

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## January 2013

### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January *Epiphany*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January *Baptism of Christ*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Stanford)

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January *Epiphany 3*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Family Service (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Goosey)

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January

7.30 pm LICENSING of REVD. PAUL EDDY  
as PRIEST-in-CHARGE

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February *2 before Lent*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Family Service** - This is an informal, non-communion, service of all-age worship held at 10.15 on the third Sunday every month. It usually lasts for about 45 minutes and ends with an opportunity to chat and meet people over a cup of coffee. Families with children are especially welcome.

**St. Denys Kids** each Sunday during term time, except when Family Service, where during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall. Contact 718784

**Open House** On most Saturdays St Denys' Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. No charge. Do pop in. You'll find a warm and friendly welcome. This is a good time to talk to discuss weddings, thanksgivings and baptisms with one of the churchwardens.

### WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

#### Assistant (part-time) Curate –

The Revd. Angela Gosden 01488 73996

#### Wardens

Margaret Williams 710254

Peter Gill 718224

#### Licensed Lay Ministers

Mrs Jill Smith 710473

Mr Peter Stallabrass 710135

#### Verger

Mrs Susan Mayall

### New Vicar for Stanford!

Dear Parishioners

On January 28, 7.30pm, the Bishop of Reading will be at St Denys' Church for a special service in which I shall be Licensed as Priest in Charge of Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford.

As your new 'Vicar', I thought I'd use this first article to introduce myself and my family, and to say how very much we are looking forward to moving to Stanford and to putting roots down into the community.

Born in Bristol in 1967, after school I started work/training to be a Legal Executive, but found the paperwork so dull that I went to work with evangelists Billy Graham and Luis Palau, helping to organise their missions in Europe. From there I developed an events and public relations business which, over 20 years, specialised in dealing on a daily basis on behalf of clients with the national news media, especially the *Today Programme* (Radio 4), *Newsnight* and the newspapers. I also freelanced as a journalist specialising in ethics and religion for national and regional newspapers, and was a regular contributor to regional radio. From 2005-2009 I was a member of the Church of England's 'parliament',

the General Synod, and an active contributor to the national affairs of church life.

In 1999, Verity and I were married and since then, Rachel (12), Tom (9), Daniel (7) and Sam (4.5) have joined us – as have a range of animals which will enjoy the space that Stanford Vicarage garden offers!

Since July 2009, I have been Curate at Grove Parish Church and so it was a complete surprise to be able to apply for a local 'Post' when nationally advertised. Our good friends Michael and Jane Wenham have told us much about life in the church and the community, which we look forward to discovering for ourselves, and the education transition for our children will be smooth - Rachel remains at King Alfreds', and the boys will start Stanford Primary on January 7.

One of my loves as a priest is parish visiting. In the first three months of my licensing it is my intention to visit every home in the Parish to introduce myself and to make contact. I hope that you will soon find out that I am a 'people's person', and that I view my role as a 'Priest to the Parish', whether parishioners attend church or not. After my Licensing on January 28, if I can be of any assistance to you or your family, please don't hesitate to stop me in the street, call me on 01367 710267, or drop into church on Saturday mornings for the Open House (10am-12noon). I also hope and pray that you will consider coming to church, or coming back to church, and meeting me there!

**The Eddy family greatly looks forward to meeting our new neighbours and communities of Stanford, Goosey and Hatford. If you would like to attend my Licensing on Monday 28 January at 7.30pm in the Church you would be most welcome, and for refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.**

Yours

**Revd Paul Eddy**

**Priest in Charge (designate)**

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

from

### **STANFORD IN THE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB**

To everyone who attended our Christmas Bingo. It was an extremely successful event that would not be possible without the generous prize donations and help provided on the night.

Thanks to you all and a Happy New Year

### **Stanford Community First Responders**

Justin, Les and Sarah would like to thank all the individuals, families, business and organisation that have supported us during 2012. Through your fundraising activities, and personal and corporate donations, we were able to buy a 4x4 Nissan X Trail.

During bad weather, this will enable help us to get to emergencies much quicker than if we used our own cars. During 2012, we responded to about 220 life-threatening emergencies in Stanford and surrounding towns and villages – at all times of the day and night. **Please note – we can only respond to certain types of life-threatening emergency and only when asked to do so by the Ambulance Service.** In an emergency situation, always dial 999 – please do not delay taking this action by trying to contact a First Responder.

You can now dial 111 if you urgently need medical help or advice, but it's not a life-threatening situation.

As with 999, calls to 111 are free.

We wish you a happy, safe and healthy 2013!

Thank you

Les

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting is on

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 - 7.30 pm  
In Stanford Village Hall, the Small Hall**

(Note new venue!)

All Villagers welcome

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

Tuesday, **8<sup>th</sup> January**, at Stanford Village Hall,  
Small Hall

Start time **7:45 p.m.**

LAWRENCE WARD will be giving a talk  
entitled

**"DEVELOPMENTS IN LOCAL ROAD  
TRANSPORT – 1700 TO 1900"**

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris,  
01367 710285

### **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.

**THE  
FILLING  
STATION**

**Where and When:**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2013,  
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

## THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Faringdon & District U3A

**Thursday 13th JANUARY 2013**

**2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON**

Nick Gill will give a talk on Cole Porter

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)

01367 241296      [www.FaringdonU3A.org.uk](http://www.FaringdonU3A.org.uk)

## Stanford Art Group

**Monday 13th January 21013**

**At 7.15pm In the Village Hall.**

Stanford Art Group are having a mixed media workshop led by Bill Grant.

Bring,: Firm support e.g. Canvas board/ Stiff card ready primed / painted, Coloured / white paper.

cutting mat and cutting tool, any shapes you like and some imagination to make a 2D or 3D picture!!

All welcome, visitors £3. for more info 01367 710754.

## STANFORD IN THE VALE

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Wednesday 16th January**

Subject: The Hugely Huggable

History of the Teddy Bear

Speaker: Dr. Gillian White

**Saturday 19th January      Fairtrade Stall**

**10am – Noon      St Denys Church**

We have a wide range of goods available; from chocolate treats, to tea and sugar, dried fruit, rice and olive oil - all fairly traded. If we don't have what you're looking for, we can order other Traidcraft products, and can also take regular orders; contact Zoë Williams

[zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com) tel: 710705

## Stanford In The Vale Gardening Club

**The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at**

**7.30pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013.**

Speaker: Robert Langstaff 'Composting for fun'

NB: subscriptions due this meeting (£8.00)

Sales Table: bring your surplus plants etc (10% to Club)

Refreshments and raffle. Visitors £2.00

Further information: Rosemary Packer, tel. 710445

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**7.30 pm in St Denys Church**

### Mr. Playford's Delight

Music in the Vale proudly present renowned soprano and recorder player Emma Murphy accompanied by top lutenist Lynda Sayce in an evening of music from the 17th century court, streets and theatre entitled "Mr. Playford's Delight".

Emma and Lynda will be joined by bStanford in the Vale by the Vale Island Dancers. **Admission by programme, price**

**£10** (under-12s free). Tickets from Stanford in the Vale

Midcounties Co-operative or at the door, or please call or

e-mail for reservations Contact: David Pedder

Tel: 01367 718420 Email: [DJPedderDPA@aol.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@aol.com)

## STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

**Robin Hood and his Not-That-Merry-Maids**

**Stanford Village Hall**

**January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm**

**(Matinee 2.30 on Saturday)**

Absent minded folk hero Robin Hood joins forces with his not-particularly-merry Maids to rescue the lovely Maid Marion's mother, Dame Pickled, from the Sheriff of Nottingham. Unbelievably, two trained squirrels join in the rescue attempt, - (this is panto!), - causing the Sheriff to become really mad as his schemes are thwarted. Will Marian's mum be saved? Does King Richard have a role to play? Come along and find out. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets: - £6 (concessions £4) available by phoning 01367 710724 or by calling in at 16 Hunters Field – the Booking Office!

## Parish News submission December 2012 - From 'agsr'.

Planning Application Update – Land off the A417 adjacent to the roundabout.

As you know a planning application was lodged with the VWHDC in October by David Wilson Homes. A group of Stanford residents (agsr) has objected to the application on the grounds that it is unsustainable as the village infrastructure is fragile and there are things which need to be addressed urgently – primary school, utilities and transport services, before any large planning permission is granted to anyone. Housing development needs to be of a kind which is an asset to our village, not a blight on the existing population. If development goes ahead the implications are:

- **Primary School:** a minimum of 23 children will not be able to attend their local primary school. DWH have indicated that an approximate 2mile journey from Stanford to Shellingford, (being the nearest alternative and assuming there are places available) would be walkable. Would you want your child to undertake this journey along the A417 twice a day during term time? Or, would you be happy to have your 5 year old bussed to another school out of the area where space is available?

- **Water/sewerage problems:** Thames Water is more than aware of the existing problems with sewage disposal, attending numerous calls for help during the last year. House building on what is currently classed as 'rainfall run-off land' would have an effect on flooding in other parts of the village by removing the water storage capacity of this plot. More demands on water would lead to further lowering of water pressure. In order to confirm that these problems are village-wide do you have evidence which we can use? Photographs? Call-out dates?

- **Transport Services:** There are no busses which connect to other services to allow commuters to travel to/from work outside the village. This is a basic requirement if more people move here as there is no employment in the village.

The Parish Council's Housing Survey results strongly indicate that as a village, Stanford residents are not against new building development and would welcome

infill house building, within the village envelope, in line with local demand.

When we asked for your support in November we had a brilliant response. However, you need to be aware that these plans will affect your children, will affect your village, will affect you. The fight will continue, it is still not too late and your voice can still be heard. Write directly to the VWHDC Planning Department in Abingdon or submit your views on the VOWDC Planning website under application number P12/V2075/FUL. Anyone who has concerns is welcome to contact 'agsr' via our email [agsr@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:agsr@hotmail.co.uk) and we will be pleased to provide you with as much help and information as possible.

"Meet the Need, not the Greed"

#### **Latest News from the Parish Council**

*Thanks to everyone who submitted comments to VWHDC. We're delighted to advise that, thanks to the combined efforts of both residents and Parish Council, the current application from DWH has been refused. However, we envisage that a revised application will be made in the New Year, so please do keep up the good work and help to ensure that the planners meet the needs of this community, not the Vale's housing targets!*

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

We would like to welcome the new children joining us this year and wish all our families a Happy New Year. We are going to start the year looking at birds, the different types we can see in our gardens or at Pre-school and the children will enjoy making bird cakes to encourage birds into their gardens at home, and take part in a sponsored bird watch activity.

We will also bring a bit of the outdoors inside through making an indoor garden with the children; we look forward to seeing what their imagination will create through this experience.

The children will learn a little about the Buddhist faith through making Prayer flags as we explore the country of Nepal, the Himalayas and the different weathers and landscapes.

We will also be cooking scones. At Pre-school we cook every term with the support of parents to provide ingredients. Whilst making scones the children will develop physical skills as well as learning about different flavours and noticing change. It seems it will be a short but busy term!

We wrapped up our Christmas term a fantastic family Christmas disco held in our village hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December. It was nice to see so many of our families and friends enjoying this family event. There were more than 100 people big and small dancing the night away.

Let us know what you enjoyed about this event. Would you like to get involved to help us in future successful events?



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

#### **Bethlehem's Buzzin'**

Sunflower, Snowdrop and Buttercup class have worked incredibly hard to put on their Christmas performance: 'Bethlehem's Buzzin'. The children did a fantastic job of learning their lines and songs and everyone enjoyed the show.

#### **There's Something Amazing Going On**

Year 3, 4 and 5 have also been busy putting on a Christmas performance: 'There's Something Amazing Going On'. The children were involved in the props and scenery as well as performing. The show was amazing!

#### **Moroccan Café and African Drumming**

Orchid Class have been working hard in class to open up a Moroccan café to their parents. The food was so delicious that many people have brought the recipe book created by Year 5. To finish off their topic, the children experienced an African drumming workshop. It sounded fantastic.

#### **Botanical Gardens**

To finish off Buttercup's topic, Year 2 went to the Botanical Gardens in Oxford. We made Christmas decorations, guessed the type of plant and looked in the hot house at the exotic plants.

#### **Music Performance**

Year 3 were lucky enough to be invited to Faringdon Junior School to watch a music performance from the Oxfordshire Music Service. The performance taught us about the different types of instruments and how they create different sounds. We also enjoyed joining in with some festive songs.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 15th January:** Neil Griffiths will be in school to speak to parents about reading. Please join us between 6.00pm and 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 23rd January:** Open morning. Please pop in between 9.30am and 11.30am to see what we are all up to in school.

Thank you for reading our report and we wish you a happy New Year.

To include items in February's newsletter please send to [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com) or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

Closing date: **18<sup>th</sup> January 2013** Thank you.