

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## September 2013

### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September Trinity 14

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
- 9.55 am Informal Worship
- 10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

- 3.00 pm Time for God

#### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

- 2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

#### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

- 2.00 pm Wedding

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)
- 9.55 am Informal Worship
- 10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
- 7.00 pm Word and Spirit Evening

#### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

- 10.30 am Holy Communion

#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

- 3.00 pm Marriage Blessing

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16

##### Harvest Festival at All Saints, Goosey

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
- 10.15 am All Age Service (Stanford)
- 6.00 pm Harvest Festival Evening Prayer (Goosey)
- 7.00pm Stanford Prom

A concert featuring the Church Choir, the Christmas Orchestra, St Denys Handbell Ringers and solo items

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

- 2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

#### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

- 1.00 pm Wedding

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Trinity 17

##### Harvest Festival at St George's, Hatford

- 9.55 am Informal Worship
- 10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
- 6.00 pm Harvest Festival Evening Prayer (Hatford)

#### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

- 10.30 am Holy Communion

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

- 2.30 pm Stanford School Harvest Festival Service

#### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

- 2.00pm Memorial Service for Bridget Whyte

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 17

##### St Denys Harvest Festival, Stanford

##### Back to Church Sunday

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
- 10.15 am Harvest Festival Morning Worship

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 18

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
- 9.55 am Informal Worship
- 10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**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

**All Age 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.

##### **Oasis Drop-In**

A new initiative by St Denys Church to support families. **From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, then every Monday after the school drop off; mums, dads and grandparents are welcome to drop into church for coffee, cake and to relax after the weekend. Coffee served 9.15-11.00am. Come and go as you please - come as a group if mums or on your own

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Marriage Service

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Bethia Stevenson and Jonathan Paul

### WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

<b>Vicar</b>	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
<b>Assistant (part-time) Curate –</b>		
The Revd. Angela Gosden	01488 73996	
<b>Wardens</b>		
Margaret Williams	710254	
Peter Gill	718224	
<b>Licensed Lay Ministers</b>		
Mrs Jill Smith	710473	
Mr Peter Stallabrass	710135	
<b>Verger</b>		
Mrs Susan Mayall		

#### The Vicar Writes ....

Well, after the very cold winter, at least we had some good sun this summer, which has been a great backdrop for the many weddings we've had at St Denys Church, which continue most Saturday's this month.

September has a sort of 'New Start' feel to it, whether you base your calendar with the school timetables, or were just able to get a few days or weeks away over the summer. For the members of the Congregations at St Denys, All Saints and St George, this autumn is an important time. We shall be embarking upon a **Mission Action Planning** process where we will look carefully at where we are as a parish church, and through prayer and discussion, seek to hear what God is saying to us and where He wants to take us as a church over the coming 5 years. So for us, we are at the 'start of a new start' in the life of the Church here in the parish.

We will be looking at issues like how we serve the community more effectively, how to make our services more relevant and welcoming, how we can support members of the congregation better, how we can each develop our own prayer life and become better disciples of Jesus – and much more! It will be a time to look back and to give thanks to God, and to seek His guidance and direction for the future. In the October Parish Newsletter, I will be asking for **your help** in the process. Enclosed with the October Newsletter will be a simple Parish Questionnaire, asking for your views on the needs of the parish to help us to continue to discern how best we can help those most in need in our communities and to listen to you, the parishioners, as well as to God and to each other. I hope that you will take the opportunity next month to make your views known!

Finally, on **Sunday 29 September**, 10.15am, at St Denys Church we shall be holding our annual **Harvest Service**. If you used to go to church but haven't been for many years, or are thinking about faith, or have questions about faith and life, maybe this service will be a start in **your 'new start'**. The service will be for All Ages, less than one hour in length, and refreshments will be serviced afterwards. **Do come and join us if you can.**

Yours *Paul*

**Revd Paul Eddy**      Vicar

### STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

#### **Your Panto Needs You!**

Come and join us for some Autumn/Winter fun.

When we start back, after our summer break, we will be planning our annual pantomime and would warmly welcome any new members. (The more the merrier – but you must be 12 or over). The larger the cast the more fun we can generate and the more script options we can consider.

Pantos are a wonderful way of trying out your acting skills because there are so many different parts – good, bad, funny, silly, evil, brave, cowardly etc. – not to mention just being part of a crowd scene. There is something for everyone so come and see if anything suits you.

We shall look forward to seeing you at the **Village Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.00pm**. If you want more information 'phone 710400.

**The next Parish Council Meeting  
Is on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm  
In the Small Village Hall  
All Villagers welcome**

### STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL HORTICULTURAL SHOW

**Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>**

CLASSES FOR FLORAL ART, FLOWERS, FRUIT,  
VEGETABLES, DOMESTIC

AND HANDICRAFT - PLUS CHILDREN'S CLASSES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 2.15pm

RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS etc. PRODUCE

AUCTION AT 4.30pm

SCHEDULES AND ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM:

JOHN SMITH, 5 NEVILLE WAY, STANFORD IN THE VALE  
(TEL.: 710494)

### Stanford Art Group

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**At 7.15pm In the Small Village Hall**

Talk and workshop led by Elizabeth Boyd

"The Language of Colour"

All welcome visitors £3

for more info 01367 710754

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

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September,**

**at Stanford Village Hall, Small Hall**

**Start time 7:45 p.m.**

GRAHAM CARTER, of the Alfred Williams Heritage Society, will be talking on "THE LIFE AND WORKS OF ALFRED WILLIAMS". Alfred Williams (1877-1930) was born and spent much of his life in the western part of the Vale of White Horse. As a younger man he worked on a steam hammer at the GWR works in Swindon. In spite of poor health and little money, he became a poet, author, and folk song collector. Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris,  
01367 710285

## IN NEED OF FUEL?

### TOP UP SPIRITUALLY AT THE STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE FILLING STATION!

What is a Filling Station?

A new informal way of expressing the Christian faith. Using local mid-week monthly celebrations in unusual venues to support and strengthen our local Churches.



Where and When:

The Vine, Mill Farm,  
Faringdon Road,  
Stanford in the Vale,  
Oxon SN7 8NP.

11<sup>th</sup> September 2013,  
7.30pm to 9.00pm

Doors open from 7.00pm  
for coffee and cake.

For more information visit the website or contact me directly:

[www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk) or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

We are having a tea party and bake sale in aid of the...



Please come along and support this personal, very worthy and under-funded cause.

Enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake and also maybe buy some cakes to take home with you.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September@ Stanford in the Vale village hall from 1.30 till 4 pm

Any questions please call Nina on 01367 718454

### STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.  
on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September

Subject: A History of Pinewood Studio's  
Speaker: Mike Payne

### Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday September 25th 2013**

in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The speaker will be Val Bourne on the 'Natural Gardener'. Val is a writer for the Daily Telegraph and various magazines.

The competition will be 'An organic tip'.

Refreshments and a raffle.

Visitors are very welcome for a small entry fee.

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

Also there are some places still available for the day trip to David Austin Nurseries. Further information from Suellen Pedley tel. 01367 710680

### 'BIG KNIT' for AGE UK

AGE UK - BIG KNIT reminder to all those who are knitting mini bobble hats for the Age UK winter Warmth campaign. Completed hats have to be in by the 24th September.

I will be having a collection afternoon, with a cup of tea and a cake, at **16 Hunters Field on Friday 20th, ( 2.00 - 4.00pm)**, but if you can't make it and want me to deliver your contributions to Head Office, in Abingdon, please let me have them by Sunday 22nd September.

Thank you to everyone who is taking part .

Jan Age UK Local Link 01367 710724

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Fairtrade stall**

**St Denys Church**

**10 a.m. - Noon**

featuring goods from The Mustard Seed, Faringdon.

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 Traidcraft products, and can also take regular orders;  
contact Zoë Williams on 710705

### THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Faringdon & District U3A

**Thursday 26th September 2013**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE  
2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE FARINGDON**

"Crosswords and Butterflies".

A talk by Val Fare who works on the Daily Telegraph Crossword.

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)  
01367 241296

[Faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com](http://Faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com)

**Saturday and Sunday 28th /29th September,  
STANFORD ART GROUP** are exhibiting with

Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Artsist

at the **Art & Craft Exhibition**

at Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor.

Open 12 Noon to 6 pm, Admission £1 Children Free

Refreshments available - plus a raffle.



## CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

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

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 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

*St. Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale*  
*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30 pm*

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

**"Home & Away"**

**Clara Rodrigue — piano**

Music from Latin America and Venezuela, Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, piano works by Oxfordshire composer Lionel Sainsbury, and Liszt's B minor piano sonata

Admission by programme £10.00  
from Stanford in the Vale Co-op,  
by reservation on 01367 718420,  
[DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com),  
or at the door

### **September – Stanford Pre-school News**

Welcome to all our new families joining us at Pre-school, we look forward to working with children and their parents over the coming year.

Most of this term will be spent getting to know the children, assessing their levels and helping them to settle in and make new friends. We will be concentrating on numbers and colours through a vehicle and dinosaur week. The children will develop a common current interest in dinosaurs through stories and information books. During vehicle week we will be learning about what different types of occupations drive the different types of vehicles.

The children will also be topping pizza's and cooking them to take home, celebrating Sukkot - a Jewish festival, and working in the growing garden. Towards the end of the term we will go on Listening walks as part of our phonics program and collect leaves to make leaf paintings as we learn about Autumn.

The committee would like to invite all families old, new and future to our 1st coffee morning of the year on Monday 16th in the small village hall from 9.15-11am. Come in and say hello

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

**Welcome to all the new children joining us in**

**September!** On the 4<sup>th</sup> September we will be welcoming a class of new children into our Foundation Stage class. We hope that they are all excited after spending a few days with us in July. We will also be welcoming new children into other classes throughout the school. We can't wait to see everyone and get started with the new term!

**Next Year**

We are looking forward to the beginning of a successful year and we can't wait to start our exciting new topics. This is what we will be learning about:

**Sunflower Class:** Our topic will be 'Magnificent Marvellous Me' and we will be thinking about ourselves, our families and friends.

**Snowdrop Class:** Our topic will be 'Cats'. We will be working together to raise money to give towards endangered Bengal tigers.

**Buttercup Class:** Our topic will be 'Pirates'. We are looking forward to our Pirates day and performing a puppet show.

**Bluebell Class:** Our topic will be 'Roald Dahl' and we will be creating a biography of Roald Dahl's life and visiting a chocolate factory!

**Poppy Class:** Our topic will be 'Castaway' and we can't wait to visit to seaside and the oceanarium.

**Orchid Class:** Our topic will be 'Life Undercover'. We will be learning about rainforests around the world and making animal mobiles.

**Forget-me-Not:** Our topic will be 'World War II' and we will be visiting a real example of a bomb shelter. We are also looking forward to our PGL residential trip!

**Diary Dates**

**Please join us for our Harvest Service at St. Denys' Church on 27th September at 2.30pm.**

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in October'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> September 2013** Thank you

