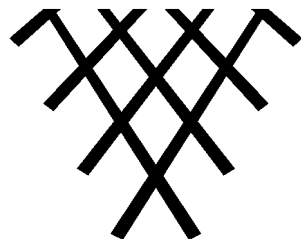


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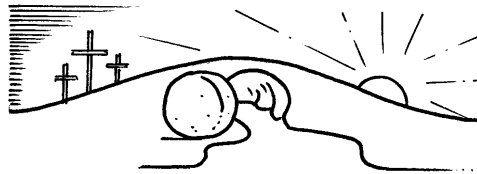
Since the demolition of the old church we have been working to establish a long term place of worship in the village.

There has been recent change in the legal designation of the Church Centre. It is now a 'Parish Centre of Worship'. A Parish Centre of Worship is a church or other building licensed as such by the diocesan bishop in the Church of England, usually where there is no parish church. For most purposes it is deemed to be a parish church but it is dedicated, not consecrated, and parishioners have a right to be married in a neighbouring parish. There is also a licence to be married at St Peter's Church and Centre too. This means people living in Stanley have a choice about where they get married. So if you are thinking about getting married and are not sure of your options do get in touch.

The events we remember at Easter are, I would say, the most decisive events in human history. They contain the deepest tragedy and the greatest hope. As we enter into this story once again, we are given strength to face our own difficulties and confidence to embrace our times of joy.

Jesus was called to the home of his dear friend Lazarus who was on the point of death. But he does not set off straight away. By the time he arrives, Lazarus has died. His sisters Martha and Mary, both say, "If only you had been here". But Jesus transforms the situation; he claims to BE the resurrection and the life. Then he demonstrates it by raising Lazarus from the dead.

The implication of this does not sink in for the disciples—that Jesus has the power over death. So when Jesus was killed, his friends were frightened and upset. This changed when Jesus was not resuscitated like Lazarus but resurrected. At this Easter may we know the transforming power of Christ, so we experience the hope of new life in whatever we face.



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| St Peter's Church Services <i>All services are held at the Church Centre, Lake Lock Road, Stanley</i> | | |
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| Sunday | 10am | Family Communion |
| | 4pm | Evensong (on the first Sunday of every month) |
| Tuesday | 2pm | Prayers |
| Wednesday | 9:30 am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 9:15 am | Children's Ark |

Other Christian Worship

METHODIST CHURCH: Lee Mount Chapel

Sunday: 10:30am service

Minister: Rev Naomi Kaiga BD MA

email: nkirotekaiga@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01977 705100

Steward: Mrs Doreen Abson, telephone: 01924 824577

ZION CHRISTIAN CENTRE

466a Aberford Road, Stanley,

www.zionchurch.co.uk, telephone: 01924 872262

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| Sunday: | 10:30am Service |
| | 11:00am Sunday School & crèche |
| Tuesdays: | 7:30pm Prayer meeting |
| Wednesdays: | 7:30pm Bible Study, discussions |

Minister: David Dixon, telephone: 01924 872262

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DATES FOR APRIL

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| Weds 1st April 2pm—4pm | <u>Coffee Afternoon</u> at Mount Road Chapel with cakes, refreshments etc. See p10 for details. |
| Weds 1st April 7.30pm | <u>Taize Service for Holy Week</u> with meditative and prayerful music. All welcome. |
| Thurs 2nd April 7pm | <u>Maundy Thursday Passover meal</u> to celebrate the Last Supper. Booking required—please phone the church office on 835746. |
| Fri 3rd April 10am | <u>Hot Cross Bun service</u> with songs, crafts and refreshments for all the family. |
| Fri 3rd April 2pm | <u>Hour at the Cross</u> : an hour of reflection on Good Friday. |
| Sun 5th April 10am | <u>Easter Sunday family communion service</u> : come and celebrate the good news of Easter with us. |
| Sun 5th April 4pm | <u>Evensong</u> : with Holy Communion. |
| Fri 10th April 7:30pm | <u>Film Club</u> : ‘God’s Not Dead’ see p16 for a review. |
| Sat 11th April 10am-12pm | <u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p11. |
| Sun 12th April 4pm | <u>Memorial service</u> a special service of reflection for those suffering bereavement. |
| Tues 14th April 10am—2pm | <u>Senior Citizens’ Lunch club</u> with activities and a hot meal, every Tuesday. See p13 For details. |
| Weds 15th Apr 7.30pm | <u>PCC Meeting</u> |
| Thurs 16th Apr 6pm | <u>Moorhouse Action Group meeting</u> : come and share any issues about Moorhouse. |
| Sun 19th April 10am | <u>St George’s Day family parade service</u> with the uniformed organisations. |
| Sun 19th April 7.30pm | <u>Holy Space</u> : an informal monthly evening service with prayer and worship. All welcome. |

STANLEY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Stanley Library offers a wide selection of books, talking books, selected language tapes, DVDs for hire, as well as a photocopier/A4 colour photocopier, fax machine, newspapers and selected magazines. There are also public access computers, offering free internet access, and basic computer programs (i.e. word processing). There are also free UK Online computer courses available offering internet training and Introduction to Computers —please ask in the library.

OPENING HOURS

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| Monday | 9am—5pm |
| Tuesday | 9am—5pm |
| Wednesday | Closed all day |
| Thursday | 9am—7pm |
| Friday | 9am—5pm |
| Saturday | 9am—1pm |

Reading Groups: There are two Reading groups: one meets in the morning of the first Monday of every month, and the second meets in the evening of the first Thursday of every month. Check with the library for times and book details.

Activities for Children: There is a Tiny Tots Storytime for under 5's, 11:30-12pm on certain Mondays: check with the Library for dates. Other activities for children are organised in most school holidays—please ask for details.

Family History Group: The Family History Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month, from 11am-12pm.

Coffee Morning: There is a coffee morning every Thursday morning, 10am-12 noon. Come and relax with friends over a cuppa.

The Community Centre: The hall, two rooms and well equipped kitchen are available for hire. Contact the Librarian on 01924 303130 to book in advance.

St Peter's Spring Fayre – a review

The annual Spring Fayre was held at Stanley Community Centre on Saturday 22nd March, and was a wonderful success. Approximately £830 was raised which was a superb result and more than last year.



As always, there were some excellent stalls: cake stall, bottle tombola, chocolate egg tombola, handmade greetings cards, jewellery, toys, books, bric-a-brac, a raffle, children's tombola, homemade knitted and craft items, handbags and much more. Visitors were also able to enjoy refreshments including tea, coffee, cakes, bacon butties and hot cross buns. The winning name of 'Name the Doll' was 'Candy'.

Many thanks to the organisers of the event for all their planning and hard work. Thanks also to the stallholders who always work very hard to make their stalls successful, and often put in many hours of work to prepare items for sale. There were also many people who donated raffle prizes and items for the stalls. Lastly, thank you to all the visitors who came to the Spring Fayre and gave it such great support; it was wonderful to see such a large number of people there.

*Following the clock change, **Evensong** will now start at 4pm.
Evensong takes place on the first Sunday of each month,
the next service being on Easter Sunday, 5th April at 4pm.*

Knit and Natter, Sew and Chatter!

At St Peter's Church Centre, every Thursday, 2pm-4pm

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

Please come and join this established group of ladies as they knit, sew, compare ideas and patterns, learn new crafty skills, and share conversation, refreshments and friendship.

Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed

Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

- The next Coffee Afternoon at Mount Road chapel will be on Wednesday 1st April, from 2pm—4pm with various stalls and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.
- Thank you to everyone who supported last month's Spring Fayre - a grand total of £360 was raised.
- The 10.30am service on Sunday 12th April will be a Sacrament service with Rev Naomi Kaiga.



Prayer Meeting—every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm

The weekly prayer meeting at St Peter's Church continues to meet every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm, led by Calli McKenna. Call in to pray for those in trouble, sorrow, sickness or need; for family, friends, the community and the world. Everyone is very welcome; please just come along.

Stanley Community Singers

The Stanley Community Singers meet at St Peter's Church, every Monday (in term-time), 1pm—2:30pm

Come and join our friendly group of singers!

No previous experience required, just a love of singing!
We sing a variety of different music including pop, musicals, spirituals and modern classics. Come along, make some new friends and enjoy a good sing-song!

We sing from 1pm-2pm with time afterwards for refreshments and chat. Cost per session = £2.

*Why not arrive a bit earlier and have your lunch in the Community Café?
Sandwiches, salads, all-day breakfasts and hot meals all served.*

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

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| Marjorie Carney | 29 January 2015 |
| Sheila Thackery | 11 February 2015 |
| Margaret Padgett | 20 February 2015 |
| George Crichton | 2 March 2015 |
| Peter Asquith | 4 March 2015 |
| Beatrice Bell | 9 March 2015 |
| Michael Williamson | 16 March 2015 |
| Ada Jackson | 18 March 2015 |
| Audrey Rumgay | 19 March 2015 |
| Lily Albrighton | 30 March 2015 |

Baptisms

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| Isabelle Emily Powell | 25 January 2015 |
| Joshua Thomas Scollan | 15 February 2015 |
| Lola Darcie Weston | 1 March 2015 |
| Ava Lea Jackson | 8 March 2015 |

Coffee morning thank-you

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning; £164 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 11th April from 10am—12pm at Stanley Community Centre with lots of great stalls: a superb cake stall, handmade greetings cards, tombola, raffle, children's tombola, jigsaws, books and toys, and more!

Donations of books, small toys and jigsaws in good condition would be appreciated. Please contact Mavis Darlington on 822251 or bring your items to the office at St Peter's Church Centre. Please join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning.

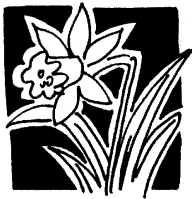


Please note that the next couple of coffee mornings will be on 9th May and 6th June. The June coffee morning has been brought forward a week, and just for that month, it will take place on the first Saturday of the month rather than the usual second Saturday.

Easter Thoughts in a Churchyard—by *David Winter*

It's a yearly paradox. You bring flowers to the churchyard to lay on the grave of a loved one. All around you are graves and headstones, reminders of the inevitable end of life's earthly journey. But it's Easter Day, and from within the church you can hear the singing: 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!' Perhaps then you notice a few other things. You're standing among the fresh daffodils and the grass that's green and growing again. For a moment you pause and reflect on the reverse of an old saying: 'In the midst of death we are in life'.

That essentially is what Easter is about - an annual reminder that death is not the end of the story. A few years ago I lived for a while in Cookham, in Berkshire, which was once the home of the great twentieth century painter, Stanley Spencer. Perhaps his most famous painting is 'Resurrection in Cookham Churchyard', which depicts local residents - many of them recognisable village characters - rising up out of their graves to be greeted by the risen Jesus, standing in the church porch. It's a glorious, vivid, shocking reminder of a great assertion. The graveyard is not a terminus, but a junction.



The resurrection of Jesus (and hence our resurrections, too) is the defining claim of Christianity. Christians don't follow the teaching of a prophet who died many centuries ago, or of a holy man whose life is an example to follow, excellent as that may be. They put their trust in a Saviour whom they believe is alive and with them now, and they also believe that through Him they too will move through the junction of death to the journey that lies beyond - a journey he talked about to His followers.

I spoke of an annual paradox. It lies in the inescapable fact of death, indelibly represented by those graves and headstones, and in the equally inescapable fact that - in apparent defiance of all logic - human beings down the ages have clung to the belief that death is not the end. Every culture has its story of the life beyond - the Elysian fields, Valhalla, Nirvana, Abraham's bosom. But only with the coming of Jesus, and the witnessed events of that first Easter morning, has our instinctive belief been given wings. The paradox is the heart of everything. Death is a fact, but life is greater than death. 'Because I live', said Jesus, 'you will also live'.



Please come to our
senior citizens'



Lunch Club

At St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road

Every Tuesday, 10am—2pm

Activities booked for the next few weeks:

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| Tues 7th April | NO MEETING this week |
| Tues 14th April | Indoor curling |
| Tues 21st April | Nursing memorabilia talk |
| Tues 28th April | 'Playful Memories' art project |
| Tues 5th May | Trading Standards update |

- Arrive from 10am-10.30 and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day.
- Lunch served from 12:30pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert.
- Ideal for anyone wanting a bit of companionship and something to do!

Cost per person = £5

It would be helpful if you could phone the church office on 01924 835746 and let us know that you will be coming

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—a review

The AGM was held at 12pm on Sunday 22nd March. Copies of the 2014 annual report are available in the church, highlights of which are given below:

PCC Report: Discussions have been taking place about the future of the old church site, and draft plans have been drawn up by a landscape architect. We also have plans for extending and improving the church centre building and have been liaising with the council to try and our 25 year lease. Issues further afield have included the appointment of the first woman bishop, the Rt Rev Libby Lane, and our links with other faiths. Our links with the local community continue to grow. We held a very successful ‘Last night of the proms’ and have set up a Senior Citizens lunch club. Thank you to everyone who supports our church financially which enables us to continue our work both here and in other parts of the world.

Treasurer’s Report: Income was £23,957 higher in 2014 than the year before; this increase is attributable to higher regular giving, grants received, and Gift Aid money received back from the Inland Revenue. The coffee mornings, pantomime and galas continue to be well supported. Costs also increased, mostly because there was investment in new floor coverings, a new safe, and other fittings and equipment. However, the overall financial position improved by £10,330. Thanks to higher regular giving, we were able to pay our Parish Share in full, The Parish Share for 2015 has increased slightly to **£45,917**. We pray that we will be able to fulfil all our financial obligations as well as realising the many hopes we have for our church and community.

Church Wardens’ report: Many groups use the church building on a regular basis throughout the year which is very encouraging. Our main challenge is to establish a new worship centre. Many thanks to the local councillors who have been outstanding in their support in requesting an extension to our lease, and our plans for this site, and for the site of the old church. We thank all those many individuals who contribute so much to the life of the church: to Bill and his team of spiritual leaders, and to everyone else who contributes.

Young People: The Explorers/Sunday Gang meets most Sunday mornings during the church services for crafts, games and Bible study.

All children are made to feel welcome, whether regular attendees or just visiting. Children's Ark meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30am for parents and tots, and includes singing, Bible stories, crafts and playtime. Many thanks to the leaders of these groups for their enthusiasm and dedication.

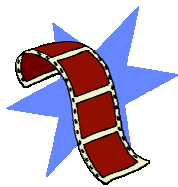
Uniformed Organisations: St Peter's continues to support the 1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cubs and Scouts that meet on Tuesdays at the church, and the 39th Wakefield Brownies and the 3rd Cardigan Rainbows that both meet on Mondays next door at the Cross Keys centre.

Ladies Society: The Ladies Society enjoyed various speakers during the year and outings to Carr Gate garden centre, Holmfield House, and to the Thatched House in Stanley for Christmas lunch. New members are always welcome; meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Stanley library.

Other groups: The 'Knit and Natter' group continues to grow and has over 20 members. The ladies do a variety of crafts and learn some new ones too, and have also contributed to the various church fayres. The Stanley Community Singers also continues to be well attended and held two very successful charity concerts during the year. The Film Club serves a wide community and shows an eclectic mix of films for all ages from modern to classic.

Social Events: Our pantomime, 'A Christmas Carol' was very successful and we sold about 500 tickets. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to organise the monthly coffee mornings, and the other fundraising events during the year. We also held a wine tasting night, murder mystery evening, Harvest lunch, Harvest ceilidh, 'Last night of the proms', pot-luck suppers, and numerous charity events.

Vicar's report: I am very grateful for the team that supports the ministry of the church: assistant minister, pastoral ministers, readers, baptism co-ordinator, church wardens and many others. We are very involved in St Peter's school and it is important to keep the school in our prayers. Informal weekly Bible study groups continue to meet, and we hold regular Taize, Holy Space and prayer services. Thank you to those who continue to make improvements to the building, and to the staff and volunteers who keep the café going. If we continue to work together, seeking the Lord's guidance and using the gifts he has given us, we have a challenging and exciting future ahead of us.



St Peter's Church

Film club



Friday evening, 10th April, 7:30pm

‘God’s not Dead’ (2014) 12 Rating

An atheist Philosophy professor (Kevin Sorbo) decides to forego dusty arguments in his class, and instead insists that the new students declare that ‘God is dead’. Unable to do this, Josh (Shane Harper) is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that ‘God is NOT dead’. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge—let the debate begin! With enthralling performances from the star-studded cast, including David A.R. White, Dean Cain, and with a special appearance by Christian rock band ‘Newsboys’, and Willie and Korie Robertson (from American reality TV series ‘Duck Dynasty’), this is an intensely thought provoking, faith inspiring and uplifting film.

Doors open 7pm, film start 7.30pm.

Free admission, tea & coffee, but bring your own popcorn!

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO FILM CLUB IN JUNE

West Riding Watercolour Society & Art Group



The group meets monthly at St Peter's Church for demonstrations by artists, or to share techniques and knowledge. Open to everyone; cost is £3 per session.

Next meeting: Monday 13th April, 7pm-9pm:

Informal painting evening—bring your own paints, brushes and paper. All abilities welcome.

Phone 01924 784747 for more information.



Good news for a teen area in Stanley!

The Friends of Stanley Playground are delighted to let you know that we have been given permission to start looking at developing a Teen Area for Stanley. We had a public consultation back in 2013 which was extremely well attended by lots of young people who were very keen to develop an area on the field between Lime Pit Lane and Aberford Road.

The plans involve a BMX track around the perimeter of the land and a central feature such as a large climbing rock or a giant swing.

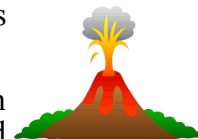
In order to access a £50,000 WREN grant to build the area, we need to raise £5,500. So if any of you would like to make a donation or have ideas about ways to fundraise, please contact us (07790039626).

We want local residents to have their say on the future of the land. We want the space to be fun for the whole family, so your views are important. Look out for the questionnaires at Stanley Community Centre and let us know what you think.

Largest volcanic eruption – ever

The largest volcanic eruption in history, Mount Tambora in Indonesia, began 200 years ago this month, on 5th April 1815. Ash in the atmosphere lowered global temperatures for two years, and an estimated minimum of 70,000 people died. The explosion was 10 times bigger than Krakatoa and more than 100 times bigger than Vesuvius or Mount St Helens. It was heard 1600 miles away, and ash fell at least 800 miles away.

The eruption column reached the stratosphere, an altitude of more than 27 miles. Fine ash particles stayed in the atmosphere for many months, spread around the globe by longitudinal winds, creating brilliantly coloured sunsets and twilights in London and influencing painters such as Turner.



In 1816, known as the Year Without a Summer, countries in the Northern Hemisphere suffered extreme weather conditions. Cool temperatures and heavy rains resulted in failed harvests in Britain and Ireland. Famine was prevalent in Wales and north and south-west Ireland, following the failure of wheat, oat and potato harvests.

Reports from our local schools

Stanley Grove School

Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4NT, Tel: 01924 303805

Website: www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk Headteacher: Mrs J Frost

Our Year 5 children have recently returned from their residential trip to Hawkshead in Cumbria. They had a wonderful time doing a variety of games and activities, and even had some snow while they were there!

At the end of last term, we held a raffle in aid of Red Nose Day and raised £151.15. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.

This half term we will be saying goodbye to two long-standing members of staff, Mrs Davies and Mrs Walker. We wish them all the best and thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time with us. We will be welcoming four new members of staff who will be starting work this half-term.

The school recently conducted a uniform review among parents in order to agree a more standardised uniform. There was an excellent response, and it has been agreed that from September 2015 all trousers, skirts and pinafores should be navy blue, worn with a white shirt or blouse, and a navy blue jumper or cardigan.

This month, our school council is organising a spring treasure hunt around school. Also this month, our Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part with other local primary school children in a football tournament at Outwood Grange Academy.

St Peter's CofE Primary & Nursery School

Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HS, Tel: 01924 303175

Website: www.stanleypeters.co.uk Headteacher: Mr Paul Fenton

Marie Clayton has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher and will be working alongside our existing Deputy Headteacher, Debra Hopton. Marie has taught in a variety of primary schools over the past 17 years and is looking forward to meeting all the parents and carers over the coming weeks.

Last half term, Class 8 enjoyed an afternoon of Easter fun with Kingsland School at St Peter's church. We sang Easter songs, made

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Easter bookmarks and had an Easter egg hunt. The children from Kingsland School even taught us some sign language. It was a fantastic afternoon and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

We enjoyed taking part in the 'Make your face funny' day for Comic Relief and raised £179.90. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

Our local firefighters visited Foundation and Upper Key Stage 2. They talked to the younger children about how their main responsibilities and how they help the community, and talked to the older children about how to be safe. Year 3 children met with other church schools at Wakefield Cathedral for a day of drumming, singing, drama, sculpture making and photography.

The PTFA has lots of plans for the school, including tidying up the garden. If anyone has any time to spare, either by setting up a Gardening Club or just offering half an hour to give the children some outdoor learning, it would be much appreciated.

We wished a fond farewell to our School Administration Officer, Mrs Jill Temple, who retired on 6th March after 25 years of service. She was guest of honour at a Collective Worship celebration and received leaving cards designed by each class. Staff and governors would like to thank her for all her hard work over the years and wish her all the best for the future. Our new school administrator is Ms Black, and we have welcomed Mrs Glover as our new receptionist.

Some church notices that didn't turn out quite as intended....

- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practise.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last Saturday in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days
- Please place your donation in the envelope, along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Memories of Stanley

A reader, aged 93, shares some of his memories of growing up in Stanley and the surrounding area:

I have just been reading about the history of Stanley and the other villages in the area. I lived in Stanley for over seventy years but moved to Ossett 22 years ago. Here are a few of the things that I remember about my early years.

I started work as an apprentice and worked a 48 hour week which was spread over five and half days. My weekly wage was seven shillings and eleven pence (just short of forty new pence). In those days, a daily newspaper cost a half pence, and a Sunday newspaper cost one penny. You could send a postcard for a half pence, and a letter for one penny.

When my future wife and I started courting we used to go to the Clog and Rhubarb (the nickname for the Stanley Picture House). The stars we used to see in the films were Harold Lloyd, Charlie Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy, the Marx Brothers, the Three Stooges, Our Gang and many more. We used to have a good night out for an old sixpence (two and a half new pence): it cost one penny each into the picture house, then we called for fish and chips on the way home; one penny fish and one half pennyworth of chips each.

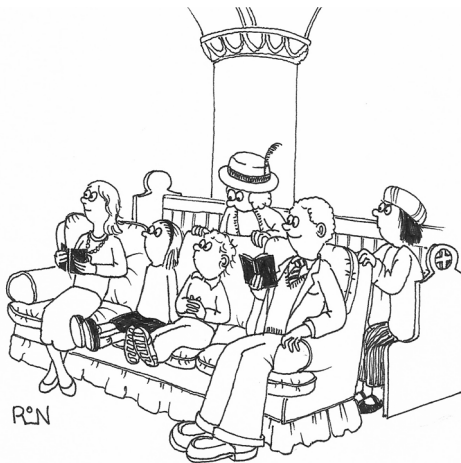
Violet and I were married at St Peter's church in Stanley in 1945 and celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2005.

My mother was born in Bread Baker Lane (now known as simply Baker Lane) in the railway cottages and she had six sisters; the eldest was born in 1871. She lived in the railway cottages for the first 23 years of her life, then got married and moved immediately across the road into a house in Armitage Terrace, where she lived for a further 70 years before she passed away at the age of 93.

My father was born in 1874 and was a jam boiler by trade. He was the foreman for Catlow Greenhalgh who had a jam factory on Canal Lane, which was later to become Tophams Woollen Mill. He used to tell me about boys as young as ten working down Stanley pit in the morning to pay to go to school in the afternoon.

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Prayers for April

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



Daily Strength

He who did not spare
his own Son, but gave
him up for all of us—
how will he not also,
along with him,
graciously give us
all things?

Romans 8: 32

Dear Father, when we have lost someone we love, the world seems very dark. Sometimes we might feel that our world has ended, and it's hard to turn round and glimpse any light ahead.

But you, Lord, know all about that, and you care. You sent Jesus to overcome death and lead us into the light of his forgiveness and freedom—to new and eternal life.

Help us Lord, like Mary, to turn away from the darkness that death wants to scare us with, and to reach out to you.

Help us to take courage, strength and confidence from the reality of Jesus' resurrection.

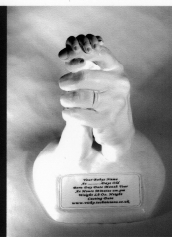
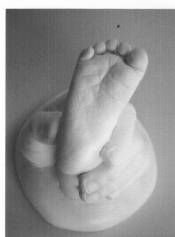
He is alive and we are his. There is nothing to fear. All shall be well. Hallelujah. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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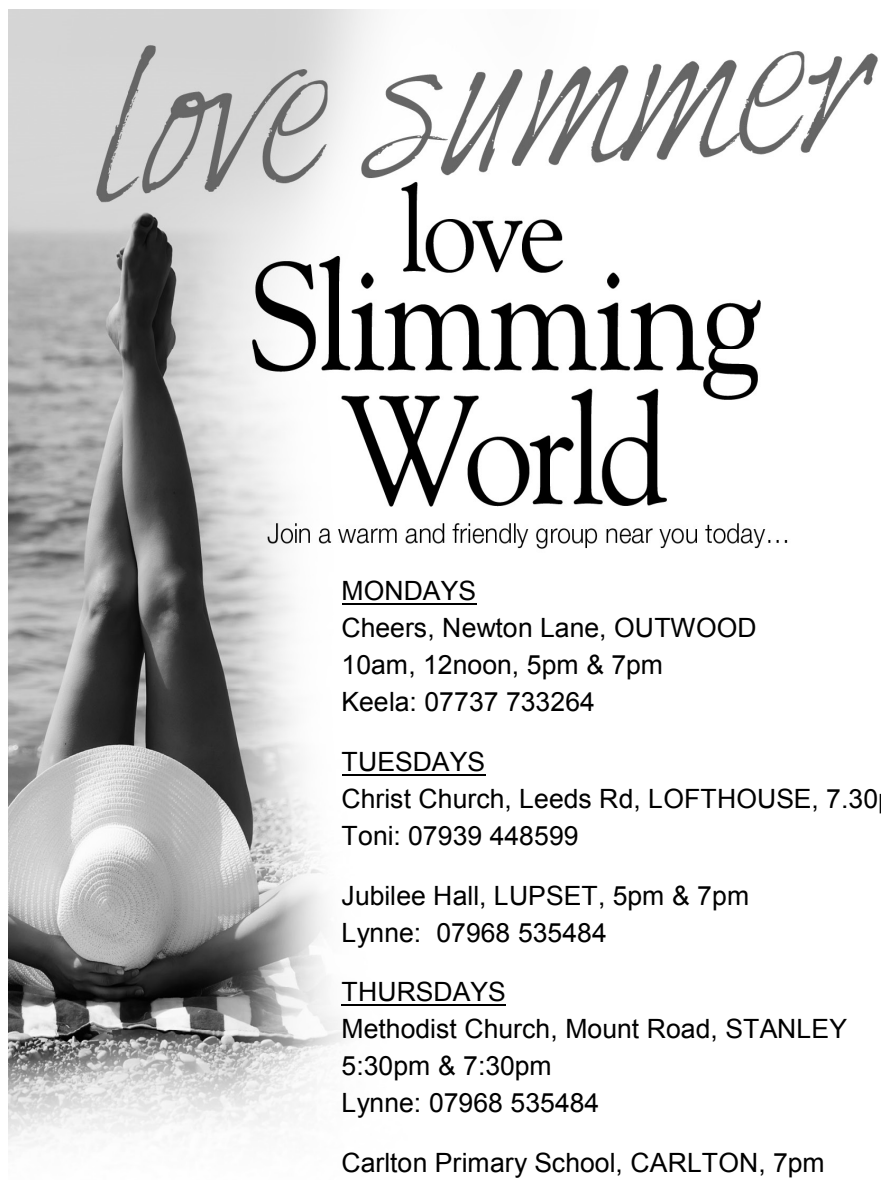
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