

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



January 2016

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

* All 1015am services start with a time of informal worship from 955-1010am.

Sunday 3rd January Epiphany

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

Tuesday 5th January

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

Sunday 10th January Baptism of Christ

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

Wednesday 13th January

10.30 am Holy Communion

Thursday 14th January

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 17th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

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

Sunday 24th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 27th January

Lee Abbey Mission team arrive to work in the Village

Thursday 28th January

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 31st January Presentation of Christ

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 6th February Sunday before Lent

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

From the Registers
Funeral Service
Wednesday 30th December
John Packer

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, where during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall.

Need someone to talk to?

Do contact the Vicar if you have any concerns or worries and just need someone to talk to – 01367 710267.

E mail: paul@pauleddy.org

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

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

Vicar writes:

As we start this New Year, as a church we are delighted that a team from Lee Abbey will be joining us at the end of the month.

Lee Abbey is an International Christian Community based in North Devon and each year, small teams work with churches across the country in community activities to share something of the Christian faith.

From Wednesday 27 to Sunday 31 January, between 8-10 Community Members will be in the village, working with us to put on events to benefit young families, and others. During the day, small teams will be taking assemblies and lessons in the village primary school, and then hosting events to which you are all invited.

On Thursday 28th, some of the team will visit The Grange, whilst others will lead a small service in church. In the evening, there are two events, a Men's Night at the Horse and Jockey Pub, and a Desserts Evening for the ladies, held at the school.

On Friday 29th, we hope lots of villagers will come as our guests to a special (and FREE) Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall from 2-30-4pm.

Then **on Saturday 30th**, from 10-12, families in the village are invited to come to the Village Hall for a 'Messy Church'. A fun, craft-based time for all the family, complete with bacon butties and pastries!

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At 6.30pm that evening, the Lee Abbey Team, who are comprised of various nationalities, will present a Cabaret evening at the school, after a four course meal with wine and soft drinks.

We hope these events will help to draw the community together, enable you to meet new friends and to hear something new about the love of God.

I hope that you will take the opportunity to attend one, if not more of the events at the end of January.

Yours
Revd Paul Eddy

AGE UK - BIG KNIT

As always, Stanford knitters have done us proud and I want to say a huge thank you to all of them. The collection of mini bobble hats was held on Monday 30th November and resulted in a grand total of **1,895** which, at 25p a hat donated by Innocent and Sainsburys, translates into £473.75 for the Winter Warmth Project. The hats were taken to Head Office, in Abingdon, where they were received with grateful thanks as the money donated is very important in keeping the helpline going for those in need during the winter months. Thank you all again for your continued support of this annual project. Jan

TRIPLE A SCAN

A friend recently drew my attention to the availability of the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm test. It appears that men are six times more likely to suffer a ruptured aortic aneurysm than women and that a rupture is nearly always fatal. Oxfordshire had been one of the NHS Trusts to pilot testing of males reaching their 65th birthdays and as a result of these testing is being rolled out across the country.

For the test you simply lay on your back and a clear jelly is rubbed on your stomach. The technician then uses an ultrasound machine to take images and measurements of your abdominal aorta. This only takes a couple of minutes and shortly afterwards you are given the results. My friend recently attended a meeting of about 100 men of a certain age where this was raised. During the meeting one man stood up and said that he had been part of the pilot scheme and had been found to have an enlarged abdominal aorta and after careful monitoring had been successfully operated on. Subsequently he spoke to two other colleagues who had undergone a similar experience

So if you are a male over 65 and think you would like this **FREE** test then the Administration Office for Oxfordshire is at the JR Hospital and the contact number is 01865 572636 (do have your NHS number ready) to make an appointment. These are not held at the JR but around the County. Locally, clinics are held in Faringdon. Outside of Oxfordshire then have a look at aaa.screening.nhs.uk to find who you need to contact but do be sure to use this address as there are a myriad of companies out there who would love to charge you for this test.
John Smith

Stanford in the Vale Community First Responders

The Stanford in the Vale Community First Responder (CFR) team has been established for 8 years. In this time, we have been called out by the ambulance service to over 1,000 potentially life-threatening medical emergencies in Stanford and the surrounding towns and villages.

To maintain this voluntary service for the community, we are keen to recruit new team members. If you are interested or just want to find out more information, please email stanfordcfr@btinternet.com or send a text to 07833 049303 with your contact details and someone will get back to you.

You will receive full training and there is the opportunity to attend monthly training courses on specific topics should you wish to do so.

As well as making a difference in the community, being a CFR volunteer is a valuable addition to your CV, which will help when applying for jobs.

**The next Parish Council Meeting
Is on Wednesday 6th January 2016
7.30pm in the Large Village Hall
All Villagers welcome**

**Monday 11th January 2016 Stanford Art Group
Meeting in the Village Hall (small) at 7.15 pm**
Bring your own work to do. Enjoy a good evening with fellow artists. Refreshments provided.
All welcome, visitors £4. For more info 01367 710754

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 12th January at Stanford Village Hall,
Small Hall Start time 7:45 p.m.

**Title: "THE PURTON REMOUNT DEPOT –
MANOR HILL" Speaker: BOB LLOYD**

Bob is an Oxfordshire local historian who has taken a particular interest in this depot, just to the north of Swindon, and its role in handling problem horses. During the Great War a huge number of horses were acquired by the military, some from USA. Purton specialised in training horses that other depots could not handle. Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)
Refreshments and raffle. Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

SOUTHMOOR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

MONDAY Sensory Play – 9.30 -11.30am 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 Child Minder/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 5D

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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.

13th January 2016
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

STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Will meet in the Village Hall at 7,30pm on

Wednesday January 20th

when "Hare in the Woods" will present a Cheese Evening,

Visitors are always welcome £3.00 for non members

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 27th in the large hall of the Village Hall. The new exciting programme for 2016 will be announced at this time. New members will be very welcome. For more information contact Rosemary Packer: 01367 710445

SCRAMBLERS

New to the village? Or just looking for a fun friendly toddler group? Join us at Scramblers for Stories, music and craft activities. All children and carers welcome. Refreshments provided.

Every second Thursday of the month

Thursday 14th January at 2.00 – 2.45

St Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale

For more info please contact :

Amanda: amandanoviss@hotmail.com

Liz: esrobertson25@gmail.com

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A

ON THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2016

Banish the January Blues by coming to the U3A January event in the Faringdon Corn Exchange! Welcome January in style. 12 for 12.30pm **The January Japes – meal provided by Sadlers at a cost of £15.00.** Numbers are limited to 90 so book on line or speak to Françoise Stacey at the December meeting. First come first serve! There is a 2 course meal with coffee and tea to follow.

The lunch will be followed at 2.30pm by a visit from Nick Gill talking about the life and music of George Gershwin. Entrance is free to all members but visitors are required to contribute £1.50 towards the talk and refreshments. You do not have to attend the lunch but can come to the talk only.

Further details available on the web site at www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com or contact the chairman Peter Smith on 01367 241 241

Fairtrade

Saturday 16th January

10am - 12 noon at St Denys Church

Fairtrade Stall, featuring goods from the Mustard Seed, Faringdon's Fairtrade shop.

January - Stanford Pre-school News

We had a busy and fun-filled Christmas with lots of fun had in our Elf Workshop role play area. The children spent time writing letters to Santa and wrapping presents, not forgetting dressing up in Santa and Elf suits!!

The Pre-School Nativity was packed to the rafters with parents and family members. The children all looked fantastic in the costumes that parents had made for them and did a fantastic job of acting out the Christmas story, and singing the songs. We finished off the evening with a visit from Santa and a cup of mulled wine and a mince pie served by our committee.

The last Wednesday of term we enjoyed a lovely visit to the church where the vicar Paul told us the Christmas story.

Next term we are welcoming 11 new families to the Pre-School and our topic will be 'Down in the Jungle'.



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

Straw and Order

Year 3, 4 and 5 worked really hard to create a Christmas play called Straw and Order. The play was about a judge trying to calm angry animals arguing over a stable. The judge and narrator then watched as the Christmas story unfolded before them. It was a brilliant performance that was enjoyed by all.

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Out of this World

Foundation and Key Stage One also entertained us with their amazing Christmas performance. The play was set in space with some astronauts trying to get home for Christmas. With some help from some aliens, the space rocket was able to take everyone home, including the aliens themselves! It was a spectacular performance!

Snow White

On 16th December, the whole school went to the Wyvern Theatre to watch a Snow White Pantomime. We all enjoyed being squirted with water, cheering and joining in with the singing and dancing.

Christmas Lunch

On 17th December, we celebrated the Christmas season with a delicious Christmas dinner. We all sat in our classes to eat and enjoyed pulling our Christmas crackers.

Choir in Oxford

On 2nd December, the school choir went to Oxford to take part in the Big Christmas Sing. Lots of schools attended and each school took to the stage to perform. Back in school, the choir then performed to us and they sounded beautiful.

Dance Club in Oxford

On Monday 7th December, Dance Club also went to Oxford to perform at the New Theatre. After a quick rehearsal, we waited in our own dressing room until we were called to the stage to perform our routine to You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile from Annie. It was an amazing experience.

Diary Dates

Please join us for our Open Morning on Wednesday 20th January. More details will follow.

Thank you for reading our report.

Lee Abbey Mission Team

Visit to St Denys' Church,

Stanford In The Vale

Wednesday 27th January – Sunday 31st January 2016

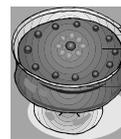
We are very excited about this visit from a team of people who all work at Lee Abbey and invite ALL VILLAGERS to join in with as much as possible over the weekend. Do pass this information on to your friends.

The planned events are:

- **Wednesday 27th January**
7.30pm – Worship and prayer in Church
- **Thursday 28th January**
3.00 'Pause for Thought' in Church

7.00 pm – 'For Men Only' at the Horse and Jockey

**7.30 pm - Women's Pudding tasting evening in
Stanford School**



- **Friday 29th January**
9.00 am Morning Worship in Church
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall
All are invited to drop into the Village Hall at some time during the afternoon. Can you bring some guests?
- **Saturday 30th January**
10.00 – 12.00 noon Messy Church for Children and their parents in the Village Hall
A creative time for all families. Story, crafts, food and fun! Please spread the word to anyone you think would be interested.



6.30 -10.00 pm Supper and Cabaret in Stanford School Hall



Tickets will be £10.00 per adult for a 4 course meal and wine, children free. Tickets will need to be bought prior to the Saturday night available from the Vicar 01367 710267 or Janet 01367 710789

- **Sunday 31st January**



9.55 am Informal Worship led by members of the Lee Abbey team

10.15 am Parish Communion with members of Lee Abbey team speaking and leading the music. Some will help lead St Denys' Kids.

12.30 pm Shared lunch in the Village Hall

Time to relax with friends. Just bring a plate/dish of something to share with everyone else. Salads and bread will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you all at some time over the weekend.