

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## March 2014

### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

\* with the exception of the All Age Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month, all 1015am services start with a time of informal worship from 955-1010am.

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

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)  
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** *Lent 1*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)  
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)  
7.00 pm Word and Spirit Service

#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March** *Lent 2*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
10.15 am All Age Service (Stanford)  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Goosey)

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** *Lent 3*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)  
with the Bishop of Dorchester

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March** *Mothering Sunday*

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

#### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

### Passiontide

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

### From the Registers

#### Funeral Service

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Pam Burt

The Grange

#### Funeral Service

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Shirley Ely

Penstones Court

#### Baptism

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Arthur Bettridge

**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.

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

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

**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, during term time, do drop into St Denys Church between 9.00 and 10.30am for **FREE coffee and tea, bacon butties** and chat. A time to relax and catch up after the weekend.

### 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

**'The Choir' – coming to your village!**

Singing has a way of bringing people together. Whatever age you are, whatever your background, singing and music

can be great levellers and provide opportunities to meet new people.

Gareth Malone's 'The Choir' on TV has shown what can happen when people work together: new talents come out, people's self-confidence is increased and barriers are broken down.

Stanford is a village with a diverse age range, backgrounds and opinions! However, it also has a tremendous community spirit. This year, as a way of harnessing that spirit and helping people to get to know each other better, St Denys is hosting our very own village 'The Choir'. The idea is that anyone in the village, young/old, male/female, can come on a Thursday evening, starting 24 April, and rehearse together for a 'World Premier Performance' (well not quite) at the Village Festival in June. This year's Festival theme is 'Music From The Shows'. So whatever Genre of music you like, I'm sure there will be at least one song that you will enjoy belting out!

Thursday evenings will be from 7-8pm, in church, under the direction of Margaret Williams. More details to follow, but for all those who are fed up of the long winter nights and wanting something to look forward to in the Spring – well, here is one thing to focus on – and then to sign up to!!

Yours

Revd Paul Eddy

### **Thank You**

**Stanford in the Vale Drama Group** would like to thank all the people who came to support us for our performances of 'Red Riding Hood'. We hope that you all enjoyed watching us, as much as we all enjoyed performing.

Thank you to all the groups who kindly gave up their bookings for us. Many thanks also to Vogue Hairdressing for selling our tickets.

Do not forget, that if anyone wishes to join our friendly group, in whatever capacity, they will be very welcome. We meet on Tuesday evenings, in the large Village Hall, at 8.00pm and can be contacted on 710400.

### **Stanford in the Vale Rainbows – Help needed**

Stanford Rainbow Guides is a thriving group of 5 to 7 year old girls who meet between 4 and 5pm on Monday evenings in term time. Currently we have 22 girls and a long waiting list. After Easter we will need another adult to help us and share our meetings. Could you spare an hour a week to join us in encouraging and supporting our Rainbows with crafts and fun activities? No qualifications are needed other than enthusiasm. If you would like to help, or to find out more, please call Angela on 718479.

### **Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan**

The Vale of the White Horse District Council Local Plan (Strategic Sites and Policies) issued on Friday 21st February has proposed that an additional 290 homes will be developed in our Village.

The magnitude of the developments was a complete shock to many of us and a huge disappointment to the entire Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee as

we were not consulted or appraised of the impending proposition in any way.

The focus of our work will now need to change. We will need to carefully review the Vale Plan, engage with them to understand their proposals, their reasoning and work out the best ways to respond to what appears to be a far reaching and short sighted plan.

Some of the work we have already got underway and the inputs from the community remain incredibly valuable. The control functions and structures we have set up and staffed will remain vital. Unfortunately some of the activities and debates we have had are now redundant and we will have to return to the drawing board with some of these.

We will regroup and we must become stronger as a result.

Significant progress had been made in setting up a Workshop session in an attempt to involve the whole community in the creation of our Neighbourhood Plan. It was scheduled for 2 days at the end of March. The content and focus of this will perhaps have to be amended. We will therefore keep you informed as we formulate this and will issue invites etc in the very near future.

The creation of a website and web addresses etc is underway and as we write is not completed and tested. therefore if you have any comments or queries on the Neighbourhood Plan Janet Warren has kindly volunteered to direct them towards the appropriate team member. She can be contacted on [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com)

Thank you

Stanford in the Vale Neighbourhood Plan  
Steering Committee

**The next Parish Council Meeting  
Is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
7.30pm in the Small Village Hall  
All Villagers welcome**

### **Church Bell Ringing Open Morning 10-12 pm Saturday 8 March**

Come and have a go!

Bell ringing is a team activity suitable for ages 18-70 that stimulates the brain, keeps you fit and makes a glorious sound. Practice nights: Tuesdays 7-8 pm

For more details contact Steve Munday 01367 710152

### **Stanford Art Group**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Stanford Village Hall at 7.15pm.**

Demo of Japanese woodcuts by Laura Boswell

All welcome, visitors £3.00.

For more info 01367 710754

## LENT ART

Calling all:

**PAINTERS, DRAWERS WOULD-BE ARTISTS, PRAYERS, VISIONARIES, PROPHETS, POETS, HUNGER-ERS AFTER GOD, MUSICIANS, NEEDLEPERSONS, DABBLERS AND THE PLAIN CURIOUS ETC ETC .**

In the weeks running up until Easter this year, we are holding an event in the Church to enable those in the above categories

### **MONDAY EVENINGS IN LENT**

From 7 till 9.30pm Come along when you can

March 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14

More information in Church

## **STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

**will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m.  
on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for the AGM**

### **Friends of Stanford School**

#### **Quiz night with a curry - Friday 21st March,**

at Stanford in the Vale Primary School

Doors open 7pm. Quiz starts 7.45pm

Max team size 6 Licensed bar

Tickets £10 per person, includes food.

Available from the school office 01367 710474 or

Eva Geekie on 07936488998 Everyone welcome

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

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March**, at Stanford Village Hall,  
Small Hall Start time **7:45 p.m.**

**Title: SCOURING THE WHITE HORSE**

**Speaker: LAWRENCE WARD**

Lawrence looks at why and how the Uffington White Horse has been maintained as a hill figure for about 3000 years. In particular he looks at the rise and fall of the popular festivities that came to form

part of the scouring ceremony.

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance) Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

## **Re-opening of The Horse and Jockey**

We're pleased to announce that The Horse and Jockey will re-open on **Monday 24th March at 12pm** following the closure last July. We will be serving food from Tuesday 25th March and hosting a re-opening party on **Saturday 29th March from 7pm**. For regular updates please visit The Horse and Jockey's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Horse-and-Jockey/204435386267246>. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club**

The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The speaker will be Victoria Logue on Practical propagation, seeds, cuttings and beyond.

The competition will be 'I grew it myself.'

Refreshments and a raffle

Visitors are welcome for a small entry fee.

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

#### **Also, a date for your diary**

Sandra Moss will be giving a flower arranging workshop on **April 12th at 2.00pm.**

Tickets : £8.00, including tea and cakes

Tickets on sale next month

## **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.

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2014,  
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 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON**

In "Adventures of a Civil Engineer" Colin Reed will talk about the construction of the Oresund Bridge which links Denmark and Sweden and is featured in the TV drama "The Bridge"

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman) 01367 241296  
- Faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.co

**Saturday 15th March**

**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.

### **Cast On! Knitting Group**

Our first meeting back at the Horse and Jockey will be on Wednesday 26th March from 7pm.

Contact [caston@tlkc.co.uk](mailto:caston@tlkc.co.uk) or 710362.

### **Snowdrop Planting**

Would you like to plant some for the benefit of the village? Choose a village tree/trees around which you can put some bulbs, and arrange to collect the snowdrop plants from me (bought by the Parish Council).

[ilonaastell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ilonaastell@yahoo.co.uk).

**Community plant planned for the weekend of  
29/30th March.**

## Churchyard Working Party

Can you spare an hour or two to help with a variety of jobs in the Churchyard? **Saturday 5 April –**

Just turn up any time from 9.30am onwards. Your contribution will be most welcome and it will help to keep the Churchyard in good order for the benefit of the whole village.



**St. Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30 pm**

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

### **Remembrance**

Admission by programme £10.00  
from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street, 01367 710476  
by reservation on 01367 718420  
email [DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com), or at the door

### **Stanford Summer Festival**

**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**2014 – Village Voices**

'Songs From The Shows' - a short musical entertainment on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 3.45pm**. The programme will include a vocal selection from 'Les Miserables' and songs from other popular shows. Come and be a **Village Voice** – no experience or training necessary! Practices, in church, on Thursdays at 7pm and/or Fridays at 9.45am. – come at the time convenient to you – **starting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>/Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. Final practice for everyone together – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm. For further information contact Margaret Williams 01367 710254

### **March – Stanford Pre-school News**

We have a busy term planned! We will be celebrating World Maths day with some wacky maths activities for the children to enjoy. During World Book Day the children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character and will bring in their favourite books for us to read. We will be learning about rhyming too. The children will do this through lots of phonics group activities, during group times and on a one-one basis with their key person too. We also have a health and safety week planned. The children will learn how to keep safe on the roads, what to do if they get lost, how to move equipment safely, how to keep safe if there's a fire and stranger danger too. The children will also be learning about South Africa and it's beautiful animals. They will make masks and a large 3D model of an animal to keep us company at pre-school! Finally, the children will be valuing their mothers, making a special gift for Mothers Day.

We are currently planning our register for September. If you would like to join us then please contact us at: [enrol@stanfordpreschool.com](mailto:enrol@stanfordpreschool.com) or [manager@stanfordpreschool.com](mailto:manager@stanfordpreschool.com) and you can check out and what we've been doing on: [www.stanfordpreschool.org](http://www.stanfordpreschool.org). Don't miss out!

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

#### **Open Morning**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, we had our Open Morning. Lots of parents, family members and members of our community came in to school to see what we were up to. Each class were carrying out science investigations. Children needed to think of a science question and the work together in groups to investigate and find an answer to the question.

#### **Stanford's Got Talent**

On 29<sup>th</sup> January, we were entertained by the fantastic talent that we have in our school. Children from across the school took to the stage to share their talent in a range of things including gymnastics, singing and dancing. Everyone who took part was brilliant and it was a very enjoyable evening.

#### **Maths Day**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we took part in a whole school maths day. In the morning, Foundation Stage, Year 1,2 and 3 carried out some maths investigations while the rest of the school designed and made some maths games. In the afternoon, we mixed up the classes and played the games. They were fantastic!

#### **Book Day and Panto**

To celebrate Book Day, the whole school came in dressed as characters from fairy tales or traditional tales. We watched a brilliant Panto of Sleeping Beauty and spent the rest of the day working on activities linked to Sleeping Beauty of fairy tales.

#### **The Countback Kid**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Year 2 to Year 6 enjoyed a play called The Countback Kid. It was set in the Wild West and told a story about the mystery of some stolen money. To save the day, The Countback Kid needed to use her knowledge of mathematical mental methods to solve clues to find the missing money. Luckily, she had the audience to help her out.

#### **Sharing Assembly**

To end the first half of the Spring Term, we had our second Sharing Assembly of the year. Each class shared some of the things they had been doing. It was great to see all the hard and impressive work going on in our school. Thank you to everyone who came to share it with us.

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

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Please join us at St Denys' Church for our Shrove Tuesday service. It begins at 2.30pm.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Please join us at 2.30pm at St Denys' Church for our Mothers Day Service.

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in April'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> March 2014** Thank you