesday 10am—12pm**

With snacks and refreshments,
plus light lunches on Mondays from **12pm—1pm**

*Plus free Wi-Fi, Books, Games, Jigsaws,
Newspapers, Children and babies welcome.*

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

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 termtime at St Peter's church from **9:15am to 11:15 am**

Phone 01924

835746 or

07746 849509

for more info



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**

Stanley Community Singers

Every Monday, 1pm-2pm, St Peter's Church

The Stanley Community Singers offers a very warm welcome to any new members who would like to join us, enjoy a good sing and make new friends. There is no audition and no previous experience required, just a love of singing! We sing a variety of different music including spirituals, modern classics, pop and musicals.

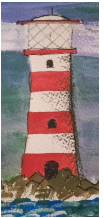



Come and make friends and enjoy a good sing!

The cost per session is £2.50. Light lunches are available from 12pm in our café and refreshments are available after the singing.



FEBRUARY 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 & Weds 10am -12pm	<u>Lighthouse Café</u> A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, Jigsaws etc. Also on Wednesdays.	
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—£6.	
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

Monday 5th Feb 6.30pm	<u>Stanley Residents Group Meeting</u> at the Wheatsheaf pub for everyone who wants to get involved! See p19.	
Saturday 10th Feb 10.30am—12.30pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> with lots of with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more!	
Sunday 11th Feb, 10am	<u>Christingle Service:</u> informal all-age service with crafts, activities, songs and Christingles! To celebrate Jesus as light of the world. See page 10 for more information.	
Weds 14th Feb 7.30pm	<u>Ash Wednesday service</u> at St Peter's to mark the beginning of Lent. All are welcome.	
Saturday 17th Feb 7pm	<u>Valentine's Pudding Evening:</u> Join us for a fun social evening—bring a pudding to share if you want! See p11.	
Tues 20th Feb 7.30pm	<u>Lent Course Week 1:</u> 'Living the Christian life' is a 5 week course at Libby Gates' house. See page 17 for details.	
Weds 28th Feb	<u>PCC meeting</u> at St Peter's church, 7.30pm.	
Sat 23rd March 10am—1pm	<u>Spring Fair</u> with lots of stalls and refreshments, cakes, toys, books, raffle, tombolas and more!	

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

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

Philip Marsh	16th September 2023
Rose Hilton	8th October 2023
Jack Dodsworth	10th November 2023
Marjorie Scholefield	27th December 2023

Baptisms

Bertie Frank Wilson	23rd July 2023
Cooper Arthur Jamieson	24th September 2023
Elsie Grace Lockwood	22nd October 2023
Evelyn Nora Morris	10th December 2023

2024 Coffee Morning dates

Thank you everyone who supports our monthly coffee mornings. The December coffee morning raised £500 and the January coffee morning raised £297. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 10th February at St Peter's church from 10.30am—12.30pm with lots of great stalls: raffle, jigsaws, tombola and refreshments including delicious bacon butties. Here are the dates for the coffee mornings for the rest of the year:



13th January	13th April	13th July	12th October
10th February	11th May	10th August	9th November
9th March	8th June	14th September	14th December



Pancake Day—Tuesday 13th February

Pancake Day, or rather, Shrove Tuesday, falls on the day before Ash Wednesday each year, which is the first day of Lent. The custom of eating pancakes dates back to the 16th century when foods such as eggs, milk and butter would be used up before the start of the Lenten fast.



North Wakefield Benefice

North Wakefield Team of Churches

Newsletter for February 2024

Now these three continue . . .



Of these, the greatest is . . . 1 Cor 13:13

Dear Friends, Welcome to our February edition of the North Wakefield Benefice magazine. Again a big thanks to Ellie for producing the magazine and to our contributors – please keep the items coming in so that we can share our news and advertise up and coming events and social activities.

Looking forward, February begins as usual with the presentation of Christ in the Temple which will be celebrated in our churches on Sunday 4th February. This is a wonderful service as we eavesdrop on Simeon and Anna as they meet baby Jesus in the temple. At the service we take one look back at the Christmas and Epiphany tide before turning our gaze upon Lent and our journey towards Holy Week and Easter. There will be Ash Wednesday services in all the churches on Wednesday 14th February – look at the newsletters for details.



This Lent there is an opportunity to meet up and discover together what does it mean to 'live a Christian life'. If you remember last Lent we looked at some of the building blocks of the Christian faith which consist of prayer, bible reading, belonging to church and sharing in worship and holy communion. When you read the gospel stories of Jesus, he calls people to follow him and to view the world and people through his eyes. It is not always easy following in the footsteps of Jesus but by doing so we discover what it means to live life in abundance and know we are truly loved by God the Father. You only have to think that at the end of each service we are dismissed with 'go in peace to love and serve the Lord' - in other words go and share the good news and work together to transform the world to reflect God's kingdom values. Do have a look at the venues and consider joining us as we share and discuss what it means to live a Christian life....

There will be two groups both on a Tuesday starting on the 20th February: 2:30pm in the choir vestry at St Mary Magdalene, Outwood and the other at 7:30pm at Libby's home in Stanley. We shall also touch on the material at the mid week communion services at Alverthorpe and Wrenthorpe.

Whilst writing it is lovely to announce that the post of associate priest will be advertised from the 20th February with interviews taking place on Tuesday 23rd April. Do continue to pray and that this time round we shall fill the vacancy! Again many thanks to everybody who is helping and supporting the life and ministry of the benefice as we enter into the second year of vacancy.

Take care and God Bless

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

Events for February

Monday 5th Feb, 10.30pm [Outwood](#)

Mother's Union meeting in church, with new curate Rev Diane Komorowski.

Saturday 10th Feb, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

Coffee morning with bacon sandwiches, raffle, tombola, jigsaws and more!

Sunday 11th Feb, 10am [Stanley](#)

Christingle Family service with all age worship, activities and refreshments.

Sunday 11th February [Outwood](#)

Parish lunch, please see anyone on the PCC for more information.

Tuesday 13th Feb, 6pm [Wrenthorpe](#)

Pancake party in the church hall, with the Brownies, plus raffle and quizzes.

Wednesday 14th February—see opposite

Ash Wednesday services in all churches.

Saturday 17th Feb, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)

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

Week commencing Monday 19th February

Weekly Lent courses in all churches, see opposite and the Alverthorpe page for details.

Saturday 2nd March, 10am [Alverthorpe](#)

Spring Fayre with preloved Christmas gift stall, refreshments and more!

Saturday 9th March, 11am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Pre-loved clothing sale in the church hall. Come along and find a bargain!

Saturday 23rd March, 10am [Stanley](#)

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

Ash Wednesday—14th February

As we begin Lent and our preparations for Easter, please join us at any of the four churches on Wednesday 14th February for special Ash Wednesday services.



Right from the early Christian church, it was customary for people to have ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent, as a symbol of penitence. Nowadays, we receive the mark of the cross in ashes on our foreheads. It is also customary to burn the left-over palm cross from the previous year's Palm Sunday to create the ashes for today.

All Ash Wednesdays services are on Wednesday 14th February

11am at [St Paul's, Alverthorpe](#)

2.15pm at [St Anne's, Wrenthorpe](#)

7pm at [St Mary Magdalene, Outwood](#)

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

Lent Courses from wc 19th February

The Lent course 'Living the Christian Life' will be running in all four churches. See the Alverthorpe page for more details about the course.

Tuesdays, 2.30pm [Outwood](#)

Tuesdays, 7.30pm [Libby's Stanley](#)

Wednesdays, 11am [Alverthorpe](#)

Wednesdays, 2.15pm [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

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.

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.
Tuesdays 10.30am-1.30pm	Tuesday lunch club for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.
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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.

Christingle Service

Sunday 11th February, 10am

Join us for a family service on 11th February to celebrate Jesus as Light of the world at our Christingle service. It was too busy in church to celebrate Christingle at Christmas! So we're holding a Christingle during the time of Candlemas. Join us for all-age worship, activities and refreshments. Everyone welcome!



Tuesday Lunch Club

Every Tuesday 10.30am-12pm

The lunch club is an ideal activity for older ladies and gentlemen, costing just £6 including a 2 course meal. We enjoy activities such as quizzes, games, crafts, films, or a speaker; we have a lot of fun and always learn something new!

These are some forthcoming activities:

- 6th Feb—Chinese New Year
- 13th Feb—Mardi Gras & pancake day
- 20th Feb—school children to visit
- 27th Feb—Kurling and boccia
- 5th March—St David's Day & Wales
- 12th March—St Patrick's Day & Ireland

This year, we are excited to be celebrating 200 years of Christian worship in Stanley! We will give thanks for everyone who has been part of St Peter's, whether in the old or current church buildings, serving both God and the community. We are planning a whole year of activities and events, with a special service on 8th September to be attended by the Bishop of Leeds.

The original St Peter's church was opened on 6th September 1824, but then greatly damaged in a fire in 1911. It reopened in 1913, but there were serious structural flaws and subsidence causing the church be permanently closed in 2001 and then demolished in 2014.

200 Since 2001, the congregation has thrived in our current location, with a more practical building and car park. This has enabled us to develop our community activities, whilst keeping our focus on God in all that we do.

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

David Greenwood-Haigh
Vicky Wilson

Room hire enquiries, information about church groups, publicity:

Eleanor Plant 01924 835746
churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk

Jason Plant	Church Warden
David Sunderland	Church Warden
Libby Gates	PCC Secretary
Jason Plant	Treasurer

Dave Florence 07957 203898
daveflorence@gmail.com

St Peter's Lent course will be running at **7.30pm on Tuesdays**, at Libby Gates' house, beginning on Tuesday 20th February. Please ask in church for Libby's address. All welcome.



Please join us for a fun social evening, bring a pudding to u want! With games and fun!

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 10th February
from 10.30am-12.30pm**

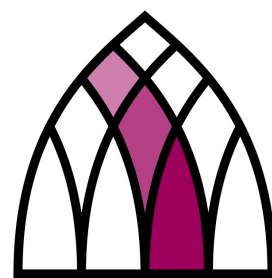
Please join us for bacon
butties, tea & coffee, raffle,
tombola, cakes, and more!



St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Church: Leeds Road, Outwood, WF1 2JL
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

(note, no Tuesday Mass at present)

Regular Events:

Mondays
7.15pm

Blokes United in
 the Choir Vestry

Every other
Wednesday
10am—12pm
 7th & 21st
 February

Drop-In at the
 Church Institute.
 Coffee/tea, chat,
 quiz, raffle, free
 of charge

Every other
Wednesday 12pm
 14th & 28th Feb

Lunch Club at
 Church Institute
 £4.50 per person

Mothers' UNION
 Christian care for families

Diocese of Leeds

Happy New Year everyone! Mothers' Union held our Wave of Prayer service on 10th January. I've mentioned previously that we are linked with 5 overseas dioceses: Lesotho, Kibungo, Ogbomoso, Etche and Hanuato'o. The service included lots of information about our members in these other countries; their problems, but also their celebrations. It is good to have news from them.

We also prayed for the trouble-torn parts of our world: Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East Suez canal area; much needed I'm sure you'll agree.

Our AGM followed and we took stock of all we had done in 2023. Lots of money raised and toiletry bags made as well as knitting twiddle muffs and baby cardigans and hats. All this alongside supporting our church at Summer Gala's and Autumn Fairs and Fashion Shows. We have been quite busy!

Our next meeting is on **Monday 5th, February at 10.30am in church**, when we hope to welcome our new curate Revd Diane Komorowski.

Our Treacy Hall Meet Up Café is going well and restarts after the Christmas break on Friday 2nd February. Do call in if you are in town shopping; a warm welcome is assured.



For any more details contact: *Sheila Crosby 01924 825866*

Here's some Lent trivia to test your knowledge. Answers next month!

1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What colour vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
6. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
7. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
8. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays during Lent?
9. On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
10. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
11. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?
12. What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent?
13. On what Sunday during Lent does the priest bless palms?
14. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us?
15. On what day during Lent does the Bishop bless holy oils for the year?
16. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
17. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations?
18. Who helped Jesus carry his Cross?
19. When does Lent officially end?
20. What is the Triduum?

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

Vicar

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Treasurer

Duncan Hall



Parish Lunch

Sunday 11th February

Please contact anyone

on the PCC for more information

Lent course: “Living the Christian Life”

This year's Lent course will start on **Tuesday 20th February at 2.30pm** in the choir vestry in church and will meet at every Tuesday during Lent. See the Alverthorpe church page for details of this year's Lent Course.

We need an organist for our service on

Sunday 11th February at 9.30am.

If you know anyone who can help

please contact Brian

07815311082



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

Celebrating 150 years of St Anne's!

A group have been formed to plan for the 150th celebrations at St Anne's Church, which was opened and consecrated in 1874. A number of suggestions have been made but the group is happy to hear of any more that could be added to the list. Please either speak to Pat Nutting or Jacquie Grundy, or email them to jacquiegrundy@hotmail.com.

Lego Appeal! We are still collecting Lego for use at our Young People's Drop-in sessions. If you have any that you could donate or sell to us for a small amount we'd be grateful to hear from you. Please contact Jacquie by email jacquiegrundy@hotmail.com or text 07503 075108. Thank you!

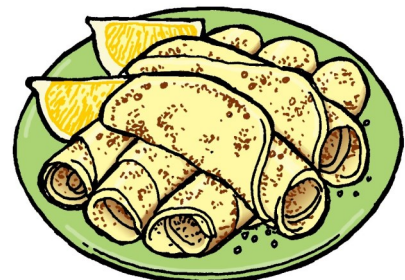


Pancake Party

With the Brownies
on **Tuesday 13th February**
at 6pm in the Church Hall.

Tickets are £3.50
and are available via
Jacquie Grundy on 07503 075108.

There will also be a raffle
and quizzes.



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, activities, crafts and plenty of time to play!

PRE-LOVED SALE

in aid of the Renovation Fund



Saturday 9th March

From 11am

In the Church Hall

Donations of saleable items would be gratefully received, either in church or by contacting Jacquie Grundy 07503 075108 for collection

Lent course: "Living the Christian Life"

St Anne's Lent course will be running at **2.15pm on Wednesdays**, during the time of the usual afternoon Communion. The Lent course will begin on Wednesday 21st February. All welcome.

Women of Substance



Saturday 17th February,

10am-2pm, St Anne's Church

Our next Women of Substance session will be looking at Anna. This study group is for women from across the benefice. We meet at 10am at St Anne's church and have a period of study before lunch, after which there is a craft. If you'd like to come please let message Lynn Fowley on 07890 589907 or email ldfowley@live.co.uk so that there are enough study materials and food for everyone. Don't forget to let her know of any special dietary requirements. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Contact details for St Anne's Church

Vicar

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07951 651952

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malcolmendersby6@gmail.com

Lisa Cooper

PCC Secretary

Jacqui Grundy

jacquiegrundy@hotmail.com

Treasurer

David Payne

davidpayne24@gmail.com

Church Hall bookings

Bob Illingworth

07443 459558

Candlemas—2nd February

Candlemas falls on 2nd February, exactly 40 days after Christmas Day. In Biblical times, 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, took Jesus, her first male child to the Temple to 'present Him to the Lord'. Thus, the day is also known as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.



The New Testament describes Jesus as the Light of the World, and early Christians would light candles in celebration of this special day in Jesus' young life. The Church fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles on this day—hence the name, Candlemas.

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

Spring Fayre

**Saturday 2nd March,
10am—1pm**

Please join us at St Paul's church for our spring fayre, to include a stall for unwanted Christmas presents, as well as refreshments and more!

In aid of church funds



St Valentine's Day was established by Pop Gelasius 1 in 496 AD, and is named after the Christian martyr Valentine of Rome who was martyred about 269. The first recorded association of Valentine Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, *'For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.'* This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia.

Shakespeare includes a reference to Valentine Day in Hamlet: Ophelia says *"To-morrow is St Valentine's day, all in the morning betime, and I a maid at your window to be your Valentine."*



The modern mention of Valentine's Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784): *"The rose is red, the violet's blue, the honey's sweet, and so are you. Thou are my love and I am thine, I drew thee to my Valentine."*

North Wakefield Benefice
**Ash Wednesday services
and Lent Course**

All four churches in the North Wakefield Benefice will be holding **Ash Wednesday** services on **Wednesday 14th February**. Please see the Events for February page for the times of all the services, and consider coming along and joining us.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the period of Lent, a time of repentance and contemplation leading up to the events of Easter. It is a good time to say sorry for our mistakes, to learn more about Jesus's teachings, and to pledge ourselves anew to the Christian life.

Therefore, during Lent, our four churches will be following a five week course entitled '**Living the Christian Life**'.

The courses will begin during the week starting 19th February and will meet at the following times and locations:

- **Tuesdays at 2.30pm in the choir vestry at Outwood Church** starting on Tuesday 20th February
- **Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Libby Gates' house in Stanley** starting on Tuesday 20th February.
- **Wednesdays at 11am at Alverthorpe Church** starting on Wednesday 21st February. The course will run as part of the usual weekly communion.
- **Wednesdays at 2.15pm at Wrenthorpe Church** starting Wednesday 21st February. The course will run as part of the usual weekly communion.

Contact details for St Paul's

Clergy

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 07951 651952
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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

The Lent course will be following these five topics and will finish during the week starting 18th March:

1. Living God's Way
2. Serving the Lord
3. Your money and your life
4. Learning to Love
5. Sharing the faith

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes up to the hills—
where does my help come from?



My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip; he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

Prayers for February

Winter Now

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow
Has left the heavens all coldly clear;
Through leafless boughs
the sharp winds blow,
And all the earth lies dead and drear.

And yet God's love is not withdrawn;
His life within the keen air breathes;
His beauty paints the crimson dawn,
And clothes the boughs
with glittering wreaths...

O God! Who giv'st the winter's cold,
As well as summer's joyous rays,
Us warmly in thy love enfold,
And keep us through life's wintry days.

*From a poem by Samuel Longfellow
1819-92*

Transfiguration

Reveal Thyself to me,
Transfigured shining Son!
Thy Holy radiance may I see
God's own anointed One.

The prophets there with Thee
What stories do they tell?
What holy words of mystery?
What glories do they spell?

Then, God's own mighty voice
Rolling through shrouding cloud;
Must make the hardest heart rejoice
To hear Him clear and loud:

"This, my beloved Son!

"Listen to what He says

"Know that He is the chosen One

"And follow Him all thy days!"

By Nigel Beeton



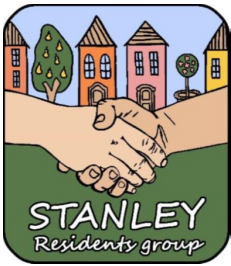
Prayer for February 2024

Father, in this coldest and shortest of months, this month when traditionally thoughts turn to love and the promise of Spring, help us to be thankful and steadfast and to see Your bigger picture in what is sometimes a frightening world, a world where love between nations seems to be in short supply and the future uncertain.

We pray for all those whose lives are in turmoil through a lack of love and justice. Help us to remember the great love You have for Your world and Your people, so great that You sent Jesus to show us how to live, how to love and how to overcome the troubles of the world.

Thank you that Your love is stronger than the forces of evil, stronger than death. Help us to put our trust in Jesus, to keep our focus on Him, knowing He will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you that His love is stronger than the forces of evil, stronger than death. In his name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Update from Stanley Residents Group

Another new year and we've already had our first meeting! At our AGM we reviewed all our work from 2023 and started looking towards 2024. Our first observation was that we need more people to join us, not only at events and volunteer days but also at our meetings to help us plan forward.



- No application process
- No contract
- No set number of hours, large or small
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- Personal development and growth actively encouraged
- Experience welcomed but not necessary
- All abilities welcomed
- Job satisfaction the ultimate aim!



Having ideas and suggesting improvements is easy—putting them into action can be much harder. The more people we have involved not only lightens the load, but makes sure we represent different areas of the village and the Community.



SO.....what do you say? Ready to give it a go.....? GREAT!
Let's meet up and get started.....

Monday 5th February 6.30pm at the Wheatsheaf pub

Wednesday 28th February 6.30pm (venue TBD—check our website)

Tea is the drink of getting things done: Speaking recently on Radio 4, James May, the former Top Gear presenter declared: "I'm just worried that the cult of coffee is going to destroy tea. And I don't like coffee, it is just rubbish. I like tea. Tea is the drink of getting things done." How did tea get so embedded in UK culture? It dates back to the Industrial Revolution of the mid-18th century when tea became less expensive and wages were falling, meaning that people struggled to afford food, fuel or a hot meal. Tea became a way of having something hot and restorative, often with sugar. And so tea became central to the diet of the working poor. James May argues that tea drinking is still fundamental to "bringing everyone together and ensuring happiness as well as productivity. Tea in the British workplace is more than a drink, it's a social glue. Britain is falling apart because we don't drink enough tea."



Supporting charities at home and abroad

Every year, St Peter's church makes a commitment to support a number of charitable causes. During 2023, the church, with the support of its congregation and community groups, donated almost £5,000 to the following charitable causes. Thank you everyone for your generosity:

- The church gave a total of £1,200 during the year to The Cross Project, which runs lunch clubs, religious education lessons and after-school activities in local secondary schools.
- £800 was given to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal; some of this was raised through a special collection. The appeal supports those affected by the devastating earthquake on the Turkey/Syria border in February 2023. Over 300,000 buildings were destroyed, leaving thousands homeless.



- £550 was given to the Mara Safe House in northern Tanzania which provides a refuge and education to young women who are at risk from FGM.
- £300 was given to CAP Care Wakefield to help with the meals and support they offer to the homeless in Wakefield. We also passed on most of the food that was donated at our Harvest Festival service. We have also been collecting toiletries for CAP and have so far handed over several large bags of toiletries.



- £300 was given to Getaway Girls, the Leeds based charity supporting young women to learn new skills, resilience, confidence and more.
- £275 was raised at our Macmillan Cancer Care coffee morning.
- £260 was raised at our annual wine tasting evening and donated to the Alzheimer's Society.
- £105 was given to Stanley Residents group to purchase a hanging basket for our village. The church also contributed £1,000 towards the cost of the wonderful Heritage Board that has been erected on the old church site.



- The Christmas presents donated at our St Nicholas service were given to the Salvation Army to distribute to children in our local area. The Tuesday lunch club also gave donations of £165 from their Christmas lunch to the Salvation Army.

Bolero—Olympic skating history

Forty years ago, on 14th February 1984, figure skaters Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the gold medal in ice dancing at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo and became the highest scoring figure skaters of all time. They received twelve perfect 6.0s for artistic impression for their routine to Ravel's Bolero.

Their performance was voted number 8 in a Channel 4 poll of the top 100 Greatest Sporting Moments.

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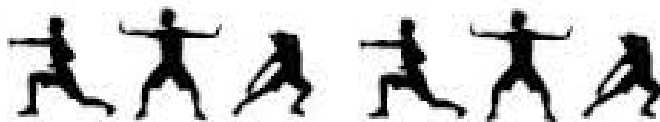
No appointment necessary — Home visits can be arranged

Stanley Library & Community Centre, Lake Lock Road, Stanley,
1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 6.00 - 7.00pm

St Peter's Church Centre, Stanley
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