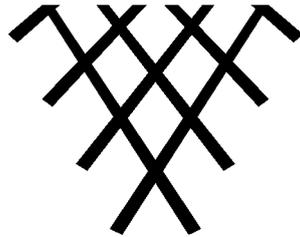


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**Covering Stanley & Nearby Areas**

**Dear Friends,** With the recent easing of lockdown restrictions, both Angela and myself were able to travel to the Lake District to visit her dad. It had been six months since we had seen him so as you would imagine it was quite an emotional visit. During the visit we had a walk down by the river in Cockermouth, birthplace of William Wordsworth, and we were amazed at how the area had been transformed after the impact of various floods over the years. A new pedestrian bridge has been built, flood defences have been improved, everything had been landscaped and it was very pleasant to walk and sit by the river.

When it comes to rainfall it is not called the Lake District for nothing and I remember a particularly bad flood in November 2009 which saw up to 8 feet of flood water flowing down the high street and the local brewery found some of their beer barrels halfway up trees on the riverside.

On the walk I came across a plaque which had a bible quotation from the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament (chapter 58, verse 12) which reads: *“Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age old foundations; you will be called repairer of broken walls. Restorer of broken streets with dwellings.”*

The people of Cockermouth and no doubt others had really taken this text to heart and I am sure after yet another flood, most people must have felt like giving up and running to the hills. But no, sleeves were rolled up, plans sketched out and funds found and together resilient people restored the town and river bank to be a blessing to those living there and to the many visitors who flock over the year.

As we start to experience some sort of ‘normal’ life, we pray that the easing of lockdown restrictions will continue and we can start rebuilding our lives and enjoy being able to socialize with family and friends. We may not be rebuilding actual physical buildings or dealing with another potential flood but our mental health has taken a battering and we need time to process what has happened in our lives. God has given us each other as a gift and a blessing and to be present not only in times of joy but also in times of stress and sadness. My prayer is as we journey into a brighter future that we may be willing to be there for our neighbour, that together we rebuild our lives and social events etc and build a kinder and more loving community and life.

At St Peter’s Church we have begun this journey and you are most welcome to join us at our services or any future social events as together we experience the love of God in our midst and rebuild our lives.

God bless and take care and stay safe, Glenn

## **An update on the church re-opening**

We have very much enjoyed worshipping together in the building since the church re-opened for congregational worship at the end of March. There are still restrictions in place: numbers are limited, we still have to wear masks, keep our distance from each other, and we can't sing yet.

However, we still have space for more people to join us; we have chairs set out in all our 3 rooms with screens on the wall so that people can follow what is going on in the main hall. So please consider coming along and joining us on a Sunday morning.

Last month we were delighted to welcome back our children's activity providers: Mini-Maestros music classes, Sapphire Supreme Majorettes, and the Total Sport youth club. This month, the 1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cubs and Scouts will be returning, as well as a disabled adults Zumba class, and next month, the 1st Cardigan Rainbow and Brownie groups will return.

Our Tuesday lunch club also restarted, although is operating as a Support Group for the time being with limited activities, and the lunches are being served as takeaways, or outside if the weather is nice. From 17th May, we will be able to serve lunches inside again, and will be able to resume our usual activities of crafts, films and games.

Also from 17th May, the Stanley Community Singers will be returning in line with the guidance for amateur choirs; the Rodillians choir will also be returning from that date, although with limited numbers to start with.

All groups returning to church are issued with our guidance document and have to plan how to run their activities in a covid-secure manner and take all the necessary precautions to keep their members safe.



We have not made any plans yet about our coffee mornings, other fund raising events and the pantomime, except that we are unlikely to hold a summer gala this year, at least, not on our usual date at the end of June. We hope that when the rules around large outdoor gatherings is relaxed, we may then be able to plan some outdoor events.

## St Peter's Church Services

*St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW*

### **10am on Sundays: Family Communion**

Congregational services have now resumed at St Peter's church and it is wonderful to welcome people back into the church building for worship together. We are no longer streaming our Sunday morning services to Facebook but are continuing with our online mid-week morning and evening prayer services.

For up-to-date news and other information please see:

- Benefice website: [www.northwakefieldbenefice.org.uk](http://www.northwakefieldbenefice.org.uk)
- Church website: [www.stpeters-stanley.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-stanley.org.uk)
- Facebook: St Peter's Church, Stanley, Wakefield
- YouTube: St Peter's Church, Stanley

Our mid-week morning and evening prayer services use the Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria Community.

Please visit our Facebook page to watch them at the times shown below. Once broadcast, the services can be watched as many times as you wish.

<b>Monday</b>	<u>9am Morning prayer</u>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>9am Morning prayer</u>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>
<b>Thursday</b>	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>
<b>Friday</b>	<u>9pm Compline evening service</u>

## STANLEY LIBRARY

**Stanley Library** offers a wide selection of books, talking books, selected language tapes, newspapers (including the weekly Wakefield Express), selected magazines (including the monthly Which magazine), and an A4 colour photocopier; please enquire for the cost of using the machine. There are also public access computers, offering free internet access, and basic computer programmes (i.e. word processing). The computers are free to use; users just need to have a current library card.

### OPENING HOURS

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Monday	10am—1pm
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Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	10am—4.30pm
Friday	10am—1pm
Saturday	10am—1pm
Sunday	Closed all day

**Activities for Children:** Tiny Tots Storytime for under 5's is from 11am-11.30am every Monday throughout the year. Other children's activities are organised in most school holidays; please ask for details.

**Crafts and Chat morning:** Every Tuesday from 10am-11.30am: bring your knitting, drawing, crocheting or any other activity and enjoy chat and refreshments.

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

**Code Club:** Learn how to make your own computer games and animations at Code Club, every Thursday from 3.30pm—6pm.

**Family History:** Would you like help researching your family history? An advisor is available in the library every Saturday from 10.30am who can help navigate Ancestry and other useful sites.

**Reading Groups:** Check with the library for the meeting times and book details of the current reading groups.

**Stanley Library contact details:** Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HU, Telephone number: 01924 303130.

## DATES FOR MAY

<b>Tues 4th May 10.30am- 1.30pm</b>	<u>Tuesday lunch club</u> : see page 10 for more info. From 18th May we can serve lunches inside and do more activities, crafts and games.
<b>Sun 9th May 10am</b>	<u>Sunday morning service</u> : Rev David Teece will be leading our service and the preacher will be David Payne.
<b>Sun 9th May 10.30am</b>	<u>Mount Road Methodist chapel</u> monthly family service with Mrs Val Brookes. See page 8.
<b>Thurs 13th May 7.30pm</b>	<u>Ascension Day Service</u> at St Pauls Alverthorpe, for the all the churches in our United Benefice.
<b>Sun 16th May 10am</b>	<u>Ascension Sunday service</u> : Rev David Teece will be leading and also preaching.
<b>Sun 16th May 12pm</b>	<u>APCM: Annual General meeting</u> when officers are appointed and the events of the past year are reviewed. See page 9 for information.
<b>Mon 17th May 1pm</b>	<u>Stanley Community Singers</u> : the singers will be meeting in the building although there will be some restrictions; see overleaf on page 8.
<b>Tues 18th May 6pm-9pm</b>	<u>1st Yorkshire BP Cubs and Scouts</u> will be returning for their first meeting in the building for over a year.
<b>Weds 19th May 7.30pm</b>	<u>PCC meeting</u> at St Peter's church.
<b>Sun 23rd May 10am</b>	<u>Pentecost Sunday service</u> : Rev Glenn Coggins will be leading our service and the preacher will be Margaret Taylor.
<b>Sun 30th May 10am</b>	<u>Trinity Sunday service</u> : we will be welcoming Rev Jo Kershaw from St Anne's Wrenthorpe to lead and preach at our service.

## Mount Road Methodist Chapel news

- The next service at Mount Road chapel will be on Sunday 9th May at 10.30am. The service will be led by Mrs Val Brookes.
- Local Methodist churches, including Mount Road chapel, are holding only monthly services for the time being, in order to best support the clergy and available local preachers.
- At some time in May, a Parent and Toddler group will be starting on Mondays at the chapel. The exact date and details will be announced on the Stanley Residents Facebook page nearer the time, when everything is confirmed.
- The chapel building is open for those groups that use the premises, as long as their activities are allowed by the current government guidelines and they have completed a satisfactory risk assessment

## Stanley Community Singers

### Every Monday in term-time, 1pm-2pm

The Stanley Community singers will be meeting in person and **SINGING TOGETHER!!!** for the first time in over a year on **Monday 17th May**. The indications are that amateur choirs will be allowed to meet after the next date in the government roadmap.

The group will have a risk assessment in place to minimise the risk to all members. This may include limiting the numbers that can attend, initially, and asking members to sit apart from each other.

We are very excited at the prospect of being able to sing together after so long, and are hopeful that is the first step in a return to fully normal socialising over the summer.



*St Peter's church café will be serving lunches indoors from Monday 17th May, so choir members are invited to call in from 12pm for a delicious lunch e.g. hot meal, sandwiches, soup etc.*

## The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

More commonly known as an Annual General Meeting (AGM), St Peter's church will hold its APCM on Sunday 16th May at 12pm after the morning service. If you want to learn more about the church's ministry, where the money comes from and how it's spent, and what the various church officers do, then come along and find out!

This meeting will review what has happened over the past year, as well as setting out the church's plans for the year ahead. There will certainly be quite a lot to talk about as it has been a very unusual year! Some of our usual activities have not been able to take place, but we also started lots of new activities, such as our online services and Bible groups, and our hot meal deliveries and links with local people in need.

Members will be elected to the Parochial church council (PCC) and officers elected. We have **three vacancies on our PCC**. It is a great opportunity to join our friendly committee and get involved in planning events and making decisions about the future of our church. If you want to find out more, please contact Rev Glenn Coggins or Ellie Plant in the church office.



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### Have you ever laughed at a joke you did not understand?

Then you are not alone. Two-thirds of us have laughed at jokes we did not 'get', simply to fit in with other people. More than half of us have actually gone on to repeat jokes with punchlines which we didn't understand. More than half of us have even researched a joke in order to try and figure out what was supposed to be so funny about it.

In research done by a British neuroscientist, it was found that humour that relies on puns or more obscure concepts is the most likely to confuse audiences. While laughter is universal, humour is very subjective. People all over the world laugh, but what they find to be funny varies widely, depending on culture, context and language.

It was found that two of the most misunderstood jokes are:

*"Some Omega-3 vitamins fell on my head when I opened the cupboard. I got super fish oil injuries."*

*"What does a dyslexic, agnostic insomniac do at night? He stays up wondering if there really is a dog."*



## Beware of the dog

Be careful if you are looking to buy a puppy. Make sure you know where it really came from. A spokesman for the RSPCA warns of a spike in the number illicit dog breeders and dealers who are conning the public. The number of dogs imported from the EU increased by 52% from 2019 to 2020 until last year it stood at over 60,000. More than half of these puppies came from Romania and were brought in by criminal gangs. Dogs that were worth £50 in Romania have been sold for 10 times that amount in the UK, according to the Animal and Plant Health Agency.



## St Peter's Church Tuesday Lunch Club



The lunch club has restarted, although is operating as a Support Group for the time being with limited activities. We are serving takeaways, or serving lunches outside if it is nice weather. From **Tuesday 18th May** we will be able to serve lunches inside again and resume our usual activities of crafts, games and films.

- Arrive from 10.30am and enjoy tea or coffee and a chat, followed by the activity of the day e.g. crafts, talks, films, games, quizzes.
- Lunch served from about 12:15pm: a freshly cooked hot meal followed by dessert, for just **£5** per person.
- Ideal for anyone wanting a bit of companionship and something to do! Please come and join our friendly group.

### Some of the activities we did last year:

- ★ Seated exercises to music
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Making scarecrows
- ★ Indoor Kurling
- ★ Quizzes
- ★ Films about times gone by
- ★ Making 'word trees'
- ★ Learning about Jewish festivals
- ★ Bingo
- ★ Aboriginal 'dot' painting
- ★ Nostalgia and sharing

**Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.**

*An update from the Stanley Residents' Group*  
**Stanley Gala, 7th August**



This year we will hold our Gala on 7th August at St Peter's Church field for the very first time. Although the overall area is smaller, we feel it will bring many more benefits than we have had before.

Our aim as always, is to showcase Stanley and what it has to offer to the community. So, we make no apologies for having stalls for local entrepreneurs to display their talents and entertainment provided by local people. (Please contact us if you would like details of having a stall at the Gala.) We want to provide a fun event for families without it costing them a fortune.

But of course, the driving motivation is to create funds which will get ploughed back into the village for the benefit of all. No surprise that our annual raffle and tombola stall generate a huge proportion of the total money we raise and that it comes from the endless generosity of individuals and businesses. So, we are appealing once again for suitable items we can use for these two attractions. If you are able to donate anything, please contact the group via our Facebook page or email [stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com) or speak to any member of the Group Committee members.

And as we are a small group, we also have a special appeal for volunteers who are willing to spare some time on the day to help out. Whether it's an hour, or 2 hours, or all day, we would be immensely grateful whatever the time of day. In the morning before noon we will have tents and tables to erect, signs to position, items to display, an arena to create and loads of other preparation.



During the show from noon-5pm there will be stalls and games to run, refreshments to serve, tickets to sell and much more (on a rota system so that people aren't tied up all afternoon). At the end of the event after 5pm there will be litter picking to do, cleaning, tidying, dismantling and storing tents and tables etc.

Phew! It sounds like hard work! And some of it is, but it is also good fun too! Many thanks for reading and we look forward to seeing you there.  
*Gala Committee, Stanley Residents Group*

## **Millions join worship online during the pandemic**

The Church of England's national online services have attracted more than 3.7 million views since the first restrictions on gatherings were introduced. Clips and content from the services have been seen 40 million times on social media channels.

The figures for the online services are thought to be just the tip of the iceberg, as churches' response to the pandemic triggered a major change in the way Christians worship and reach out to their neighbours. At least 20,000 services and other online events are now listed on the Church of England's 'church-finder' website AChurchNearYou; 15 months ago, there were none. And a special hymn download service, designed for local churches to use as part of online worship, has seen more than a million downloads.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "The last year has been a time of loss, separation and pain for everyone. Not always being able to meet together for prayer and worship has made that even more difficult and I long for the day when we can gather together before God's face."



"Yet amid all of this God has been with us and done something new which we could not have imagined a year ago. We have sung the Lord's song in a virtual foreign land. As we look ahead it's not a question of either online worship or meeting in-person, but of how we will be shaped by the experience and commitments of the last year, to try new things, to value the things we perhaps took for granted before, and to reach out to more people with the invitation to participate in the good news of Jesus Christ."

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell said: "I think there has been a digital coming of age. Of course we long to meet in person, but online services can be very beautiful. People of different ages, from different parts of the country or even the world, families sitting together, people having a cup of coffee; all coming together to worship online in ways that we just couldn't have imagined a year ago."

Many of those attending online services were worshipping for the first time. A survey of some of the online congregation found 19.7 per cent of people asked were engaging with the Church of England online for the first time.

These national services have also been made available on the DailyHOPE line, a free phonenumber that has been especially welcomed by those without internet access. The line has received over 400,000 calls and played five million minutes since it was launched in April last year.

**St Peter's in Stanley** also joined the online streaming revolution and right from the first lockdown in March 2020 began to stream services online. It was a very steep learning curve! Whilst our church was shut completely, different people would film themselves doing sermons, Bible readings and prayers and the film clips would be joined together to make the service. Our pianist and singers recorded, separately, dozens of hymns and worship songs which were mixed together and added into the services.

When we were allowed to worship in the church buildings again, we filmed the services live, although this was also a challenge, as we needed to have the right equipment to do this and were also dependent on the reliability of our broadband, which we were eventually able to get upgraded. For a time, those without internet access were able to phone into a dedicated phone line to listen to our live services.

As well as the Sunday services, for the past year, our clergy team have been live streaming daily morning and evening prayer services. These short services based on the Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria community have proved to be very popular.

In addition, St Peter's church has carried on with weekly Bible studies, bereavement course, committee meetings, social quiz evenings and coffee mornings, all on Zoom. Clearly not everyone has been able to access these services and activities, but the technology has enabled most people to keep in touch with the church.

Our mini pantomime, Cinderella, was very popular and was seen by around 1,500 people on our Facebook page.

Like many other churches, St Peter's is now assessing how to incorporate the lessons of the past year into our regular pattern of worship and outreach. We also give sincere and wholehearted thanks to everyone who has contributed to our online activities, and the many hours of work and expertise that has made them such a success.



## 100 years of the British Legion

One hundred years ago, on 15th May 1921, the British Legion was founded in the aftermath of the First World War, to provide support to veterans of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependants.



It was created at a time when two million people were unemployed. More than six million had served in the war: of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability, and half of those were disabled permanently.

Four organisations came together at the instigation of Lancastrian Lance Bombardier Tom Lister, who was angered at the Government's unwillingness to help, and Field Marshal Earl Haig, who had been Commander in Chief of the British Forces. The Legion campaigned for fair treatment of those who given everything for their country, and it continues this work today.

In 1922, the Legion's poppy factory opened in the Old Kent Road, London, with 40 disabled men manufacturing 1000 poppies a week. The first Poppy Day was held that same year. The Festival of Remembrance began in 1927, and the Legion became 'Royal' in 1971, 50 years ago, on its golden anniversary.

At first membership of the Legion was confined to ex-Service personnel, but it was expanded to include serving members of the Forces in 1981.

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## What will happen to our offices in the future?

There will be fewer of them, a lot fewer. In fact, one recent study warns that the pandemic will mean that office space in the UK will shrink by a fifth, which is 18 million square ft. Certainly, the current flexibility of working from home, brought on by the pandemic, seems set to bring in permanent changes, according to the risk management and insurance broker Gallagher.



In the future, office will be mainly for collaborating or attending meetings, or for storing vital equipment and IT. Working in an office five days a week will become a thing of the past. And of course, that, in turn, will have a profound impact on the look and shape of our cities.

### **Prayer for Pentecost (23rd May)**

Loving Father God,  
Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit;  
Your Spirit who knows no restrictions  
or barriers;  
Your Spirit who can reach us  
and be with us and in us,  
wherever we are, whatever our circumstances;  
Your Spirit who comforts and heals  
and empowers us  
to live with confidence that,  
ultimately, all shall be well;  
Your Spirit who connects us,  
through the life, death,  
resurrection and ascension of Jesus.  
Because of Jesus' victory over death  
we have hope and life forever.  
Thank you,  
loving Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

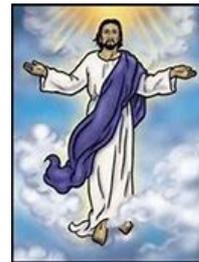


### **Ascension**

To complete Your seamless robe, and so to complete our faith,  
You ascended through the air into the heavens,  
before the very eyes of the apostles.  
In this way You showed that You are Lord of all,  
and are the fulfilment of all creation.  
Thus from that moment every human  
and every living creature should bow at Your name.  
And, in the eyes of faith, we can see that all creation  
proclaims Your greatness.

*A prayer of Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 – 1153).*

*He was the main inspiration of the Cistercian Order of Monks.*



### ***Prayers for May***

#### **Ascension Day, 13th May**

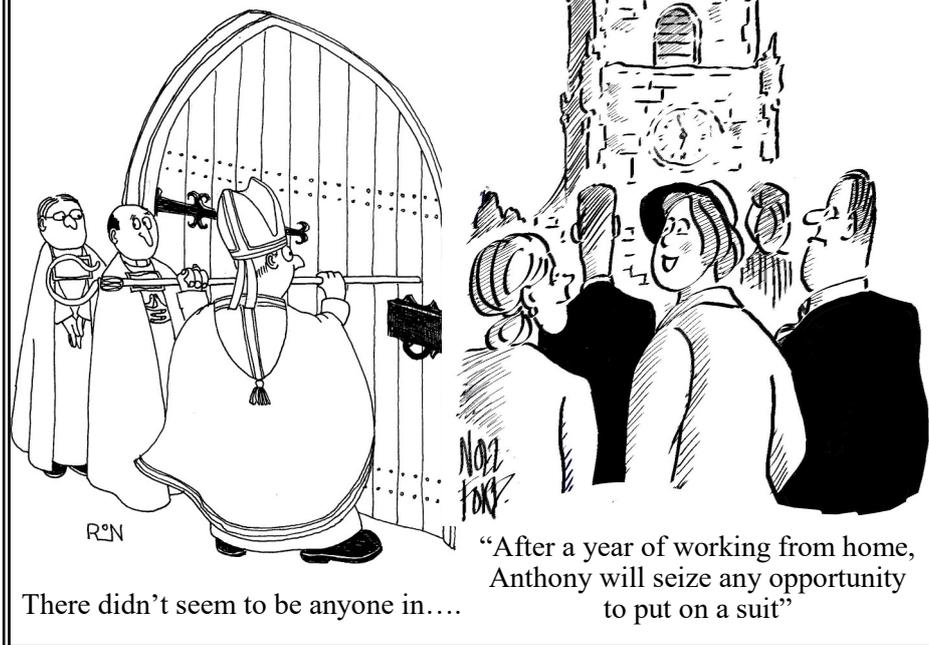
Scriptures fulfilled,  
Minds opened,  
We followed Him  
to Bethany.  
And there was joy  
in the blessing  
Of our risen Lord,  
Jesus, God on earth.

And in the blessing  
Was the leaving,  
And in the leaving  
Was the blessing –  
His Spirit  
of life and power  
To witness to the world  
Of our ascended Lord,  
Jesus, man in heaven.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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01924 835746, or by email: [churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk)*

## Cartoon Corner



### Some quotes for protection and blessing

Rogation Sunday occurs on 9th May and is about asking for God's protection and blessing on our endeavours:

- “If your troubles are deep-seated or long-standing, try kneeling.” *Anon*
- “Pure prayers have pure blessings.” *Thomas Goodwin*
- “To spend an hour worrying on our knees is not prayer. Indeed, there are times when it is our duty, having committed a problem to God in prayer, to stop praying and to trust and to do the necessary work to arrive at a solution.” *Oliver Barclay*
- “Prayer is not an argument with God to persuade Him to move things our way, but an exercise by which we are enabled by the Holy Spirit to move ourselves His way.” *Leonard Ravenshill*
- “Thank God for what you have, TRUST GOD for what you need.” *Anon*

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### Weddings and Baptisms

For information about weddings and baptisms please see the Vicar or Curate after any church service or telephone 01924 218484.

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