

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



April 2013

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

Tuesday 2nd April

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

Thursday 4th April

2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 7th April *Easter 2*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 10th April

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 14th April *Easter 3*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

9.45 am Just Come

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (Stanford)

Thursday 18th April

2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 21st April *Easter 4*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Family Service (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Goosey)

Monday 22nd April

7.30pm Annual Parish Church Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April *St Georges Day*

7.30 pm Evening Prayer (St Georges, Hatford)

Wednesday 24th April

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 28th April *Easter 5*

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Hatford)

Sunday 5th May *Easter 6*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

9.45 am Just Come (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

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 Revd Eddy

FROM THE REGISTERS

Service at the Crematorium

Thursday 21st March

Olive Pendell

Cottage Road

Funeral Service

Friday 22nd March

Leslie (Les) Meek

Tyrells Close

Aged 65 years

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Priest-in-Charge

The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

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

Vicar's 'Thought For The Month'

On 21 March, Justin Welby was Enthroned as the new Archbishop of Canterbury – not a job that many would fancy applying for! He'd only been a Bishop himself a year or so, and actually said to those selecting the next ABC that they'd be 'mad' to appoint him!

The role of an Archbishop, or Prime Minister, or any senior position for that matter, is one which holds huge responsibility and, of course, whatever you say will be 'wrong' to some people. It is going to take some real nerve, and faith and hope in God for Justin to take on the huge tasks which face him as he leads the Church of England, and the world-wide Anglican Communion, forward

It was encouraging then, that at his service at Canterbury Cathedral, Archbishop Justin told the story of Jesus and his disciples in a boat. In the story, Jesus is walking on the Sea of Galilee towards the boat and the water is rough. The disciples are in the boat and afraid of the waves and yet, Jesus tells Peter to get out of the boat and walk on the water towards him!

History does not relate what the disciples thought about getting out of a perfectly serviceable boat – but Peter did so and the others stayed put. *The utterly absurd is completely reasonable when Jesus is the one who is calling.* Courage is liberated, and Peter gets out of the boat, walks a bit, and then fails. But love catches him,

gently sets him right, and in a moment, Peter and Jesus are both in the boat and there is peace. *Courage failed, but Jesus is stronger than failure.*

As the Archbishop reminded us, the fear of the disciples was reasonable. People do not walk on water, but this person did." But thankfully for Peter, he put his faith and trust in Jesus.

For many in the parish at the moment, times are hard. For some, it is worries about jobs. For others, it is their health, and for others, it is wondering how life can make sense again having lost a close friend, or family member. And amongst all those questions is another: can we trust a God who, the Bible tells, wants us to reach out and receive Jesus love and help? For us to trust and follow Christ is reasonable *if He is what the disciples end up saying He is*; "truly you are the Son of God". Each of us needs to heed His voice calling to us, and to get out of our 'boat' and go to Him. Because even when we fail, we will find peace and hope and become more fully human than we can imagine: failure forgiven, courage liberated, hope persevering, love abounding.

Yours *Paul*

The Annual Parish Meeting

For the village with yearly reports from officers is on

Wednesday 3rd April 2013 - 7.30 pm

In the Small Village Hall

All Villagers welcome

The Annual Parish Council Meeting

Is on Wednesday May 1st – 7.30pm

In the Small Village Hall

All Villagers welcome

Stanford Art Group

Monday 8th April 21013

At 7.15pm In the Small Village Hall.

"Going to Pot" Demo / workshop with Seija.

Bring pre primed Oil / Acrylic board or paper.

Blue or red Acrylic Paint and Oil Paint.

Brush and water container

Paper to cover table and a rag.

All Welcome, Visitors £3 . For more info 01367 710754

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday, **9th April,**

7:45 p.m. in Stanford Village Hall, Small Hall

MARTIN WAY will talk on "WHAT A CENTURY"

We are delighted to have another visit by Martin,

a local historian from Alvescot. Martin has

previously delighted us with talks about

Anglo-Saxon metalwork, and the story of Radcot

Bridge. This time he describes the story of

Carterton and the early of days

of RAF Brize Norton.

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.



Where and When:

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

**10th April 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 or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Faringdon & District U3A

Thursday 11th April 2013

2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

Faringdon & District U3A

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, with yearly reports

from officers and election of the new committee,

followed by a quiz, a rolling presentation of our past

years' activities with tea and cake

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)

01367 241296

www.FaringdonU3A.org.uk

STANFORD IN THE VALE

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th April

Subject: Chrissie's Owls

Speaker: Mrs. Chrissie Harper

All Welcome

Saturday 20th April

Fairtrade Stall

10am – Noon St Denys Church

featuring goods from The Mustard Seed, Faringdon.

Come and stock up, while ensuring farmers in the developing

world get a fair deal. Contact Zoë Williams

zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com tel: 710705

Stanford Goods Sharing Circle

www.ecomodo.com

If you live in Stanford, we'd love for you to join our local lending and borrowing circle. Visit ecomodo.com to see what is already available to borrow in the village. You can even make money by letting local people borrow your stuff, skills and spaces. Lend out your rarely used tools, offer a spare bed for a weekend, show someone how to knit, or just use the site to borrow items as and when you need them. There is the option to take a deposit and insurance for more expensive items so you can lend your stuff with confidence.

The average drill is used for only 12 minutes of its lifetime. If it costs £50 to buy, that means that we spend £4.17 per minute

of use! If you'd like to untap the resources sitting around in cupboards in Stanford, why not join the new lending and borrowing circle?
Participants give feedback, and you can opt for a deposit and insurance on higher value items. Visit ecomodo.com to find out more.

MUSIC - CLASSICAL & OPERA

Music of Mystery and Imagination

Music in the Vale proudly present The Cotswold Piano Trio, Liz Hayes - piano, Beth Reed - violin, and Coral Lancaster cello, in an evening concert entitled "Music of Mystery and Imagination". The Trio will perform the 'Ghost' trio by Beethoven, Robert Schumann's Piano Trio in F major, Op. 80 as well as excerpts from 'Peer Gynt' by Grieg.

When: 20 April 2013 - 7.30 pm start time

Where: St. Denys Church, Tel: 01367 718420

Email: DJPedderDPA@aol.com

Price: Admission by programme £10

Age: Accompanied children under 12 - free

Tickets are available from Stanford in the Vale Midcounties Co-operative or at the door, or please call or e-mail for reservations.

Stanford In The Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th April 2013.

The speaker will be Helen Picton from the Old Court Nurseries, near Malvern, on Michaelmas daisies.

She will have plants for sale.

The competition will be 'A Daisy'

Refreshments and raffle.

Visitors very welcome for a small entry fee.

Further information: Rosemary Packer, tel. 710445

INSPIRED BY THE SPORT OF 2012?

THOUGHT ABOUT BOWLS?

Fancy a new challenge.

Help keep the momentum and enthusiasm for sport in 2012 alive in 2013. Participate in a sporting activity which can be played in friendly and informal settings or at the level of matches and competitions.

Take up a new game or return to an old favourite by joining us at the Bowling Club in Manor Road Recreation Ground.

We open up for the new season on **Saturday 20 April at 2.30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come and give our sport a try. Light refreshments will be available and the bar will be open too.

Simply just turn up at the Club. We welcome men, women and juniors of all ages and abilities to join in the enjoyment of our game.

All you need are flat soled shoes or trainers as we have bowls to loan. Help will be on hand to start you off. A warm welcome awaits you so please come along. Any additional information can be acquired by contacting Geoff on 01235 770923, or Marian on 01235 765157

Advance Notices

Chocolate Tea Party

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Sunday 5th May

2 – 4:30pm

In memory of baby Emma Kate Braddy

Proceeds to The Sick Children's Trust



www.sickchildrenstrust.org

For more details, contact

[Jane Braddy 07966 255721](mailto:Jane.Braddy@btinternet.com)

jane@braddy.net

[For more information see: funday.braddy.net](http://funday.braddy.net)

Stanford Summer Festival

Saturday June 15th and Sunday June 16th

On and around Church Green

The theme for this year's

Flower Festival is 'The Animal Kingdom'.

Many attractions including Fred in the Shed, Wantage Silver Band, bouncy castles, plus lots more entertainment for the whole family.

Look out for information about 'the Great Stanford Bake Off' plus an 'Animal Photograph' competition.

Beer Tent

More information from jmwarren32@btinternet.com

April - Stanford Pre-school News

Happy Easter to all our children and families! We look forward to welcoming 2 new families with us this term. This term we have lots of different activities happening, all of which are designed to meet our children's individual needs. In April we are in the growing garden and look forward to both eating our produce and selling some to buy seeds for next year. We are celebrating St. George's Day through a week of flag and 3D dragon making. The children will be cooking Jam Tarts helping them to learning about change, along with activities involving life cycles and seasons. We will also explore money, time, length/height & weight and other mathematical concepts.

The committee would love to meet all parents (current and future) and are hosting a new drop-in coffee morning in the small village hall. Our first one is on **Monday 29th April (9.10-11am)**. Children are very welcome.

We were invited to the Excellence in Oxfordshire Awards event on 14th March where we were awarded a certificate recognising that we hold an Ofsted Outstanding rating. We would like to thank everybody in our community for helping us to make this achievement possible.



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

Science Day

On Wednesday 6th March we took part in the Big Science Event. In groups, we planned and carried out our own investigations. Each class picked a winning group to present to the school. We picked 2 groups from the school to represent us against other Oxfordshire schools in May. Good Luck Year 4 and 6!

Dance-a-thon

For Red Nose Day we held a whole school Dance-a-thon. Each class danced for 45 minutes to music from different decades. We dressed up and had a fantastic day.

Poppy Class visit an air raid shelter.

Year 4 had the chance to visit an air raid shelter in the village. We had a guest speaker to tell us all about it. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

Oliver Music Week

The week beginning 25th February was Music Week. All the schools in our Wantage partnership focussed on the music from Oliver. We had teachers and students in from King Alfred's to teach workshops and some of our children went to the Civic Hall in Wantage to perform songs from Oliver. As well as this, we had 2 fantastic workshops in school. On Monday we had a session in junk music from Mr Junkman and on Friday we thought about beats and rhythms and dancing and singing with Bassistry.

Magic Show

As part of our Big Science Event, we had a magic show to teach us about healthy eating. We found out what was in our food and how we can eat healthier.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 21st May: Party! Brenda Selkirk is leaving our school after working here for nearly 19 years! Please pop in for a tea party and to wish her well between 3.30 and 4.30pm.

Thursday 13th June: Father's Day Service. Please join us at St Denys' Church at 2.30pm for our Service.

Thank you for reading our report.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - HORTICULTURAL SHOW - September 7th. HANDICRAFT CLASSES

The Handicraft classes this year will include a class to knit cardigans for the Special Care Baby Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital. The items will be judged on the quality of the workmanship and all items will then be donated to the unit. Any additional items for donation will of course be welcome but only one item may be entered in the class.

**For details and patterns contact the
Show Secretary, John Smith on 710494.**

Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School Site Manager

Temporary post for remainder of this academic year, with possibility of becoming permanent

Required from: 3rd June 2013

Morning sessions: 7.15am – 9.15am

Afternoon sessions: 3.15pm – 5.30pm

Grade 6. Point 20. Equals £11,846.00 a year

We are looking for a well organised, multi skilled person to join our skilled, enthusiastic team within our high achieving school.

Our Site Manager would be required to line manage two cleaners and undertake a range of activities to ensure our site is kept safe, orderly and clean. We are looking for someone who can clean areas within the school, maintain the grounds, ensure health and safety checks are carried out, monitor the security of the site, organise and liaise with contractors as required, order and maintain cleaning equipment, consumables and grounds equipment.

Experience preferred, although further training opportunities will be available.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. We will carry out a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) enhanced check.

To arrange an informal visit of the school or to request an application pack, please contact Mrs Lynda Humphreys (Admin Officer) or Ms Emma Payne on 01367 710474.

Closing date: Friday 26th April

Interviews: Friday 3rd May

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 2013** Thank you.