

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



February 2015

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

** with the exception of the Morning Worship on the 3rd Sunday in the month, all 1015am services start with a time of informal worship from 955-1010am.*

Sunday 1st February Epiphany 4

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

Tuesday 3rd February

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

Thursday 5th February

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 8th February Epiphany 5

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

Wednesday 11th February

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 15th February Sunday before Lent

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

Thursday 19th February

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 22nd February Lent 1

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 1st March Lent 2

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

From the Registers

Funeral Service

Friday 23rd January

Sylvia Riggs

Baptism

Sunday 25th January

Benji O'Donnell

Open House On most Saturdays St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. 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.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Peter Gill	718224
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

The Vicar writes

Dear Parishioners

When I arrived in Stanford in 2013 I soon discovered how important the churchyard is to very many families. Many local families, I know, have generations buried there and graves provide an opportunity for people to gather and remember, and to be connected to family past and present.

I soon discovered, however, that on current usage the churchyard would, like in so many other village churchyards across the country, soon be full. Last year I served Notice on the Stanford Parish Council that I believed as from mid to late 2016, the churchyard would no longer have space for new graves, and that burials would only be able to take place as an addition to an existing family grave.

The Stanford Parish Council is currently engaged in finding suitable ongoing provision for burials, as is their legal obligation, once a churchyard is full. However, at present, there are only 14 new grave spaces left, plus any which are legally reserved by Faculty. This raises the obvious question as to who will be given the opportunity to use them.

The Church of England's nation and historic legal position is that those who live in a parish, or die in one, have the legal right to be buried in a churchyard providing there is room. Those who are on the Electoral Roll of a church but who live outside also have legal rights. Any other request – including those living outside but who might have a previous connection with the parish - is at the sole discretion of the Incumbent, ie, the Vicar.

With space running out, from mid-way through last year I had to apply the national rule that only those living in, or dying in the parish could take one of the available graves. Last year I had to disappoint four families with previous connections to the parish and last month, had to disappoint another family. I can assure you this is not something any vicar wants to do, especially to families going through such a difficult time. I therefore thought it best to make the policy more publicly known to save any sudden disappointment.

The only fair way is to have a consistent policy based on residency, otherwise there is the grey area of how long a person lived in the parish, when they moved out, why they moved (nursing home etc), whether they have any

other family graves in the churchyard - and a whole variety of other connections. Trying to differentiate fairly and consistently between all that, as I am sure you will appreciate, would be a minefield. Whatever decision I made would offend someone. Therefore, the decision to be consistent by 'residency at the time of death' is the only option that I can go with as it is fair to everyone.

That said, we have plenty of room left for the Burial of Ashes. These can be interred in a family grave, or on the Ashes area to the North side of the church. Ashes cannot be scattered in a churchyard, only interred underground. In due course we hope to develop the Ashes area into a Garden of Remembrance which will create a nicer, more dignified area for families to visit.

I appreciate that some of this will be a disappointment to many people, but in rural villages a higher proportion of people prefer burial to cremation and so full churchyards are becoming a regular occurrence. I hope that before long we shall know where the new cemetery for Stanford will be and once it is consecrated and opened; it too will provide a space to lay our loved ones to rest in peace.

With my kind regards

Yours Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

Thank You

A big thank you from Brandan BC and Macmillan Cancer Support

As a fair amount of you know I have recently done a sponsored head shave to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in the memory of my Grandad who passed away due to prostate cancer in the summer holidays last year. In total I raised a whopping **£750** on top of what we had already raised at my Grandads' wake (**£1400**). My initial target was £600 so a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me, also I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Kerrie Taylor who made an incredible donation of £90. As I am an explorer scout, I will be handing the money over to Macmillan during one of the Thursday evening meets - a date yet to be confirmed. If anybody else would like to support this excellent and well deserving cause, you still have an opportunity so please dig deep. To donate please go to www.justgiving.com/Brandan-BC

Lunch Club

at 'The Hideaway, Sandy Lane, Hatford'

Every Thursday, 11.00 – 3.00

Transport can be arranged.

£6.00 for Home cooked food + activities

Contact Mrs Emily Norton – 01367 870665

New Houses

for Rent and Shared Ownership

If you are interested in **renting or shared ownership** on the New Development on Faringdon Road please read on. Your parish council has been talking with Stonewater, the housing association who have purchased 28 houses of which 21 are for rent and 7 for shared ownership. If you are looking to rent you should

already be on the **District Councils Housing waiting list** - **01235 520202**.

For Shared Ownership and Intermediate Rent you should contact "**Help to Buy South**". The web site- www.help_tobuysouth.co.uk or ring 08456 041102 and register. If you need any further information please contact Peter Gill- Parish Councillor cpgill46@gmail.com or 01367 718224

**The next Parish Council Meeting
Is on Wednesday 4th February 2015
7.30pm in the Small Village Hall
All Villagers welcome**

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 hall on **Tuesday 10th February** between 3.00pm - 7pm or **Wednesday 11th February** 7.30 to 8.50 am. Thank you.

STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

Proudly present

ALADDIN by James Barry

A traditional British Panto with jokes, slapstick and magic. Aladdin falls in love with Princess Jasmine but needs to find a fortune to convince her father of the match. He strikes lucky with the aid of a magic lamp and a genie, but also has to contend with the evil Abanazer, his brother Wishee-Washee, who needs lessons on how to get a girlfriend, and the unpredictable policeman, Flung Dung, who has a team of invisible Ninjas!

Stanford Village Hall

**Thurs 5th Feb – Sat 7th Feb at 7.30pm with a
Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.**

TICKETS: £6 / £4 concessions available from

Stanford Post Office or by phone on 710400

Doors open at 7.00pm so come along early for a pre-performance drink

Stanford Volunteer Taxi Service

A reminder that Sue Ward is the organiser of the Volunteer Taxi Service, so if you live in Stanford, Hatford and Goosey and 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.

St. Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale
Saturday 7th February 2015 at 7.30 pm

MUSIC IN THE VALE PRESENTS

"Jazz in the Vale"

Alice Zawadzki – vocals, violin
Alex Roth – guitar, Peter Lee – piano/synthesiser,
Tom McCredie – bass, Jon Scott – drums
Music from the debut album "China Lane"
– a compelling collection of modern fairytale songs
reflecting both jazz and classical backgrounds
Admission by programme £12.00
from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street,
Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476
by reservation on 01367 718420
email DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com,
or at the door

SOUTHMOOR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

MONDAY - Sensory Play – 10.00-11.30am and
Sensory Play (Parent Led) – 2.00pm – 3.30pm –both at
Southmoor Children's Centre

Stay & Learn – 1.00-2.30pm at Stanford Village Hall

WEDNESDAY - Stay & Learn – 10.00-11.30am at
Southmoor Children's Centre

THURSDAY - Parent Led Drop In – 9.15-11.30am at
Southmoor Children's Centre For further details please
contact Sandra Stevens on 01865 820751

email sandra.stevens@actionforchildren.org.uk or call in
at Southmoor Children's Centre, Laurel Drive,
Southmoor, OX13 5DJ

Monday 9th February 2015

**Stanford Art Group are meeting
in the Village Small Hall at 7.15pm**

AGM Please come and join us and voice
your ideas for the future of our Art Group
Refreshments provided. All very welcome.
Visitors £4. For more info 01367 710754

U3A

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Faringdon & District U3A

Thursday 12th February at 2.30

CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

"Putting Faringdon on the Map: From Gough to
Google" The speaker is John Leighfield who is a
director of "Getmapping", the U.K.'s leading supplier
of aerial photography and mapping products.

Further information from

Sylvia Bowley (Chairman) 01367 241296
faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday, **10th February**, in Stanford Small
Village Hall Start time **7:45 p.m.**

Our talk will follow a short AGM

Title: STANFORD'S HISTORY - PIECING
TOGETHER THE JIGSAW

Speaker: LAWRENCE WARD

Lawrence is the Society's Archivist and Librarian and will
talk about the many and varied sources of information that he
has been combining to investigate and describe the village's
development and characters. 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 February 2015
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 or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

Saturday 14th 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; contact Zoë Williams

zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com

tel: 710705

STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

will meet in the Village Hall at

7.30p.m on the 18th February 2015

when Frances Benton will give a talk
on "A Passion for Pearls"

Visitors are always welcome:£3 charge to non-members

Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club

Wednesday 25th February 2015

in the Large Village Hall at **7.30pm**

The speaker will be Patricia Elkington on
"The Harmonious Garden".

Refreshments and a Raffle Visitors £3.00

Further information from

Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

Advance Notices



Stanford Music-makers

Sunday 1 March

6pm-7.30pm at St Denys Church

Do you play an instrument or sing? After a wonderful evening of music last July, we are organising another evening of music at St Denys, where people of all ages can perform a piece/song that they have prepared - soloists or groups welcome. 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

F.O.S.S Eater Egg Trail - 9th March – 13th April.



Walk around the village with friends and family finding all the Easter eggs, write down the letter you find on them and then come up with a sentence relating to Easter.

Prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Map and form available to buy for a £1.00 from The School, Vets and The Huddle.

All proceeds to Stanford in the Vale Primary school

Stanford Summer Festival

Saturday June 13th and Sunday June 14th

Advance preparations - As you spring clean in the house have you any toys, books or bric- a- brac items that we could sell at the Festival?

These could be stored in the PCC shed.

Also, as you grow any seedlings could you bring on a few more for the plant stall?

Contact: Janet 710789

February - Stanford Pre-school News

The children have settled back into Pre-School after the Christmas break. We welcome 7 new families to the Pre-School this term; we hope they enjoy their time with us.

We have been looking at 'Snow and Ice' as our topic. We have made icy spider web pictures and spiders inspired by the book 'Aaaagggghhhh Spider!!' We have been playing with Polar animals in fake snow, and looking at books all about the North and South Pole.

Our next topic will be 'Music makers', we will be listening to lots of different styles of music and making our own musical instruments. We are hoping our Mums and Dads will come in and listen to us when we play our instruments in our band. We also have some local musicians coming in to play to us.

We are the School Council of Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School. Please read our school report below. We are all really enjoying our new topic for this term. We have all written a little piece to explain what we will be learning about in the Spring term.

Sunflower Class

This term we will be learning about 'Mythical Madness'. We will be doing lots of work linked to The Little Red Hen and other stories. We will do lots of drama and we will design a map for Little Red Riding Hood.

Snowdrop Class

Our topic is 'What's inside?' We can't wait to find out about animal bodies and the insides of trees and plants.

Buttercup Class

Our topic is 'full Steam Ahead'. We are learning about trains and we will be going to a museum. We want to find out how trains work and how fast they can go.

Bluebell Class

Year 3 are 'Stranded on a Desert Island'. We are looking forward to our trip to Bournemouth and visiting the aquarium.

Poppy Class

Year 4 are going on an 'Island Adventure'. We want to find out how pirates got their names and we want to know about cannon balls. We are also looking forward to our trip to the beach.

Orchid Class

Year 5's topic is 'All Around Europe'. We are looking forward to the science work and finding amazing facts about different countries. We are also looking forward to doing some story writing.

Forget-me-Not Class

We will be learning about the 'The Awesome Aztecs and the Wonderful World'. We have already found out about the Spanish conquest and the fall of civilisation. We will also be doing lots of Geography work on Europe and the Americas.

Diary Dates

Friday 13th February: Please join us in the school hall for our Sharing Assembly at 2.15pm.

Friday 13th March: Please join us at St Denys' Church for our Mothers' Day service at 2.30pm.

Thank you for reading our report

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 2015**