



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### March 2018

#### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

##### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

3.15 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

##### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

2.00 pm Wedding

##### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March Lent 3

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

##### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

##### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

2.30 pm Stanford School Mothers Day Service

##### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Family Service

##### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

##### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March Lent 5

9.00 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15am Parish Communion (Stanford)

##### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

##### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

10.15 am Procession around the Village led by the Donkey – meet in the Village Hall Car Park at 9.40am, then

a special Family Service (followed by a short Holy Communion for those who wish)

##### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday

9.30 am Stanford School Easter Service

7.00pm Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

##### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross

##### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday

9am Parish BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

##### From the Registers

###### Funeral Services

Monday 22 January

Malcolm Roy Walker

Bow Road

Aged 87 years

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Margaret Elizabeth Mary Powell

High Street

Aged 88 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** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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?

<b>Vicar</b>	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
<b>Wardens</b>		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Nigel Archer	718163
<b>Verger</b>	Mrs Susan Mayall	

##### The Vicar Writes .....

As March starts, we move on from the depths of winter and look forward to Spring.

For Christians, we are in the season of Lent. A time of reflecting on life, its challenges and joys, and seeing God in the midst of both. We may take time for extra prayer or reflection, and the disciplined ones amongst us may abstain from chocolate, or alcohol! But Lent, however practiced, is fundamentally, a time for self-reflection, and a time for God to speak to us in special ways. But it is hard for God to speak to us when our lives are so crowded out by noise and business.

As I write this piece, the main news on several newspapers is that KFC Restaurants in the UK are closed due to a shortage of chicken! This rather alarmed one of the staff behind the counter at the COOP in the village this morning, and I have to say, as someone partial to a good KFC, it was very sad news indeed.

But as I posted on Facebook this morning, just a reminder that St Denys Church is open 354 days of the year, as God's love for us never runs out. He is always open and available to hear us, and to speak to us. Whilst He can do that at any time of the day or night, and in any situation, many people find going someone quiet to reflect, think and pray – in whatever way you can – helpful.

So this Lent, why not take 30 minutes to pop into church and sit quietly and reflect on your life, your needs, your hopes, and in the silence, ask God to help and guide you?

A Blessed Lent to you all.

Yours Paul

### Stanford Volunteer Taxi Service

If you need transport for a medical appointment, please phone **MARJORIE GOODING 01367 710656**

As much notice about any appointments makes things easier and more drivers would be greatly appreciated.

### Stanford Drama Group

Stanford Drama Group would like to thank everyone who supported our recent production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and helped in making it a success. We hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing! Also, we would like to thank all the groups who gave up their hall bookings for us.

Lastly, we are always looking for new members to join our small but friendly, group – painters, prop makers, as well as performers and directors – in fact, jacks of all trades. If interested, we meet on Tuesday evenings in the Large Village Hall at 8.00pm or ring 01367 710789 for more information.

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March St Denys Church invite you to

Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon Tea**

in the **Village Hall** from **2.30-4.30pm**

All welcome and bring a friend

### Food For Thought

#### During Lent

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**In the church, 12.30-1.30**

Snack lunch of home-made soup and bread with a short interlude talk (10-15 mins.) All welcome

**The next Parish Council Meeting  
is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
All welcome**

### Faringdon & District U3A

Graham Carter, a local journalist and historian will talk about **Alfred Williams** in Faringdon Corn Exchange on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.30pm. Alfred Williams was a poet, author, historian, linguist and naturalist living in South Marston in the late 19th/early 20th century. Refreshments will be available after the talk. All members are welcome, but visitors will be required to contribute £1.50. Further details can be obtained from the chairman Peter Smith on 01367 241 241 or found on the website [www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com](http://www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com)

### Fairtrade Stall

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

10am - 12 noon

St Denys' Church

Fairtrade food, drink and gifts from the Mustard Seed shop in Faringdon.

### Stanford Art Group Meeting

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm**

Stanford Village Hall

A Review of Work. Attendees are welcome to bring along pieces of their work for some helpful and positive feedback and advice

Do you have an artwork unfinished? Would you like some friendly informal help? Non members welcome. £4 for non members, £2 members. All welcome. Why not come along and unleash your artistic side? No experience necessary.

For more details find Stanford Art Group on Facebook or ring David Morton 01367 710754

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

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** At Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall, Start time 7:45 p.m. **John Travis will give an illustrated talk based on his recent research entitled "Evacuees at Stanford in the Vale School during the Second World War"**

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance). Refreshments and raffle. Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

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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.



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

Where and When:

The Vine, Mill Farm,  
Faringdon Road,  
Stanford in the Vale,  
Oxon SN7 8NP

March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018  
7.30pm to 9.00pm

Doors open from 7.00pm  
for coffee and cake.

**Stanford Women's Institute will meet on  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the  
Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome. £3  
charge for non-members. Contact 01235765461

### Formula Fitness, Yoga and Wellbeing

Zumba every Tuesday evening from 6pm.  
Stability Ball every Tuesday evening from 7pm.  
Zumba Strong every Friday morning from 9.30am.  
All in large Village Hall. Contact Lou on 07980 065 352.

### Cast On! Knitting and Crochet Group

Fun, friendly and free. We meet every 2nd and last  
Wednesday of the month at the Horse & Jockey  
from 7pm until 9.30pm (ish). Bring along your  
current project or ask us to show you how.

Contact: Ruth Chester

Email: [caston@tlkc.co.uk](mailto:caston@tlkc.co.uk) Tel: 710362

### Slimming World

Your Slimming World group meets every Thursday  
from 7.30pm at Stanford in the Vale Primary School.  
Contact Nancy on 07710 177808

### St Denys' Church Invites you to A Women's breakfast on Saturday 17th March 2018

Venue: Stanford in the Vale Village hall (Large)

Time: 8.30am for an 8.45am start.

Speaker: Miranda Marsh. "The Child in the Adult":  
Childhood issues that can impact adult life.

We welcome donations towards the cost of the  
breakfast. To book your place, please contact Julia  
Thorp on 07760370717 or email

[stdenysgals@yahoo.com](mailto:stdenysgals@yahoo.com).

### Faringdon Singers Spring Concert.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm.

All Saints Church, Faringdon, SN7 8SL

### Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Grand Quiz Night Saturday 17 March

£16 per team of 4 if prior notice given,  
or £20 at the door, both including ploughmans  
supper. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm  
Raffle and Bar

Contact: J. Greenwood 01367 710578

### Churchyard Working Party

Can you spare an hour or two to help  
with a variety of jobs in the Churchyard on  
Saturday 24 March

Just turn up any time from 9.30 am onwards.

Your contribution will be most welcome  
and it will help to keep the Churchyard  
in good order for the benefit of the whole village.

### Monthly Film Afternoon for Over 50's

Come and enjoy a cinema afternoon on **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of  
each month** in the small Hall at Stanford in the vale  
Village hall. **Starts at 2pm**. Tea and coffee plus cakes  
and supplied with the film for **£3.50 per person**.

**Next showing is 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

For information on the film showing you can call into  
Chatterbox or phone Mandy on 07827 235 429

This event is organised by the Community Network  
team at Age UK Oxfordshire.

### STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 28th March** at  
7.30 in the Large Village Hall.

There will be a speaker. Refreshments and a raffle.

Visitors will be very welcome for a fee of £3.00.

For more information contact Rosemary Packer  
tel.01367 710 445.

### Advance Notices

### Stanford Summer Festival Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June Flower Festival Theme 'Playing the Game'

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, Is there anyone in the village with a 'First Aid  
at Work' certificate who would be willing to help  
cover the weekend?**

More information from [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com) or  
phone 710789

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Our second **Music in the Vale** concert in 2018 features internationally renowned pianist and composer **Lionel Sainsbury** performing piano masterworks by **Bach, Chopin and Rachmaninov** plus “**a taste of Andalucía**”. The concert starts at **7.30pm on Saturday 7th April 2018 in St. Denys' Church, Stanford in the Vale.**

Admission by programme £12.00 from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street, Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476 by reservation on 01367 718420, email [info@musicinthevale.net](mailto:info@musicinthevale.net), [DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com) or at the door. Tickets are selling fast so do make your bookings in good time.

### **Stanford Gardening Club.**

6 Day Holiday to Ireland departing **May 31st.** Visits to several gardens, Dublin and the famous Bloom Festival. Staying at a 4\*Hotel and going by coach from Stanford. For more details please contact Rosemary Packer 01367 710445

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

Our older children have been doing an excellent job welcoming our new children and looking after them as they settle into their new Pre-school routine.

This term we have been talking about keeping healthy and healthy eating. The children played some board games based around healthy choices and then drew their own healthy plates. We talked about why we need to eat healthily and keep fit. We have had teeth cleaning activities and have been discussing the importance of looking after your teeth. We have also been making healthy Frittatas, which the children then take home to share with their family.

In January we held a themed French Day. We all dressed in the colours of the French flag and enjoyed a traditional French breakfast. At group time we learnt French words and songs with the help of one of the children's Mums (who happens to be French) and who also treated us to a very tasty homemade Galette! Merci beaucoup!

On Tuesday 6th Feb we had an early Valentine's breakfast, where the children invited loved ones into Pre-school to share a croissant and some fruit salad. The children also enjoyed writing letters and making cards for the people they love.

We have had fun making bird feeders and we have all enjoyed seeing an increase of birds to our garden, as a result.

Next term we will be focusing on helping children to develop their personal, social and emotional skills by talking about empathy and our feelings. Having spoken to the children about what they would like to find out about next term, the unanimous winner was Dinosaurs! We will be coming up with lots of fun activities to help the children learn and discover all about dinosaurs.

We also look forward to celebrating Chinese New Year with the children!

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



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

#### **Sunflower Class**

In Sunflower Class we have been learning all about castles, who might live there and have taken part in a medieval style dance.

#### **Snowdrop Class**

In Year 1 we have been learning all about penguins. We have learnt where they live and what they eat - lots of fish. We have also learnt a story about a girl called Laura who wanted a pet penguin.

#### **Buttercup Class**

Year 2 have been busy presenting their homework projects on the Victorians. They included a chimney sweep, an invention timeline and some cool powerpoints.

#### **Bluebell Class**

In Year 3 we have been learning the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and then writing our own versions with lots of description.

#### **Poppy Class**

Year 4 have enjoyed presenting our Viking homework projects which included a model of a Viking burial ground, a homemade longboat, some handcrafted chainmail, lots of incredible and unique shields, a Viking sea axe with leather sheaf and many more.

#### **Orchid Class**

Year 5 have been busy. We have been learning directions in French, fractions in maths and in art we have been drawing in the style of Picasso.

#### **Forget-me-Not**

In Year 6 we have been presenting our homework projects which we to do with the news in 2017. We have also woven our own Maya masks.

#### **Diary Dates**

Please join us at **St Deny's Church on Friday 9th March at 2:30pm for our Mothers' Day service.**

Thank you for reading our report

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