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200 years at the heart of the community

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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

Stanley Readers Group

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 

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



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

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

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

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

Children's Ark

A relaxed and friendly baby and toddler group for pre-school children and their carers. Come and enjoy a cuppa and meet friends. £1.50 per child.

Play! Singing! Snacks! Stories! Toys!

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

Phone 01924

835746 or

07746 849509

for more info



Knit & Natter

St Peter's Church,
Wednesdays

1.30pm-3.30pm

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

New members always welcome—
knit, sew, swap patterns and
ideas, learn new skills, and
share friendship, conversation
and refreshments.

**Come along for a very
warm welcome**

Stanley Community Singers

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

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



Come and make friends and enjoy a good sing!

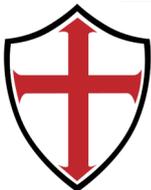
The cost per session is £2.50. Light lunches are available from 12pm in our café and refreshments are available after the singing.

APRIL EVENTS IN STANLEY

Services and events every week at St Peter's Church

- Sundays**
10am Family Communion service: with both a traditional and modern approach to worship, Holy Communion most Sundays and refreshments after the service.
- Mondays & Weds**
10am -12pm Lighthouse Café A warm space with drinks, snacks, games, Jigsaws etc. Also on Wednesdays.
- Mondays**
1pm-2pm  Stanley Community Choir New members always welcome, no audition! Make friends and enjoy singing!
- Tuesdays**
10.30am-1.30pm Tuesday lunch club for older people with games, quizzes, talks, films, crafts and a hot lunch—£6.
- Wednesdays**
1.30pm-3.30pm Knit & Natter with crafts, chat and refreshments. New members always welcome. 
- Thursdays**
9.15am-11.15am  Children's Ark baby and toddler group with toys, play, singing and snacks. Cost £1.50 per child.

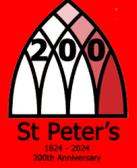
Special services and events this month

- Monday 8th April**
6.30pm Stanley Residents Group meeting at The Thatched House pub. Come along and get involved!
- Sat 13th April**
10.30am - 12.30pm Coffee morning with lots of with bacon butties, tombola, raffle, refreshments and more! 
- Sat 13th April**
7pm Quiz night with pie & peas join us for a fun social evening with various quizzes and a pie & peas supper. Please come along! 
- Weds 17th April**
PCC meeting at 7.30pm
- Sunday 21st April, 10am**  St George's Day family service with the 1st Yorkshire Cubs and Scouts and including all-age activities. Followed by refreshments.
- Sunday 28th April**
11.30am APCM Annual meeting to review St Peter's activities and reports from 2023, and our plans for the future.
- Friday 10th-Sunday 12th May**  Prayer Labyrinth: An opportunity to pray, relax and concentrate on God, and experience a spiritual and personal transformation. More information next month.

St Peter's Church Stanley

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1824 - 2024



Throughout 2024 we will be celebrating 200 years of St Peter's Church in Stanley. These are some of the events being planned:

Quiz night with Pie & Peas, Saturday 13th April at 7pm

Please join us for a fun social evening with various quizzes, and a pie & peas supper. Please let us know if you'd like to come so that we can order enough pies! There will be just a small charge to cover expenses.

Prayer Labyrinth weekend, Friday 10th—Sunday 12th May

A Prayer labyrinth is a walking path that takes us on a spiritual and personal journey, encouraging us at each turn to think about God, pray and reflect. Further information next month.

Summer Gala, Saturday 29th June, 1pm—4pm

Our annual church gala will include a variety of refreshments and stalls, both inside the church building and outside on the field. Please come and support us!

Brass Band & Cream tea afternoon, Saturday 13th July

We are delighted to welcome the Morley & District Concert Band to our cream tea afternoon on the church field. It should be a wonderful afternoon of refreshments and music!

Flower festival and Celebration weekend, Friday 6th—Sunday 8th September

On Sunday 8th September we will be delighted to welcome the Bishop of Wakefield, Tony Robinson, to our 10am service. This service will mark 200 years since the original St Peter's church was opened, on 6th September 1824. During the weekend we will also be having a flower festival and other activities.



During the year we hope to restore our **stained glass window** and donations towards this are very welcome. Or a full pane of glass can be sponsored in memory of a loved one, at a cost of £250. Further events are being planned, and we will also be showing displays of photos and memorabilia (have you any photos that we can use?) and publishing an update of the church's history. It will be a busy year of celebrations!



North Wakefield Benefice

North Wakefield Team of Churches

Newsletter for April 2024



**You abundantly water the ploughed fields,
You settle
its furrows and soften the earth
with showers. You bless its growth. Ps 65:10**

Dear Friends,

I recently visited Wakefield Theatre Royal to watch a play entitled 'Something About George' which focused on George Harrison's life after the Beatles' split up. The evening told the truly remarkable tale of one of music's most understated icons, and addressed the question: "Where does life take you after being in the greatest band in the history of the world?" Well, after the Beatles, George went onto release the classic album 'All Things Must Pass' as well as other albums; he was involved in the first charity music concert to raise funds for Bangladesh in the early 1970's, and also went into film production amongst other things.

In church we are now in the Easter period and our services and readings focus on the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the new life he offers to his followers. In our readings from the Acts of the Apostles we hear about the life and ministry of those early disciples as they begin to answer the question: "What do we do now Jesus is no longer with us?" We find that for 40 days after the resurrection Jesus physically appears several times to the disciples, then on Ascension day he returns to the Father. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples in Jerusalem. This is seen as the start of the Church and for those early disciples, full of the Holy Spirit, they go on to do some remarkable things. Jesus sowed the seed of the good news in the disciples' hearts and they went on to share the good news far and wide.



We are all on a journey through life and for some of us we have always believed in God, for others our Christian life may started with a Damascus Road experience and for others we may still be searching. The wonderful Easter story of Jesus overcoming death and offering us new life, challenges us to pray and think about the question: "What do we do with the rest of our lives?" We live in a hurting world which is so much in need of hope and kindness and God's transforming love. Let us as a church and individually share the Good News as we open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit which brought Jesus from the dead and is available to us to today to build a new world.

Also whilst writing please continue to pray for the post of associate priest and especially on Tuesday 23rd April when we hope and pray to interview applicants. 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, Glenn

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

Events for April

Sunday 7th April, 10.30am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Holy Communion service with Bishop Tony to celebrate 150 years of St Anne's. Followed by a buffet lunch.

Monday 8th April, 12pm
Mother's Union service at Wakefield Cathedral led by Bishop Tony to celebrate Lady Day.

Weds 10th April, 11am [Alverthorpe](#)
Friends of St Paul's lunch with Holy Communion from 11am and the lunch afterwards from 12pm.

Saturday 13th April, 10.30am [Stanley](#)
Coffee morning with refreshments, bacon sandwiches, raffle, tombola, jigsaws and more!

Saturday 13th April, 7pm [Stanley](#)
Quiz night with pie & peas—a fun social evening, please come along!

Sunday 14th April, 11am [Alverthorpe](#)
Annual APCM meeting at Alverthorpe church after the morning service to review the activities of 2023.

Thursday 18th April, 7pm [Outwood](#)
Outwood Institute committee meeting.

Saturday 20th April, 10am [Wrenthorpe](#)
Women of Substance group with study, lunch, crafts and chat to learn about women in the Bible. This month, the group will be studying Mary of Bethany.

Sunday 21st April, 10am [Stanley](#)
St George's Day family service with the Cubs and Scouts, with all-age activities and refreshments.

Monday 22nd April, 7pm [Outwood](#)
Annual APCM meeting at Outwood church to review the activities of 2023.

Tuesday 23rd April
Please pray for the Associate Priest applicants as they visit the churches in the benefice and interviews take place.

Weds 24th April, 7.30pm [Wrenthorpe](#)
Annual APCM meeting at Wrenthorpe church to review the activities of 2023.

Thurs 25th April, 7.30pm [Outwood](#)
MAPPs men's group meeting at Kirklands with a talk from one of the founders of the Wakefield charity CAP Care which supports homeless people.

Sunday 28th April, 11.30am [Stanley](#)
Annual APCM meeting at St Peter's church after the morning service to review the activities of 2023.

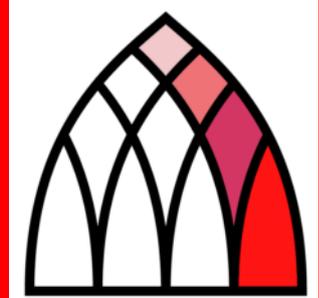
Friday 10th—Sunday 12th May [Stanley](#)
Prayer labyrinth weekend to pray, relax and focus on God. More info next month.

Monday 13th May, 10.30am [Outwood](#)
Mother's Union meeting at Outwood church, to discuss the support offered to teenage foster children leaving care.

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

Stanley



St Peter's

Church: Lake Lock Road, Stanley, WF3 4HW
Vicar: Rev Glenn Coggins, The Vicarage,
 St Paul's Drive, Alverthorpe, WF2 0BT

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.

St George's Day Family Service

10am on Sunday 21st April

We will be celebrating St George's Day at a special family service on Sunday 21st April at 10am. During the service the 1st Yorkshire BP Cubs and Scouts will be renewing their promises.

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.	

Our family service will include worship, prayers, all age activities and refreshments.



All welcome!

Quiz night with pie & peas

Saturday 13th April, 7pm

Join us for a fun social evening and take part in various quizzes and enjoy a pie and peas supper!

This event is part of our year of celebrations to mark 200 years of St Peter's.



Please let us know if you would like to come along so we can order enough pies! There will be a small charge for the evening to cover expenses.

St Mary Magdalene, Outwood

Outwood



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

MAPPs Men's Group meeting



The benefice men's group will next be meeting on **Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm** at the Kirklands

Hotel on Leeds Road. Come along to hear about the origins of the Community Awareness Programme (CAP Care) from one of the founders, Elizabeth Hibbert, and the work it carries out to support some of the most needy and vulnerable member of our society.

Church Institute Committee Meeting

Thursday 18th April at 7pm

To discuss the latest news about the Church Institute

Community Garden News

On Saturday 16th March, volunteers moved tons of soil to build up the raised beds in the Community Garden at the rear of the church, and tidied the garden in readiness for Spring.



It is hoped that during the Easter holidays we will have some more time in the garden to do some planting and finish preparing the area.



Volunteers are always welcome! If you can't manage any physical work, maybe you could contribute by donating some plants.

Gifts of Dignity

A very big heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Gifts of Dignity appeal. We raised £322!! This will support 12 mums in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo to gain skills to run their own businesses, support their families through attending our Literacy & Development programme, and empower them to speak out about their rights, and about abuse and gender-based violence.

I am sure the 'mothers' of whom you were thinking when making your donation would be overjoyed to know they have helped other mums in this way. Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH ON THEIR BEHALF!!

Our next meeting is a celebration day for Mothers' Union; the Wakefield Episcopal Area is holding a celebration service at Wakefield Cathedral for Lady Day on **Monday 8th April at 12 noon**. Bishop Tony will enrol some new members and present long service certificates to members who have served for over 30 years. All are welcome at this event!

The following month we are meeting on **Monday 13th May at 10.30am** in Outwood church when we will be discussing how we can help those teenage foster children leaving care to live on their own for the first time.

Contact Sheila Crosby on 01924 825866

Contact details for St Mary Magdalene

Vicar

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Beverley Beaumont

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Treasurer

Duncan Hall



Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 22nd
April at 7pm

Come along to our APCM to hear a review of Outwood church's activities from last year, its financial report, and the plans for the future.

This is also an opportunity to join the PCC committee, or take on one of the officer roles e.g. Churchwarden or Treasurer. If anyone is interested in putting themselves forward for one of these roles, or standing down from the PCC, please contact the PCC secretary Beverley Beaumont (contact details above) as soon as possible.

St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Wrenthorpe



St Anne's

Church: 121 Wrenthorpe Road, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield, WF2 0JS

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

Services at St Anne's, Wrenthorpe

Sundays, 10.30am Holy Communion

Weds, 2.15pm Holy Communion

Other weekly events (term time only)

Mondays, 10am Cheeky Cherubs

Mondays, 2.30pm Youth Drop-in

150 Years of St Anne's Church

This month we celebrate 150 years of St Anne's Church in Wrenthorpe. The building was consecrated by the Bishop of Ripon on 8th April 1874 and we are very pleased to be welcoming Right Revd Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield, to our Holy Communion Service at **10.30am on Sunday 7th April.**

At the end of the service he will be dedicating the refurbished Choir Vestry, on this occasion of 150 years of Faith, Love and Service to God. This will then be followed by a buffet lunch.

The service starts at 10.30am and it would be lovely to welcome members of the Benefice churches to join us on this occasion.

'Down The Years'

In July there are plans for St Anne's Church to look back over the last 150 years through photographs, film clips, artefacts, and the publication of the revised History of the Church. The building will be open for three days so that people can come in and reminisce.

If you have anything which we could use, maybe a memory which could be written down or an occasion which would be of interest please let David Payne or Jacquie Grundy know.



If you got married in St Anne's and still have your wedding dress we would love to display it! As well as anything which is part of the church's history.

Cheeky Cherubs



Our toddler group, meets in church at **10am on Mondays in term time.**

It is for children aged 0-4 years and their carer, and includes stories, activities, crafts and plenty of time to play!

Women of Substance

The next Women of Substance meeting will be on **Saturday 20th April, 10am-2pm** at St Anne's church in Wrenthorpe.

This month, the group will be looking at Mary of Bethany. Mary appears in the Bible several times, and we know that her brother was Lazarus, who Jesus raised from the dead, and her sister was Martha.



A well known story in the Bible about Mary is when she chose to sit and listen to Jesus, rather than help her sister Martha in the kitchen. Another story about Mary is when she used her expensive perfume to anoint Jesus's feet, then dried his feet with her hair.

There is much we can learn from Mary—her unwavering faith, her desire to learn more about Jesus, and her courage, among many other things. Why not come along and join us as we learn about Mary of Bethany.

Our session includes Bible study, a craft and a lunch.

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.

You will be warmly welcomed by everyone.

Lynn Fowley

Contact details for St Anne's Church

Vicar

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St Anne's Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting (or APCM) is being held at **7.30pm on Wednesday 24th April** in St Anne's Church.

We are looking for nominations for two Churchwardens, four PCC members (three for three years and one for two years) and two Deanery Synod Representatives. Nomination papers will be available from, and should be returned to Jacqui (PCC Secretary) before the meeting.

The annual book will be available with reports about what the church has been doing during the last year so don't forget to pick one up.

St Paul's, Alverthorpe

Alverthorpe



Church: St Paul's Drive, Alverthorpe, WF2 0BT

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

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

St Paul's Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of St Paul's Church, will be taking place on **Sunday 14th April**, after the morning service. The meeting will be followed by a short PCC meeting to elect the church wardens and other officers. Please do try to attend and also think about joining the wonderful church council and see how we all work together!

St Paul's Alverthorpe is proud to support Fairtrade

Here at St Paul's we are actively looking to support "Fairtrade". Firstly by doing our best to purchase Fairtrade products that we use in Church.



Examples are tea, coffee & sugar. We understand they are all slightly more expensive than our usual products we use. The majority of these are most generously provided by members of our congregation free of charge.

If you would like to contribute to donating Fairtrade items we understand that they are stocked in the Co-op. You could also make a cash donation which we will use to purchase as many Fairtrade products as we can.



Thank you in anticipation, and we hope you enjoy your next Fairtrade cuppa!

Disabled ramp upgrade

How fortunate we are at St Paul's church with our in-house maintenance crew of David and Alan.



Our thanks to them for once again updating our disabled ramp. What a fine job they have done! Our thanks also to John Wigglesworth of Hillsborough Steel Stock who very kindly and generously donated the steel plate along as well as doing the cutting to shape, and delivering it all. Thank you to everyone involved.

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



We are looking forward to our Friends' Spring Lunch, which will 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:*

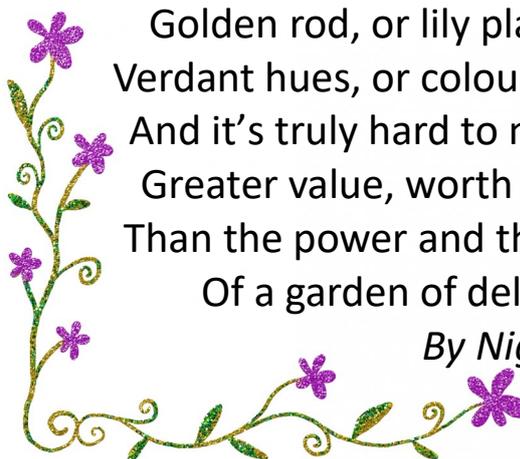
Mrs Pat Lambert 01924 376857

A Garden of Delight

Shafts of sunlight on woodland streams
Tumbling torrent that gaily gleams
Thrilling like our favourite dreams
Thrills of smell and sound and sight.
All our senses are conspiring
In this place of joy inspiring
Our imaginations firing
In a garden of delight.

Ordered beds, or sparkling fountains
Neatened lawns,
or landscaped mountains
Golden rod, or lily plantains
Verdant hues, or colours bright;
And it's truly hard to measure
Greater value, worth or treasure
Than the power and the pleasure
Of a garden of delight.

By Nigel Beeton



Prayers for April

The God who answers prayer

There is a God who answers prayer
Who intercedes before the throne,
The Son of God who ever cares,
Do not believe you walk alone.

When life seems hard, no answers come
He knows the path that you now tread
Believe on Him though all seems lost
He knows about the tears you shed.

Hold on to Him who is your strength,
Although it seems there's no way through,
Though pain and heartache both are near,
Who holds the world holds also you.

There is a day when all is clear
A day when we all understand
That all our lives but marked a way
That led us to the Promised Land.

By Megan Carter

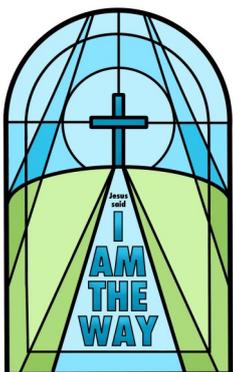
JESUS

If I could package faith into one parcel
And collect all hope into a single can –
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball
And commoditise it in a living man

I'd already have a fully detailed label
Prepared before the world itself began -
And it would have one name -
And that name – JESUS -

At the centre of God's universal plan

To take the world along the course
God's surge of love provoked
Till wholeness flows through
everything
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.



Prayer for April

Almighty Father, in these weeks
after Easter, help us to receive
afresh the new life Jesus'
resurrection makes possible.
Lord, come to us. Walk through
the locked doors of our fears.
Bring us your peace. Fill us with
your Holy Spirit.

Send us onto our daily frontlines
to share your resurrection peace
and hope and love with those
who are lost and lonely. Thank
you for meeting us in Jesus, our
Lord and our God. We are your
Easter people. Hallelujah.
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

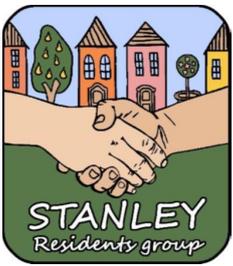
(based on John 20: 19-end)



Daily Strength

God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead
in transgressions—it is by
grace you have been
saved. And God raised us
up with Christ and seated
us with him in the heaven-
ly realms in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2: 4—6



Update from Stanley Residents Group

The last chance to sponsor a **hanging basket** is fast approaching as the order will be submitted in the next couple of weeks. Contact us asap if you would like it to advertise your business or dedicate one to a loved one, whilst helping to make the village look beautiful at the same time. The cost works out at approximately 90p per day—a bargain!

The **Veg, Flower & Baking Show** has now been launched and the schedules of all classes are available from the Library, our Website or the dispenser at the Swapshop. All the old favourites are there and some new Handicraft categories for 2024 and includes the entry form. The show is held at the Summer Gala.

The planning for the **Stanley Gala on 3rd August** is well under way, and as always we would be grateful to receive any unused Tombola items and clean teddies in good condition as well as prizes for our Grand Raffle. These things help us tremendously to raise the funds to provide next year's hanging baskets.

Community Garden Spaces: all our flower beds should be starting to put on a good show soon and the community orchard on Mount Road has undergone major work in the last few months. Take a wander up there to see for yourself or take a look at our website for more details.

Volunteering: we welcome anyone wanting to come and help us at any of our events or with the ongoing maintenance of all our projects. Check the website for our meeting dates and our diary of events. Our next meeting is on **Monday 8th April, 6.30pm at the Thatched House pub.**

Our contact details:

- Email: stanleyresidentsgroup@gmail.com
- Website: Stanley Residents Group.org
- Facebook: Stanley Residents Group



St Peter's Spring Fair – a review

The annual spring fair was held at the church on Saturday 23rd March and was a very successful event, raising almost exactly £1,000 for church funds which was a fantastic result and very much appreciated. Many thanks to everyone who organised and ran the stalls, and donated items and raffle prizes. There was a lovely range of stalls and some fantastic refreshments including hot cross buns and bacon sandwiches. Thanks also to everyone who came along to support the event; it was wonderful to see such a large number of people there and your support is very much appreciated.

50 years of ABBA!

Fifty years ago, on 6th April 1974, the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song 'Waterloo'. It was the first time that Sweden had won the contest. ABBA of course went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history. The victory, in Brighton, was just the first step on the road to conquering the world, as far as pop music was concerned. The songs, written mainly by Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson, were matched by the passion, exuberance and good looks of singers Agnetha Fältskog and Anni-Frid 'Frida' Lyngstad, who later married them – and even later, divorced them.



ABBA quickly achieved worldwide superstar status—no small feat for a group performing in a language foreign to them. The film ABBA – the Movie and the musical Mamma Mia and its sequel, featuring their compelling songs, were huge successes. It is estimated that the musical has been seen by more than 60 million people worldwide. ABBA hit the jackpot again when their revolutionary new project, ABBA Voyage, launched in 2022. In it, Agnetha, Björn, Benny and Anni-Frid perform their songs digitally with a live 10-piece band, in a purpose-built ABBA arena at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London.

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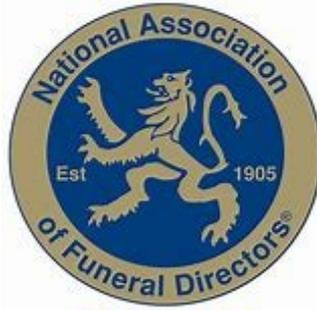
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