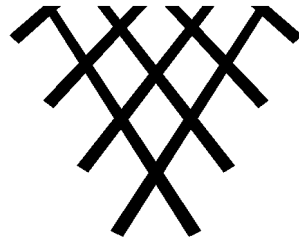
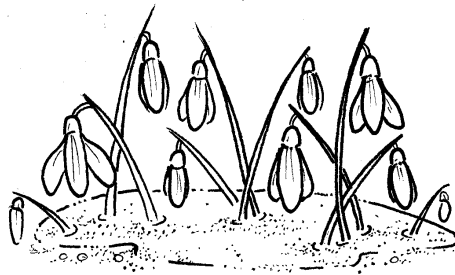




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The Minister writes:

This is the first magazine of 2014, so I would like to begin with wishing you a Happy New Year.

This is a very significant month in the life of the community in Stanley. As you will see elsewhere, it is the month when the old church building will begin to be dismantled. It will be a great loss to the sky line of the village and many people have fond memories of special occasions celebrated there. We are inviting people to a service to commemorate the building on 9th February at 3pm.

We have been very encouraged by the support and help as we are planning a legacy for the site of the old building. We are determined that there will continue to be a sacred space where people can come just to sit quietly or to pray. We are commissioning Groundworks to take the ideas that have come from the community and turn them into a workable plan. This will need to take account of ongoing maintenance as well as making it a safe place to be.

As the plans develop we will have consultation days to enable people to give their responses. As well as coming up with inspired designs, we will also need the resources to put them into practice. Already people have been offering to contribute, either their time and skills, or by offering funds. The more we can work together to put the plans into place, the more it will be a genuine community project that will be sustainable and we can be proud of. Let us know if you would like to help.

Looking to the future, there is the opportunity and challenge to continue to develop a place of worship in Stanley. From the outside, architecturally, the church centre is clearly a school. We are looking for ways to transform its identity so that it is clearly a place of Christian worship as well as a place to serve the community in other ways. We have commissioned an architect, Liz Ashmore, and a liturgical consultant, Revd Richard Giles, to help with this. We would also welcome ideas from the village, so if you feel inspired, please get in touch.

Rev Bill Henderson

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*All services are held at the Church Centre,
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Sunday	10am	Family Communion
	3pm	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

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

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Minister: David Dixon, telephone: 01924 872262

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Minister: Rev Naomi Kaiga BD MA
email: nkirotekaiga@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01977 705100
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DATES FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 2nd Feb 3pm	<u>Evensong</u> : with Holy Communion, based on the Common Book of Prayer.
Weds 5th Feb 2pm-4pm	<u>Mount Road Methodist Chapel</u> : Coffee & Chat afternoon. Please see page 10 for details.
Fri 7th Feb 7:30pm	<u>Pasta and Pizza night</u> : Join us for a social evening and bring a dish to share.
Sat 8th Feb 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p9.
Sat 8th Feb 2pm-3:30pm	<u>Crafty Kids</u> : Enjoy lots of crafts without the tidying up! £1.50 per child, see page 16.
Sun 9th Feb 10am	<u>Family Parade Service</u> with the uniformed groups, on the theme of 'Education Sunday'.
Sun 9th Feb 3pm	<u>Commemoration Service</u> at the old church, in anticipation of its demolition, see page 14.
Thurs 13th Feb 6pm	<u>Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting</u> at the Church Centre, see page 11.
Thurs 13th Feb 7:30pm	<u>Taize Service</u> with meditative and prayerful music. All welcome.
Fri 14th Feb 7:30pm	<u>Film Club</u> : 'On Golden Pond' with Academy Award winning performances by Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn. See p16 for a review.
Weds 19th Feb 1:30pm	<u>Jumble Sale at Mount Road Chapel</u> with stalls and refreshments. See p10 for details.
Sun 23rd Feb 7:30pm	<u>Holy Space</u> : a new, informal monthly evening service with prayer and worship. All welcome.
Thurs 27th Feb 7:30pm	<u>PCC Meeting</u> at the Church Centre.
Fri 7th March 7:30pm	<u>Women's World Day of Prayer</u> at the Church Centre. This year, the service has been prepared by Christian women in Egypt. See p17.
Sat 22nd March 10am-12:30pm	<u>Spring Fayre</u> at Stanley Community Centre with lots of stalls and refreshments.

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

Monday	10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm
Tuesday	10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
Wednesday	Closed all day
Thursday	10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm
Friday	10am-1pm and 2pm-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.

Thank you for your generosity

Towards the end of 2013, St Peter's was host to a number of charity appeals which were extraordinarily well supported by our local community, and we are very grateful for your kindness and generosity:

- The Stanley Community Singers held a Christmas Concert on 8th December 2013 and raised £300 in aid of Wakefield Hospice.
- The congregation of St Peter's took part in the annual 'Share a Christmas Card' scheme and raised an additional £55 in aid of Wakefield Hospice.
- The church pantomime was an enormous success, and during the interval of each performance, a collection was made in aid of the Philippians appeal, to help people affected by the devastating typhoon. £223 was raised for Tearfund to provide tarpaulins, clean water and food, emergency shelter kits, bedding, and other essential items. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.
- St Peter's Church donated a further £500 to Tearfund, also to support their disaster relief work in the Philippians.
- The St Nicholas Day Service on 1st December 2013 was very well supported by the uniformed organisations and the congregation, and hundreds of wrapped Christmas presents were donated to Barnados to distribute amongst children and young people in the UK.
- The Christingle Services on 12th January were well attended by the uniformed groups and were an opportunity to think about Jesus as light of the world and his gifts to each of us. Together we raised £182 in aid of the Children's Society which supports children in the UK who are not so fortunate. Thanks also to everyone who worked hard beforehand to prepare the oranges.



Coffee morning thank-you: Thanks to everyone who supported the last two coffee mornings: an incredible £330.80 was raised at December's coffee morning, and in January, £170.53 was raised. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 8th February from 10am—12pm at the Community Centre, with a superb cake stall, handmade greetings cards, tombola, raffle, toys, jigsaws, books, refreshments and more!



Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

- The next Coffee Afternoon will be on Wednesday 4th February from 2pm—4pm with various stalls and refreshments
- There will be a Jumble Sale on Wednesday 19th February at the chapel from 1.30pm with all proceeds going to charity. If you are having a post-Christmas clear-out or an early spring-clean, any unwanted items would be gratefully received. Donations can be left at the chapel at any time.

Knit and Natter, Sew and Chatter!

At St Peter's Church Centre, every Thursday, 1pm-3pm
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 and friendship.

Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed.

Please note the earlier start time of 1pm during the winter months



Prayer Meeting—every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm

The weekly prayer meeting at St Peter's Church Centre continues to meet every Tuesday from 2pm-3pm, led by Calli McKenna. Please call in to pray for those in trouble, sorrow, sickness or need; for family, friends, the community and the world.

CAP Café: If you are interested in the work of Christians Against Poverty; would like to volunteer; need to talk to someone about debt or just fancy a chat and a cuppa, then call into one of the CAP Cafes:

- Thursday, 13th February, 9.15am—11.15am at St Catherine's Friendship Cafe, Doncaster Road, Belle Vue
- Thursday, 20th March, 9.15am—11.15am at The Coffee Shop @ St Georges, St Georges Community Centre, Broadway, Lupset

Moorhouse Community Action Group

The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on Thursday 13th February 2014 at 6pm at the Church Centre. Please come along and raise any issues specific to Moorhouse and join in with the plans for the new Centre on Moorhouse Grove.

1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cubs

The Cubs are on the look out for new members! The 1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cub pack meets on Tuesday evenings at St Peter's Church on Lake Lock Road, from 6:15pm-7:30pm. The cubs is open to all girls and boys aged from 7½ to 10½ years old.

The group enjoy doing a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, learn traditional Scouting skills and there are opportunities to go on camps and join in events with the Scouts.



If you interested in joining, please just turn up one Tuesday evening, or contact Mark Pringle, the Group Scoutmaster, by emailing firstyorkshire@gmail.com.

T-Towels please! *St Peter's Community Café would appreciate the donation of some new, or nearly new, T-towels. They can be brought into the café any time (it is open Monday—Friday, 10am-1:30pm) or to the church office.*

Room Hire at St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church is an ideal venue for privately run groups, community groups, meetings and birthday parties. There is plenty of parking, easy access to the building, and a number of rooms available, including the large church hall, a smaller carpeted room, and another room with tables, chairs and a kitchenette. During the day, catering for meetings can be provided by the Community Café.

The church is already used by a number of groups during the week but there is capacity to accept more bookings. Room hire rates are very reasonable. Please contact Eleanor in the Church Office on 01924 835746 or email churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk for more information.

A new look for the Church Centre

St Peter's Church has been awarded £4,000 from Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) and landfill operator FCC Environment to put towards a project of work to fit new floor coverings throughout the church. The floors are very tatty and uneven in places, and it is hoped that new flooring throughout the centre will give a cleaner, more professional and inviting image to our Community Café customers, and the groups and individuals that use the centre every week.

Heavy duty entrance matting will be installed at both entrances of the long corridor, and the rest of the corridor will be fitted with carpeting which will be continued into the 'middle room'. The café room will be fitted with new vinyl, which will be continued up the steps to the toilet area. The office will also be fitted with new carpet.



WREN is a not for profit business that awards grants to community, environmental and heritage projects across the UK from funds donated by FCC Environment to the Landfill Communities Fund.



Peter Cox, managing director of WREN, said: "WREN makes a difference to people's lives by awarding grants to community, environmental and heritage projects across the UK. We're delighted to support St Peter's Church in Stanley and their valuable work."

The work to install the new floor coverings will begin on 17th February and is expected to take a week.



Stanley Library Open Day: 4th February

Come along to Stanley library on Tuesday 4th February for 'National Libraries Day'. From 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm there will be opportunities to see all the many things that libraries have to offer: not just books and films to hire; but also local history; free computers and internet access; computer courses; job searches; signposting to CV, careers and business advice; and much more!

Also, if you would like help using a computer for searching for jobs online, come along to the free sessions at the library on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:30pm. No need to book, just drop in.

Stanley Community Singers success



The Stanley Community Singers held a very successful Christmas concert at St Peter's Church Centre on Sunday 8th December 2013 in association with the ElliTe Dance School Junior Musical Theatre Group.

There was a fantastic audience—in fact, extra chairs had to be brought it—and everyone enjoyed the concert programme which included modern and traditional Christmas songs and carols. The musical theatre group performed a couple of songs, and everyone joined in with some audience participation carols at the end.



There was also a raffle and refreshments were served at the end. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the event raised **£300 for Wakefield Hospice** which was an amazing total.

Then, just before Christmas, the Stanley Community Singers found out that they had been awarded **£1,990 from The Co-operative Membership Community Fund!** The group is absolutely delighted to receive the award, which will cover the costs of the musical director, room hire and other expenses over the next 12 months.

The money has come from a pot of money accumulated by Co-operative member customers who have opted to donate all or part of their annual dividend to good causes in the area. The money is distributed by The Co-operative's local area committees.

Paul Durkin, Chair of the Leeds and Wakefield Area Committee said:

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The co-operative

“We are particularly proud of the Community Fund, as it demonstrates how the generosity of our members can make a real difference in their local area, and now we have stores and branches in every postal area of the UK it makes it all the more relevant.”

If you would like to join the Stanley Community Singers, please come along to one of the rehearsals, on Monday afternoons in term time at St Peter's Church Centre, from 12:30pm—2:30pm.

It's time to say goodbye to the old church

Demolition of the old church is expected to start on Monday 10th February. It will be very sad, and strange, when the church is gone: in its present form, it has been an imposing landmark in Stanley for nearly 100 years and many people will treasure memories of attending significant events there: family weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Rev Bill Henderson will be holding a Commemoration Service next to the old church on Sunday 9th February at 3pm, to acknowledge these memories and to give thanks for how the building has served our community. As it will be an outdoor service, please dress appropriately with suitable footwear. After the service, everyone is welcome to come back to the Church on Lake Lock Road for refreshments and to continue sharing thoughts and memories.

Many items including the war memorial, pulpit, font and font cover have already been removed from the church and are being stored safely. Protective covers have been built around the graves nearest the building to guard them from damage. The Diocese has applied for planning permission to build a temporary road from Aberford Road up to the church to facilitate the demolition. However, the movement of lorries will be kept to a minimum, and in fact the majority of the stone is expected to be crushed on site, and used to fill the crypt.

Discussions are continuing about how the site can be landscaped for the future, which hopefully will include an outline of the old church, seating, and a new home for the war memorial. Groundworks have already been commissioned to prepare a preliminary design.

Demolition of the church was approved by the Church Commissioners after a long process of public consultation and an appeal.

Cracks in the church appeared only 15 years after it was rebuilt after the fire of 1911, and it has been propped up from the inside since the 1930's. Over the decades, the situation worsened, until the building became structurally unsound and dangerous. The congregation moved out in 2001 and a planning application to save the façade of the building and convert the interior into flats failed. Further attempts to find a developer for the site also failed, and so the Church Commissioners moved to have the church demolished.

Although the old church as a building will no longer exist, it is important to remember that St Peter's church as a body of people is very much alive, and serving the community. It is important that there is a building that can be recognised as the home for this worshipping community and as a sacred space in the village. We are looking at ways of making the building we use now much more suitable.

In the next couple of months, there will be an exhibition at the church on Lake Lock Road of photographs and memorabilia of the old church to which everyone is invited to contribute items. This will also be an opportunity to review the plans for the landscaping of the old church site.

Finally, the poem below was written about the old church, and is reprinted with permission from Wally Barnsley, of Selby:

*Though I seem to crumble
I kneel before God in prayer
To salute the people of Stanley
For the joy that we did share*

*An obelisk of darkened stone
Though once stood proud and tall
Say one last prayer for me
Before I finally fall.
G.J.A. Barnsley*

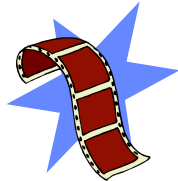
From the Stanley Parish Register

Funerals

Leslie Ansell	25 November 2013
Denis Moore	16 January 2014
Eileen Muffitt	20 January 2014
Carol (Joan) Jowitt	21 January 2014

Baptisms

Isaac James McCarthy	22 December 2013
Thomas Joseph Stead	29 December 2013
Sofia Mollie Bade	5 January 2014



St Peter's Church
Film Club



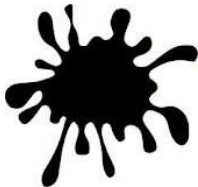
Friday evening, 14th February, 7:30pm

'On Golden Pond' (1982) PG Rating

Henry Fonda, in his last film role, is Norman Thayer, a prickly English professor of 80, holidaying with his wife Ethel (Katherine Hepburn) at their summer house on Golden Pond, New England. Out of the blue, their daughter Chelsea (Jane Fonda) turns up with her new fiancée Billy Ray (Doug McKeon) and his 12 year old son. The generation gap is soon highlighted with Norman and Billy clashing frequently and fiercely. However, as summer progresses, Norman begins to forge a close relationship with the boy that he never achieved with Chelsea and begins to realise how much happiness he missed out on with his own daughter. The film is a masterpiece of storytelling, with beautiful, touching performances: Fonda and Hepburn were rewarded with Academy Awards for Best Actor and Best Actress for their roles.

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

Film shown at the Church Centre, Lake Lock Road, doors open 7pm



Crafty Kids

**Saturday 8th February and
8th March 2014, 2pm-3:30pm**

Come along and enjoy this monthly children's crafts afternoon at St Peter's Church Centre

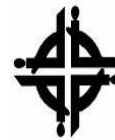
*Making, sticking, painting etc: crafts for all ages!
Come along and enjoy some festive crafts
without the tidying up!*

The cost is just £1.50 plus 50p for each additional sibling.
No booking required! Refreshments also available.



Women's World Day of Prayer

*Friday 7th March, 7:30pm,
St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road*



“Streams in the Desert”

Women's World Day of Prayer is a international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is extensive. An international committee is based in New York and each participating country has its own national committee. Regional conferences meet to plan the service, and then finally, at a church near you on March 7th, women and men will gather to celebrate using a programme of worship offered this year by women in Egypt.

The theme of the service is “Streams in the Desert” and everyone is being asked to reflect on our Christian role of being a ‘stream in the desert’ for those who experience spiritual ‘drought’. This service from Egypt has universal appeal.

Mentioned in Genesis, Egypt is one of the oldest civilisations in the world. In 2011, Hosni Mubarek was removed from power following the ‘Arab Spring’ uprising, which was a public reaction to growing unemployment, a failing economy and government corruption. The situation in Egypt remains volatile.

In 2010, the literacy rate for men was 80% for men, but only 63% for women. Women can go to work, go to university, vote and run in all elections. However, many rural adolescent girls are discouraged from completing school and face lives of early marriage, illiteracy and domestic abuse. Egypt has long been home to the Coptic Christians, and the Church in Egypt is doing all it can to counteract this. Political and social change affects individual lives and we will all pray with the women of Egypt for peace.

We envisage a great annual wave of prayer, rising with the sun over the island of Samoa and sweeping across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas, coming to rest in American Samoa some 36 hours later. By then, the WWDP services will have been celebrated in over 170 countries.

All are welcome— men and women, and people of all ages—to the WWDP service at St Peter's Church, Lake Lock Road, at 7:30pm.

Reports from our local schools

Stanley Grove School

*Aberford Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4NT
Tel: 01924 303805, Headteacher: Mrs J Frost
Website: www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk*

Our New Year has got off to a very exciting start. In January, 28 of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the Young Voices concert in Sheffield Arena, with 7,000 other children from schools in Yorkshire. They had been rehearsing diligently for several months and it was a fantastic experience for them all. The concert featured a live band, a street dance troupe, performances by Stacey Solomon, and of course the children, who had to learn dozens of songs and actions.

On 5th February, the whole school will be taking part in Sign2sing: an attempt to break the world record for the greatest number of children singing and doing sign language at the same time across multiple locations. It is a very exciting event to be part of.

This term, our SEAL topic is 'Going for Goals'. All the children will be focussing on their motivation to do well and self-awareness of their abilities, strengths and positive qualities.

Last term we took part in a sponsored event in conjunction with the NSPCC. Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to raise £1,000 for this important charity.

Our regular class assemblies continue to be very well attended by parents and carers. Each class takes a turn to present to the rest of the school and our visitors some examples of what they have been learning during the term. The children read out stories, show artwork, and even perform songs or dances that they have learned.

After half term we are looking forward to welcoming Ed Balls MP to our school. He will be meeting the staff and children and taking the time to look at the children's lovely work.

The next Foundation stage open evening for prospective parents will be on Tuesday, 11th March from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to look around our Foundation unit and to meet the staff.

St Peter's CofE Primary & Nursery School

Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HS

Tel: 01924 303175, Headteacher: Mr Paul Fenton

The new year began at St. Peter's School with the introduction of a new Head teacher. Mr Paul Fenton was welcomed into the Church and the School at the start of January. Mr Fenton has moved from St. Botolph's CofE Academy, Knottingley, where he has been the Deputy Head teacher for the last seven years.

Mr Fenton is looking forward to working with all of the children, staff, parents and the rest of the community and building strong partnerships with all.

Already this term, many exciting projects have taken place. The use of the mini iPads is working extremely well in many classes and the children enjoy planning cross curricular work using a wide range of applications. The quality of the work produced is very high.

Target setting meetings will be taking place during the week beginning 10th February 2014. All parents are being encouraged to make an appointment.

Collective Worship continues to be a focus for the school. The school values of courage and endurance; fellowship and inspiration; forgiveness and compassion; friendship and trust; equality and respect and excellence and wisdom have been developed to include daily Bible stories to support each value.

The school is also planning to remodel the reception area of school to include a new reception desk, an achievement wall and a display of the links to St. Peter's Church past, present and future. Watch this space!

Everyone in the school is looking forward to an enjoyable and successful rest of year for the community. *(continued on page 20)*

Church calendar now available

The church calendar showing church events, meetings and other important dates throughout the year is now available in the church centre. They cost £1 each to cover the print-ing cost. Please see Eleanor in the office for your copy.



Stanley Children's Centre

Long Causeway, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4JB, Tel: 01924 303181,

Open: Monday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm Centre Manager: Liz Cooper

The Children's Centre offers support services to families with children under 5 and parents-to-be. See below for details of the regular activities:

- On Monday 10th February there will be a Chair Based Exercise Class from 10am-11am with the Health Trainer. Booking required.
- On Tuesday 18th February there will be a Creative Stay & Play Drop In session from 9:30am-11:30am.
- There will be Fluoride Varnishing Information available during the Stay & Play session on Monday 24th February, 1:30pm-3pm. The Fluoride Varnishing team will then be visiting the centre on 21st March, 9am-4pm. Children aged 2-4 years are eligible for free fluoride varnishing. Please call into the centre for more information.
- A new Infant Massage Course will be starting on Thursday 27th February from 1:30pm-3pm. Booking required.
- You can collect your Healthy Start Vitamins from the Children's Centre. Just bring along your voucher to exchange for vitamins.

Day	Time	Group
Monday	9am—4:30pm 1.30pm—3pm	<u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed. <u>Stay & Play</u> for ages 18 months—5 years.
Tuesday	10am—12pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> : appointment needed. <u>Baby Time</u> from birth—9 months.
Wednesday	9:30am-11:30am 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Childminding Support Group</u> <u>Toddler Time</u> from 9 months —2 years.
Thursday	9am—12pm 9:30am—3:30pm	<u>Health Trainers</u> : appointment needed. <u>Child Health Reviews</u> by appointment.
Friday	10am—12:30pm 2pm—4pm	<u>Child Health Reviews</u> by appointment. <u>Midwife Drop-in Clinic</u>

We are a nation of TV addicts: Only the Bulgarians watch more TV than we do, making the British Europe's second-biggest TV addicts, with a third of us watching more than three hours every day during the week. However, many of us skip the News. In fact, 13 per cent of us never watch any news or current affairs. The only two countries who avoid the News and current affairs more than we do are Israel and Slovenia. The results were disclosed in the recent European Social Survey.

We love food, but... One in three of us consider ourselves to be a 'foodie' – but half of us are so tired after a day at work that we cannot face the effort of cooking from scratch. And so while celebrity chefs whip up tantalising meals on the TV screen, most of us are watching them over a dish of pasta, baked potatoes, stir fries, or other easy and quickly made meals. It seems that the average adult owns nine cook-books and watches 121 hours of cookery programmes a year. But the average adult also has a repertoire of just six everyday meals, and one in four of us even resorts to eating cereal one night a week.

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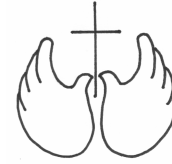
Cartoon Corner



"How thoughtful, wearing something all the wedding guests could shelter under in case of rain."

"It may well attract more young folk to join the congregation but I still prefer the old church notice board"

Prayers for February



Prayer for patience

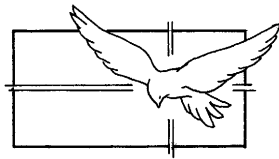
Dear Father, waiting is so difficult. And we seem to have to do it so often, and in so many situations. Waiting for news, waiting for opportunities, waiting for test results, waiting for others – even waiting for you, Lord, when we so long for you to do something.

Please give us patience. Ripen in us that ‘patience’ part of the fruit of your Holy Spirit, so that we can wait without anger, frustration, and stress, knowing that you are Sovereign, that your timing is perfect.

Help us to recognise that, in the end, simply trusting you can take the weight out of the wait.

So help us to trust you, Father, and to relax in your care as we wait. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Love

Love seeketh not itself to please,
Nor for itself hath any care,
But for another gives its ease,
And builds a Heaven
in Hell’s despair.

*By William Blake,
from Songs of Experience ‘
The Clod and the Pebble’*

His Glorious Day

He’s the Ground of all being,
The Spirit of life,
The Father of faith
And the Mother of love,
He’s the Christ-child within
Who fills darkness with light,
He calms our worst fears
With the peace from ‘above’!
He’s the giver of comfort
When our spirit is low
And source of all courage
When faith calls out – ‘Go:
Go tell all the nations
That peace truly comes
When God’s voice is heard
And God’s will is done.
So follow the Christ-man,
Hold fast on his way,
Then one day we’ll all share
His glorious day’!

By Sam Doubtfire



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