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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>Stanley Readers Group</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,
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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.



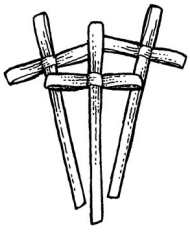
MARCH EVENTS IN STANLEY

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

Tues 5th March 7.30pm	<u>Lent Course:</u> 'Living the Christian life' continues weekly at Libby Gates' house.	
Sat 9th March 10.30am—2.30pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> with lots of with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more! p11.	
Sunday 10th March, 10am	<u>Mothering Sunday service:</u> informal all-age service with refreshments and activities to celebrate mothers and families. All welcome. See page 11 for more details.	
Weds 20th March	<u>PCC meeting</u> at St Peter's church, 7.30pm.	
Sat 23rd March 10am—1pm	<u>Spring Fair</u> with stalls and refreshments, cakes, toys, books, raffle, tombolas and more! See p11.	
Sunday 24th March	<u>Palm Sunday service</u> at 10am. See p10 for Easter services.	
Thurs 28th March	<u>Maundy Thursday Agape service</u> at 7pm	
Friday 29th March	<u>Good Friday Hour at the Cross</u> at 2pm	
Sunday 31st March 10am	<u>Easter Sunday Family Celebration service</u> Hallelujah! Christ is risen!	



The origin of our Palm Crosses

On Sunday 24th March at 10am we will celebrate Palm Sunday, the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem, and wave our palm crosses!

St Peter's buys its palm crosses from African Palms, an organisation set up by Rev Alan Talbot in 1969 to give people living in southern Tanzania a chance to earn some extra money. Rev Talbot, who died in 2018 at the age of 95, had worked as a priest in a remote area of the Masasi Diocese in Tanzania in the 1960's when he came up with the idea of helping the villagers to earn extra money by making palm crosses.

The palm crosses are now sold all over the world from the UK, Canada and Hong Kong, helping give dignity to people by allowing them to earn their own money, and also investing in education and healthcare projects.

African Palms also sells beautiful handmade tote bags, see www.africanpalms.co.uk to order, or the leaflet on the noticeboard in church.

Proposed Castle Gate development in Stanley

Last month, a public consultation event was held at St Peter's about a proposed commercial development on Aberford Road and Castle Gate. It would cover a large area from the fields opposite Kingsland School on Aberford Road across to the existing depot on Castle Gate. The boundary to the south would be the footpath that goes from Aberford Road across the fields to Lee Moor, and it would stretch right up to the M62 to the north, taking over all the riding school land.

Our local councillors are aware of the proposed development and attended the consultation event. They are concerned about its impact on the environment and heritage, given the loss of green land and the likely significant increase in traffic on Castle Gate and Aberford Road.

They expect that there will be the opportunity to make formal comments and objections later this month. See www.egniol.com for details of the development including maps, and to give your feedback on the proposal.

Put your clocks forward on Easter Sunday—31st 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 31st March, so remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.

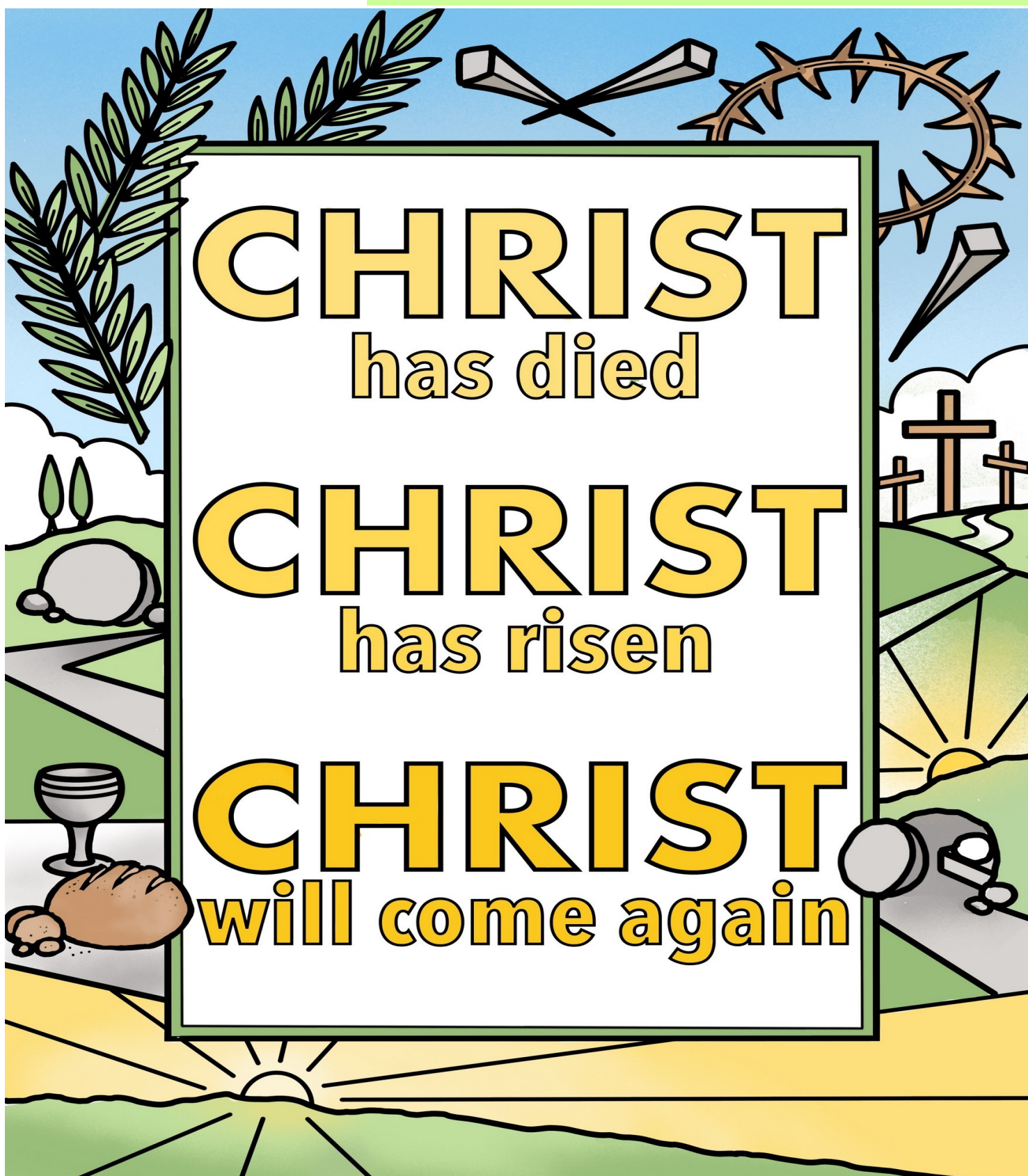




North Wakefield Benefice

North Wakefield Team of Churches

Newsletter for March 2024



Dear Friends, I don't know if you, like me, sometimes find it hard to watch or listen to our rolling news coverage. These days we have 24 hours news and with such detail and analysis it can be painful to always keep abreast. I am reminded of the quote by TS Elliot who said 'humankind cannot bear very much reality' and I feel I have to be careful to balance news intake which can often be sad and graphic alongside some life affirming news. It is easy for us to switch off the television or radio but for many people caught up in struggles in places like the Ukraine and the Middle East, there's no button to press. Rather the worry and constant threat on the doorstep lives with you each moment of every day and night. We remember the people caught up in these wars in our prayers of course but sometimes you feel helpless against such powerful forces moulding countries and people's lives.

When one reads the Bible you find it really brings home to us the reality of the world we live in. Along with wonderful examples of people supporting and caring for one another, we also read about the darker side of humanity and how it can destroy lives and communities.



During Lent we continue our own journey of repentance and self examination and are challenged to look deep into our hearts and lives about how we can help build a better world for all. In many ways it starts with us, and sin at its root cause is alienation from God and each other. As we journey towards the events of Holy Week which begin on Palm Sunday, 24th March, we shall then listen and reflect on those events that shaped the world. We shall eavesdrop on the events of the Last Supper, sit at the foot of the cross on Good Friday and then come to Easter Day to celebrate and rejoice that Jesus has risen. What an amazing God who comes and shares our lives in Jesus and in doing so invites us into a relationship with him.

Perhaps as preparation for our journey through Holy Week, I would encourage you to spend some time reading one of the Gospel accounts of the events of Jesus' last week and ask God to speak to you in a deep and meaningful way.

Also whilst writing please continue to pray for the post of associate priest which is now being advertised. The interviews will take place on Tuesday 23rd April and we pray that this time we shall be able to appoint a new team member. Again a big thanks to all who continue to help and support the work and ministry across the benefice.

Take care and God Bless and hope to see you over the Easter period and consider joining us at various services and events.

Glenn

Rev Glenn Coggins, Vicar of the United Benefice of North Wake-

Events for March

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

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

Saturday 9th March, 10.30am [Stanley](#)

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

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

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

Sunday 10th March, 10am [Stanley](#)

Mothering Sunday all-age service with worship, activities and refreshments.

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

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

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

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

Friday 29th March, 11.30am [Wrenthorpe](#)

Good Friday club children's service with activities and more.

Sunday 31st March

Remember to put your clocks forward!

Weds 10th April, 11am [Alverthorpe](#)

Friends of St Paul's lunch with Holy Communion from 11am followed by lunch.

Thurs 25th April, 7.30pm [Outwood](#)

MAPPs men's group meeting at Kirklands with a talk about the Wakefield charity CAP Care that works with homeless people.

Holy Week services across the benefice

Sunday 24th March

9.30am, Palm Sunday [Outwood](#)

10am, Palm Sunday [Alverthorpe](#)

10am, Palm Sunday [Stanley](#)

10.30am, Palm Sunday [Wrenthorpe](#)

Monday 25th March

7pm, Mass [Outwood](#)

7pm, Meditation [Wrenthorpe Methodist](#)

Tuesday 26th March

7pm, Meditation [Alverthorpe](#)

7pm, Mass [Outwood](#)

Wednesday 27th March

11am, Holy Communion [Alverthorpe](#)

2.15pm, Holy Communion [Wrenthorpe](#)

7pm, Stations of the Cross [Outwood](#)

Thursday 28th March

4.30pm, Maundy Thursday [Alverthorpe](#)

7pm, Agape service [Outwood](#)

7pm, Agape service [Stanley](#)

7pm, Liturgy of Last Supper [Wrenthorpe](#)

Friday 29th March

11.30am, Children's Service [Wrenthorpe](#)

2pm, Good Friday service [Outwood](#)

2pm, Hour at the Cross [Stanley](#)

2.30pm, Service on the Green [Wrenthorpe](#)

Saturday 30th March

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

Sunday 31st March

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

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.	
Wednesdays 10am-12pm	Lighthouse Café Also on Wednesdays!	
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.	

Easter Services at St Peter's, Stanley

Sunday 24th March, 10am

Palm Sunday family service

Thursday 28th March, 7pm

Maundy Thursday Agape service

Friday 29th March, 2pm

Hour at the Cross contemplative service

Sunday 31st March, 10am

Easter Sunday celebration service

Please join us!



Tuesday Lunch Club

Every Tuesday 10.30am-1.30pm

The lunch club is an ideal activity for older ladies and gentlemen, costing just £6 for a hot 2 course meal and various activities such as quizzes, games, crafts. Don't be lonely! Please join us, no booking required. Here's our plan for March:

- 5th March—St David's Day & Wales
- 12th March—St Patrick's Day & Ireland
- 19th March—school choir
- 26th March—Easter songs and crafts

Coffee morning & Mayor Award



February's coffee morning was very special, as Mayor Josie Pritchard came along to present Richard

Simpson with a 'Mayor Says Thanks' award, nominated by Councillor Lynn Masterman, in recognition of all his support for the church and community. Well done Richard!

Join us this month on **Saturday 9th March, 10.30am-12.30pm** for bacon butties, tea & coffee, raffle, tombola, cakes, and more!

Spring Fair

**Saturday 23rd March,
St Peter's, 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 welcome!

Contact details for St Peter's Church

Clergy

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

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David Greenwood-Haigh

Vicky Wilson

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Church Officer roles

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Mothering Sunday

10am, Sunday 10th March

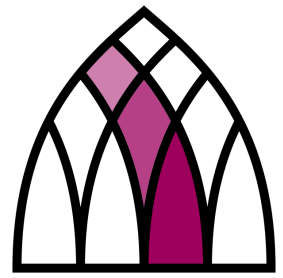
At St Peter's Church, Stanley

This will be an informal service
for all ages with refreshments
and activities to celebrate
mothers and families.

All welcome!

St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Outwood



St Mary Magdalene

Church: Leeds Road, Outwood, WF1 2JL

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

Church Services every week:

Sunday 9.30am Parish Mass

Regular Events:

Mondays 7.15pm	Blokes United in the Choir Vestry
Wednesday 10am—12pm	Drop-In at the Church Institute. Coffee/tea, chat, quiz, raffle, free of charge

Closure of the lunch club

Sadly, due to health and safety issues in the institute kitchen, the lunch club has had to close. Many thanks to those who have supported it, and kept it running for so many years. We have started a suggestion box to see if anyone has any ideas about what we can do instead.

The Drop-in session will now run every week offering refreshments.

The Churchwardens and others are actively looking at grants to help repair the church and the institute kitchen. If you might be able to help, or if you have fundraising ideas, please contact the churchwardens.

Easter Services at St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Sunday 24th March, 9.30am

Palm Sunday Mass, beginning with a procession from Outwood Institute

Monday 25th March, 7pm

Mass

Tuesday 26th March, 7pm

Mass

Wednesday 27th March, 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 28th March, 7pm

Maundy Thursday Agape service

Friday 29th March, 2pm

Good Friday service

Saturday 30th March, 8pm

Easter Vigil service

Sunday

**31st March,
9.30am**

Easter Sunday
Festival Mass



Can you give a gift of Dignity this Mothering Sunday??

Our gifts of dignity are gifts you can give that will empower women around the world – giving them their voices, rights, and helping to turn the tide on gender inequality. You can dedicate your Mothering Sunday gift to your own mother or someone who has supported you or who has inspired your respect.

You could help a mother to gain skills to run her own business and support her own family; help her learn how to prevent malaria and teach others to do the same; and empower her to speak out about their rights and about abuse and gender-based violence

Mothers' Union have workers all over the world and your monetary gifts will go directly to them to help them in their work. Making a gift is a meaningful way of celebrating and giving thanks to God.

If you'd like to support this initiative, you can give a donation via all the churches in our benefice, or contact me, Sheila Crosby, directly (see number below). Any amount is welcome, however small; put together with others it can make a huge difference to the mothers who have nothing! THANK YOU!

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

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

Vicar

*Weddings, banns, baptisms, funerals—
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Duncan Hall

Answers to last month's Lent trivia quiz

1. There are 40 days in Lent.
2. Lent originally meant 'spring'.
3. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday.
4. Shrove (or 'Fat') Tuesday, Mardi Gras.
5. Priests wear purple vestments in Lent.
6. The Gloria prayer isn't said during Lent.
7. The word 'Alleluia' isn't sung or said.
8. Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays.
9. Catholics fast on Ash Weds & Good Friday
10. Pretzels originated during Lent.
11. Hot cross buns are eaten.
12. St Patrick's day occurs on 17th March.
13. Palm crosses are blessed on Palm Sunday.
14. It celebrates Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem.
15. Holy oils are blessed on Maundy Thursday.
16. There are 14 stations of the cross.
17. Jesus falls 3 times in the stations.
18. Simon of Cyrene helped him carry the cross
19. Lent ends at sundown on Maundy Thurs.
20. The Triduum is Holy (Maundy) Thursday,
 Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

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



ST. ANNE'S CHURCH WRENTHORPE

PRE-LOVED ITEMS

SALE



**SATURDAY 9TH MARCH
IN THE CHURCH HALL
11AM - 1PM**



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
INCLUDING
COFFEE AND TEA,
BACON SANDWICHES,
CAKES AND BISCUITS

IN AID OF THE
RENOVATION FUND

Easter Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Sunday 24th March, 10.30am

Palm Sunday Parish communion

Monday 25th March, 7pm

Meditation service

At Wrenthorpe Methodist church

Wednesday 27th March, 2.15pm

Afternoon Holy Communion

Thursday 28th March, 7pm

Liturgy of the Last Supper

Friday 29th March, 11.30am

Good Friday Children's Service

Friday 29th March, 2.30pm

Service at the Cross,

On the Green, Wrenthorpe

Sunday 31st March, 10.30am

Easter Sunday Parish Communion



Cheeky Cherubs

Our toddler group meets in church at **10am on Mondays in term time**, for children aged 0-4 years and their carer, and includes stories, crafts, and plenty of time to play!

Women of Substance

...has met five times since we started in September 2023. We have a regular group of 14-16 ladies and we have looked at the lives of Eve, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. What a revelation it has been to discover that we, as modern day women, can relate to the lives of women who lived all those years ago and how God thought they were important enough to put their stories into His Word so that we can learn and grow from their experiences. The testimony of the ladies who come to Women of Substance has been positive; they all look forward to coming to the group, and are getting to know each other so well. We enjoy the craft activity and have made some very creative things.



We looked at Anna last month and what a joy it was to study such a wonderful woman who waited over 84 years to see the promised Messiah. Have you ever waited for something for a month? A year? What about a lifetime? Anna the prophetess was an old lady by the time her waiting came to an end. But hers was not a wasted life; she spent all her days in service to God. Anna was overjoyed that in her final days she could spend her time telling others that she had seen her Saviour. We learned that we are just like Anna; we are waiting for Jesus our Lord and Saviour to return, we can tell others about Him while we wait and serve Him faithfully. When we are following God, even our waiting will be used. Nothing is ever wasted with God.

Contact details for St Anne's Church

Vicar

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Treasurer

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Bob Illingworth	07443 459558
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This is the craft we made for Anna; she certainly fulfilled this promise, like we can.



Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 16th March, 10am-2pm at St Anne's** when we will be looking at Mary Magdalene, one of the most misunderstood women in the Bible who was a faithful follower of Jesus. Why not come and give us a try. You will be very welcomed by everyone.

Lynn Fowley

Please let me know if you're hoping to come so we can make sure there are enough study materials, crafts and food for everyone; text me on 07890 589907 or email ldfowley@live.co.uk.

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

Easter services at St Paul's Alverthorpe

Sunday 24th March, 10am

Palm Sunday morning worship service

Tuesday 26th March, 7pm

Meditative service

Wednesday 27th March, 11am

Morning Holy Communion

Thursday 28th March, 4.30pm

Maundy Thursday
service

**Sunday 31st March,
10am**

Easter Sunday



Mission Prayer

God of Mission, who alone brings
growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Yorkshire Philharmonic Choir

Music for Passiontide

Saturday 16th March, 7pm
Wakefield Cathedral

Featuring: Paul Carr's "Seven Last
Words from the Cross" and
Mozart's "Solemn Vespers"

Tickets £19/£17 seniors/£5 students + U16s
from www.yorkshirephilharmonicchoir.co.uk

Daily devotions between Easter and Pentecost

As part of marking the 10th anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds, people will be able to receive an email devotion every day between Easter and Pentecost.

During the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost, people in the diocese and beyond can subscribe to receive a daily email with stories, reflections, prayers and more. Each email will include a reflection written by different people from all across our diocese.

The Revd Canon Andrew Norman, Director of Ministry and Mission for the diocese, said: "As we journey through the Book of Acts, every reflection will be linked to one of the areas of focus in our Rhythm of Life initiative: encourage, share, create, pray, rest, celebrate, reflect. There will also be ideas for activities and links to good news stories."

Visit <https://www.leeds.anglican.org> to sign up.

Friends of St Paul's Alverthorpe 11am on Wednesday 10th April



Invitations will be sent out shortly for our Friends' Spring Lunch, to be held on

Wednesday 10th April, beginning with Holy Communion at 11am, followed by lunch at 12 noon.

Contact details for St Paul's

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

Spring Fayre Saturday 2nd March, 10am—1pm

Join us at St Paul's church for our Spring Fayre, in aid of church funds.

With many stalls, including unwanted Christmas presents, bric-a-brac, gifts, tombola, as well as tea, coffee, refreshments and more!



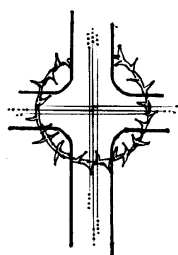
Items for our stalls would be very welcome—just bring them along!

Prayers for March

The Crossroad

The road was hard, no turning back,
The way ordained by mighty God.
'Your will, not mine' was all He said,
As humbly down that path He trod.

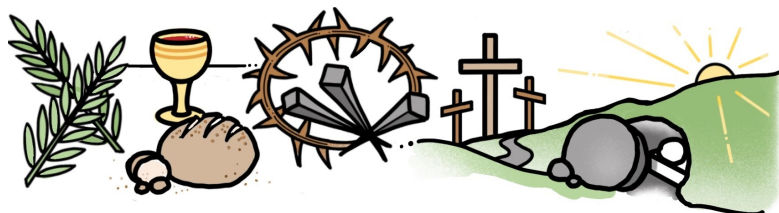
The crowd that cheered Him once with palms
Began to shout for Him to die,
They chose Barabbas in his stead
And with one voice cried 'Crucify!'



Between two thieves on Calvary's hill
They put to death the Prince of Life
One cried for help, the other cursed.
The first was promised Paradise.

This promise now is for us all:
Christ gave His life to set us free.
The Cross divides, it always will -
The question is: what side are we?

By Megan Carter



Easter Prayer

Almighty God, You hold all things in Your hands. You make sense of everything!
So often we only see where we are now, what we feel now, in this moment -
but You know the end from the beginning. In all our troubles, our assurance is
in Your sovereignty, in Your mighty act of salvation. Thank you that, just as
after winter comes spring and after night comes morning, so, most gloriously,
after death on Good Friday, comes resurrection on Easter Day!

Christ is Risen - and we can know, by the indwelling of his Holy Spirit, that
He is risen indeed!

We can know, in our real and every-day lives, where our help comes from.
Hallelujah! Thank you, living Lord, in Jesus name. Amen. *By Daphne Kitching*

John 12

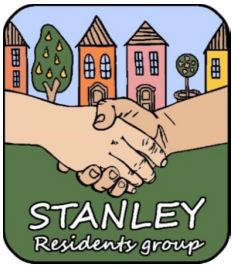
The tomb was a cave
and Lazarus asleep:
Jesus walked in the light
on a pathway of tears
carrying God's glory

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

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.



Update from Stanley Residents Group

Another "Hello" again from Stanley Residents Group. It's that time of year again when we start thinking of flowers and we need to get our order in for the hanging baskets for the village.

This year brought us some problems with the permits we need in order to use the lampposts and left us with a more than a little doubt about whether we would be able to organise them. However Councillor Matthew Morley worked very hard on our behalf and helped to sort it out. Our many thanks go to him. And so we will be ordering 51 baskets again soon, the same number as last year.

Many of our existing individual/family sponsors use the basket as an opportunity to remember lost loved ones, whilst local businesses use them to advertise their name, and why not.....they are generally on display from June through to end of September (and often a little either side), so that's 122 days, fully maintained and watered. At a cost of £105.00 (reusable plaques a further £5 for new sponsors, first year only), that's 86p per day! Small price to pay for all the joy that they bring.

If you would like to sponsor one, contact us as quickly as possible by any of the following ways:

- Email: stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com
- Website: [Stanley Residents Group.org](http://StanleyResidentsGroup.org)
- Our Facebook page: send us a message.



30 years since the ordination of women

It was 30 years ago this month, on 12th March 1994, that the first 32 women were ordained as priests in the Church of England. The service was officiated by Bishop Barry Rogerson at Bristol Cathedral. Bishop Rogerson ordained the women in alphabetical order, so Angela Berners-Wilson was the very first woman to be ordained. She was a university chaplain.

Bishop Rogerson reckoned it would take 10 years before the first woman would be ordained as a bishop. In fact, it took 21 years. Libby Lane was ordained the first female bishop in the Church of England. She became Bishop of Stockport, a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Chester. The first woman to be ordained a diocesan bishop was the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester, appointed on 26 March 2015. There are currently 25 women bishops in the Church of England.

Happy Birthday Barbie!

It was 65 years ago, on 9th March 1959 that the Barbie doll was first launched at the International Toy Fair in New York City. Barbie is arguably the world's most popular doll; more than a billion have been sold since 1959, and more than 100 are sold every minute.



Barbie was the brainchild of Ruth Handler, who co-founded the Mattel toy company with her husband in 1945. She wanted an adult doll that would inspire girls in the same way action figures of firefighters and soldiers encourage boys. Barbie was designed by Jack Ryan, an engineer who worked on guided missile systems used by the US military. He developed her iconic twisting waist and bendable knee joints that clicked. In 1961 Mattel launched Barbie's boyfriend, Ken. (The Handler's children were named Barbara and Ken.)

In 1980, an African American and a Latino version of Barbie was launched. Her first 'job' was as a fashion model. Since then, she's had more than 250 careers, including surgeon, serving in the military, and astronaut.

The Design Museum in London is holding an exhibition this summer, to tell the story of "one of the most recognisable brands on the planet."

Crufts Dog Show, 7th - 10th March

Crufts is the greatest dog show in the world! Last year, more than 155,000 visitors flocked to the NEC in Birmingham for a show the four days show, to see 24,000 dogs from more than 200 breeds in displays of agility and obedience.

Crufts was established in 1891, and named after its founder, Charles Cruft, who was a travelling salesman for Spratts, a dog food company. The job brought him into contact with large country estates and many sporting kennels, both in the UK and in France. In 1878 he was asked to organise the promotion of the canine section of the Paris Exhibition.

Back in England, he took over the running of the Allied Terrier Club Show, and in 1891 the first Cruft's show was held at the Royal Agricultural Hall in Islington.



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