

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## December 2012

### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**10.00am** Christmas J Team –  
Christmas activity morning for children aged  
5-11. Everyone welcome.

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December **Advent 1**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion (Goosey)  
**9.45 am** Just Come (Stanford)  
**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**2.00 pm** Stanford School Foundation Stage and  
Key Stage One Christmas Performance  
**3.00 pm** Time for God

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**5.30 pm** Stanford School Foundation Stage and  
Key Stage One Christmas Performance

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**2.30 pm** Songs of Praise at the Grange

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**5.00 pm** Lighting of the Tree in St Denys  
Church Churchyard, followed by  
the singing of Carols and hot  
refreshments.

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December **Advent 2**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion (Hatford)  
**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford) when  
**The Rt. Reverend Andrew Proud,**  
**Bishop of Reading will be visiting.**

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**2.00pm and 6.30pm** Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5  
Christmas Performance

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30 am** Holy Communion  
**6.30pm** Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5  
Christmas Performance

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December **Advent 3**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion (Stanford)  
**10.15am** Family Service (Stanford)  
**6.00pm** **Carol by Candlelight**  
**at Hatford**

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**6.30 pm** Meet at Church to go Carol Singing in  
the Village. Everyone welcome.

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**9.30am** **Stanford School Carol Service**

**2.30 pm** Holy Communion at the Grange

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**5.00pm** **Carol by Candlelight**  
**at Goosey**

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December **Advent 4**

**9.45 am** Just Come (Stanford)

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

**6.00 pm** **Carols by Candlelight**  
**at Stanford**

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Eve**

**6.00pm** **Crib Service at Stanford**

**10.00pm** **Holy Communion at Stanford**

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day**

**8.30am** **Holy Communion at Hatford**

**9.00am** **Holy Communion at Goosey**

**10.15 am** **Family Communion at**  
**Stanford**

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December

**9.45 am** Just Come

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January **Epiphany**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion (Goosey)

**9.45 am** Just Come (Stanford)

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Our new Priest-in-Charge**, appointed at the end of  
October, is **The Reverend Paul Eddy**, currently Curate in  
the parish of St John's, Grove. Paul, his wife, Verity, and  
their children will be moving to Stanford in January. **His**  
**appointment will take effect on 28<sup>th</sup> January at the**  
**Licensing Service in St Denys' Church.**

#### **Bishop's Visit**

**The Rt. Reverend Andrew Proud, Bishop of Reading,**  
will be visiting us for the first time on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**December.** He will be preaching at the 10.15 service at  
St Denys. Everyone is welcome. There will be an  
opportunity to meet him informally over a cup of coffee  
after the service. Young children may join in their own  
worship and activities at St Denys Kids.

**Family Service** - This is an informal, non-communion, service of all-age worship held at 10.15 on the third Sunday every month. It usually lasts for about 45 minutes and ends with an opportunity to chat and meet people over a cup of coffee. Families with children are especially welcome.

**St. Denys Kids** each Sunday during term time, except when Family Service, where during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall. Contact 718784

**Open House** On most Saturdays St Denys' Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. No charge. Do pop in. You'll find a warm and friendly welcome. This is a good time to talk to discuss weddings, thanksgivings and baptisms with one of the churchwardens.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of  
**Florence "Florrie" Rogers**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Aged 93 years**

### WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

**Assistant (part-time) Curate –**

The Revd. Angela Gosden 01488 73996

**Wardens**

Margaret Williams 710254

Peter Gill 718224

**Licensed Lay Ministers**

Mrs Jill Smith 710473

Mr Peter Stallabrass 710135

**Verger**

Mrs Susan Mayall

### Thanks

#### June Bambury

Stuart, Jo, Vicky, Haydon and family thank sincerely everyone for their kind thoughts and sympathy at this difficult time. June was given a wonderful send off, with standing room only at the back of the crematorium. She made many friends in her 30 odd years in Stanford, starting with those she met whilst working for House & Sons, and her sunny smile will be missed by all those who knew her. A wonderful donation of over £900 was sent to Helen and Douglas House Hospice. Thanks again.

## Southmoor and Stanford Children's Centre

**Come and join us for.....**

**Bumps & Beyond**

9.30am –11am

Every Monday at Southmoor Children's Centre

**Stay and Learn**

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Every Monday at Stanford in the Vale - Small Hall

**Stay and Learn**

9:30am - 11:00am

Every Wednesday at Southmoor children Centre

**Bumps and Beyond**

9:30 - 11:00am

Every Friday at Stanford in the Vale - small children

We welcome all families from the village and surrounding area to come and join us, meet new people and play alongside their child/ren.

We look forward to meeting you.

## Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts in shoeboxes to this appeal. 64 boxes were collected from Stanford School and 35 from the Church. Most of the boxes will be transported to Swaziland in South Africa to be given out to the children there. Thank you.

### SITV Pre-school

## Christmas Refreshments

*-followed by-*

## Annual General Meeting

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012**

**8.00pm**

*At, SITV Pre-school next to the village hall*

**FREE ENTRY, WITH COMPLIMENTARY WINE AND NIBBLES**

## Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

### Christmas Bingo

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Doors open at 7 for Eyes-down at 7.30pm

Bar and Raffle

Contact: J Greenwood 01367 710578

## **CRAFT & GIFT FAIR**

on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

at Stanford-in-the-Vale Village Hall

from 2pm to 4pm

A range of Christmas gift ideas including many  
handcrafted items

Also raffle and tombola.

**All proceeds to buy pillows for the  
wards of the John Radcliffe Hospital**

## **Stanford Art Group**

**Monday 10th December 2012 at 7.15pm**

**Stanford- in-the-Vale Village Hall**

Paper Sculpture workshop led by Mike Riggs  
Bring white/coloured paper, glue, cutting tool and  
mat. All welcome, visitors £3 for more info 01367  
710754

## **STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, at Stanford Village  
Hall, Small Hall  
Start time 7:45 p.m.

FESTIVE EVENING with historical flavour

Small charge towards cost of refreshments  
Festive raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367  
710285

## You are invited to an **ADVENT QUIET DAY**

on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012

at The Vicarage, Buckland

from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

**Take some time out with God  
to prepare for Christmas**

Coffee will be served from 9.45 am,  
a simple lunch will be provided

and the day will finish with tea at 3.45 pm

To book please contact Joy Hance on 01367 870618 or  
email: [joysmail@talk21.com](mailto:joysmail@talk21.com) by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

## **STANFORD IN THE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **CHRISTMAS BINGO**

**@ STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**DOORS OPEN 7.00PM**

**EYES DOWN 7.30PM**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**Enquiries Claire 01367 710321**

## **U3A**

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

Faringdon & District U3A

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

Paul Mayhew-Archer " Dibley, Donkey and  
Two Pints of Lager "

Further information from Sylvia Bowley  
(Chairman) 01367 241296

[www.FaringdonU3A.org.uk](http://www.FaringdonU3A.org.uk)

## **STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

**will meet** will meet at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the  
**19th December**

## **Stanford In The Vale Gardening Club**

There will be no meeting in December.

The next meeting will be in January. The speaker is  
to be announced. Further information: Contact  
Rosemary Packer, tel. 710445

## *ALL SAINTS GOOSEY*



## *CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT*

*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER at 5 p.m.*

*MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES*

*Bring your torches!*

## December - Stanford Pre-school News

So far this term the children have enjoyed making small fire work pictures to take home and a large firework picture that everyone took part in - flicking paint was great fun and very messy :o) The children enjoyed dressing up for Children in Need. They also coloured in some Pudsey bears and enjoyed decorating spotty cakes to raise money for this charity.

We have also decorated Rangoli patterns as we learnt about Diwali and are learning about Thanksgiving too following a parental request. Then will follow weeks of glittery fun - Christmas cards, decorations and Christmas cookie time! The children will also be walking to the PO to post cards they have made to their families. We also look forward to learning about Hannukah and to having a visit to the church to hear the Christmas story.

We wish all our children, parents and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



We are the School Council of Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School. Please read our school report below.

### Sunflower Class

We have been thinking about being healthy! We have had the nurse in to teach us how to wash our hands properly and we used a machine to show us where dirt may stick to our hands after washing them.

### Snowdrop Class

We have been doing lots of reading about Biff, Chip and Kipper. We have also been using the bars in Gymnastics.

### Buttercup Class

We are learning about The Wild Things. We have been making hats out of different types of paper. We also have done a dance to Wild Thing.

### Bluebell Class

We have visited Fitzwaryn School to go into their Sensory Theatre. It was very exciting. We also went through their Sensory Trail.

### Poppy Class

Year 4 have been learning about Roald Dahl. We went on a trip to Cadbury World based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

### Orchid Class

We have been cooking lots of delicious Moroccan food like Cous Cous. We have used lots of different ingredients and flavours found in Moroccan food.

### Forget-me-not Class

In Year 6 we went to PGL in Liddington. We did many activities, it was amazing. The children who did not go to PGL did a massive project on the Rainforest.

### Dates for your diary:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2pm and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm:** Our Key Stage One Christmas play and carols will be held at St Denys' Church.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm/6:30pm and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm:** Our Key Stage Two Christmas play will be held at St Denys' Church.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Please join us for a Carol Service at St Denys' Church at 9:30am.

Thank you for reading our report.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

### **STANFORD DRAMA GROUP DATE FOR THE DIARY**

Our 2013 Pantomime - 'Robin Hood and his not that Merry Maids' - will take place on the **31st January and 1st, 2nd February**. Put the date in your diary now!

To include items in January's newsletter please send to [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com) or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

Closing date: **18<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you.