

# THE LINK

## Keeping you in touch with Outwood, Stanley, Wrenthorpe and Alverthorpe Churches 8 November-15 November 2020

Dear all,

Once again, we find ourselves in lockdown - on the one hand, the regulations are less restrictive than those of the last, but, on the other hand, the nights are getting darker, the weather getting worse, and we are all tired and perhaps also more worried about the state of the world and our nation. I know many of us are disappointed to be back under further restrictions, including restrictions on meeting for worship.

However, as before, the lockdown is not just about us as individuals. It is about us protecting one another, by limiting the virus's opportunity to spread. It is an act of care - and a sacrifice of our liberties for the sake of the common good.

As many of you will have seen via Facebook or other channels, the Archbishops have encouraged us to use this new lockdown as an opportunity for prayer for the good of this country and the world, and an end to the pandemic. They have suggested that we make a special effort to pray at 6pm on Thursdays - perhaps you heard the bell from St Anne's? But we are encouraged to pray every day, and you will find resources for that on our Facebook page, and in the new booklet we've produced, which also contains some ideas about things you can do during lockdown to deepen your faith or help other people. If you need a paper copy, you can pick one up from church when they are open for private prayer, or get in touch with me or Fr Jonathan and we will get one to you.

In particular, I'd like to mention an idea from the Protestant Church in North Germany (EKD Nordkirche), who have asked people to hang a star in their windows during Advent as a sign of the light of hope Christ brings to the world. Perhaps we could join in - and start a little early.

In this new lockdown, it's good to be reminded of the hope Christ brings.

Love,  
Rev'd Jo

### Remembrance Sunday (8 November)

#### Sunday Readings

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16  
Psalm 70  
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end  
Matthew 25.1-13

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent (15 November)

#### Sunday Readings

Zephaniah 1.7,12-end  
Psalm 90.1-11  
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11  
Matthew 25.14-30

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God  
and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear  
in power and great glory  
we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he 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. We will also distribute a short order of service for Sundays via email and paper copies will go to those not online. 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.

### **Upcoming Church Events**

#### **Outwood**

PCC Meeting: 2 December at 7:30pm (on Zoom)

#### **Wrenthorpe**

Bereavement Course: every Thursday at 2pm in church

Annual Meeting: 11 November at 7:30pm (on Zoom)

#### **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

### **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 Holy Communion (from St Peter's and St Paul's on alternate weeks)
- 5:30pm Reflection

#### **Mondays**

- 9am Iona Morning prayer
- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (live from St Mary Magdalene's)

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### **Wednesdays:**

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

#### **Thursdays:**

- 5:30pm Evening Prayer (St Mary Magdalene's and St Anne's)
- 6pm Prayer for the Nation (St Mary Magdalene's)
- 9pm Iona Evening Prayer (St Peter's Stanley)

#### **Fridays**

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

#### **Saturdays:**

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

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## Good News from Around the World



Disaster was narrowly averted in the Netherlands after a train failed to brake, crashed through the buffers, careered off the end of the elevated track, and was only saved from plunging 10m (32 ft) into deep water because it landed on a sculpture of a whale's tail. The incident happened in Spijkenisse, near Rotterdam. The driver, the only person on the train, escaped unhurt. Artist Martin Struijs said he was amazed his work, "The Whale Tails" stood up to the impact, as the sculpture is made of plastic and nearly twenty years old, but that he was really happy it had saved the driver's life.

Getting the train off the sculpture is posing something of a puzzle for the railway authorities - but meanwhile, the local council has renamed the art "Saved By The Whale's Tail."



There's one American election you may not have heard about: Rabbit Hash, Kentucky has a tradition of electing animals as their mayor. This week they just elected Wilbur, a six-month old French bulldog. Mayor Wilbur likes being patted, but we don't know what his opinions are on Brexit yet.

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).

### Prayer for the Nation



The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York have encouraged Christians up and down the country to make November a month of prayer for the nation. They have asked Christians to make Thursdays a day of fasting and prayer, and to ring their church bells at 6pm and pray in church buildings.

Two of our congregation at St Mary Magdalene Outwood, Peter and Beverley Beaumont, have very kindly offered to say prayers in church which will be streamed live to our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/outwoodparishchurch](http://www.facebook.com/outwoodparishchurch)) every Thursday at 6pm starting tonight until the end of lockdown. Please join us at home for these prayers - you may want to light candles, ring bells or put out a cross to pray with.



*Imogen Papworth-Heidel is an 11 year old footballer from Cambridgeshire. In April she decided to do one 'Keepy-Uppy' for each of the UK's key workers. She quickly realised that she wouldn't manage 7.1 million by herself, but many footballers and others responded. She completed her last 3,000 at Cambridge United's Abbey Stadium. Imogen has raised over £11,000 for 9 charities, and we hope she enjoys a rest after all that exercise.*

### Visiting Churches



As churches are closed for public worship, it is important that they can still be open for private prayer, so we have increased the number of times during the week when it is possible to visit church during lockdown.

The times are as follows:

Monday 4pm-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 1-3pm St Anne's Wrenthorpe

### Wrenthorpe & Kirkhamgate Food Bank



As well as supporting our local Covid-19 Assist Group by hosting their food bank in the St Anne's Church Hall, we're now going to be having a regular collection box for the food bank in both St Anne's and St Mary Magdalene's churches. 72% of families with children who depend on foodbanks are in work, and the need for support is growing, especially in the current Covid-19 restrictions. Please bring non-perishable food and toiletries to church when you are able to, and the boxes will be taken to the food bank as they fill up!

### 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 are unable to meet for their November meeting due to lockdown, but will return to meeting once public worship is permitted in churches again.

### **Recycled Greeting Cards**

Maureen Wood from St Anne's Wrenthorpe writes: I am pleased to let you know that the following contributions have been made as a result of the sale of recycled cards:

£50 to Mental Health in Young People in memory of a student at York University who took his own life.

£150 to Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice.

£75 to Emma's Memorial Fund.

I am always in need of used birthday cards to be able to continue this worthwhile job. They can be left on my doorstep or I will collect. If you wish to purchase any cards, I can bring them to you or you can pick them up from my home. Please ring 01924 306489, and collect from 61 The Mount, Wrenthorpe.

### **A store cupboard recipe from Mother Jo Kershaw: Butternut Squash Soup**

Autumn is a good time of year for soups, especially on those cold, damp days. It's also a time of year when squashes are in season - the shops are full of butternut squashes, but these aren't always the easiest vegetables to prepare, either in terms of bringing out their flavour, or in terms of the hard work of chopping them. This clever recipe for butternut squash soup keeps the chopping to the minimum - once it's roasted, you scoop out the flesh. This is a vegetarian dish - which means it might also come in handy if you're joining in with the Archbishops' call for days of fasting and prayer.

Tip for halving a butternut squash: slice off a small portion of the "bulb" so that the squash sits flat on the chopping board and doesn't roll. Then, using your heaviest, sharpest knife, cut it in half lengthwise.

1 large butternut squash  
2 carrots, peeled and diced  
1 onion, peeled and cut into wedges  
Olive oil for greasing and drizzling  
1 tsp salt (or to taste)

Black pepper to taste  
1/2 tsp Worcester sauce (or Henderson's, if you are vegetarian!)  
700 ml vegetable stock (if you are not vegetarian or having a meat-free day, you can use chicken)  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
Optional: 125ml single cream or creme fraiche.

Preheat the oven to gas mark 6/ 200 C/ 400 F, and grease a roasting tin.

Carefully cut the butternut squash in two lengthwise (see above), and scoop out the seeds.

Place the other vegetables in the roasting tin and toss them with some oil; then add the butternut squash halves and drizzle the cut side well with oil.

Roast for 50 minutes, or until the squash's flesh is tender and cooked through (i.e. you can poke a fork in with little resistance). Allow to cool until you can handle it safely.

Scoop out the flesh of the squash and add it, with all the other ingredients except the cream, to a large pan. Using a stick blender, blend till smooth (if you have a jug blender, blend it that way and then transfer to the pan).

Cook on a medium heat for ten minutes, to allow the flavours to come together. Taste and check seasoning, and add a little more stock if you think the soup is too thick.

Serve, with a swirl of cream or creme fraiche, if you like.

Note: If you are worried about chopping the butternut squash in half, you can still cook this recipe using the bags of pre-cut squash, but you will need to reduce the roasting time - try 30 minutes in the first instance.

### **Social Event and Quiz for St Anne's**

Hello everyone,

Sandy and Nicholas have been discussing the idea of a St. Anne's (Zoom) monthly quiz to help us through the winter months. We're looking at a Wednesday evening, 7-7.30pm, for about an hour. For those unable to Zoom we could perhaps send the quiz electronically or post through



doors so people feel included. Your feedback would be much appreciated.

Thanks,  
Sandy & Nicholas.

### **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 – Ian Booth, Leonard Jones  
Stanley – Mary Clements  
Wrenthorpe – Geoffrey Tallett

### **Bereavement Support**

Our team of churches are running a 6 week Bereavement Course:

- There is 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. A second session will begin later this month.
- Or if you prefer - the same course meets in person on Thursdays 15th October at 2pm-3:30pm at St Anne's Church, Wrenthorpe, led by Rev Jo Kershaw. It

continues to meet in person in lockdown, as Covid-19 regulations allow for support groups to meet.

### **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.

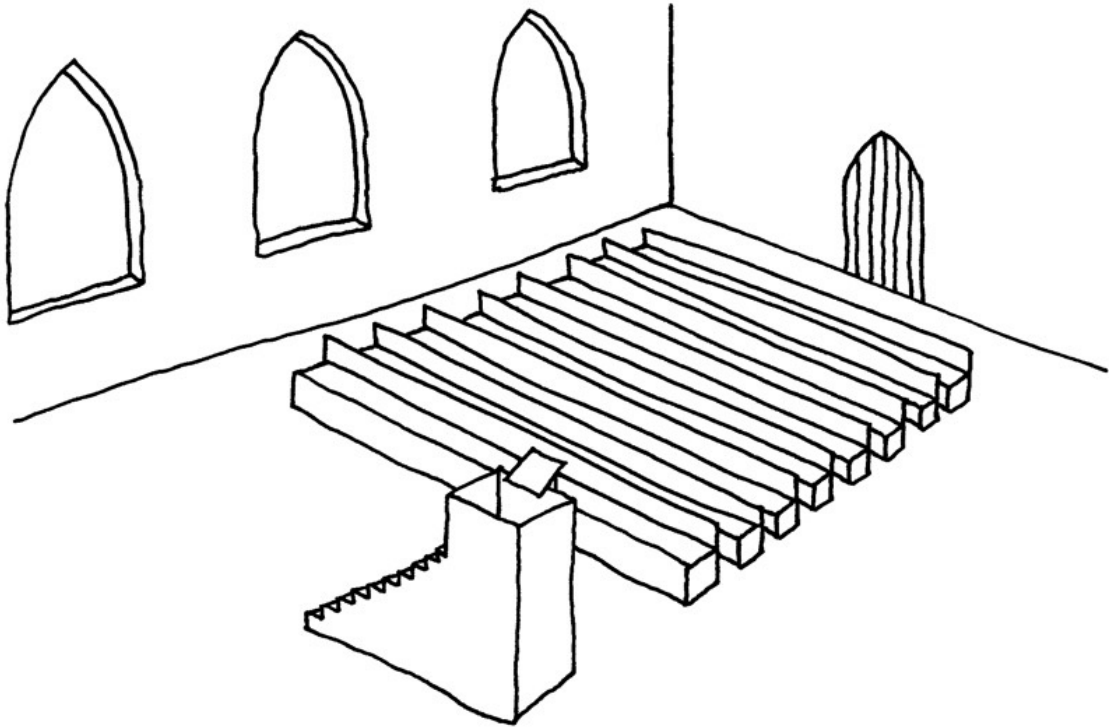
### **Staying in touch with each other**

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/  
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Wrenthorpe: Mthr Jo (01924 373758/  
[revdjokershaw@gmail.com](mailto:revdjokershaw@gmail.com))  
Stanley & Alverthorpe: Rev'd Glenn (01924  
[218484/cogginsglenn@gmail.com](mailto:218484/cogginsglenn@gmail.com))

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*The Church is Empty*

THE CHURCH IS EMPTY



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FOOD BANK



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PRESCRIPTIONS



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ONLINE WORSHIP



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