# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## **April 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.

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 followed by

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Stanford)

Wednesday 9th April

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday

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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday

2.30 pm Easter Communion at the Grange7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday

10.00 am All Age Service

2.00 pm Last Hour Service at Stanford

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday

5.55 am
8.30 am
9.00 am
10.15 am
Sunrise Service on the Ridgeway
Holy Communion (Hatford)
Holy Communion (Goosey)
Family Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April Easter 2

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

Sunday 4th May Easter 3

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

# From the Registers Services at the Crematorium

Anthony Dyson
Tyrell Close

### Katie Banks Goosey

<u>Open House</u> 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.

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

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

<u>Oasis</u> 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

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Margaret Williams 710254 Peter Gill 718224

**Licensed Lay Ministers** 

Mrs Jill Smith 710473
Mr Peter Stallabrass 710135

Verger

Mrs Susan Mayall

#### THE VICAR WRITES

I'm sure that we are all delighted that after many months, the Horse and Jockey is now reopened. It is great to have Charles and Anna back in the village!

Many will remember the terrible night last year when all we could do was watch as the pub was burning down, and the terrible sight of the destruction afterwards. However, thanks to the owners, and a lot of hard work, it has been rebuilt and new life has been breathed into the old building. At the heart of the pub though is not the bricks and mortar, but people,

Charles and Anna and Georgie and the way they make everyone so welcome.

April sees the Christian Festival of Easter. On Good Friday the picture is of someone who the people wanted to become their King, hanging on a cross. No future, no hope, just despair. And yet, three days later, everything was changed. He was alive again, he proved to be who he said he was, and there was new life, not just for himself, but for everyone else.

Easter is a season of Hope. Whatever battles, worries and anxieties you face, the message of Easter is two-fold. Firstly, that we have a God who really understands pain, loss and hurt, and secondly, that with this God, there is always hope - because he is the God of Resurrection. He is the God of second chances. He is the God of new life. He us the God of new starts and new beginnings.

So this Easter, I do hope that you will join us at St Denys for one of the Easter Services and find for yourself a new start, a new hope and a new beginning.

Yours Paul

Revd Paul Eddy

Vicar

#### **David Shorter**

David Shorter's memorial bench is now in place on the Village Green. His family would like to thank all who gave donations, help and advice. We hope that those who use it, as he wished, be happy. Betty Shorter

#### STANFORD COMMUNITY BUS

#### **Regular Shopping Trips to Oxford**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.

Direct to the city centre.

No Hassle,

No Traffic problems, (we can use the bus lane!)

No parking costs.

Almost door-to-door.

Drop off and pick up from Westgate Centre.

Departing Stanford 10.00 am and arriving back by 3.30 pm latest.

£5.00 Return. Concessionary Passes are not valid for these trips.

All enquiries and seat booking – ring Elsie Erbsmail on 01367710438.

#### **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

We urgently need to recruit more volunteer drivers for our regular services from the local villages to Wantage and Faringdon.

These services are a lifeline for those people who do not have their own transport. If you could spare the occasional morning

or even half a morning to help then please call for more details. No special licence is required.

John Smith 01367710494

#### **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 9.30 am 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.
Margaret Grant.

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

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

## Remembrance

A programme to commemorate the centenary of World War One, with music composed between 1914 and 1918, including piano trios by Ravel, Ireland and Boulanger

### The Lyric Piano Trio, Beth Reed - violin

Coral Lancaster - 'cello , Liz Hayes - piano

Admission by programme £10.00 from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street, Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476 by reservation on 01367 718420 email <a href="mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com">DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com</a>, or at the door

# STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April,

at Stanford Village Hall, Small Hall Start time **7:45 p.m.** 

Title: WILLIAM GILL Speaker: TONY HADLAND

Tony's previous talk was on Raleigh Cycles. This time his talk is on William Gill, a Victorian relative who was an explorer and intelligence gatherer who was awarded the Royal Geographical Society's Gold Medal.

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

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.

9<sup>h</sup> April 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 or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

#### U3A UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE Faringdon & District U3A Thursday 10th APRIL 2014 2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, with yearly reports from officers and election of the new committee, a rolling presentation of our past years' activities with tea and cake from "Hare in the Wood"

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman) 01367 241296 faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

#### **Fairtrade Stall**

#### Sat 12th April St Denys Church 10 a.m. - Noon

Thank you to everyone who supports the stall.

We have sold £1232.52 worth of Fairtrade products over the last year.

It all helps to keep our local Fairtrade shop in Faringdon running, as well as benefiting producers in the developing world.

Stanford Art Group Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 Stanford Village Hall at 7.15pm.

Stanford Art Group are holding a friendly Critique.

Bring along two pictures of your own or any other picture you would like to discuss with friendly help and advice. All welcome, visitors £4. for more info 01367 710754

The Annual Parish Meeting Is on Wednesday 16th April 7.30pm in the Small Village Hall And on

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014
The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
All Villagers welcome to both meetings

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. on 16th April-Subject:An ABC of the Earth Speaker:Dominic McDonald

# Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014** in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm The speaker will be Catherine Tatham

on 'Garden Design'

The competition will be 'My dream garden.'
Refreshments and a raffle

Visitors are welcome for a small entry fee. Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

#### Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Grand Quiz Night

#### Saturday 26 April

£16 per team of 4 if prior notice given, or £20 at the door, both including ploughmans supper.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm Raffle and Bar Contact: J. Greenwood 01367 710578

#### **Advance Notices**

**OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS Site 10** 

#### **GRANARY ARTISTS EXHIBITION**

Saturday 3 May - Sunday 11 May

12 noon - 5pm

12 noon – 4 pm on Sundays

Granary Studios, Manor Farm, Stanford in the Vale *Take the drive to the left of the Vale Garage off the A417*.

Nine artists exhibiting paintings, pottery, floral art, printmaking, collage, ceramic art, textiles and photography in a delightful setting

# 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

The theme for this year's
Flower Festival is 'Songs from the Shows'.

Many attractions including the return of' Fred in the Shed', Steve Legg, Wantage Silver Band, rodeo super bike, bouncy castles, plus lots more entertainment for the whole family.

Look out for information about 'the Great Stanford Bake Off' plus a photo competition of your favourite place in Stanford.

## Would your business be willing to sponsor the event?

More information from jmwarren32@btinternet.com

#### April - Stanford Pre-school News

Now that spring has arrived and the days are getting warmer we hope to be outside in our growing garden. We are developing a sensory garden that is an exciting addition and will give the children another aspect of the setting to explore.

So far this term the children have enjoyed learning about the animals of South Africa and have made beautiful animal masks. We made a large model of a giraffe who was named "Bob" and he is now very much at home in the setting. Recently during a hospital role-play he was bandaged up which was great fun!

In the last week of term the children will be visiting the church to meet Reverend Eddy and to learn about the Easter story as well as taking part in an Easter egg hunt. Please look at our website to see what the children have been up to: <a href="https://www.stanfordpreschool.org">www.stanfordpreschool.org</a>

After Easter we will be welcoming our new children and look forward to working with them and their parents. We are looking forward to a busy summer term. If you would like to join us in September please put your child's name down on our waiting list asap. Our enrolment team can be contacted at <a href="mailto:enrol@stanfordpreschool.org">enrol@stanfordpreschool.org</a> or you can down load an Enquiry Form from our website.

We held a memorable and lovely leaving party for Belinda Harrison on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Thanks to everybody in the village who helped make this such a great afternoon and to those who contributed to her memory book. It was a wonderful tribute to somebody who has given 15 years to our children and our community. We have listed Belinda as our "Community Star of the Month" which you can read about on our website.

We would like to invite all Friends of Stanford Pre-school – old, current and new to a 'Coffee and Cake' morning on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30-11.30am in the small village hall.



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

#### Bishop John of Oxford

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Bishop John of Oxford visited our school. He did a brilliant Collective Worship. It was very interesting to find out about when he met the Queen and the meanings behind the special clothes he wears.

#### Voice in a Million

Our choir have been working very hard to take part in Voice in a Million. On Wednesday  $12^{th}$  March they all went to Wembley Arena to sing with 5,000 children! They had a fantastic time.

#### Arts Week

Over the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> March, the whole school took part in the WASPs Arts Week. All classes completed work linked to an Oriental theme. We had a dance workshop using Chinese fans, a workshop in Gamelan music and enjoyed doing lots of art and music throughout the week. To end the week, all children sang 2 songs from the Disney film 'Mulan'. As a treat on the next Wednesday, Poppy Class performed their own play of Mulan.

#### Community Lunch

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we invited in members from the community into school for lunch. Bluebell Class gave a tour of the school and served lunch. To finish the afternoon, Year 3 performed some songs that they had been learning for Arts Week.

#### Sport Relief

To raise money for Sport Relief, all children did a sponsored mile run around the school grounds. We all did something funny with our hair and Year 4 baked fruit muffins to sell. We can't wait to find out how much money we have raised.

#### Dates for your diary:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Please join us for our final Sharing Assembly of this year. It begins as 2.15pm.
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Please join us at 2.30pm at St Denys' Church for our Fathers Day Service.

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in May's newsletter please send to <a href="mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com">jmwarren32@btinternet.com</a> or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

Closing date: 18th April 2014 Thank you