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Keeping you in touch with Outwood, Stanley, Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe Churches

29 June – 5 July 2020

Dear all,

In some ways, things have moved on quite a long way since our last edition! Churches are now allowed to re-open for public worship from the fourth of July, and although not every church will be in a position to begin worshipping in the church building at once, it's good to know that preparations can be made for churches to begin to worship God together, in person.

Of course, this doesn't mean that everything will go back to the way it was all at once. I'm conscious that not everyone will be able to come back to church at once - many of our congregations have good reason to be extra careful with their health, and shouldn't take the risk. And so, even though it will be a joy to lead worship in person come July 5th, I will also be very aware of all the people who can't be with us. Then, too, we'll have to take precautions to protect those who do come to worship, such as sitting at a distance from each other, no congregational singing, and perhaps other precautions too (we are still waiting for more detailed guidance from the government and the national church). This is not "getting back to normal," it's not even "the new normal." We will be continuing streaming services, so that those who cannot join us in person are not cut off.

However, it is good to know that the country is beginning to emerge from this crisis. We

pray that it will all go well, and I hope that whether or not you'll be able to come to church over the next few weeks, that this will offer hope and encouragement for the welfare of our communities, our nation, and our world.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Jo

Parish Priest, St Anne's Wrenthorpe

Sunday Worship
3rd Sunday after Trinity

Sunday's Readings

Genesis 22.1-14

Psalms 89.1-4, 15-18

Romans 6.12-end

Matthew 10.40-end

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace
to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Praying together

Please use these readings and prayers together with your own devotional books. If you would like a copy of our booklet 'Prayers Resources for When You Can't get to Church', call 01924 373758, and we'll post or email one to you.

Worshipping Together

There is a nation-wide Church of England service on BBC Radio Leeds and all other local BBC stations at 8am each Sunday. Sunday Worship is shown on BBC One at 10:45am. The Church of England streams a service on YouTube every Sunday at 9am.

You can also join in with our church services online! We're showing them live on the churches' Facebook pages. If you don't have Facebook, you can still watch the services from St Anne's and St Mary Magdalene's: type 'Outwood Parish Church facebook' into Google, and click on the first link. If you're looking for St Peter's Stanley, google 'St Peter's Stanley facebook.' The videos should be available to view once the service has concluded

This week's online services from St Anne's and St Mary Magdalene's are:

Sunday 28 June: 10am Sunday Mass (live from St Anne's), 5:30pm Reflection

Monday 29 June: 5:30pm Evening Prayer (live from St Mary Magdalene's)

Tuesday 30 June: 4pm Bible Study; 5:30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 1 July: 9pm Sung Compline

Thursday 2 July: 5:30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 4 July: 12:30pm Midday Prayer

Sunday 5 July: 10am Parish Mass (St Mary Magdalene Outwood), 10am Parish Eucharist (St Anne's Wrenthorpe), 5:30pm Reflection

From St Peter's and St Paul's

Sunday 28 June: 10am Sunday Holy Communion

Monday 29 June: 7:30pm Housegroup, 10:00am 'Start the Week – Drop in for Chat and Prayer' on Zoom

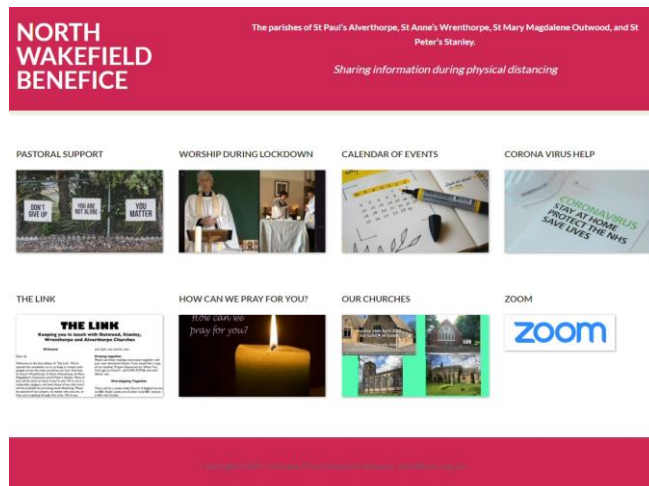
Tuesday 30 June: 9pm Compline, 10am Coffee Morning for St Paul's

Wednesday 1 July: 9am Morning Prayer, 10am Bereavement Support Group, 9pm Compline

Thursday 2 July: 9pm Compline

Friday 3 July: 9pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Sunday 4 July: 10am Sunday Holy Communion



You can also go to the North Wakefield Benefice page for more information about all these events:

<https://northwakefield.benefice.uk/> The website has been redesigned with a new theme and new content to make it easier to access resources. There are links to a series of Mindfulness videos that Angela Coggins has produced and a Cruse document that helps individuals coping with bereavement in isolation (in the pastoral section).

Returning to Church!



On 5 July at 10am, St Mary Magdalene's Outwood and St Anne's Wrenthorpe will host Sunday worship for the first time in three months. It will be great to be back in church, but there will need to be precautions against infection. Changes will include:

- We will need to socially distance
- Only one 'cantor' will be able to sing for now, though this may change in a few weeks
- We will not be able to share the peace with handshakes
- Priests will wear a mask and gloves to distribute communion

Mthr Jo and Fr Jonathan will be writing a letter to members of both the Outwood and Wrenthorpe congregations this week to let them know about the return to worship in detail. If you don't regularly worship at Outwood or Wrenthorpe, but would like to, please ask, and we'll send you details of our plans!

St Paul's and St Peter's are also making plans for a re-start of worship, which will probably take place later this month.



No Internet? No problem!

**St Paul's Alverthorpe, St Mary Outwood
St Peter's Stanley, St Anne Wrenthorpe**

*Daily Devotional
News and Notices
Sunday Worship*

Just phone to keep in touch

01924 97 97 95

Visiting Churches

From 15 June, churches in the team will be opened to private prayer for a limited number of hours during the week, so that people can visit during their daily walks.



The times will be as follows:

Monday 10-11:30am St Peter's Stanley
Monday 4-5pm St Mary Magdalene's Outwood
Tuesday 10-11:30am St Peter's Stanley

Wednesday 2-4pm St Anne's Wrenthorpe
 Saturday 10-12pm St Mary Magdalene's
 Outwood
 Saturday 10-12pm St Paul's Alverthorpe
 Sunday 11:30-12:30pm St Anne's
 Wrenthorpe.

NinetySeven, NinetySeven, NinetyFive

That's the phone number of the benefice telephone system to facilitate participation in church life by everybody. The system is now live and available 24/7. Just phone 01924 97 97 95 and you will be able to choose either to hear a short (3 min or so) devotional or "thought for the day"; or you could listen to the latest Church News and Notices; on Sundays you can join in with our worship via a conference call.



Stumpy may be Britain's most prolific blood donor. He's a Labrador, who began life as a guide dog. A weak leg meant he couldn't complete the training, but he has a negative blood type, and has donated blood to over 100 dogs, potentially saving many canine lives. His owner, vet Ellie Pittaway, says "He obviously has no idea what he's doing it for, but if he did, I'm sure he'd be very proud!"

Good News from Around the World



Taronga Zoo near Canberra in Australia rescued 7 platypuses from the wetlands in Tidbinbilla after wildfires last year. This week the relocated platypuses are being returned to Tidbinbilla, with tracking devices so they can be better understood and their habitat protected.



Vienna is a cultural city, and it shows. In order to encourage people to use more environmentally friendly ways of travelling, it is rewarding those who travel around the city on foot, bicycle or public transport with free tickets to museums, concerts and the theatre!



The Dutch city of Utrecht is using its bus shelters to help bee populations: over 300 bus shelters now have green roofs with drought resistant plants which bees like. They also capture dust and rainwater. The bee-friendly shelters are also cared for by workers using electric vehicles.



Michelle Brenner, of Gig Harbour in Washington in the USA, made some lasagne from her grandmother's recipe after being furloughed from work, as it always made her feel better. She made too much and offered it on Facebook. One thing led to another, and now she runs a local charity making lasagne

for key workers and others in need. She used her stimulus money from the US government and fundraised money locally, and was also offered a local club house's cooking facilities. 'Lasagne Lady' has now made over 1200 portions of lasagne! She is reported in the Washington Post as saying, "I love cooking, but more importantly, I love the people I've met."

A store cupboard recipe from Mother Jo Kershaw: Summer Pudding

Although the weather may well have turned cool again by the time you read this, it's quite likely that we'll have heat to face again soon! This very traditional British pudding requires very little cooking, so it's perfect for hot weather, and it also uses the berries which are so delicious and plentiful at the moment.



You will need a deep bowl (a pudding basin is ideal, but pyrex works too!) which will hold about a litre.

Butter (to grease)

8 slices or so good quality thin sliced white bread which is beginning to go stale, crusts removed

900g mixed soft fruit (see note below)

2-3 tbsp caster sugar

3 tbsp water

Grease the bowl well, and line it with the bread, making sure you leave no gaps, and cutting a smooth edge at the top of the bowl (it may help to cut your bread so that it

tapers towards the centre of the bowl). Cut a bread lid and put to one side.

Put the fruit, sugar, and water in a saucepan and heat gently until it has come to a gentle simmer - stir as little as possible, as you don't want to crush the berries. Once the fruit begins to form a syrup, taste and add a little more sugar if necessary (if you think it's too sweet, add a squeeze of lemon juice).

Carefully pour or ladle the hot fruit into the bowl. You will probably have some syrup and possibly some fruit left over - if so, keep them for serving.

Put the lid on the pudding, then cover it with a plate and weigh it down with something heavy enough to press it down firmly - a tin will do. Put the pudding in the fridge and chill for at least six hours, preferably overnight.

When you are ready to serve, turn on to a serving plate and pour over any left-over syrup (this is useful if your pudding has any pale patches). Serve with plenty of cream.

Note on fruit: what you use is really up to you, though food writer Felicity Cloake enthuses about the gently refreshing flavour you get from a mixture of raspberries and redcurrants. If you are using strawberries, hull them, but leave them whole unless they are really huge. You could also use a bag of frozen summer or forest fruits, but there's really no need at this time of the year!

Quiz for the Week!

- 1) What is the song 'Do, Re, Mi' from the Sound of Music about?
- 2) Which song has had the longest unbroken spell at No. 1 in the UK charts?

- 3) What is the longest-running West End musical?
- 4) What happened 'The Day the Music Died'?
- 5) Which artist has had the most No. 1s in the UK singles charts?
- 6) The hymn tune 'Austria' by Joseph Haydn is better known as?
- 7) What is cat gut made of?
- 8) The 1996 comedy 'Brassed Off' is based on which West Yorkshire town's story?
- 9) Who was known as the 'March King'?
- 10) Which club did Julio Iglesias play for before an injury ended his football career?

And a bonus, as this week's theme is an easy one:

- 11) What was the last song the Titanic's band played as the ship went down?

Answers from Last Week

- 1) Where is the Alhambra? **Granada, Spain**
- 2) Name two of the Balearic Islands. **Mallorca, Ibiza, Menorca, Formentera, Cabrera, Dragonera, S'Espalmador and many smaller islets**
- 3) What is the highest point above sea level in the islands of the Atlantic? **Mount Teide on the island of Tenerife**
- 4) Who was Mary Tudor's husband? **Phillip II of Spain**
- 5) What is Europe's busiest cruise ship port? **Barcelona**
- 6) Which country has Europe's largest network of high speed railways? **Spain**
- 7) Where would you find flamenco dancing? **Spain**
- 8) Which group recorded 90s dance craze Macarena? **Los del Rio**
- 9) Which is Europe's most densely populated city? **Valencia**

10) What do you enter when you pass through the Pillars of Hercules? **The Mediterranean (or the Atlantic if you're going the other way!)**

This past week's theme was 'Spain'. Can you work out this week's?

RIP

Please remember and pray for those who have died recently whose funerals will be led by members of our clergy team.

Outwood – Marjorie Gascoigne, Andrew Kitson, Michael Georgiou, Betty Burkinshaw, Patrick Wilson

Stanley – Desmond Nunns, Revis Morris, Margaret Thickett

Wrenthorpe – John Forsythe, Dorris Harbour, Barry Broadhead

Alverthorpe – Hazel March, Stanley Ethel Parkinson, Ann Bosomworth

Bereavement Support

If you need support with a bereavement during this time, please speak to any of our clergy or join the online bereavement support group meeting through St Peter's Stanley at 10am on Wednesdays. Please contact Ellie in the Church Office if you'd like to know how to join (churchoffice@stpeters-stanley.org.uk). There is also online support: a new file has been loaded onto the benefice website under Pastoral Care - Bereavement support

called 'A Simple Reflection at home on the day of a funeral you can't attend'. It is a prayer sheet for personal use if you cannot make a funeral and want to remember the person.

Getting help with COVID-19

The current advice from the NHS if you feel ill is to stay at home. If you cannot cope with your symptoms and you're seriously ill call NHS 111. There is a local hotline for Covid-19 support. If you can't get out for things you need and you don't have any friends, family or support available within the community, help is available. Call: 0345 8 506 506 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Choose option 3 to make a request for support and help will be arranged.

Staying in touch with each other

It's hard to cope with being alone or not seeing many people for a long period of time, and everyone struggles. If you want a chat, you can call any of the vicars in this team. Leave your numbers so we can keep in touch too!

Outwood: Fr Jonathan (01924 373758/frjonathanbish@gmail.com)

Wrenthorpe: Mthr Jo (01924 373758/revdjokershaw@gmail.com)

Stanley & Alverthorpe: Rev'd Glenn (01924 218484/cogginsglenn@gmail.com)

Keeping you entertained!

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"As we go back to Church"



THESE DAYS WE DO NOT NEED HYMN BOOKS
AS ALL OF THE WORDS TO THE SONGS
CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET