

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## March 2013

### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

7.00pm Compline

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March *Lent 3*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

2.30pm Holy Communion at the Grange

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

2.30 pm Stanford School Mother's Day Service

7.00pm Compline

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March *Mothering Sunday*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Stanford)

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm Compline

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March *Lent 5*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Family Service (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Goosey)

7.00pm Service of music and readings for Lent and Passion Tide (Stanford)

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

7.00pm Compline

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March *Palm Sunday*

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Stanford)

### HOLY WEEK

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

7.00 pm Compline

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

7.00 pm Compline

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

7.00 pm Compline

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March *Maundy Thursday*

9.30 am Stanford School Easter Service

7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Supper  
and Informal Communion in Church

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March *Good Friday*

10.00 am Family Service (Stanford)

2.00 pm The Last Hour (Goosey)

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March *Easter Sunday*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

9.00 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Family Communion (Stanford)

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

3.00 pm Time4God (Stanford)

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

2.30pm Holy Communion at the Grange

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April *Easter 2*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**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 Revd Eddy.

### WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

#### Priest-in-Charge

The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

#### 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

Dear Parishioners

Thank you so much for the very warm welcome Verity, the children and I have received to the Village. The numerous cards (and cakes!) dropped off to the Vicarage, as well as the large attendance at my Licensing Service on February 19<sup>th</sup> by villagers and members of the congregation have meant a great deal. My sincere thanks to you all.

It's looking like my first official month here as your Vicar will be full of variety. With five weddings at the church this Spring/Summer, and a Renewal of Wedding Vows, it will be a great joy to meet these couples, to prepare for their services, and in due course, to meet so many village families. Every Tuesday I shall be spending lunchtime/afternoon at the village school (including taking the Collective Worship), as well as spending time each week with our more senior citizens at The Grange.

After meeting various individuals and groups within the church, and various community leaders, I shall be starting my door to door visitation around the parish. From the positive feedback I have received from people saying they'd like me to 'call in', I suspect my timescale of visiting every home within the first few months may get extended a bit – but if that means meeting more people, getting to hear their stories, and being able to share why I am a Christian, why I believe God called me to be Vicar here, and something of His love for people, then that's great.

I very much look forward to meeting you. Do stop me in the street and say 'hello', or feel free to drop in any Saturday morning at St Deny's for our 'Open House', or call me at the Vicarage on 01367 710267.

Yours

Paul

Revd Paul Eddy (Priest in Charge)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Rogue Trader Warning.

Oxfordshire Trading Standards Doorstep Crime Team is appealing for information on a Solar Panel company who have been cold calling in the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse area.

The company are believed to be targeting elderly and vulnerable residents. Residents have been sold panels that are not approved and not necessary and told they can get money back from selling excess electricity to the grid.

To get money back from the government scheme, the panels must be installed by an approved MCS installer and a certificate supplied. (MCS Micro generation Certification Scheme)

Aggressive sales tactics have been used and some residents have been escorted to the bank to obtain funds to pay for the panels. The company has been reported operating in the Didcot, Wallingford, Wantage, Blewbury, Wootton, Letcombe Regis, Stanford in the Vale and Kennington areas.

If you have been the victim of cold callers or know of any elderly or vulnerable neighbours who have been sold unnecessary solar panels, please contact the Trading Standards Doorstep Crime Team on 0845 051 0845, option 2 or email [trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@oxfordshire.gov.uk) If you are interested in solar panels but want to be sure that you are using a reputable supplier approved by Trading Standards then call them on 0845 051 0845, or use the Which Magazine Local Supplier guide at [www.local.which.co.uk](http://www.local.which.co.uk).

Steve Munday

SITV Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

01367 710152

### Stanford in the Vale Scarecrow Trail

You've probably noticed the Scarecrow Trail during the summer or maybe you've even taken part. The scarecrow trail has been organised for the past few years by the school fundraising committee.

Unfortunately due to other commitments we will not be holding this event again and wondered if any other organisation/individual from the village wanted to take this annual project on?

The school fundraising committee would be happy to pass on our expertise/paperwork from previous years. If interested please speak to Karen on 718677, or contact the school.

### "Join in the fun at our RACE NIGHT"

Stanford in the Vale Primary School Hall

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

£10 ticket (inc meal) Adults only

Doors open 7.15p.m. 1st race 7.45p.m.

Bar and Raffle available

Tickets and more info from Karen 07730987677  
or the School Office

### Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is on  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 - 7.30 pm**  
**In the Large Village Hall**  
(Note new venue!)  
All Villagers welcome

### Stanford Art Group

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**At 7.15pm In the Village Hall.**  
Critique, Bring along a couple of paintings  
you would like to discuss.  
All welcome, visitors £3.  
For more info 01367 710754

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

Tuesday, **12<sup>th</sup> March,**  
at Stanford Village Hall, Small Hall  
Start time **7:45 p.m.**

#### DEBORAH HAYTER MA will be talking on "LOST VILLAGES OF OXFORDSHIRE"

Deborah is a local historian of merit who  
lives in Charlton near Banbury.  
Her examples will be from the northern  
part of 'old' Oxfordshire.  
Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)  
Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

### Stanford Drama Group

#### Summer Production 2013

(July 11th –13th)

Auditions to be held on:

**Tuesday 12th March at 8.00pm to 10.00pm**  
at Stanford Village Hall

#### COME AND JOIN US!

**Acting • Set Building • Scenery Painting**  
**Wardrobe • Make up • Directing • Stage**  
**Management**

We are currently auditioning for this Summer's  
production and are looking for budding actors  
and behind the scenes production crew to join us. If you  
feel you have any talents you can offer  
the group we would love you to join us.

Anyone interested in finding out more can contact

Yvonne Child ON 01367 710400 OR John Smith ON 01367 710494

### THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Faringdon & District U3A

**Thursday 14th March 2013**

2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

Carl Boardman, MA, former County Archivist, will talk  
on "Foul Deeds and Suspicious Deaths around  
Oxfordshire from the Middle Ages to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century"  
Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)

01367 241296

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

### CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Can you spare an hour or two  
to help with a variety of jobs  
in the Churchyard?

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Just turn up any time from **9.30am** onwards  
Your contribution will be most welcome and it  
will help keep the churchyard in good order  
for the benefit of the whole village.

Margaret Grant

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Fairtrade Stall**

**10am – Noon St Denys Church**

We have a wide range of goods available; from chocolate  
treats, to tea and sugar, dried fruit, rice and olive oil - all fairly  
traded. If we don't have what you're looking for, we can order  
other Fairtrade products, and can also take regular orders;  
contact Zoë Williams [zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com) tel: 710705

### Stanford in the Vale

#### Allotment Holders Meeting

A reminder that this meeting will take place  
on **Monday March 18th 2013**  
**at 8 pm at the Horse and Jockey.**

Hope to see you there.

### STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Subject: Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 23rd March**

**SuperHome Open Day 10am-2pm**

**4 St Denys Close, Stanford in the Vale**

SuperHomes are older homes that have been  
refurbished for greater comfort, lower bills, and reduced  
emissions (93% less in this case). Come and find out  
about the technologies and also the challenges involved.

Refills will be available (shampoo, laundry liquid,  
washing up liquid etc) - bring an empty bottle to fill.

For details visit: [superhomes.org.uk/138](http://superhomes.org.uk/138)

or call Pat or Zoë on 710705

### Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

#### Grand Quiz Night

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

£12 per team of 4 if prior notice given.

Or £16.00 at the door, both including ploughman's

Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm

Bar and raffle

Contact: J. Greenwood 01367 710578

**W.I. JUMBLE SALE**  
**Saturday 23rd March**  
**2.0 p.m. - 3.30p.m.- The Village Hall**  
Raffle and Refreshments  
Admission Free



**Stanford In The Vale Gardening Club**  
**The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at**  
**7.30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**  
Speaker: Mike Brown on 'The History of the Clematis'  
The competition will be 'my favourite Clematis'.  
Refreshments and raffle. Visitors £2.00  
Further information: Rosemary Packer, tel. 710445

### **March - Stanford Pre-school News**

This month we will be thinking about our Mothers and sowing them a special gift. This will enable children to practice fine motor physical skills. For Easter we will make Papier Mache eggs - a great tactile activity also developing physical skills. Developing children's gross motor and fine motor skills enables them to have the physical skills to learn how to write. Using a pencil is not easy! We hope to get lots of produce started this term in our growing garden for snack and to sell for seeds and resources next year. The children have been asked what they want to grow and we look forward to watching their plants grow and develop. Once again we will be celebrating World Maths Day on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. We will also be having two special role-play weeks to fit in with children's current interests, a Castle role-play and a Pirate role-play - Ahoy there Matey's! You may have noticed that someone has thrown a rock through our glass door. The police have been called and the rock taken away for forensics but if you have any information regarding this incident please phone: 718696 - Thank you We are very lucky to be so supported in the community, so as a thank-you we have started up a 'Community Star' on the website. This will allow us to let everyone know how people in the community have helped us and also give us an opportunity to publicly thank them. This webpage will be updated monthly/termly so please have a look on [www.stanfordpreschool.org](http://www.stanfordpreschool.org).

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

#### **Stanford's Got Talent**

Well done to everyone who took part in Stanford's Got Talent. We were entertained by an evening of singing, dancing, gymnastics, magic, jokes and much more. It was a very impressive performance.

#### **Bluebell Class at Sevington**

As part of our topic on Victorian Children, we experienced a day at a real Victorian school. We dressed up in Victorian clothes, had lessons based on the three R's and had a traditional style lunch of bread, cheese and an apple. The boys made bees wax candles and the girls made lavender bags.

#### **Poppy Class visit an air raid shelter.**

Year 4 had the chance to visit an air raid shelter in the village. We had a guest speaker to tell us all about it. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

#### **The Sweet Shack**

Every Friday at 3pm, children run a sweet shack from the Key Stage 2 playground. We sell lots of sweets as well as some healthier treats. Children help with the ordering, selling and counting up the money at the end of the day.

#### **Sharing Assembly**

On 7<sup>th</sup> February we had our second Sharing Assembly of the year. Sunflower Class shared their work on the Chinese New Year, Snowdrop Class quizzed us on owls, Buttercup Class shared their art work and knowledge of colour mixing, Bluebell Class shared their playground clapping games, Poppy Class performed 'Run Rabbit, Run', Orchid Class entertained us with their Gymnastics and Forget-me-not Class taught us about first aid.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Race Night.** Tickets cost £10 each which include a meal of fish and chips. Please phone the school for tickets.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Please join us at St Denys' Church at 2.30pm for our Mother's Day Service.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Our Easter Service. Please join us for our celebration at St Denys' Church at 9.30am.

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in March'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> March 2013** Thank you.