

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



April 2017

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday 2nd April *Lent 6*

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 5th April

6.30 pm Prayer Hour

(To be the first Wednesday of each month)

Thursday 6th April

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

3.00pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Friday 7th April

9.30 am Stanford School Easter Service

Sunday 9th April *Palm Sunday*

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Morning Worship & APCM after service

Thursday 13th April *Maundy Thursday*

7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Meal in Church

Friday 14th April *Good Friday*

1.00 – 3.00 pm Two Hours at The Cross

Sunday 16th April *Easter Day*

9.00 am Joint Holy Communion (BCP)

(Stanford)

10.15am Family Communion & Baptism of
Sam Eddy (Stanford)

Thursday 20th April

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 23rd April *Easter 2*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

4.00pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

6.00 pm Evening Prayer – St George's Day
(Hatford)

Sunday 30th April

Easter 3

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 7th May

Easter 4

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

From the Registers

Funeral Services

Friday 24th February

Janet Maskell

Van Diemens

Saturday 18th March

Tom Gibbons

Nursery End

Aged 17 years

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 1st and 3rd Sundays 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
	Nigel Archer	718163
Verger		Mrs Susan Mayall

The Vicar Writes

The death of a child is one of the most painful things parents, families and communities can face, and last month, as a close community, we faced it with the death of Tom Gibbons, aged just 17 in a road accident on the A417. Our prayers and thoughts are with, and will continue to be with, his parents, family and friends.

As I said at Tom's packed funeral at St Denys, on April 14, as a parish, we will commemorate 'Good Friday' when Jesus, God's own son died aged just 33 - in the prime of his life. We will reflect from 1-3pm, in church, on Jesus' last two hours on earth. On that

cross, Jesus – as ever – gave us a model for honest and life-transforming living. Jesus was honest with God. He spoke very few words from the cross – at least those recorded. The first were: **“God, why have you abandoned me?”** In other words: *Why have you let this happen? Why did you not stop it?* And Jesus could have just left it like that. Angry, in pain and bitter.

BUT before he died, Jesus said something else: **“Father: Into your hands I commend my Spirit?”** In other words: *I don’t understand, I’m angry and in pain, but I trust in you, and I trust you to do what is ultimately right.*

Christians believe that three days later, ‘Good Sunday’, Jesus was raised from the dead and as a result, **DEATH IS DEFEATED**, and new and eternal life has been made possible - for all who believe and trust in Jesus. We shall celebrate that too in St Denys on Easter Sunday – 16th, 10.15am!

It is my prayer that sometime soon, if not this Easter, we will all be able to turn from the very right and proper questions of WHY Tom died so young, and start to be able to say, and mean: *“Into your hands God, I commend Tom’s spirit and life, and into your hands God, I commend my life too.”*

For I sincerely believe that if we do, we will deeply know the God who not only lost his son, but is now in heaven with His son, for all eternity - and we can be too, because DEATH IS DEFEATED. That, amid the chocolate and cards, is the REAL message of Easter!

A Blessed and Happy Easter to you all.

Yours Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

Saturday 1st April Fairtrade Stall
10 am-12 noon St Denys' Church
We will have Fairtrade Easter eggs and gifts, as well as the usual items. If we don't have what you're looking for, we can order other Traidcraft products, contact Zoë tel: 710705

**The next Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 5th April
Large Village Hall at 7.30 pm
All welcome**

Food For Thought
At lunchtime on **Thursdays in Lent**
In the church, 12.30-1.30 on 6th April
Snack lunch of home-made soup and bread with a short interlude talk (10-15 mins.)
Come and join us

St Denys J Team

Saturday 8th April

In The Village Hall !0.00am-12.30.

For children aged 5-11 years. Come and join in the story, craft, singing and lots of fun.

St. Denys' Church, Stanford in the Vale

Saturday 8th April 2017 at 7.30 pm

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

“Crossing Oceans”

Sophie Webber – cello

Jonathan Darnborough – piano

Suites, Solos & Surprises by

Bach, Elgar, Faure, Darnborough, Rachmaninov ..

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

Stanford Art Group Meeting

Stanford Village Hall (small)

Monday 10th April 7.15 - 9.30pm

Pastels Workshop with Seija Wentworth

£2 for members, £4 for non-members

For more info contact David Morton **01367 710754**

Stanford In The Vale And District Local

History Society

Tuesday 11th April at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall at 7:45 p.m.

Title: “TEST PITS: JULY 16 DIG ON CHURCH GREEN” with speaker: DAVID ASHBY. David will discuss the findings from last summer’s test pits, dug on Church Green - with public help.

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance) Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367

710285

Physical activity sessions for people aged 60

Keep Fit

Thursdays 10am-11am

At Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

£5 per session

Nordic Walking

6 week course

Mondays 9:30am-10:30am

Starts 8 May 2017

Meet at Stanford in the Vale Millennium Green

FREE



Pickleball

Fridays 11:00am – 12:00pm
At Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
£3 per session

Book:

luke.horton@southandvale.gov.uk
07717 346351

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A IN MARCH

Faringdon Corn Exchange on Thursday 12th April at 2.30pm.

The speaker will be Bjorn Watson talking on is "T.E. Lawrence – the man behind the myth." Lawrence was perhaps the most charismatic hero to emerge from the carnage of the first World War. Multi-talented, he was a soldier, guerrilla leader, a scholar, archaeologist, historian, and Arabist, fast boat and aircraft designer, but he is best known as immortalised by Peter O'Toole in the film "Lawrence of Arabia". What is fact and what is fiction? Come and find out at Bjorn's talk. Refreshments are available afterwards. Visitors are welcome but are required to pay an entrance fee of £1.50. Further details are available on the website - www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com or contact the chairman Peter Smith on 01367 241 241

Alison Thomson

SCRAMBLERS

April 13th at 2.00 – 2.45 St Denys Church

Join us at Scramblers for Stories, music and craft activities. All children and careers welcome.

Refreshments provided. For more info please contact :

Amanda: amandanoviss@hotmail.com

Liz: esrobertson25@gmail.com

Stanford in the Vale Women's Institute will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 19th April

to hear Angela Panrucker speak on The Order of the Garter. Visitors are always welcome. £3 charge to non members. Contact 01235 765451



A fun craft-based afternoon for all the family, includes afternoon tea.

Sunday 23 April

Open to all ages,

4th Sunday each month 4pm – 5.30pm

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting will be in the large village hall on

Wednesday 26th April at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Paul Barney on 'Plant Hunting in Manipur' Refreshments and a raffle

Visitors are very welcome for an entry fee of £3.00 and new members may join on entry.

For further information contact Rosemary Packer ; tel: 01367 710445

Note for your diary. Saturday 6th May.

The coffee morning and plant, book, and cake sale. 10.00 am until noon at the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting

Is on Wednesday 26th April

Small Village Hall at 7.30 pm

All welcome



CAP Money is a simple, yet highly effective money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a cash-based system that really

works. This course will help anyone get more in control of their finances, so they can save, give and prevent debt. **Christians Against Poverty** has partnered with St Denys Church to offer the CAP Money course in our community **Call Ness Baker 07986677712 or email johnnessbaker@btinternet.com .to register for the 3 session course starting**

7.30pm Thursday 27th April 2015

or visit www.capmoney.org.uk to find out more

TWINNING ASSOCIATION A.G.M.REPORT.

Following the formal business of the AGM there was a lively discussion about the future of the Twinning Association. It was decided by an overwhelming majority that, in spite of the Twinning Association of St Germaine deciding that they wished to disband the formal association with Stanford, the Stanford Association would continue on a more informal basis.

The new constitution, which was accepted by members, will include informal contacts with the French through regular newsletters to France, so the link with many friends in Normandy will be maintained.

A wide range of social activities will continue, including old favourites and new ventures. New members will be very welcome. For more information contact Wendy on stanfordtwinning@gmail.com

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter April

To include items for the newsletter; Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren32@btinternet.com

Closing date this month is the 18th April

Stanford Community Website for e copy Local events, chat forum, business listings, village history and more

Advance Notice

Family Fun Day & Chocolate Tea Party **In memory of Baby Emma Kate Braddy** **(11 May 2007 – 1 July 2007)**

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Saturday 13th May 2017 12:00 – 17:00

Free Admission

**Fun for all the Family in memory of Baby
Emma Kate Braddy**

Games, Food & Prizes for all the family
Proceeds to The Emma Kate Braddy Brighter
Future Fund (Great Ormond Street Hospital)
The Sick Children's Trust ("Chocolate Tea Party")
10% to St Denys' Church & 10% to Stanford in the
Vale Primary School

Contact: Jane Braddy 01367 718627

jane@braddy.net

See website for more information

funday.braddy.net

April- Stanford Pre-school News

This term our topic has been 'Rhyming Bears'. We have been reading some of our favourite bear stories like 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Peace at Last' which we turned our role play area into for the children to re-tell the story themselves.

The children have been collecting Bear facts from home and sharing them with their friends and drawing/painting/making collages of bears for display.

As the weather has been improving the children have been out in the garden using Yellowscopes to spot nature and making habitats for wildlife. We have also been growing beans in clear bags on the window and observing how they grow and change. The children have been recording these changes with pictures in simple bean diaries.

Next term our topic is 'Water' with lots of fun activities planned.

Please note: The Pre-School operates a waiting list, we advise parents wishing to secure a place for their child at the Pre-School to get their name down on to the waiting list as soon as possible. You can do this by contacting the Pre-School or popping in for an Enquiry form. Tel: 01367 718696

The Preschool will once again be having a 'Teddy Tombola' stall at the Village Festival this year'. If anyone has any unwanted soft toys, we would welcome the donation. Please can they be washed and bagged and delivered to the Preschool. The money

raised will be used to buy vital pieces of equipment for children at the preschool.



We are the School Council of Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School. Please read our school report below. We have all been enjoying our topics so far this term. This is what we have been up to...

Sunflower Class

In Foundation, we have been learning about animals, their habitats and camouflage. We also had a visit from Jungle Jonathan.

Snowdrop Class:

We have been learning all about transport. We have found out about the history of transport and how vehicles have changed over time.

Buttercup Class:

We have been learning about the jungle in our Jungle Book topic. We have had a visit from Jungle Jonathan and now we are writing non-chronological reports about different animals to send to him to show what we have learnt.

Bluebell Class:

We have been writing acrostic poems about our Christian value of trust and we have been learning about fractions in Maths.

Poppy Class:

We have been learning about the Vikings. We have learnt the story of Beowulf and we are writing newspaper articles to retell the story.

Orchid Class:

In year 5 we have been having weekly guitar lessons. We have written some persuasive letters to Ed Sheeran to ask him to come into school to teach us some of his songs!

Forget-me-Not:

We have been writing newspaper articles about The Hero Twins and we have been learning to explain what we are wearing in French.

Diary Dates

Our Easter Service will be held on Friday 7th April at St Denys' Church. This service will be at 9.30am.

Thank you for reading our report.

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

Closing date: 18th April 2017
Late items can no longer be accepted.