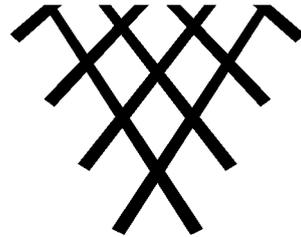


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Dear Friends, On Sunday 17th July at 3pm we will gather on the field at St Peter's Church for our second Pet Thanksgiving Service. I have been involved in Pet blessing services for many years and have always found them a real opportunity to give thanks to God for our animal companions and the joy and friendship they bring to our lives. Pet services can have their moments though and for several years whilst I was at St Michael's, East Ardsley we had Morley Exotic Animal Rescue with us. At one of the visits we ended up with a Komodo dragon joining us along with some tarantulas. I think it was one of the quietest services ever as all the dogs and cats looked on as if to say "What on earth is that walking around? We don't normally see one of these on our daily walk or in our garden!"

Our friends Dave and Marion at St Peter's are currently training Esme the Labrador to be a Guide Dog. It is quite a considerable undertaking but we all know what a valuable help and companion a guide dog can be to a blind or partially sighted person. The dog will help their owners remain mobile, independent, safe and secure.

It goes without saying that animals can be very therapeutic and help us in many ways in our own daily lives. I know of a man who after various sad events in his life, retreated very much to his house and lost all interest in going out and engaging with the wider world. Family and friends were very concerned about his mental health until somebody suggested getting a dog. Well, to say it transformed his life is an understatement. After several weeks his mood had changed; he now had a focus to his life and on his daily walks he made several friends with other dog walkers and enjoyed chatting away to them.



In our service we will say this prayer together which will also remind us of our great responsibility to look after God's creation:

Generous God, whose own self-giving is reflected in the love and devotion of these animal companions; bless them with your Spirit, and make us mindful of the great responsibility we bear for all creatures dependent upon us for their welfare; help us to use our power over them for their own benefit and never selfishly for our own gain. Amen.

So dear friends, do consider joining us on Sunday 17th July at 3pm on the field for our special pet blessing service. We will also be joined by the Leeds, Wakefield and District RSPCA who will have an information stall. I look forward to seeing you there or at any other service or event we are holding over the summer months – take care, God bless and hope you have a good summer.

*Rev Glenn Coggins, Vicar of the United Benefice of Stanley,
Outwood and Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe.*

Stanley Community Singers

The last meeting of the Stanley Community singers before the summer break will be on Monday 18th July, and the group will restart on **Monday 5th September**.

The group meets 1pm-2pm every Monday (term-time only) at St Peter's Church, with time afterwards for refreshments and chat.

Cost per session = £2.50

Come and make some new friends and enjoy a good sing!

No previous experience required, just a love of singing!
We sing a variety of different music including pop, musicals, spirituals and modern classics.



SUMMER FAIR—a review

Our church summer fair was held on Saturday 25th June and was a very successful event raising £1,250 for church funds. It was our first summer fair for 3 years, and it was on a smaller scale than previous years, without the arena entertainment that we've had in the past. Thank you to everyone who organised and ran stalls. We had tombola, raffle, cakes, bric a brac, books, toys, soft toys, bottle stall, handmade crafts, as well as some children's crafts, and games such as hook a duck and splat the rat. For refreshments there were incredible hotdogs and delicious cream teas. We had some lovely raffle prizes, and all prizes have now been claimed.

Thank you again to everyone who helped to organise the gala and who supported it so generously. It was only our second fundraising event since the covid lockdowns and we were delighted that it was so well attended. Perhaps next year we might reintroduce the arena entertainment— we certainly missed seeing the majorettes!

St Peter's Church Services

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

10am on Sundays: Family Communion

Congregational services take place every Sunday morning at St Peter's church, with Holy Communion on most Sundays, opportunities for one-to-one prayer, and we serve refreshments after every service.

We don't stream our Sunday morning services but do stream online evening prayer services to our Facebook page on four days of the week.

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

- Benefice website: www.northwakefieldbenefice.org.uk
- Church website: www.stpeters-stanley.org.uk
- Facebook: St Peter's Church, Stanley, Wakefield
- YouTube: St Peter's Church, Stanley

Our online evening prayer services use the Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria Community and are led by Rev Glenn Coggins, Angela Coggins and Vicky Wilson.

Please visit our Facebook page to watch them at the times shown below. **Note: Evening prayers are taking a break over summer and will return in September**

Tuesday 9pm Compline evening service

Wednesday 9pm Compline evening service

Thursday 9pm Compline evening service

Friday 9pm Compline evening service

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.

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Tuesday	9.30am—5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	9.30am—7pm
Friday	9.30am—5pm
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.

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

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contact Mary on 07900 534571

DATES FOR JULY & AUGUST

- Mon 4th July 1pm** Stanley Community Singers: every Monday. No experience or audition required! New members always welcome. See page 4.
- Tues 5th July 10.30-1.30pm** Tuesday lunch club: with activities and a hot meal every Tuesday. See p9 for details.
- Weds 6th July 1.30pm-3.30pm** Knit & Natter every Wednesday with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome. See page 8 for details.
- Weds 6th July 1.30pm** Jumble Sale at Mount Road Methodist church
See page 8 for more info about events and services at the Methodist chapel.
- Sat 9th July 10.30-12.30pm** Coffee morning with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments, jigsaws and more, see p8 for more information.
- Sun 10th July 1.30pm** Mount Road Methodist chapel Anniversary service: see page 8 for more details.
- Sun 17th July 3pm** Outdoor Pet Service: bring your pet for a blessing at our special outdoor service to give thanks for all God's creatures. See pages 3&13.
- Weds 20th July 7.30pm** PCC meeting at St Peter's church.
- Sat 6th August 12pm-5pm** Stanley Gala with Stanley Residents Group on St Peter's church field. See page 10 for all the information about the gala.
- Sat 13th August 10.30-12.30pm** Coffee morning with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments, jigsaws and more, see p8 for more information.
- Fri 2nd—Sun 11th September** Stanley Scarecrow Festival: see page 10 for more information.

Mount Road Methodist Chapel—events this month:

- Family services take place every Sunday at 10.30am at Mount Road Methodist chapel with a different speaker every week, and followed by tea and coffee.
- Call in for Free Tea & Coffee every Thursday 1.30pm-3.30pm with refreshments, cake stall and opportunity to chat.
- There will be a Jumble Sale on Wednesday 6th July from 1.30pm
- There will be a special Church Anniversary Service on Sunday 10th July at 10.30am followed by a family lunch. All welcome.
- The Monday Stay and Play group from 9.30am-11.30am every week is very popular. New attendees welcome.

Knit and Natter, Sew and Chatter!

At St Peter's Church, every **Wednesday, 1.30pm-3.30pm**

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

Please come and join this established group 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

Church coffee morning—a thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported last month's coffee morning at St Peter's church; it was a lovely morning and raised an incredible £348.

The coffee mornings for the next couple of months will be on Saturday 9th July and Saturday 13th August from 10.30am—12.30pm. They are always very enjoyable mornings, with bacon butties, refreshments, raffle, tombola, jigsaws, books, cakes and more! Newly elected Councillor Lynn Masterman will be holding her surgeries during the coffee morning. Please join us for a very pleasant morning.





St Peter's Church Tuesday Lunch Club



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

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

Phone the church office on 01924 835746 for more info.

Don't forget to support St Peter's church via the Co-op!

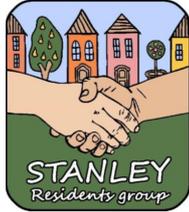
Don't forget that St Peter's church is a Co-op 'Local Cause' this year. This means that throughout 2022, the church will receive a penny for every £ spent by Co-op members in our local stores (Stanley, Outwood & Woodlesford). We were delighted to receive £555 recently as an interim award, and we will receive the final amount in the autumn.



If you shop regularly at the Stanley or Outwood Co-op stores, you can become a member by going to www.coop.co.uk/membership. Once you're set up as a member, you can go to 'Choose a local cause': select St Peter's Church, Stanley as your local cause, and the church will immediately start to receive a penny for every £ you spend in the Co-op. Thank you!

This year marks 75 years of the Edinburgh International Festival

The first Edinburgh Festival was held in 1947. It was the idea of the then General Manager of Glyndebourne Opera, Henry Harvey Wood, as well as civic leaders. Their aim was to establish "a world class cultural event" that would bring together audiences and artistes from around the world. Over the past 75 years, it has done just that, featuring performers from the worlds of dance, opera, music and theatre. See <https://www.eif.co.uk>. The Edinburgh Fringe festival began the same year as an alternative, open festival, with no restrictions on performers and using unusual venues.



Stanley Gala—Saturday 6th August

Our annual Gala will be held on St Peter's Church field, Lake Lock Road, on 6th August from 12pm—5pm, and as always, we have a full afternoon of activities and entertainment planned.

There will be an array of around 20 stalls, including pottery, crafts, greetings cards and balloons and refreshments will include hot dogs, ice creams, warm/cold drinks, cakes and biscuits as well as a beer tent.

There will also be free live entertainment for the children, plus live music, dog show and other activities which will all take place in the arena. For games, we will have Splat the Rat, Play Your Cards right, pick a winner at the Tombola and loads of other stuff without it costing a fortune.

By popular demand, the Memory Tent about Stanley's history will be available again with updated details of our planned Heritage Trail for the village.



The Vegetable, Flower and Cake Show entries will be on display inside the Church, judged and adorned with rosettes and Best in Show Awards. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENTER, BUT REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 22 JULY.**

The Grand Prize Raffle is now underway with well over 20 prizes so far including some generous cash prizes. Tickets can be purchased in various ways and places. The winners will be drawn on Gala Day.

The Gala is our main fund-raising event in the year and we use every penny to improve our village in many ways, details of which can be found at our information area on the day. We welcome anyone and everyone to our meetings so please join us at our next meeting on 11th July at 6.30pm.

Please also note that the Stanley Scarecrow Trail will be running from 2nd—11th September. Details and application forms will be available at the Gala.



Contact SRG for more details: tel 07970 722963 or email stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com.

From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

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

William Simpson	28th February 2022
Mary Milner	17th March 2022

Baptisms

Dominic Gary Harrison	20th March 2022
Amelia Rebecca Sheila Harrison	20th March 2022
Marla Imogen Reeve	1st May 2022
Alyza Rosemaire Gibson	1st May 2022
Cheryl Mikayla Amanda Russell	8th May 2022
Chester Archie Devlin	12th June 2022

A true story—from John Wilbur Chapman

Back in 1893, Chapman was a Presbyterian minister from Richmond, Indiana. He told of how one evening he was travelling by train in a rural part of Kansas. The only other passenger in the carriage was a very agitated young man. He kept glancing out of the window and wringing his hands. Finally, Chapman asked if he could help.

Reluctantly, the young man explained how he had run away from home many years ago. He had not contacted his parents for many years and now he was afraid they wouldn't want him back. He had written home some weeks before and told them he would be travelling on this train. At a certain point it passed very close to his home. In the letter he had begged his parents' forgiveness and asked that if they wanted him to come home, they were to tie a yellow ribbon on the old apple tree that grew right beside the railway lines.



“Sir,” he said, “the train will soon pass my home but I’m afraid to look. If there’s a yellow ribbon on the tree, I’ll get off at the next station and go home. If there’s no ribbon, I’ll just travel on. But I’m too afraid to look out for the tree.” So Chapman offered to look for him. The young man hid his eyes and Chapman kept watch.

“You can open your eyes now,” he said a few minutes later. “All is well,” said the evangelist. “There is a yellow ribbon on the apple tree. In fact, there’s far more than one. Every branch is hanging with yellow ribbons, scores and scores of them. Your parents love you so much and want you to come home.” How, if parents can love their wayward children like that, how much greater is the love of God! Truly, we are loved with everlasting love.

Sea Sunday—10th July

Over many years the 2nd Sunday of July has been kept as Sea Sunday, with a special focus on prayer for all seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers supports the work of sailors facing difficult waters, piracy, and separation from loved ones for long periods at sea. However, we can also experience storms in our own lives.

In Acts 27 we read how Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome, when he was caught in a storm off Crete. After 14 days they were shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Paul had warned the crew that it wasn't a safe time of year to sail: "I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives." But his words were ignored, and the ship sailed into a violent storm.

By the third day they 'finally gave up all hope of being saved'. How do we face up to storms in our lives? Do we worry and panic? God doesn't necessarily prevent storms from taking place, but we can trust His purpose through them.

Paul urged the sailors to "keep courage, because not one of you will be lost, only the ship will be destroyed". His confidence rested on an angelic promise: "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." Only the sovereign God, who created the wind and waves, can promise to save people from a storm. What does this mean for us in our circumstances today?

Look around your home. How much of the contents in your cupboards, wardrobe, rooms, and even garage came to you over the seas, via the great merchant and container ships? What would your home be like without them? Yet when did you last give a thought to the people who bring them to you?



It is a curious fact that seafarers are one of the most important, and yet invisible, people groups in our society. We all of us depend on them to fill our homes and businesses with an endless variety of goods, and yet we never see them, never speak to them, and rarely even remember their existence.

It suddenly makes Sea Sunday seem good sense: an annual opportunity to give thanks for the seafarers of the world, and to pray for their personal well-being. For going to sea is a lonely occupation. It separates families for months on end. It can sometimes be dangerous, and it is always physically demanding work.

So this month, on Sea Sunday, let's pause and give thanks to God for the seafarers of the world. Let's remember how their work so enriches our lives. Let's pray for them, for their families, and let's support the organisations that offer them care and support through their chaplaincy work.

In doing so, we will join with thousands of other Christians, from London to Lagos, Manila to Melbourne and Durban to Dunkirk, who each year remember the seafarers who make our prosperity possible.

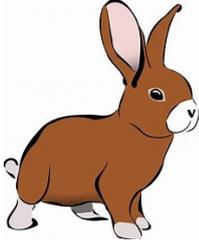


Pet Thanksgiving Service



Sunday 17th July, 3pm
On St Peter's church field

Come along to our special outdoor service and give thanks for all God's creatures!
Bring your pet, or a photo of your pet, to receive a blessing



The Leeds, Wakefield & District RSPCA Branch will be attending, with an information and fundraising stall

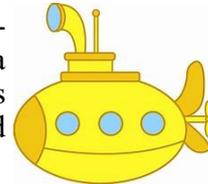


Reaching the deepest place on earth *by Tim Lenton*

One hundred years ago, on 28th July 1922, Jacques Piccard, the Swiss oceanographer and engineer, was born in Belgium. He is best known for developing deep-sea submarines, and for becoming one of the first two people to reach the Mariana Trench, the deepest point on earth.

He came from a family known for daring achievements. His father Auguste set height records in ballooning, reaching the stratosphere, and later with his son adapted the technology involved in that achievement to create the bathyscaphe for deep sea exploration. As a result, the Piccard family made both the highest flight and the deepest dive.

Jacques Piccard taught economics at the University of Geneva before leaving to concentrate on deep sea research. His revolutionary vessel, developed with his father, was bought by the US Navy for salvage and rescue.



On 23rd January, 1960, Piccard and Lt Don Walsh, a submarine officer, descended to 35,800 feet in a chasm of the Marianas Trench known as Challenger Deep. There were no on-board experiments or scientific equipment. They finally touched down in “snuff-coloured ooze” where they found, amazingly, a flat fish and a new type of shrimp.

The Piccards followed this success by developing further vessels, including tourist submarines and another exploratory vessel that followed the Gulf Stream and studied its various features. Jacques Piccard, who died in 2008, also formed the Foundation for the Study and Preservation of Seas and Lakes. His son Bertrand, with Brian Jones, made the first non-stop circumnavigation of the world by balloon in 1999 (Switzerland-Egypt, 20 days).

A handful of walnuts may help reduce your feelings of hunger. Walnuts are unique among nuts in that they are mainly comprised of polyunsaturated fats, which help decrease ghrelin, a hormone that increases hunger. They also seem to increase peptide YY (PYY), a hormone that increases fullness or satiety. As appetite hormones play an important part in regulating how much you eat, this could be good news. As one scientist says, walnuts “may favourably change appetite hormones so that we can feel fuller for longer.”



Prayers for this month

Morning Prayer

When morning in russet and saffron clad
Is mantling the hills in a dew-soft plaid
To the song of the moorland two-wings glad
Let my heart upraise;

When light creeps in through the chinks of the door
When the mist ascends from the mountain floor,
When the ocean shimmers like burnished ore,
Let me give Thee praise.

O God of the morning, Christ of the hills,
O Spirit who all the firmament fills,
O Trinity blest who all goodness wills,
Keep us all our days.

From Prayers of the Western Highlanders

Meditation on the Good Use of Sickness

Lord, You are good and gentle in
all Your ways; and Your mercy is
so great that not only the bless-
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Your people are channels of Your
compassion. Grant that I may
turn to You as a Father in my
present condition since the
change in my own state from
health to sickness brings no
change to You. You are always
the same, and You are my loving
Father in times of trouble and in
times of joy alike.

*Blaise Pascal (1623 – 1662) -
mathematician and scientist*

Daily Strength

You are
forgiving and
good, O Lord,
abounding in
love to all who
call to you.

Psalms 86:5



A Blessing Comes

It's good to get away from noise
From chaos and from din,
To seek in solitude and peace
The beauty that's within
To go into a quiet place
Where all is fresh and green,
And contemplate in silent calm
Great truths and things unseen.

The mysteries of the universe
The wisdom of the sage,
Or take some old and lovely thought
From a bygone age,
And meditate upon the good
The honest and the true,
This calms the mind and you will
find

A blessing comes to you.

By Kathleen Gillum

*Please contact the editor, Eleanor Plant, with items for the next magazine on
01924 835746, or by email: churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk*

A sermon in sand by Rev Richard Higginbottom

If you are fortunate enough to get to the seaside this summer, then you might like to wriggle your toes in the warm sand, and consider this: it has been said that there are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on all the beaches and deserts in the world.

Astronomers recently estimated that there are about 70,000 million, million, million stars in the universe—a number that is far too big for us to imagine!

The Sun is actually a fairly ordinary star, although incredibly vast of course, and is 93 million miles away from Earth. It is not easy to grasp that sort of a distance, but here's a measuring stick: if you were to fly in a fast passenger jet at 600 miles per hour, then it would take you about 17 hours to fly from London to Sydney; about 17 days to reach the Moon, and about 17 years to reach the Sun!

As for how long it would take to fly on to the next nearest star to us—Proxima Centauri—it would take about 4.2 light years, as the distance is more than 24 trillion miles! And that is just to the next nearest star after the Sun.



As you sit on the beach this summer, you might care to pick up a couple of grains of sand. Let the first grain represent our Sun, the second grain the next nearest star to us. Then look at the whole beach and after that consider all the beaches and deserts on Earth, with every grain of sand representing a star then it gives some meaning to the phrase “God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.”

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