

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



December 2013

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2013

Sunday 1st December Advent 1

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
9.55 am Informal Worship (Stanford)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
2.00pm Funeral of Patricia Williams

7.00 pm Hymns and Readings for Advent

Thursday 5th December

2.00 pm Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5
Christmas Performance
2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange
6.00 pm Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5
Christmas Performance

Friday 6th December

6.00 pm Stanford School Year 3, 4 and 5
Christmas Performance

Saturday 7th December

5.00 pm Lighting of the Tree in St Denys
Churchyard, followed by the
singing of Carols and hot refreshments.

Sunday 8th December Advent 2

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)
9.55 am Informal Worship (Stanford)
10.15 am Morning Worship with Thanksgiving
for a Child (Stanford)
7.00 pm Word and Spirit Service (Stanford)

Tuesday 10th December

10.30 am Holy Communion
3.00 pm Time for God (Note different week)

Saturday 14th December

4.00 pm Wedding

Sunday 15th December Advent 3

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15am All Age Service with Baptism
(Stanford)

6.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Hatford

Tuesday 17th December

2.00 pm and 5.30pm Stanford School Foundation
Stage and Key Stage One Christmas Performance

Thursday 19th December

2.30 pm Carols of Praise at the Grange

Friday 20th December

9.30am Stanford School Carol Service

Saturday 21st December

5.00pm Carols by Candlelight at Goosey

Sunday 22nd Advent 4

9.55 am Informal Worship (Stanford)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at Stanford

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

10.30 am Holy Communion
5.00pm Crib Service at Stanford
10.00pm Holy Communion at Stanford

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Communion at Hatford
9.00am Holy Communion at Goosey
10.15 am All Age Service at Stanford

Sunday 29th December 1st Sunday after Christmas

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

Sunday 5th January Epiphany

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
9.45 am Informal Worship (Stanford)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

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 between 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.

Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings - please contact the Vicar on 710267.

All Age Service This is an informal, non-communion, service of all-age worship held at 10.15 on the third Sunday every month.

Oasis Monday mornings do drop into St Denys Church between 9.30 am and 11.00am for more coffee and tea, bacon

butties and chat. A time to relax and catch up after the weekend.

From the Registers

Funeral Service

Monday 28th October

Evelyn Victoria Rudman

Aged 93 years

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	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		

The Vicar Writes

This will be the first Christmas in Stanford for the Eddy family, and we are greatly looking forward to it. With 37 'known' events in my diary from Dec 1 to 25, 'I'm sure I'll know all the carols off by heart!

2013 has been a year of contrasts in many ways in the village: the very cold winter/snow, compared to the amazing (and un-typical British) summer we all enjoyed. Then there was the fun and laughter over the Festival weekend, compared to the silence as we watched the Horse and Jockey on fire, and tried to support Charles and Anna.

For many families the year has brought both good and bad times. The large number of weddings brought great joy to many, and were often 'public' events in the village. On the other hand, with great sadness people have gathered (in large and small numbers) to pay their last respects to villagers who have died.

Christmas is a time to stop and reflect on life, to look back at all that has been good this year, to consider the impact we have had on others (for good and bad), and to remember that whatever we face, God is always there and wants to help – however dark or desperate a problem or situation may seem.

2,000 years ago, into a very dark, unjust world, came a baby. Not the sort of Military Strategy we might expect today of the UN to sort out a major mess in the world! But in vulnerability, God sent his only Son, and through His life on earth, Jesus taught about a new Kingdom, a new way of life, a way of living that has purpose and meaning.

And then, to give everyone a fresh start and hope, Jesus took on himself all the wrong that had, and would, be done in the future and died, so that we might live life to the full if we follow Him. That is, if we too might be vulnerable and admit that we want to live a life with purpose and meaning forever – with God guiding us.

Amid all the hustle and bustle this Christmas, may you and I take a few moments to stop and reflect on this year, on

the vulnerability of a baby 2,000 years ago, and perhaps, just perhaps, this Christmas might be one where we really experience the love of God, through His son, for the very first time.

A very Happy Christmas to you all.

Paul

Thank You

Winifred Keye

I wish to thank everyone who did attend the funeral for Winnie.

Mum had suffered with Parkinson's for many years. Thank you all for your kindness to her, also for donations received and forwarded to Parkinson's UK.

Sincere thanks for caring Jean

Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts in shoeboxes to this appeal. 58 boxes were collected from Stanford School and 29 from the Church. Most of the boxes will be transported to Belarus, Ukraine and Romania so your boxes will all end up in Eastern Europe.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 4th December 2013

Doors open at 7.15 for Eyes-down at 7.45pm

Bar and raffle

Contact: J. Greenwood 01367 710578

Stanford in the Vale Pre School

Christmas Drinks

-followed by-

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5th December 2013 8.00pm

At SITV Pre-school next to the Village Hall



Christmas Gift Fayre

Supporting Riding for the Disabled, Abingdon Branch.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Saturday 7th December 2013 – 1.00pm to 4.00pm

All welcome to come along and find lovely gifts on sale from local Artisans.

Licensed bar by the Horse & Jockey.

Raffle, Tombola Festive Nibbles, and

Bouncy Castle for the 'Young Ones'.

Mini workshop 2pm to 3.30pm for children

to make a special Christmas gift,

- numbers limited!

Saturday 7th December

5.00 pm

Lighting of the Tree in St Denys

Churchyard, followed by the
singing of Carols and hot refreshments.

Stanford Art Group

Monday 9th December 2013

At 7.15pm In the Small Village Hall

Christmas Crackers led by Beryle Maile.

Come and have a fun evening.

All welcome visitors £3 for more info 01367 710754

STANFORD IN THE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

CHRISTMAS BINGO

At STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7.30PM

EYES DOWN 8.00PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Enquiries Martin 01367 710724

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.

11th December 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 12th December 2013

2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

“ The Magic of Opera – Not just shrieking
ladies and fat tenors”

Jim Mitchell is making another visit to entertain us.

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)

01367 241296

faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

STANFORD IN THE VALE

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

on Wednesday 18th December

for Christmas Celebrations

Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club

There will be no meeting in December and the next

meeting will be in January.

Cast On Knitting Group

"Cast On! Knitting Group continues to meet twice a month on the 2nd and last Wednesday evening of the month. While we wait for the Horse and Jockey to re-open, our temporary venue is Stanford Social Club from 7.30pm. Our thanks to the committee for accommodating us. Friendly, fun and free. A great opportunity to make friends and share your hobby. Knitting and crochet skills exchanged. More information caston@tlkc.co.uk or 710362"

Advance Notices

Sunday 26 January, 6pm at St Denys

Stanford Music-makers

Do you play an instrument or sing? We are organising an evening of music at St Denys, where people of all ages can perform a piece/song that they have prepared. A good opportunity for sharing music and performing in front of others, for all levels from beginners up! If you would like to be involved, please contact Joy Hindson on 718552 or

joy_hindson@hotmail.com

PANTOMIME 2014

After a 'break' last year, Stanford Drama Group are pleased to announce that they will be performing **RED RIDING HOOD** on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of February. Booking details next month but get the date in your diary.

**32nd White Horse Half Marathon Sunday,
6th April 2014**

Registration has now opened for the 2014 White Horse Half Marathon scheduled to take place on Sunday, 6th April next year. This is a popular, local race established in 1983 and organised by White Horse Harriers AC.

The 2014 race will start at the slightly earlier time than usual of 09:30am in Cane Lane, Grove. As in recent years the route will pass along Newlands Drive before taking the runners out through the village of Denchworth. The runners will then make a long loop out through the villages of Lyford and Charney Bassett back to Denchworth before returning to the finish on Pound Green in Grove.

Anyone requiring further details can contact Dene Stringfellow (Race Director) on 01235 868111

or visit the race web page at

www.whitehorseharriers.org/halfmarathon.html.

December – Stanford Pre-school News

We will be enjoying a month of glitter and Christmas crafts. The children have also made their Christmas cakes ready for icing later in the term. Children in Need was great fun, the children dressed in spots and we decorated biscuits to sell to raise funds – the children did really well and we were able to donate £36.16 – well done everybody. Please look on the website to see what fun we had –

www.stanfordpreschool.org

Later this term we will be having a walk around the village to look at the Christmas lights on houses and in gardens, this will be followed by a lovely evening of Mulled wine and the children singing their Christmas songs, this should be a lovely end to the term.

The committee would like to extend a warm welcome to everybody to join us for our AGM which is 8pm on 5th December in our Preschool Building.

It is with much sadness that we announce that two of our longstanding, fantastic staff will be leaving us at Christmas, Belinda Harrison and Jacqui Buckland. Both of them have helped shape the lives of many children and we wish them both well for the future.

We are currently recruiting for a number of vacancies.

Bank Staff – to provide cover on an ad-hoc basis.

Lunch Time Assistant – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12pm – 1pm.

Pre-School Assistant – Part-time post approx 15 – 20 hours per week.

Temporary Pre-School Assistant – Part-time post approx 15 – 20 hours per week, January until July.

Please visit the website for further information www.stanfordpreschool.org



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

In the week beginning 4th November, the school held a Prayer and Friendship week. Our report this week explains what we got up to.

Friendship Activities

To help develop ideas of friendship, Year 3 planned a mini PE lesson to teach to Sunflower Class. Bluebell Class thought

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To include items for the newsletter; Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren32@btinternet.com

Closing date this month is the 18th December

Stanford Community Website for e copy Local events, chat forum, business listings, village history and more. www.stanford-in-the-vale.co.uk

about what activities younger children would enjoy and ways to support them. We all had a great morning leading, and taking part in, the activities.

Year 4 created some inside games for the Year 1's to play. Poppy Class created games that were suitable for younger children and everyone enjoyed playing them.

The whole school bought in a t-shirt to decorate with messages of friendship. We used fabric paints and crayons to create brightly decorated tops which represented good friendships. We all wore these home on Friday.

Prayer Space

We were very lucky to have Prayer Space set up in our school hall. Volunteers set up different areas to help children think about different ways to pray. There was an area to think about the world, saying sorry, being thankful and prayers to look after others. We enjoyed using play dough to create things we were grateful for and writing sorry in sand to rub away. Some of us used the time to pray, while others had time to reflect on their own thoughts. We enjoyed our time in the Prayer Space and we are all very grateful to those who donated their time to provide us with this opportunity.

Dates for your diary:

Key Stage Two Christmas Play will take place on **Thursday 5th December at 2pm and 6pm** and **Friday 6th December at 6pm**. All performances will be held at St Denys' Church.

Key Stage One Christmas Play will take place on **Tuesday 17th December at 2.00pm and 5.30pm**. All performances will be held at St Denys' Church.

Friday 20th December: Please join us at 9.30am for our carol Service at St Denys' Church.

Wednesday 22nd January: Open Morning. Please join us between 9.30am and 11.30am in school to see what we are up to in our lessons.

Wednesday 29th January: Stanford's Got Talent. This year's performance will be at 6pm in the school hall.

Thank you for reading our report.

Stanford Village Hall Management Committee are still looking for a Minutes Secretary. If you could help please contact Joan Greenwood – 10367 710578 – for more information

To include items in January's newsletter please send to jmwarren32@btinternet.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

Closing date: **18th December 2013** Thank you