



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL 2019**

**SERVICES FOR APRIL 2019**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April Lent 5**

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion  
(Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion followed by  
the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at  
11.30am

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday**

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15am Family Service (Stanford) -  
followed by short Holy Communion service  
for those who wish)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

7pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday**

2pm An Hour at the Cross (*an hour of  
meditations, silence and hymns*)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday**

9.00 am Parish BCP Holy Communion  
(Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April Easter 2**

10.15 am St George's Day Parade Service  
with Village Uniformed Organisations (with short  
Holy Communion after for those who wish)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Hatford

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6**

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**From the Registers**

**Funeral Service**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Brian Griffiths**

**Baptism Service**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Eden Taylor**

**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

**Open House** – 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** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during term time, when during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall.

**VICAR APPOINTMENTS** -*The Vicar is always pleased to meet with any parishioner in need. Appointments ensure quality and/or priority time can be offered. To make an appointment, please call 01367 710267.*

**Vicar Writes .....**

The day after Boxing day, Easter Eggs appeared in our local village COOP! At first many people expressed their disappointment that the 'Seasons' of the year now seemed to merge for commercial gain. I have some sympathy with that view. However, in many ways, COOP did us all a favour. They reminded us that 'Christmas' means nothing without 'Easter', and 'Easter' could not happen, without Jesus being born!

Easter, like Christmas, has become just another commercial opportunity. Chocolate eggs and bunnies and parties and the like focus on anything except the real meaning for the season. The Easter Bunnies and new Lambs of course represent 'new life', but they ignore the cost that was paid for that new life, that new hope and that new resurrection to happen. In our modern society we sometimes like to sanitise or white-

wash things. Make no mistake, Easter was a very dark, desolate and lonely place for Jesus - which led to him giving of himself on the cross, in a very excruciating death.

'Oh, the Vicar's gone all mournful', you might be thinking. Well, no. Because you see, it is easy, even for Christians to 'skip' Good Friday and the suffering, and to 'fast-forward' ahead to Sunday, and to resurrection, new life and joy and happiness. But in doing so we miss something really important.

You see, stopping and reflecting on the events of Good Friday, and the darkness of Easter Saturday can be transformational for all of us. For if we do, we shall realise that God is not an aloof, all powerful God, one who is unable to relate to our day to day problems, pain and concern at all. For in Jesus, we have a crucified God who endured for us, who knows all there is to know about the pains of life in this world: rejection by others, suffering, hurts, misunderstandings, even the unmerited abuse and scorn.

In Jesus we find a true love that led him willingly to publicly to die. To pay a price for a crime he did not commit – going against the will and life-giving plans of God (sin) - for you and for me.

Many people in life today can empathise with Good Friday. They know of Jesus death, and they experience the pain that life can throw at us because of the way all of us try to live outside of God's love and life-giving plan for us. But they've never reached Easter Sunday, a day of new starts, forgiveness, love, a fresh chance in life with the past gone, and all of life – for eternity – ahead.

So, as we all enjoy our Easter Eggs, let's reflect what sort of an Easter Person we are?

Are we a **Good Friday person**: suffering the anguish of life where it seems everyone – including God - has deserted us?

An **Easter Saturday person**: somewhere in-between the pain and the hope, but not yet made a decision to trust Jesus to forgive our past, and to bring us with Him into new life?

Or, an **Easter Sunday person**, a resurrection person? Someone who has handed their life over to God, asked to be forgiven of the past and committed their life and their future to Him - and so, can now live life with purpose and meaning.

A very *Happy Easter* to you all!

**Revd Paul Eddy**

**Vicar**

**Chatterbox Small Village Hall  
Every Thursday from 10 – 12 noon**

All are welcome to call in for a drink, catch up with friends or meet new ones. Occasional raffles, quizzes and bring and buy.

## **Bored with Monopoly? Try boardGOATS!**

boardGOATS meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at the Horse and Jockey to play "Euro" style boardgames (i.e. modern games like Ticket to Ride, Carcassonne, Catan and Bohnanza). You don't have to know any rules or how to play the games, as we explain as we go along.

We usually play shorter games from 7.30pm as people arrive, until 8pm when we will start something a little longer. For more details, see <https://boardgoats.org> or email [boardGOATS@gmail.com](mailto:boardGOATS@gmail.com), alternatively just come along, grab a pint or a coffee from the bar, and join us for one of our next meetings: 2nd, 16th & 30th April, 14th & 28th May.

**The next Parish Council Meeting  
is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
with the  
Annual Village Meeting on  
Wednesday 17th April 2019 19:30  
Small Village Hall  
All parishioners welcome.**

**Scramblers Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.00-10.30**  
In the Church. All toddlers and carers welcome

**Over 50's Keep Fit class**  
Thursdays 10am-11am  
Stanford in the Vale Village Hall  
£5 per session

**Stanford Art Group Meeting**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Stanford Village Hall at 7.30-9.30pm**  
Printing Demo and Workshop with Andrea Hewes  
Non-members welcome  
Members £2 Non-Members £5  
Visit Stanford Art Group on Facebook for more information

**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 In The Vale And District Local History Society meeting at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
Start time 7:45 p.m.  
Topic: HISTORY OF GROVE AIRFIELD IN World War 2  
Speakers: DON SUMMERS, from Wantage  
Visitors welcome (£3 entrance)  
Refreshments and raffle Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

**Cast On! Knitting and Crochet Group**  
Fun, friendly and free. We meet every 2nd 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

## 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

April 10<sup>th</sup> 2019  
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](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk) or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

## FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A – THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019

Valerie Calderbank, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, will talk on **A Tour of The Universe** in the Corn Exchange at 2.30pm after a speedy AGM. Her talk will be accompanied by stunning images. Valerie is an experienced international presenter and cruise ship lecturer; her talk is light-hearted, entertaining and not too technical, but will contain awe-inspiring facts. After the talk refreshments will follow to which everyone is welcome but visitors are required to contribute £1.50. Further information is available on the website <https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/> or from the chairman Margaret Brown on 01367 615 385.

## Music in the Vale

Our next Music in the Vale concert that will launch our 2019 season is now just weeks away.

The concert starts at **3.00pm on Sunday 14th April 2019 in Saint Peter's Church, Charney Bassett** and features cellist Jehanne Bastoni and classical guitarist Manus Noble in a musical journey "Across Time and Continent" with composers ranging from Boccherini to Hisaishi ..

Concert tickets price £12.00 are available from **Lucy Gildersleeves** 01235 868782 [gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com](mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com) or **David Pedder** 01367 718420 [djpedderpa@btinternet.com](mailto:djpedderpa@btinternet.com). See also <http://www.musicinthevale.net/>. Refreshments will be available after concert.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th April

**Stanford Women's Institute will meet on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome. £3 charge for non-members.

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

The next meeting will be on the **24th April at 7.30 in the large hall of the Village Hall**. The speakers will be John and June Baker on 'Delightful Dahlias'. Refreshments and a raffle. Visitors will be very welcome for an entry fee of £3.00. For more details contact Rosemary Packer. Tel.01367 710 445

## CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

**The Horse and Jockey**

**Wednesday 24th April at 7pm**

Tickets £7.50

A fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity

## 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.

### **Zumba Gold with Eugenie—Mondays 12-1pm at the Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.**

We dance, we shimmy and we laugh whilst having a great workout! Zumba Gold offers cardiovascular, toning, and balance training benefits in a relaxed atmosphere. The moves are designed to be easy-to-follow for everyone. You don't need any dance or exercise experience at all to get started. Like regular Zumba, Zumba Gold is fun and effective, offering a full-body workout at a less intense level. Email: [EugenieZumba@outlook.com](mailto:EugenieZumba@outlook.com)

### **Future Events**

#### **Stanford Summer Festival Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Flower Festival Theme 'The Sea'**

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

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

The children have been playing outside a lot more recently, as the weather begins to look and feel a lot more like Spring! They have been making their own bird feeders and we have all enjoyed seeing an increase in birds to our garden! The children have also been making their own wonderful bug hotels to take home and we have a large hotel that sleeps many, many bugs of all shapes and sizes, that resides in the front Pre-school garden!

Lots of children have enjoyed dressing up and playing at being Pirates lately; drawing treasure maps and going on adventures to find the spot marked by the 'x'!

The children have also been very busy making salt dough food to sell in their 'Cafe'!

We enjoyed welcoming parents to our Induction Evening earlier this month, in preparation for their children joining us after Easter.

On another note entirely; if you know that your child plays Football at the Park near Pre-school, could we please ask parents to ask their children to refrain from kicking their footballs at the Pre-school windows. Recently we've had muddy football prints on the windows to the side and rear of the building. Thank you.

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 downloading an enquiry form from our website: [stanfordpreschool.org.uk](http://stanfordpreschool.org.uk) or calling in for an enquiry form. If you have any questions, please call us on 01367 718696



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

#### **Red Nose Day 2019**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated Red Nose Day at school. We wore red in all shades to school to raise money for Comic Relief. Some people wore superhero costumes, some painted their faces red, some dyed their hair red and one person even dressed up as a box of maltesers. As well as this, we donated money to vote towards the treat afternoon of our choice. Options included a water fight, picnic on the field and others. Watch this space to find out which one won.

#### **Rocksteady assembly**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Jamie from Rocksteady Music School visited us in our assembly. He taught us a little about the different instruments he brought with him (guitar, drums, keyboard and our voices), made a band out of children from the audience and then taught us how to play (or accompany by singing) part of a song. We had great fun!

#### **Badminton Festival**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, some children from year 3 and 4 went to a badminton festival in Wantage. They took part in different badminton games and showed great hitting, serving, throwing and catching skills.

#### **Upcoming events**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 14:30 - Mothers' day service at St Denys'**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 20:30 till 21:30 - Earth hour. Please help us support this by switching lights off for one hour between 20:30 and 21:30.**

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in May's newsletter please send to send to [jmwarren302@gmail.com](mailto:jmwarren302@gmail.com) or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Late items cannot be accepted.**

*Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter April 2019*

*To include items for the newsletter; Janet Warren 01367 710789 or [jmwarren302@gmail.com](mailto:jmwarren302@gmail.com)*

*Closing date this month is the 18th April Stanford Community Website for e copy*

*Local events, business listings, village history and more*