



PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2018

SERVICES FOR MAY 2018

Thursday 3rd May

3.00pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 6th May *Easter 6*

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Saturday 12th May

2.30 pm Wedding

Sunday 13th May *Easter 7*

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Family Service

Beginning of Prayer Week

Thursday 17th May

3.15 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 20th May *Pentecost*

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Goosey

Saturday 26th May

1.00 pm Wedding at All Saints, Goosey

Sunday 27th May *Trinity Sunday*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

4.00pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Hatford

Sunday 3rd June *Trinity 1*

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

From the Registers

Marriage Service

Saturday 28th April

Paul Jefferies and Hannah Pugh

Funeral Services

Tuesday 27th March

Christopher Rolls

Thursday 29th March

Ivy Pendell

Monday 9th April

Joan Woolfall

Thursday 12th April

Joan & Eddie Bowers

Monday 16th April

Glyn Pendell

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

Dear Parishioner

Understanding Bereavement – Training Opportunity

Ever wondered how you can help a friend who has lost a loved one, been made redundant, divorced, children left the nest for university, or going through some other form of grief? Or, maybe you are going through one of these, or other griefs at the moment?

For the past 25 years, I have been a CRUSE-trained Bereavement Counsellor and have helped hundreds of people through all sorts of grief. And, as a vicar, having taken well over 200 funerals, I have had very wide experience of all sorts of family bereavements, from children to the very elderly, and from suicide to death from addictions. All bring their own unique aspects to the grief process.

And so I have decided that in order to help people wanting to help friends or, others who have been bereaved. I shall be leading two x 90 minute training sessions on **Thursday 24 May** in the **Village Hall**. One session from **2-3.30pm**, and repeated at **7-8.30pm**. Case studies and notes will be provided, as will refreshments.

As I say, the sessions are suitable for those who have been bereaved and, those wanting to support others, informally. A donation of £3 is requested to help cover room hire and resources for those who attend. However, it is **essential to book** for either session, by emailing vicarsec@stdenys.org asap. I hope that this will be of help.

Prayer Week

As a church, we are joining in with the global initiative from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York for a special week of prayer under the theme 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

St Denys will be open from 9am till 8pm from Sunday 13 May until Sunday 20 May for this purpose. May I encourage you to pop in and look around at the various Prayer Stations erected, where you will find ideas for prayer and reflection and a place simply to be still.

Yours as ever

Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

AGE UK BIG KNIT

The Big Knit is Back!" In 2016/17 an incredible 25,469 tiny bobble hats were knitted in Oxfordshire. This meant that £6,367.25 was raised for Age UK's Oxfordshire Information and Advice Helpline, which provides vital support for older people and their carers across the county". (Amended quote from Age UK Oxfordshire Magazine).

The contribution from Stanford was 2,244 (£561) - a brilliant effort. If you would like to find out more about this project, see knitting patterns, and maybe join in the challenge, you can look at the Big Knit's website www.thebigknit.co.uk. Alternatively, you can contact me on 01367 710724 to find out how the scheme works here in Stanford. I can provide wool and basic

patterns, and a cup of tea when we all meet up to collect in our contributions. There is no commitment involved, you just knit at home and deliver on a specified day. Please think about joining our team and helping us to knit even more this year.

We would love to see you.

Jan Stenzhorn

WHEELCHAIR LOAN

With the arrival of Spring comes thoughts of outings and visitors. I would like to remind you that there is a village wheelchair available, free of charge, on a short term basis, for use by anyone who has a mobility problem. You may like to take a family member/friend/visitor out for the day or just for a tour around our lovely village. You may know someone who has temporary problems and would benefit from using a wheelchair. You might even want to go away for a couple of days and a wheelchair would be handy. Whatever your needs just give us a ring on 01367 710724. *Please note, this scheme is only available to people in our Parish*

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.

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 2nd May
in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm
All welcome**

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB' S NEW AND IMPROVED ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING.

More space to chat and enjoy our renowned homemade cakes and coffee with friends.

**May 5th from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon, in the
LARGE HALL of the Village Hall.**

PLANTS AND BOOKS FOR SALE. A RAFFLE AND A TOMBOLA. For more information contact Rosemary Packer tel.01367 710 445.

Millennium Green

Now the nice weather is finally here don't forget the Millennium Green! It's good for picnics, football or rounders (no hard cricket type balls though please) as well as sunbathing. If your village group would like to use the Green for activities during the nice weather, please get in touch.

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STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday, 8th May, meeting at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall, Start time 7:45 p.m.

Topic: "Jack of Newbury" **Speaker:** David Peacock
From modest beginnings Jack (John Winchcombe) became a leading clothier and cloth exporter. His success led to him becoming a leading figure in Newbury, a member of Parliament, and having a lot of influence in the development of Newbury. David Peacock is a well-known researcher and writer on the history of the Newbury and the surrounding area. Visitors welcome (£3 entrance) Refreshments and raffle. Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. All welcome

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 Tel: 710362

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A – THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2018

The talk on **Thursday 10th May at 2.30pm** in Faringdon Corn Exchange is by **Martin Lloyd** who is speaking about **Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies**. This promises to be an exciting topic; it is an exciting and dramatic account of how the actions of a group of assassins changed the passport regulations, and how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design and how, for one man, the passport turned into a killer. Martin is a very popular speaker so do come along and enjoy the refreshments after the talk. Members are welcome, but visitors are required to pay £1.50 towards costs. Further information can be found on the U3A web site on www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com or from the chairman on 01367 615 385

Slimming World

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

Stanford in the Vale Art Group

Monday 14th May 7.15pm Stanford Village Hall

Self Portraits - a talk, demonstration and practical session with Sarah Moncrieff. The second evening in our fantastic 2018-19 programme. 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 Women's Institute will meet on Wednesday 16th May 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.

Friday 18th May

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon Tea** in the **Village Hall**

All welcome and bring a friend **2.30-4.30pm**

Oxfordshire Artweeks

BILL GRANT, RICHARD RODRIGUES, LAWRENCE WARD & SEIJA WENTWORTH

will be exhibiting at The Vine, Stanford in the Vale SN7 8NP (on A417 Wantage Road, just south of the River Ock bridge),

from Saturday 19th to Monday 28th May 2018

Open 11 to 6 each day. Free entrance.

Parking, refreshments, wheelchair access.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB.

An evening stroll round several village gardens. ALL WELCOME. **Wednesday 23rd May from 7.00pm.**

A variety of gardens to visit, books and plants for sale, a raffle and vintage garden tools on display. The evening also includes a LIGHT SUPPER. Tickets available at the Garden Club coffee morning on May 5th. Also available from Rosemary Packer tel.01367 710 445. Members tickets £2.50. Non members £5.00. Tickets include garden entries and light supper

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Sunday May 27th

CHURCH - but not as you may know it! Come and join us for an hour of crafts, discussion and singing based on a Biblical theme, followed by afternoon tea. For all the family! 4-5.30pm In The Village Hall

Advance Notices

Stanford Summer Festival

Saturday June 16th and Sunday June 17th

The theme for this year's Flower Festival is 'Playing the Game'.

Attractions include Razamatazz Magic Show, Wantage Silver Band, Lawrence the Musician, assault courses, plus lots more entertainment for the whole family. 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? **With rising costs each year - Would your business be willing to sponsor the event?**

More information from jmwarren32@btinternet.com or phone 710789

Stanford Pre-school News

Our focus this term is on music and movement. We have a Music Workshop set up where the children can enjoy experimenting with a variety of different musical instruments. We will be learning the names of musical instruments and identifying sounds. We are exploring different types of music and talking about how it makes us feel. Our intention is that this will help the children to develop their listening skills and their ability to distinguish between different sounds. We will also enjoy painting whilst listening to music and the children will have the opportunity to make their own instrument.

We are also learning about the Life Cycle of a Tadpole. The children's learning is enhanced by their ability to observe the developments in the frogspawn we currently have in the garden. We are also growing beans in bags on our windows which will enable the children to observe growth. The children will be watching the development of the beans and recording them in their own Bean Diaries.

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

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by calling in to Pre-school for an enquiry form or visiting our website; stanfordpreschool.org.uk If you would like to speak to someone at the Pre-school please call: Tel: 01367 718696.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall are looking for a new Bookings Manager.

This part time role involves:

- Managing regular and ad-hoc bookings via an online system
- Handling enquiries via email/telephone
- Issuing invoices
- Recording payments received

The role would suit a computer literate individual with internet access. We estimate that it would need an hour a week on average.

If you're interested, please contact Janet Warren by email: jmwarren32@btinternet.com by Friday 25th May 2018



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

Sunflower Class

In Sunflower Class, our new topic is The Shopping Basket. We are looking forward to visiting a shop and making our own shop items to sell from playdough.

Snowdrop Class

Our new topic for this term is Dragons, Knights and Castles. We will be designing and making our own knight's shield and as well as a moving drawbridge.

Buttercup Class

Buttercup class's new topic is Underground, Overground. We will be learning to tell the story of the Bigfoot Womble as well as making puppets out of recycled materials - just like the Wombles would.

Bluebell Class

In Year 3, our new topic is called 'Let there be light.' We will be learning all about light and shadows as well as designing and making Roman chariots.

Poppy Class

In Poppy class, our new topic is Extreme Earth. We will be learning all about volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, extreme weather and more. We have already created, erupted and then investigated our own shield volcanoes.

Orchid Class

In Year 5, our new topic is Ancient Greece. We will be designing and making Greek masks as well as analysing Greek temple architecture. We are looking forward to visiting the Natural History Museum.

Forget-me-Not

In Year 6, we are continuing with our topic from last term, The Mysterious Maya. We will be working hard over the next few weeks, ready to sit our SATS with confidence.

Thank you for reading our report.

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