



The Minister writes: I shall be spending most of this month— May—back in Tanzania helping with the 'Water for Life' Project that is part of the Diocesan link with Mara.

It has been running for 5 years now and so far £63,000 has been raised and sent to the project. We began by helping to train people to build hand dug wells and fitting hand pumps to extract the water. There is also an important element of health education, so that people understand the value of clean water. The purpose of my visit is to help evaluate the project: see what lessons can be learned and how to carry on into the future.

There are a number of challenges. The first is for the villagers to take responsibility for 'their' well in the long term so that it will be maintained. Education is part of this to help people understand the health benefits. Secondly, finding a good site can be difficult, and it can be very discouraging to dig down, even breaking through rock, only to find there is no water.

We will be working in two dioceses: Mara and Tarime. Mara is well established and has an experienced team working in development. Tarime is a new diocese but has some very good staff working for them. It will be interesting to see how the project develops in each one.

I fly into Nairobi, Kenya, then get a bus to Tarime, over the border in Tanzania. This is always an interesting trip; hot and dusty with lots to see and it is of course much cheaper than flying. I will then meet up with the other two people travelling from Wakefield. We will meet the development team and people from the communities, and then go to Mara with a similar agenda. At the moment, the pump being used is an 'India Mark II'. It is good and strong but relatively expensive and breaks down without proper maintenance. I will be looking at the possibility of making a rope pump from locally available materials that will be strong enough to last. The idea is that it could be cheaper to build and easier to maintain, so more wells could be dug.

I will end my stay in Rorya Diocese, which is where our link parish, Sakawa, is situated. I will also visit Rose Kayus and her husband Samuel, who is now principal of the local Bible college. Rose visited us here in Stanley some years ago. Please pray for a successful trip and safe travel.

Rev Bill Henderson

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DATES FOR MAY

Weds 1st May 2pm-4pm	Mount Road Methodist Chapel: Coffee & Chat meeting. Please see page 10 for details.
Thurs 2nd May 7pm	<u>Craft Evening</u> : make a unique bracelet for ± 10 , including wine and nibbles. See p11 for details.
Sun 5th May 4pm	<u>Evensong</u> : join us for the monthly afternoon service based on the Common Book of Prayer.
Weds 8th May 1:30pm	Mount Road Jumble Sale: with various stalls and refreshments. See page 10 for details.
Thurs 9th May 6pm	Moorhouse Community Action Group meeting at the church centre, see p10 for details.
Fri 10th May 7:30pm	<u>Film Club: 'Zookeeper'</u> starring Kevin James and a host of talking zoo animals voiced by famous people. See p16 for a review.
Sat 11th May 10am-12pm	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at the Community Centre with tombola, cake stall, and much more, see p9.
Sun 12th May 10am	Family Communion and Parade Service: with the uniformed organisations.
Thurs 16th May 7:30pm	PCC Meeting at the Church Centre.
Sun 19th May 4pm	<u>Joint Pentecost Family Service</u> at Mount Road Chapel; no service at St Peter's on this day. See p10 and p19 for more information.
Weds 22nd May 7pm	<u>Ladies Society Meeting:</u> at Stanley library with a talk about the Pilkington family, see p16.
Sat 15th June	<u>Parish Day:</u> Have fun, and help think about the future of our church. Details to follow, see p11.
Sat 29th June 1pm-4pm	<u>St Peter's Summer Gala:</u> on the church centre field, with all the usual stalls, refreshments and entertainment! Full details next month.

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.

Coffee morning/Spring Fayre: Thank-you!

Thank you to everyone who organised, donated items for, and supported the postponed Spring Fayre which was eventually held on Saturday 13th April after the original date had to be cancelled because of the heavy snow! The event merged the usual monthly coffee morning stalls with some of the Spring Fayre stalls, and the arrangement seemed to work out very well indeed.

It was well attended and £818.45 was raised. Some stallholders managed to sell some of their produce on a couple of other occasions as well, making a grand total of £1,009.13 which is an excellent result.

The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 11th May from 10am—12.30pm at Stanley Community Centre with the usual stalls: cakes, greetings cards, tombola, children's tombola, raffle and more!

Donations of small children's toys, soft toys, books and jigsaws would be gratefully received. Please contact Mavis Darlington on 822251 or bring your items to the office at St Peter's Church Centre.



Please join us on 11th May for a pleasant and enjoyable morning. We would love to see you there.

we would love to see you lifete. **Stanley Community Singers** The Stanley Community Singers continue to meet every Monday afternoon in term time at St Peter's Church Centre from 1pm-3pm with singing from 1:30pm-2:30pm and time before and afterwards for refreshments and chat. The group sings a variety of music and is open to anyone who enjoys singing—no previous experience required! Please come and join us: make some new friends, learn some new songs and enjoy singing! We are currently practising for a charity concert to be held at St Peter's Church Centre sometime in July. Dage 9

Mount Road Methodist Chapel Events

• The next <u>'Coffee & Chat'</u> meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May from 2pm—4pm. These meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. Come along and enjoy a coffee, cake, and a friendly chat!



- The next <u>Jumble Sale</u> at the Chapel will be on Wednesday 8th May at 1:30pm with cakes, tombola, refreshments and various other stalls.
- On Sunday 19th May there will be a <u>Joint Pentecost Service</u> at Mount Road Chapel at 10.30am. Everyone welcome! There will be no service at St Peter's Church Centre on this day.

Moorhouse Community Action Group

The next meeting of the Moorhouse Community Action Group will be on <u>Thursday 9th May 2013 at 6pm</u> 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.



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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 and share conversation and friendship. Just turn up: you will be very warmly welcomed. Phone the church office on 835746 for more information.

St Peter's Parish Day

On Saturday 16th June, St Peter's Church is organising a parish day for everyone who is interested to come together to develop friendships, have fun and think about what we want to achieve in the future as a church community. The venue and details of the event are still being worked on; further information will be available later this month, and a sign-up sheet will be put on the noticeboard in the church centre. Please put the date in your diaries and come along and take part in a fantastic day together.

Retiring Church Warden says thanks

Don Somerville has stood down as Church Warden at St Peter's after a phenomenal 36 years in the post. He has also served as Deanery Synod Representative for 40 years. During that time, Don has served under four different Vicars, (Rev John Crabb, Rev Peter Hicks, Rev Peter Howard, and of course Rev Bill Henderson) and seen many changes, not least the structural decline of the old church and the congregation's move across the road into the church centre.

The church congregation and many in the wider community are enormously grateful to Don for his unswerving dedication to the church in Stanley, his loyalty and wisdom. Thanks also to his wife, Nan, for her contribution to St Peter's. Don and Nan were presented with the gift of a weekend away, and Don also received a watch.

At the recent AGM, David Sunderland was elected as Church Warden, along with Barry McCarthy.

Don and Nan have provided the following thank you message:

"After 40 years I decided to stand down as Church Warden but I never expected such a generous show of appreciation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the lovely watch and weekend away for Nan and I. I would also like to wish my successor, David Sunderland, all the best."

We wish Don and Nan all the best for the future and thank them again for all their contributions. We will still see them regularly though, as Don will continue in his role on Sunday mornings as sacristan, preparing and helping to administer holy communion.

Wakefield rejects new single diocese for West Yorkshire

Wakefield Diocese has rejected a scheme to replace the existing dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield with a new single diocese. Bradford and Ripon & Leeds dioceses voted in favour. It is now up to Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, to decide whether to allow the scheme to go forward for debate at General Synod

Four out of five believe in the power of prayer



Four out of five British adults believe in the power of prayer, according to a new ICM survey.

What do you pray for? Three in every ten people, asked what they would pray for, cited peace in the world and an end to poverty, reflecting the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, in his inauguration sermon: "Let us provoke each other to heed the call of Christ, to be clear in our declaration of Christ, committed in prayer to Christ, and we will see a world transformed."

Asked what it would be for if they were to pray, 31 per cent of respondents cited peace in the world, followed by an end to poverty in the world (27 per cent), a family member (26 per cent) and healing for another (22 per cent). While 5 per cent said they did not know what they would pray for, 14 per cent said they would never pray.

Women are more likely to pray than men, according to the survey, with 85 per cent of women citing something they would pray for, compared with 76 per cent of men. Those aged over 65 (89 per cent) and those between 18 and 24 (85 per cent) are the most likely to pray, while those between 35 and 40 (75 per cent) are the least likely.

"Prayer is one of the most natural and instinctive of human responses, so I am not surprised to see these findings," says the Bishop of St Albans, the Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith. "I come across people on an almost daily basis who want to talk about prayer and how to do it. This has been even more evident recently, as many people are facing uncertainty about jobs and finance. However, there has also been a desire to pray for trouble spots in the world, not least when we see the appalling photos from Syria on the television."

Other subjects for prayer cited in the survey were: 'my partner' (17%), 'less stress in my life' (16%), 'a prayer of thankfulness' (16%), 'prosperity' (16%), 'healing for myself' (15%), 'guidance' (15%), 'a friend' (13%), 'marriage or relationship' (12%), 'forgiveness' (10%), 'work' (9%), 'my spiritual life' (8%), 'my church' (4%), 'my studies' (3%), 'something else' (6%).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—a review

The AGM was held at 12pm on Sunday 21st April 2013. Some new members of the Parish Council Committee (PCC) were elected, and various reports were presented with some highlights given below:

PCC Report: Thank you to Don Somerville who has stood down after serving steadfastly as Church Warden for 36 years. We welcome Rev David Teece to the preaching team and thank him for his assistance during the 3 month period when Rev Bill Henderson was on sabbatical. The decision has been made to demolish the old church but we wait to see the plans for how and when this will take place. We have continued to develop our relationship with Mount Road Methodist Chapel and enjoy our joint services. The Finance Group have developed their processes during the year. Many thanks to the congregation, volunteers and community for all their support in making the Church the warm, friendly and inviting place that it is.

Treasurer's Report: Despite an overall reduction in our income during the year compared with 2011, the generosity of our church community enabled to meet our financial obligations and the Parish Share was paid in full. Fundraising events such as the Gala and the Pantomime were well supported once again. The Parish Share for 2013 has been set at £44,917 and as always, we pray that we will fulfil our financial obligations as well as realising the many hopes we have for our church and community.

Church Wardens' report: We have now secured our future in the Church centre by signing a 25 year lease with the council. Many groups continue to use the centre, and we have held some successful social events. We thank all those many individuals who contribute so much to the life of the church, and to Bill and Viv for their leadership and inspiration.

Young People: The Explorers/Sunday Gang meets most Sunday mornings during the church services for crafts, games and Bible study. All children are made to feel welcome, whether regular attendees or just visiting. Children's Ark meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30am for parents and tots, and includes singing, Bible stories, crafts

and playtime. Many thanks to the leaders of these groups for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Uniformed Organisations: It was a sad year for the 1st Yorkshire Baden Powell Cubs and Scouts, with the death of their founder, Lawrie Dring. He will be greatly missed by many. The church is very happy to continue to support the cubs, scouts and also the 39th Wakefield Brownies and the 3rd Cardigan Rainbows.

Ladies Society: The Ladies Society enjoyed various speakers during the year and outings to Skipton and Bury market. Christmas lunch was at the New Wheatsheaf in Whitwood and presents were given to the older members. New members are always welcome; meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Stanley library.

Other groups: The 'Knit and Natter' group has been enormously successful this year with lots of new members joining. The ladies do a variety of crafts and learn some new ones too, and have also contributed to the various church fayres. The Stanley Community Singing Group also continues to be well attended and held a very successful Christmas Concert in aid of Marie Curie. Crafty Kids has been a huge success with scores of children and their grown-ups enjoying a variety of crafts. The Film Club serves a wide community and shows an eclectic mix of films for all ages from modern to classic.

Social Events: Our pantomime, 'Mother Goose' was hugely successful and we sold about 500 tickets. The monthly coffee mornings at the community centre, and the Summer Gala, Spring Fair and Victorian Fayre were all well supported by the community. We also held a curry night, a picnic, wine tasting night, Harvest meal, Harvest Ceilidh and numerous shared lunches.

Vicar's report: Thank you to everyone who helped out while Bill was on sabbatical and enabled church life to carry on. The preaching team of David, Calli, Vicky and the lay ministers Ray and Margaret is now well established and working well. This year, we hope to develop our small groups, and also our worship, with alternative styles and times for worship. Thank you to everyone who supports our life and ministry in so many different ways.



Friday evening, 11th May, 7:30pm

'Zookeeper' (2011) PG Rating

All the animals at the Franklin Park Zoo love their kind-hearted caretaker, Griffin Keyes (Kevin James). But realising that he prefers the company of wild animals to humans, Griffin decides the only way to get the girl of his dreams is to leave the zoo and find a more glamorous job to win her over. The animals, in a panic, decide to break their time-honoured code of silence and reveal their biggest secret: they can talk. To keep Griffin from leaving, they decide to teach him the rules of courtship, in their own unique way! There's plenty of star power in the film, including the voice talents of Sylvester Stallone as Joe the lion and Cher as his lioness, Adam Sandler as Donald the monkey, and Nick Nolte as Bernie the gorilla. If you're looking for a moral in the story, then maybe it is to be careful what you wish for: what you think you want might not be anything like what you really need. Hopefully though, you'll be looking for easy entertainment, in which case this film is a great comedy with plenty of cheap laughs.

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

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

The Ladies Society

The Ladies Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at Stanley Library at 7pm and enjoys a number of activities, speakers and outings during the year. In April, they had a talk from Lionel, a film maker, and this month, on 22nd May, Elsie Walton will be talking to the group about the Pilkington family who bought the Chevet estate, including Newmillerdam Country Park in 1765. On 26th June, a lady will be demonstrating a number of different crafts, and in July the group will enjoy their annual summer outing to a local place of interest. New members would be made most welcome, so please come along sometime and join us!

Reports from our local schools

St Peter's CofE Primary & Nursery School

Lake Lock Road, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4HS Tel: 01924 303175, Headteacher: Mr Lee Wilson

What a busy term it has been at Stanley St. Peters! Firstly, we are pleased to inform you of our new School Meals Partnership. From 1st April, our school meals will be provided by a new caterer 'ISS' as part of a 3 year contract. This follows a rigorous evaluation and selection process where we were able to sample the best of the school meal market!

The meals are all cooked fresh on site each day and ISS have worked with the Soil Association's Food for Life programme to ensure that the menus include: free range eggs, farm assured meat, seasonal vegetables, and sustainable fish certified by the Marine Stewardship Council.

Every week we run a Wednesday Lunch Club from 11.45 where a group of like minded people meet, eat and enjoy a chat over fine food. If you would like to join the group and sample our fantastic new food please contact the school office (01924 303175) on Wednesday morning to place your order! We would love to see you there!

We had a fantastic time on World Book Day! Many of us dressed up as our favourite book characters and everyone looked fantastic. All the children received a new book funded by the national World Book Day scheme. The children really enjoyed receiving this special treat. We also held a 'Book Swap' where children swapped one of their old books for someone else's; a great way to keep the home library fresh and interesting!

The school has been selected to take part in a project to strengthen links between China and the UK. This will involve establishing a partnership with a Chinese school and ensuring that our children are given the opportunity to learn about and experience the Chinese culture.

Children in KS1 went on a Spring walk to St Peter's church. Mr Henderson showed them around and they even got to try on some of his special robes!

LKS2 have enjoyed their project about Easter. They presented their version of the Easter story in an assembly to parents this half term using

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bible references and an egg with various items inside. Class 5 also led the Service at St Peter's Church for our end of term Easter celebration. All of the children attended St. Peter's Church for the Easter Service. Thank you to Rev. Henderson for sharing this special time with us.

Finally, a double congratulations to Mr Wilson on the birth of his new son, Cameron, and on his appointment to the role of Director of Primary School Improvement for the Outwood Grange Academy Trust. As a school and community, we will miss him greatly but wish him the very best in this exciting new role.

Stanley Children's Centre

Long Causeway, Stanley, Wakefield, WF3 4JB, Tel: 01924 303181, Centre Manager: Gill Sheldrake Open: Monday to Friday 8:30am—4:30pm

The Children's Centre offers support services to families with children under 5 and parents-to-be: advice on parenting, childcare, education, housing, benefits and finance; links with Job Centre Plus; support for childminders; adult courses; antenatal care; child health promotion clinic; breastfeeding support; home safety equipment; and fun activities for under 5's.

Please see overleaf for details of the regular groups and clinics at the Children's Centre and below for news of some special events and courses.

- There is a <u>Food Safety in the Home Course</u> on Wednesday 1st May from 9:15am—11:15am. Please phone to book your place.
- A <u>Cook & Eat Course</u> starts on Thursday 2nd May from 1pm—3pm. Contact the centre for more information and to book your place.
- Please note that the Children's Centre will be closed on the Bank Holidays, Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May.
- There will be a <u>Holiday Baby Time</u> session on Tuesday 28th May from 1:30pm—3pm for babies aged 0-9 months.
- The Job Centre Plus Adviser will be visiting the centre on Wednesday, 29th May from 9am—12pm. Please book an appointment.
- There will be a <u>Jo Jingles 'All about Me' Session</u> on Wedensday 29th May from 10:30am—12 noon. Booking is required.
- There is a <u>Holiday Stay & Play Session</u> on Thursday 30th May from 10am—11:30am.

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Day	Time	Group
Monday	9am—4:30pm 10am—3:30pm 1.30pm—3pm	<u>Health Trainers:</u> appointment needed. <u>Child Health Reviews:</u> by appointment. <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—crawling.
Wednesday	9:30am—4pm 1:30pm—3pm	<u>Rightsteps:</u> booking required. <u>Toddler Time</u> from crawling—18 months.
Thursday	9:30am—12pm	Child Health Reviews by appointment.
Friday	9:30—11:30am 10am—12:30pm 2pm—4pm	<u>Childminding Support Group</u> <u>Child Health Reviews</u> by appointment. <u>Midwife Drop-in Clinic</u>

19th May: Pentecost—the birthday of the Church

Pentecost took place on the Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion and it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and to wait in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. And so they waited, praying together for several days. On that fateful morning there was suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind; tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the disciples of Jesus, and the Church was born. Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. 3,000 people responded, were converted, and baptised—how's that for fast church growth! Because of Christ's death and resurrection, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them, constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop of Bradford preaches to 9 million people

The Bishop of Bradford has praised DJ Chris Evans for building his Radio 2 Breakfast Show into Europe's largest radio audience. Recent industry figures give the show, which includes Pause for Thought, an average of 9.5m people tuning in every day.

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, the Bishop of Bradford, is one of the show's regular Pause for Thought contributors. Speaking in a Church of England podcast published today, (www.churchofengland.org/media -centre/engage-with-us-online/podcasts.aspx)

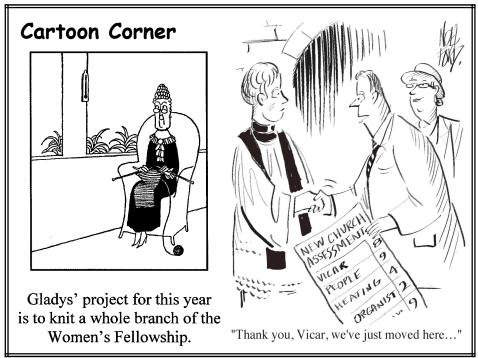
Bishop Nick says, "You've got to be able to fit in with the medium. It's no good having stuff to say if you don't know how to say it or there is a big 'clunk' between the programme, which is great, fast-moving fun and 'the religious bit'".

Elton John, Barry Manilow, Barbara Windsor, Peter Kaye and Rick Astley are amongst the showbiz names that Bishop Nick's shared a studio with during the three years he's been on the show. He recalls the morning Suggs, the lead singer with Madness, was Chris' guest. Bishop Nick managed to work sixteen Madness song titles into his Pause for Thought script.



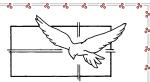
All in the month of May:

- <u>80 years ago</u>: on 2nd May 1933 the first modern sighting of the Loch Ness monster was reported in the 'Inverness Courier'.
- <u>70 years ago</u>: on 16th May 1943 the Dambusters Raid took place when Britain's RAF launched Operation Chastise, deploying bouncing bombs to bypass anti-torpedo nets and breach dams, causing catastrophic flooding in Germany's Ruhr Valley.
- <u>60 years ago</u>: on 29th May 1953 New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- <u>40 years ago</u>: on 17th May 1973 the Watergate hearings began in the US Senate, and were televised nationally.
- <u>15 years ago</u>: on 11th May 1998 a French mint began producing the first euro coins.
- <u>Also 15 years ago</u>: on 23rd May 1998, 75% voted in favour of the Good Friday Agreement and a Northern Ireland Assembly.



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Prayers for May



Prayer for Pentecost

Loving, generous Father, in your love you gave us Jesus – sent him out to bring us back to you. And when he had completed his work, by dying on the cross, rising again, and coming back to you, you hadn't stopped giving. You gave us your Holy Spirit. You sent him at Pentecost and you send him today. Thank you.

Fill us with your Sprit Lord. Equip us with the gifts of your Spirit that we need to serve you. Ripen in us the fruit of your Spirit, so that our lives will be witnesses that you are alive today in this world; that you have the power to renew and restore broken hearts and lives and all creation.

Fill us with your Spirit Lord. Send us out in the Spirit's power to live and work for you, to make *your* difference today, for your glory. *Fill us with your Spirit Lord,* we pray. Amen.



by Daphne Kitching

May we be Light

'Light of the World' are we, May we shine brilliantly In the World's night. When all around is gloom When Satan speaks of doom In shadow of the tomb May we be light! Our good works, openly Conducted joyfully In the World's sight; As we meet people's needs May all our Christian deeds Plant many Christian seeds – May we be light! Led by the Spirit, pure We'll, with His guidance sure Touch the World's plight; As we walk Jesus' ways May our lives all our days Bring to our Jesus, praise May we be light! By Nigel Beeton

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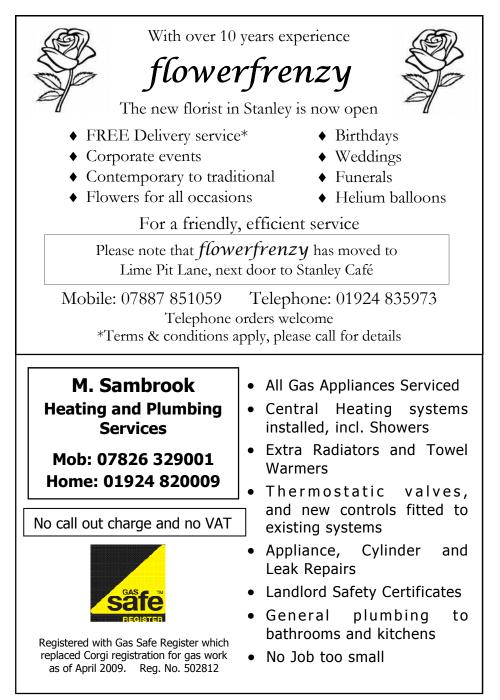


1st & 3 rd Tuesday of each month	6pm—7pm	Stanley Community Centre
2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month	9:30—10:45am	Stanley Community Centre
2 nd & 4 th Saturday of each month	11am—12 noon	Bevin Close Community Centre, Outwood

Excludes bank holidays, no appointment necessary, home visits can be arranged



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<u>OUTWOOD</u> Cheers, Newton Lane Mondays 10am, 12noon, 5pm & 7pm Keela: 01924 372287

<u>LOFTHOUSE</u> Christ Church, Leeds Road Tuesdays 7:30pm New Consultant: Gemma, 07427 595061

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