

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



February 2014

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

* with the exception of the All Age Service on the 3rd Sunday in the month, all 10.15am services start with a time of informal worship from 9.55-10.10am.

Sunday 2nd February

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

Tuesday 4th February

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

Thursday 5th February

2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 9th February 4th before Lent

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
7.00 pm Word and Spirit Service

Wednesday 12th February

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 16th February 3rd before Lent

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

Thursday 22nd February

2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 23rd February 2nd before Lent

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 26th February

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 2nd March Sunday before Lent

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

From the Registers

Memorial Service
Thursday 9th January
Alfred (Sam) MOFFATT

Funeral Service
Thursday 23rd January
Stanley RIGGS

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.

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 FREE coffee and tea, bacon butties and chat. A time to relax and catch up after the weekend.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	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 Stallabross	710135
Verger		
	Mrs Susan Mayall	

THE VICAR WRITES

As a church we are always seeking ways to serve our local community. From our involvement with **Chatterbox** to **Community lunches**, to the **Open House** Drop-in on Saturday mornings, to our **pastoral care visiting** on a weekly basis and our **Oasis** on Monday mornings for busy mums and dads.

Last month we started another **Marriage Course** to support those in relationships to have a sort of MOT and as with previous courses, this has been greatly appreciated. We

hope in due course to look at areas like **Parenting Courses** for those who want encouragement and support and to offer a more formal **Bereavement Support Team**.

One issue which has come up recently in the parish as a concern amongst parents is **Internet safety** for children, both in terms of access via the web to all sorts of images, and, access to people via social media. A number of parent have been concerned to bring themselves up to date with technology as it advances at such a speed and , how they can help keep their children safe and talk to them about this issues in a non-confrontational way.

There are a number of charities with experts in this area who offer training and information events for groups of people. If there was sufficient interest in the village I would be very happy to organise a night and invite an expert along to advise all those of us who, as parents, are very concerned.

If you are interested in such an event, please can I ask you to email me at paul@pauleddy.org or call me on 710267 with your name and contacts and I will be in touch.

Yours Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

Thank You

Friends of Stanford School

A big thank you to everyone who supported our first ever Winter Wonderland. Father Christmas and the ice rink were both very popular and after the hire of the ice rink, we made a profit of £551.15. The money is being put towards improvements to the outside play equipment.

Stanford Village Hall Management Committee News

A big thank you to Mrs Gill Iles who retired from being caretaker of the Village Hall at the end of December. She began as the Hall cleaner when it opened in 1983 and later took over extra responsibilities and became the caretaker. All through this 30 years service Gill has been very dedicated and helped to keep the Hall in the excellent state it is today. At a thank you reception attended by past members of the Village Hall Management Committee Gill and Chick were presented with a wooden garden seat as a token of our appreciation.

Mrs Haley Noble has now taken over as the Hall cleaner.

Another big **thank you** to all who came to the Christmas Bingo at the beginning of December where nearly £ 600.00 was raised for the Hall funds. The success of the event would not be possible without the generous prize donations from local businesses and people, plus the help provided on the night.

Anyone wishing to hire the Village Hall should contact Angie Rolls – 01367 718112

I would like to say thank you to all past and present Village Hall Committee members for Wednesday 8th January. Gill

Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan

In October last year, a meeting was called in the Village Hall to discuss the numerous housing development issues facing our Village.

Over 200 people attended with the majority concerned about the scale of current developments being proposed. This could result in nearly 200 new homes being built in the village!!

We are all aware of the stated requirement for more houses to be built, to accommodate the country's changing housing needs. However, our village appears to be a target for developers primarily because of the house building targets not being met in the Vale. There is a very real danger that, despite the unsuitability of these developments being identified by our community, the Parish Council and the District Council, other more distant authorities will still approve these schemes on appeal.

One of the options presented, which enables communities to have a say on the developments in their communities, was the concept of a Neighbourhood Plan. This legal document would establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in our neighbourhood, such as where new properties should be built, their use, what they should look like, etc.

It should allow us to specify the right type of development for Stanford, However it must conform to the housing and other development needs specified by Local and Central Government.

Whilst our Plan cannot prohibit further developments it will allow our voices to be heard a little louder, therefore, the majority of those present agreed we should prepare one for Stanford.

The Parish Council, acting on this, have made application to the Vale of the White Horse District Council stating we will be producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish.

A Steering Committee has been formed and two meetings held. Good progress has been made: a constitution drawn up, specific roles identified and allocated, a draft vision statement prepared, reviews of previous housing surveys undertaken, etc. Altogether a very promising start. However there is much still to be done!

As the Plan progresses the aim is to involve as many of you as possible in its development. You will ultimately have the final say as it will be subject to a referendum, it will only be submitted if it is approved by the majority of you.

We hope you will support the activities to produce the Neighbourhood Plan and the goal to make Stanford a better place to live, work and play. Thank you

Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

RED RIDING HOOD

Have you got your tickets yet?
If not, call in at The Vogue before they all go!

**6th, 7th, 8th February
Stanford Village Hall**

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start
Matinee on Saturday 2.30pm
Don't miss this fun, family pantomime.
(More details can be found on Village website)
Tickets: £6/£4 concessions
Further enquiries 01367 710400

Nicola Blackwood MP for Oxford West & Abingdon will give a talk on local issues at **Shellingford Village Hall Friday 7th February, doors open at 7.30pm.** Tickets £15.00 to include hot supper and welcome drink from the Stanford, Hatford, Goosey and Shellingford Conservative Branch. Please apply to Carol Griffin, Ashdown House, Church Green, Stanford in the Vale, SN7 8HU. Tel. 01367 718090, email: g818griffin@armymail.mod.uk. Cheques payable to WCCA. Please apply early.
Non-members welcome!

**Stanford Art Group
Monday 10th February 2014
Stanford Village Hall at 7.15pm.**

Come along and enjoy a glass of wine. Join in the fun of the Turn-Up competition.
Support the group in making decisions which will help the group move forward.
Visitors free. For more info 01367 710754

**Friends of Stanford School
Bags 2 School**

We are collecting unwanted clothes and shoes, to raise funds for Stanford school.
Please drop off any bags of unwanted clothes to the school office on **Tuesday 11th February** between 3.30pm - 7pm, ready for collection on Wednesday 12th Feb at 9am. Thank you.

Stanford Volunteer Taxi Service

A reminder that Sue Ward is the organiser the Volunteer Taxi Service so if you need transport for a medical appointment please phone her on **01367 710255**

There is always a need for more volunteer drivers.
Maybe you could help with this too.

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

Tuesday, 11th February, at Stanford Village Hall,
Small Hall Start time **7:45 p.m.**

There will be a short AGM before our talk.

Speaker: JOHN TRAVIS

Title: A FAMILY LOST AND FOUND

Our Chairman's illustrated talk tells how his family history research has unravelled a mystery and revealed a fascinating story.

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 71028

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. There have been visions of Jesus, angelic messengers, multiple miracles and a steady stream of non-believers seeking to understand the encounter with God that they experience as they venture near the site. Come and be inspired by Roy's passion to see local houses of prayer established in every town and village across

the UK... churches filled with Christians who want to bless each other... who want to pray, then stand back and watch God at work, changing lives before their very eyes

An evening of worship and the Word
Wednesday, 12th February 7.30 pm,
Stanford in the Vale village Hall SN7 8LX,
refreshments from 7.00 pm,
No charge, but a collection will be taken

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Faringdon & District U3A

Thursday 13th February

2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

Bernie Tidmarsh will talk about his life
as a working Farrier

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)

01367 241296

Faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

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

Closing date: **18th February 2014** Thank you

Saturday 15th February

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 Traidcraft products, and can also take regular orders.

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

**will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.
on Wednesday 19th February 2014**

Subject: Hilarious Hats

Speaker: Alex Stanbrook

Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting
will be on **Wednesday 26th February 2014**
in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The speaker will be a representative of
Bampton Nurseries.

The competition will be a photograph of
'Trees in winter.'

Refreshments and a raffle

Visitors are welcome for a small entry fee.

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

Advance Notice

Friends of Stanford School

Quiz night with a curry - Friday 21st March,

at Stanford in the Vale Primary School

Doors open 7pm. Quiz starts 7.45pm

Max team size 6

Licensed bar

Tickets £10 per person, includes food.

Available from the school office 01367 710474 or

Eva Geekie on 07936488998

Everyone welcome

February - Stanford Pre-school News

This term we have been busy making and icing our cakes, which all the children have thoroughly enjoyed! The children have also made their calendars, marking down special dates and learning how to count off days to look forward to a future date. We have had several offers for help with celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Horse. We will be visiting horses in their field, having a horse visit us and learning about what horses need through the loan of horse equipment. We are so

grateful for all your help to enable us to give the children a bit more knowledge about horses.

There have been some staffing changes at pre-school and we'd like to welcome Natasha and Katie to the team. They have settled in well and will begin training with us in a few weeks time. We have also had four new families join us this term and we welcome you all too and look forward to working with you. Pre-school is all about partnership and working with parents to ensure that children's learning and development progress well, and we really appreciate all the lovely support we get from our parents without whom our Outstanding pre-school would not be possible - thank you



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

Sunflower Class

Our topic this term is Bumpus, Jumpus, Dinosaurumpus. We will be finding out about fossils and maps. We will also be visiting the National History Museum in Oxford.

Snowdrop Class

We are learning about Magical Creatures. We will be making clay models and finding out about the Loch Ness Monster.

Buttercup Class

We are finding out all about Australia. We are looking forward to making bean bags and doing some Aboriginal art.

Bluebell Class

Our topic is Survival in the Jungle. We are most looking forward to our survival day and finding out about fierce animals.

Poppy Class

In Poppy Class, our topic is Lights, Camera, Action. Some of our topic will be a surprise but we will be having an Oscars Day!

Orchid Class

Our topic is Spy Kids. We will be investigating and making spy gadgets in Design and Technology.

Forget-me-Not

Our topic is How the World Works. We are looking forward to lots of scientific investigations and having scientists come into school.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 14th 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.

