

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## January 2014

### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

*\* with the exception of the All Age Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month, all 1015am services start with a time of informal worship from 955-1010am.*

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)  
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

2.45 pm Time for God (Stanford)

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)  
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
10.15 am All Age Service with Baptism (Stanford)  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Goosey)

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

10.15 am Parish Communion with Baptism (Stanford)

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)  
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

### From the Registers

#### Wedding

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Hugo BISHOP and Emma BLACKSHAW

#### Funeral Service

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
Pat WILLIAMS  
Huntersfield  
Aged 77 years

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Phillip LEIGHFIELD  
Van Diemens  
Aged 77 years

#### Funeral Service at the Crematorium

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Olive TAYLOR  
The Grange Nursing Home  
Aged 103 years

#### Thanksgiving for the birth of a child

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Tessa GRANITO

#### Baptism

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Esmay Jane DEW

**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.

**Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings** - please contact the Vicar on 710267.

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

**All Age Service** This is an informal, non-communion, service of all-age worship held at 10.15 on the third Sunday every month.

**Oasis** Monday mornings, during term time, do drop into St Denys Church between 9.00 and 10.30am for more coffee and tea, bacon butties and chat. A time to relax and catch up after the weekend.

### 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

As we start a New Year, I wonder how you are feeling?

For some, I know, 2013 was a difficult year for all sorts of family and financial reasons and they are just glad 2013 is over. For others in the village, I know 2014 is a year of 'new starts', with children expected, or new business ventures about to be launched.

As a church community, 2014 is an exciting year for us too: we have completed several months of work on a Mission Action Plan, helping us to focus on where we believe God wants the church to be in 5 years' time. We are also currently working with Architects on plans for a Reordering Scheme of St Denys which will make it far more useable for a wide range of village and community events, and have a new kitchen and the all-important toilet facility! More about that in future newsletters.

But however you feel about 2014, we are assured in the Bible that God walks with us through our ups and downs. The Poem *Footprints* shares quite beautifully how we can have faith in God throughout our lives, and I repeat it below for you to read and reflect upon as you look back at 2013, and look forward to 2014.

With my prayers and best wishes for 2014.

Yours *Paul* Revd Paul Eddy **Vicar**

### Footprints In The Sand

One night I had a dream...

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; One belonged to me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in my life. This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.

*"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way; But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only*

*one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you the most, you should leave me."*

The Lord replied: *"My precious, precious child. I love you, and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

### Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU from

#### STANFORD IN THE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

To everyone who attended our Christmas Bingo.

It was an extremely successful event that would not be possible without the generous prize donations and help provided on the night.

Thanks to you all and a Happy New Year

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make the **Christmas Gift Fayre, held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Hall**, a great success. Continuing the support given to RDA (The Riding for the Disabled Association), Abingdon branch, started earlier this year by the Horse and Jockey, we were able to make a donation of £150.00, which, at this time of year will help with their never ending feed costs!

Thank you, one and all.

Sue Galsworthy and 'The Team'

### THE PORTWELL ANGEL

Faringdon Market Place  
ARTIST OF THE MONTH

**Yvonne Robinson**

(collage artist and printmaker)  
will be exhibiting from

**6 January to 3 February 2014**

Large and small original pieces, many at reduced prices

email: [yvonnerobinson@clara.co.uk](mailto:yvonnerobinson@clara.co.uk)

### 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.

8<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
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

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

Faringdon & District U3A

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

Timothy Walker, Director of Oxford Botanic

Gardens will answer the question

"What have plants ever done for us ?

Further information from Sylvia Bowley

(Chairman) 01367 241296

Faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

**Stanford Art Group**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

meeting in Stanford Village Hall at 7.15pm.

Demo by Laurie Ward "Landscape in Acrylic"

All welcome, visitors £3.

For more info 01367 710754

**Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Stanford in the Vale and District Local History  
Society meeting in the Village Hall's Small Hall.**

START TIME: 7:45 p.m

Speaker: LIZ WOOLEY

Topic: "THE RAILWAY CAME LATE TO  
OXFORD".

Liz is from the Oxfordshire Local History

Association and is an Oxford resident

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367  
710285

**STANFORD IN THE VALE**

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014

for a

**Swishing Evening by Soo Cook**

**The next Parish Council Meeting**

**Is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**7.30pm in the Small Village Hall**

All Villagers welcome

(Please note the change of date

for this month only)

*St. Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale*

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 pm*

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

**"Spanish Strings: A Fiesta"**

**The Jubilee Ensemble**

David Pedder – classical guitar

Duos, quartets & quintets by

Albeniz, Boccherini, Granados, Ravel, Sarasate...

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

**Sunday 26 January, 6pm at St Denys**

**Stanford Music-makers**

A good opportunity for sharing music and performing in front  
of others, for all levels from beginners up! If you would like to  
be involved, please contact Joy Hindson on 718552 or

[joy\\_hindson@hotmail.com](mailto:joy_hindson@hotmail.com)

**Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club**

The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The speaker will be Robert Longstaff on 'Growing vegetables  
in small spaces and containers.'

There will be no competition Refreshments and a raffle

The annual subscription of £10.00 will be due on that

evening .Visitors are welcome for a small entry fee.

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 71044

Advance Notice

**STANFORD DRAMA GROUP Present**

**RED RIDING HOOD**

*By Bob Hammond*

At **STANFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

**(matinee at 2.30pm on the Saturday)**

Like many young girls, Red Riding Hood is looking for some  
excitement in her life, and, a handsome young man to sweep  
her off her feet. The exciting life is not quite as she expects,  
though, as it involves a Wolf who is tired of eating chickens  
and is looking for something a little more succulent, an  
outrageous Granny who is suffering from unrequited love  
and a number of very clever chickens who 'have a plan'.  
Tom, the tongue-tied woodsman, tries to fulfil the romantic  
role but seems unable to capture Red Riding Hoods  
attention.

This great Family Panto provides a lot of fun, a good dose of  
slapstick and plenty of audience participation so don't miss  
it.

**Tickets £6/£4 concessions available from:-  
The Vogue Hairdressers or 01367 710400.**

## **Kingdom Come**

with Roy Godwin Of Ffald y Brenin

Roy Godwin is co-author of

### ***The Grace Outpouring.***

a captivating account of the spiritually-unexpected unfolding of the tangible presence of God at the Welsh retreat centre, Ffald-y-Brenin.

**An evening of worship and the Word**

**Wednesday, 12th February 7.30 pm,**

**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall,**

**refreshments from 7.00 pm,**

**No charge, but a collection will be taken**



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

#### **The Magical Christmas Jigsaw**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December Year 3, 4 and 5 performed their Christmas play, 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'. The children sang beautifully and spoke loudly and clearly. The costumes were also fabulous. The play was about 5 friends who were given a jigsaw by a market seller. The jigsaw then magically retold the story of the first Christmas. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

#### **The Raggedy King**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 performed 'The Raggedy King'. The children worked really hard to learn their lines and songs. Some children even sang some brilliant solos! The play told the story of the First Christmas from the Shepherds and the Wise Men. The audience thought the play was fantastic!

#### **Jack and the Beanstalk**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school had a trip to the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon to watch the Panto! It was a fantastic day out and made us all feel very Christmassy!

#### **Christmas Lunch**

We were very lucky as on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December we had a Christmas Lunch! We had turkey and all the trimmings. The staff acted as our waiters and we listened to Christmas music.

#### **Next Term**

We are already looking forward to next term! Here are our topics: Sunflower Class' topic is Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus, Snowdrop Class will be looking at Magical Creatures, Buttercup Class will be finding out about Australia, Bluebell Class' topic is Survival in the Jungle, Poppy Class' topic will be Lights Camera Action, Orchid Class will be becoming Spy Kids and Forget-me-Not Class will be finding out How the World Works.

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

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Open Morning.** Please join us between 9.30am and 11.30am in school to see what we are up to in our lessons.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Stanford's Got Talent.** This year's performance will be at 6pm in the school hall.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** Please join us in our school hall for our second Sharing Assembly of the year. The assembly starts at 2.15pm.

Thank you for reading our report.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very happy New Year

To include items in January's newsletter please send to **jmwarren32@btinternet.com** or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

Closing date: **18<sup>th</sup> January 2014** Thank you

#### **January - Stanford Pre-school News**

A warm welcome to the new families joining us this term, we look forward to working with you. It's set to be a cold winter and we're hoping for some snow for the children to enjoy!

This month we shall be learning about special dates along with days and months of the year through making calendars. This should lead to some interesting discussions - all our activities are designed to meet children's learning and development needs and interests. Last term the children voted on the cooking activity to make in January and between chocolate cookies and fairy cakes the cakes won the vote! We shall also be celebrating Chinese New Year, which is the year of the Horse. Children will make Chinese based crafts; learn about another culture and how children live in China as well as trying some rice at snack time. If anyone has a horse they could bring for the children to pat and learn about we would love to hear from you! (Pre-school: 718696)

If you would like to join us after Easter please contact us at: [manager@stanfordpreschool.com](mailto:manager@stanfordpreschool.com) or check us out and what we've been doing on:

[www.stanfordpreschool.org](http://www.stanfordpreschool.org)

[A huge thanks to everybody who came and supported our Christmas Craft Fair. The event raised a massive £834 pounds which included a sizable donation from Judi Checketts from her mini photo shoots on the day. Following this we received a charitable donation from "Infineum" for £500 which brings the total to £1334. A heartfelt thanks to everybody and a Merry Christmas.](#)