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

11 October-18 October 2020

Dear all,

With the news that lockdown restrictions are going to be tightened once again in parts of the north of England, we're reminded once again that the risk of the Coronavirus has not gone away. Although we've been able to return to a lot of what we did before lockdown, it has come at a cost.

Hopefully as we go forward there will be an opportunity for thinking about what really matters in life, and what is just a nice extra, but that is not always as easy as it seems. We nearly all agree that it matters more that we keep schools open rather than pubs, but it is harder to make the choice to not see loved ones at Christmas or visit friends who we haven't seen for months.

Most of us agree that these are necessary sacrifice – and from a Christian perspective, it is a central part of our faith that we love others as ourselves. We give up the things that value if they will help save the life of another. And if you read Jesus' words, those sacrifices are not just for those we like or think of as 'neighbours'. They're also for those we don't like or find awkward. Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." The longer the pandemic goes on, the more frustrated we can become with our neighbours (and even with the people we love!). Faith brings back to us that love is a duty, rather than something we will always find easy.

But the church, hopefully, has something to offer us to help with all this. In Outwood, we're going to be running a phone pyramid in response to the possibility of increased lockdowns – please sign up, if you haven't done already!

In other parishes, there are similar arrangements, and we will all keep looking out for one another. One thing we're doing in common this autumn is our bereavement course, which will start next week – please join us either online or in person!

And stay safe everyone.

Every blessing,
Fr Jonathan

Sunday Worship

Harvest Festival (11 October)

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Luke 12.16-30

Prayer for the Day

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own
well-being;
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.

St Luke's Day (18 October)

Sunday Readings

Acts 16.6-12a

Psalm 147.1-7

2 Timothy 4.5-17

Luke 10.1-9

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine
of the gospel,
give your Church
the same love and power to heal;
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.

Returning to Church!



All our churches have now returned to Sunday worship. Each church has a service of Holy Communion at 10am, and St Anne's has a second service to accommodate everyone at 2pm on Wednesdays. Further services will be announced as we continue to transition towards a 'new normal'.

It is great to be back in church, but there are also precautions against infection. Changes include:

- We will need to socially distance
- We will not be singing to start with, though this is going to be reviewed soon
- We will not be able to share the peace with handshakes
- Priests will wear a mask and gloves to distribute communion

- Masks must be worn unless you are exempt from the requirement

We will continue to live stream the Sunday service for those not yet able to attend: in Outwood and Wrenthorpe, the service is broadcast live, while for those in Stanley and Alverthorpe, the service will appear by 2pm.

Upcoming Church Events

Outwood

Harvest Festival (in Church): 11 October at 10am
St Francis Service Animal Blessing (on the Institute Field): 11 October at 3pm
Annual Meeting: 14 October at 7:30pm (Church)

Wrenthorpe

Harvest Festival (in Church): 11 October
St Francis Service Animal Blessing (on the Outwood Church Institute Field): 11 October at 3pm
Bereavement Course: begins 15 October at 2pm

Regular events online:

All our weekday online events are hosted on Zoom, either through the benefice's website's meeting rooms, or through a meeting login. For more information about how to join and how to use Zoom, please contact us.

Sundays

- 11am Coffee Morning on Zoom for St Anne's Wrenthorpe

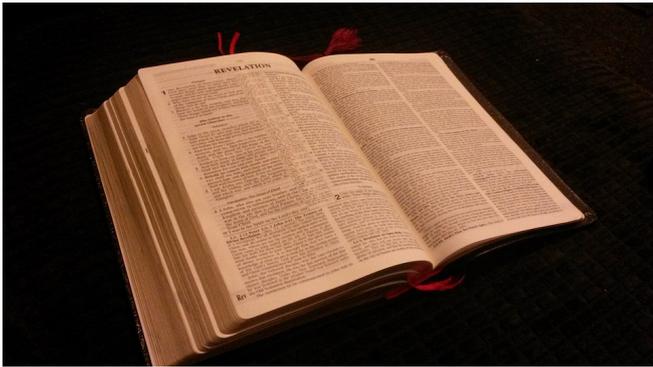
Mondays

- 10am 'Start the Week – Drop in for Chat and Prayer' on Zoom
- 7:30pm St Peter's Stanley Housegroup on Zoom

Tuesdays

- 10am Coffee Morning for St Paul's on Zoom
- 4pm Bible Study – restarts

Online Bible Study



For 18 weeks over the summer, a group from St Anne's Wrenthorpe and St Mary Magdalene's Outwood worked through the whole gospel of Mark on Zoom. We're going to be restarting the group with a smaller challenge this time: the 6 chapters of St Paul's letter to the Galatians. If you'd like to join, please get in touch with Mthr Jo or Fr Jonathan

Worship Online, on the Radio and on Television

Sunday Worship is broadcast on Radio 4 at 8:10am. Songs of Praise is broadcast on BBC1 at 1:15pm. 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: type your church's name and 'Facebook' into Google, and click on the first link. The videos should be available to view once the service has concluded

The pattern for online services is as follows:

Sundays:

- 10am Parish Mass (St Mary Magdalene Outwood)
- 10am Parish Eucharist (St Anne's Wrenthorpe)
- 10am Morning Worship (from St Peter's and St Paul's on alternate weeks)
- 5:30pm Reflection

Mondays

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (live from St Mary Magdalene's)

Tuesdays:

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 9pm Compline (St Peter's Stanley)

Wednesdays:

- 9am Morning Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)
- 9pm Sung Compline (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)

Thursdays:

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 9pm Compline (St Peter's Stanley)

Fridays

- 9pm Celtic Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

Saturdays:

- 12:30pm Midday Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)

A screenshot of the North Wakefield Benefice website. The header is red with the text 'NORTH WAKEFIELD BENEFICE' and 'The parishes of St Paul's Alverthorpe, St Anne's Wrenthorpe, St Mary Magdalene Outwood, and St Peter's Stanley. Sharing information during physical distancing'. Below the header are several service links: 'PASTORAL SUPPORT', 'WORSHIP DURING LOCKDOWN', 'CALENDAR OF EVENTS', 'CORONA VIRUS HELP', 'THE LINK', 'HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?', 'OUR CHURCHES', and 'ZOOM'. Each link has a small representative image.

You can also go to the North Wakefield Benefice page for more information about all our services and 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).

Good News from Around the World



Not exactly good news, but perhaps encouraging: Leicester has endured one of the longest lockdowns in the UK. From 29 June, the city has been subject to strict lockdown rules that have only been partly lifted. To mark 100 days of the city's endurance, the Curve Theatre set up a special laser beacon to remind people of "our brilliant city and its resilient communities."



A 400 strong ensemble of musicians stood 2 metres apart, and played for 90 seconds outside Parliament earlier this week to remind the nation of the pressures musicians find themselves under in the current emergency. The event was organised by the Let Music Live campaign, and supported by the Musicians Union. It draws attention to the fact that up to half of all freelance musicians are unable to claim support from the government's scheme for self-

employed people. The 90 seconds they played represented 20% of Holst's 'Mars' – eligible freelancers can only claim 20% of their lost income.



We're going to the Moon! Well, not quite yet, but the European Space Agency, which Britain is a partner in, will be unveiling detailed plans to support humans returning to the Moon, including crew quarters for a lunar space station, and a communication and refuelling unit for astronauts on the lunar surface. The Gateway project is a partnership between the ESA, NASA and the Japanese and Canadian space agencies.

Visiting Churches

Now we can go to church, we're not opening churches as often across the team for visits, but there are still a few hours each week when you can visit churches in the team for private prayer.

The times are as follows:

Monday 4pm-5pm St Mary Magdalene, Outwood
Tuesday 10-11:30am St Peter's Stanley
Saturday 10-12pm St Paul's Alverthorpe



Mothers' Union News: Key Workers Appeal



Want to do more than just clap for key workers? The Mothers' Union have expanded their 'Away from it All' holiday scheme that offers needy families the chance to get away to key workers' families who would otherwise not get a break this year. You can learn more about the scheme, donate, or nominate a family who need a holiday here: <https://www.mothersunion.org/thank-you-keyworker-appeal>

Mothers Union's next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 12th at 10.30am, and will take place in Outwood Parish Church, as the church is set up for social distancing.

Quiz for the Week!

What's being described, and what do they have in common?

1. These iconic red predators and scavengers are so happy in cities that one of them moved into the 72nd floor of the Shard while it was being built (it was subsequently evicted).
2. These recent returnees to the UK build elaborate homes, including 'chimneys' that help regulate the temperature. There's some evidence that their activity can help prevent flash flooding.
3. It's nicknamed the Highland Tiger, but it's actually very shy - though it has a powerful bite.
4. You can tell this animal is not a snake, despite appearances, because it can blink.
5. This fierce predator - best identified by its black-tipped tail - is not much bigger than the mice it lives off, and a good deal smaller than the rabbits it sometimes catches.
6. Born in the Sargasso Sea, it takes this creature 3 years to make it home to the UK. It's now strictly protected in the UK, but back in the Middle Ages, some people had to pay their rent with barrels of them!
7. Also known as the 'water bat', this animal hunts over water.
8. This tiny mouse-like animal, which makes tunnels in grassland, is Britain's most common mammal (there are probably 60m of them), but you're unlikely to see one unless you're very quiet and very lucky - though you might hear it rustling in the undergrowth.
9. This little fish has spikes on its back which it can raise to frighten off predators.
10. These highly social animals are amongst the most intelligent on the planet. You can see them in many places around Britain, but you have a great chance of seeing them in the Moray Firth.

Answers from the last edition:

- 1) Sometimes - if inaccurately - said to be the smallest British bird, the wren featured on what British coin? **The Farthing**
- 2) This parrot can be seen flying wild in London's parks (and in Kirkby Stephen). **Green Parakeet**
- 3) This creature is notorious for stealing underwear from washing lines - a habit even mentioned in Shakespeare! **Red Kite**
- 4) This creature was once widely believed to start life as a shellfish (it actually breeds in the

Arctic and is only a winter visitor to the UK).

Barnacle Goose

5) It's Latin name means "Northern friar," but it's sometimes called the "clown of the sea." **Puffin**

6) This mythical beast is a symbol of Liverpool.

Liver Bird

7) This bird hunts at night, but can often be seen sunbathing on fence posts or telegraph poles.

Little Owl

8) This creature used to steal the cream out of the top of milk bottles - but it lost interest when semi-skimmed milk became more popular. **Blue Tit**

9) It looks a bit like a sparrow, but this predatory bird keeps a "larder" by impaling its prey on spikes. **Red-backed Shrike**

10) Standing 130cm tall, this is the tallest British bird, and can be seen in Norfolk or Somerset.

The Crane

Last week's theme was British Birds.

A store cupboard recipe from Mother Jo Kershaw: German "Sunken Apple Cake"

Early autumn is a great time of year for apples, especially in Wrenthorpe - maybe you have some from your own garden? Even if you don't, they're easy to come by and very good.



This recipe is a very traditional German one - I learned it when I was living in Germany as a student. It's also delicious and reliable - well worth trying out. The apples end up half buried in the cake as it rises - hence the name.

Cake tin: 26cm diameter, preferably a spring-form

50g ground almonds (or hazelnuts if you can get them). If you can only get whole nuts and have a food processor, then chop them up - even if you can't get them as fine as ground, the recipe will still work.

1 unwaxed lemon

3 eating apples, not too sweet - Cox Orange or Braeburn are ideal

125g butter, softened

100g honey (or 100g golden caster sugar)

1 pinch salt

2 eggs

200g self-raising flour

2 tbsp double cream

2 tsp flaked almonds, to decorate

A little extra butter to grease the tin

Wash the lemon and zest it. Juice half the lemon.

Peel, core, and quarter the lemons. Use your knife to score lines in the curved sides of the apple, put them in a bowl, and cover them with 1 tbsp of the lemon juice. Heat the oven to Gas mark 5/ 190 C/ 170 C fan. Grease the cake tin (if you are using a loose-bottomed cake tin, line it to prevent leaks).

Using a mixer, cream together the butter, honey and salt, add the beaten eggs gradually. Once they are fully combined, continue mixing for another two minutes (if you are mixing by hand, I'm afraid you'll need to keep going a bit longer....).

Sift the flour and combine with the ground nuts and the lemon zest, and stir it and the cream into the batter. The consistency you're aiming for is one where it drops very slowly from the spoon - you might find you need to add a little extra cream.

Pour the batter into the tin and smooth the surface. Press the apple pieces lightly into the batter. Scatter with the flaked almonds.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 35-40 minutes. It is done when a toothpick can be inserted into it and comes out clean.

Allow to cool for a while in the tin, then turn it out and allow to cool fully on a cake rack.

RIP

Please remember and pray for those who have died recently whose funerals will be led by members of our clergy team, and others from the local community.

Outwood – Eric Kendall, Catherine Jane, Goodman
Stanley – Mary Clements
Wrenthorpe – Bill Roberts

Bereavement Support

Our team of churches will be running a 6 week Bereavement Course that will be starting shortly:

- There will be an online Zoom course starting on Monday 12th October from 1:30pm-3pm led by Revd Glenn Coggins. Go to <https://northwakefield.benefice.uk/> for the Zoom link (available soon).
- Or if you prefer - the same course will take place in person starting Thursday 15th October at 2pm-3:30pm at St Anne's Church, Wrenthorpe, led by Rev Jo Kershaw.

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](https://northwakefield.benefice.uk/))

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