

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



## May 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.

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May

2.30 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May Easter 3

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May Easter 4

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

7.00 pm Word and Spirit Service

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

2.30 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May Easter 5

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Goosey

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Hatford)

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June Easter 7

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 8th

**24 hour Prayer Week in the Church**

**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?

<b>Vicar</b>	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
<b>Assistant (part-time) Curate</b>	-	
	The Revd. Angela Gosden	01488 73996
<b>Wardens</b>		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Peter Gill	718224
<b>Verger</b>	Mrs Susan Mayall	

### THE VICAR WRITES

When Gareth Malone bust onto our TV screens a few years ago with a claim that he would change a rough boys' school through drawing together a boys' choir, most people laughed. When he started a series looking for a choir from a Bus depot, a Fire Station and a City Bank, people thought he'd gone mad. But the truth is both 'projects' were a success because music has a way of bringing people together where other methods fail. Music is a great leveller, and whether you can sing at the O2 Arena or just in the shower at home, it can be great fun, give great pleasure and bring happiness.



Unfortunately we don't have Gareth coming to Stanford this Spring, but we do have our own **The Choir** and they will be singing at their Premier on the afternoon of **Sunday 15 June as part of our Festival Weekend**.

Who are they? Well, maybe **you and your friends and family**. If you can sing in the shower, you can sing in The Choir!!

The Choir will be learning **Songs from the Shows**, including ones from Les Miserables. Practices are in church on Thursdays from 7-8pm, or on Fridays, 9.45-10.45am. So, come on, let's show what talent Stanford has. **Why not join this week?** For more information, call Margaret Williams on 710254.

Yours  
Paul

**Revd Paul Eddy**

**Vicar**

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

On Friday 28th and Saturday 29th March we held a Drop In event in the Village Hall and in the Church. Over the 2 days in excess of 200 people attended. It was a very productive and worthwhile event where we believe we got across what the Neighbourhood Plan is and how it can help influence the community. We shared some of our ideas and thoughts, along with those already captured from yourselves. It was also a fantastic forum to allow you to comment on what was presented so that we can make further refinements and put forward more of your ideas.

Since we started working on the Plan, the Vale of the White Horse District Council has proposed a Strategic Development Site of 290 dwellings, on and around the current Nursery Site on the A417. Our village is not alone in being required to take such a significant increase in population. All the major towns and villages in the Vale are required to take large numbers of new builds. The Neighbourhood Plan is legally required to work within the housing requirements and all other policies directed in the Local Plan. However, it does give us the opportunity, if we are quick, to maximise the benefits to the community as a whole and not just satisfy the objectives of the Government, Local Council and Developers, which as we are all aware are not always in line with ours as a community.

We have also distributed a questionnaire to every household. Nearly 300 have been completed and returned. This is a terrific achievement with nearly 1/3 of all households taking an active interest in their community and taking the time to complete a fairly lengthy document (sorry!). Much of the information you provided has been captured electronically and we are now in the process of analysing that information. It will be a long and difficult process as you can imagine, however as a priority the findings around development sites will be forwarded to the District Council for their consideration in the drafting of the Local Plan.

Over the next month much of the NP steering committee efforts will be around the analysis of the data you have provided and the preparation for the first drafts of the Plan itself. From this we will identify the next steps to present the analysis back to you along with other pertinent information. We will be using various means to achieve this feedback and will be providing another opportunity to interact at the Village Festival in June.

Once again thank you for all your support as a community and special thank you to all of the volunteers who contributed towards the creation and running of the drop in event, a time consuming and exhausting activity but we hope you all found it productive and useful.

### **The Big Snowdrop Plant**

**Many thanks to all of you who volunteered and planted some around the trees on verges and on the greens of our village. Look out for the flowers next January, and maybe bees drinking the nectar to refuel themselves through late winter days.**  
**Ilona Astell**

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Is on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm  
In the Small Village Hall  
All Villagers welcome**

## **OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS Site 10 GRANARY ARTISTS EXHIBITION**

**Saturday 3 May - Sunday 11 May**

**12 noon – 5 pm**

**11 am – 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 pottery, mixed media, printmaking, collage, ceramic art, textiles and photography in a delightful setting

### **OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS 2014**

**Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th May inclusive,**

**12 – 6pm each day**

**David Morton, Lawrence Ward and Seija**

**Wentworth (Site 26)**

**& The Stanford Art Group (Site 27)**

Two exhibitions to enjoy at the same venue

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

Free entry, wheelchair friendly, parking, refreshments available

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

**Faringdon & District U3A**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON**

The Naturalist, JOHN TYLER will talk about "The World of Fungi". As well as being colourful, beautiful and edible (except for ones that are deadly poisonous!) fungi are the ultimate recyclers and without them most of the world's habitats would soon collapse

Further information from Sylvia Bowley (Chairman)

01367 241296

[faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com](http://faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com)

### **Fairtrade Stall**

**St Denys Church 10 a.m. - Noon**

**Sat 10th May**

St Denys Church

10 a.m. - Noon

featuring goods from The Mustard Seed, Faringdon

### **Stanford Art Group**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Stanford Village Hall at 7.15pm.**

Workshop led by Kathy Foster.

Drawing clothed model, all abilities welcome with friendly help and advice.

Come along and learn a new skill.

Refreshment.

All welcome, visitors £4. for more info 01367 710754

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

**Tuesday, 13th May, at Stanford Village Hall,  
Small Hall Start time 7:45 p.m.**

**Title: THE COTSWOLD WOOL  
TRADE AND TRADITIONAL  
SHEPHERDING**

**Speaker: MARTIN WAY**

Martin has given us several lively talks. This talk will cover the vital role of wool in the medieval economy and the trade routes, particularly the one to Southampton, which came through our area.

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance) Refreshments and raffle

Further information:

Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

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

The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The speaker will be Christine Stapley on Herbs.

The competition will be an arrangement of herbs.

Refreshments and a raffle

Visitors are welcome for a small entry fee.

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

Also

**Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Coffee Morning**

In the Small Village Hall from 10.00 – 12.00noon

Plants, cakes and books for sale and a raffle

**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.

**14<sup>th</sup> May 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

**Advance Notices**

*St. Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale*

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30 pm*

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

**“Summer Breezes”**

Music for woodwind & piano by Arrieu,

Quilter, Shostakovich, Farkas, Mozart and Gershwin...

**The Loxley Quintet**

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

**Oxfordshire Green Open Homes**

**Sunday 18th May 10am-12 noon, and 1pm-3pm**

Want to see inside an eco home, or find out how to make your home more energy efficient?

Homes across South Oxfordshire will be opening over the weekend of 17th and 18th May; a bit like Artweeks, but to see green stuff.

**What You Can See in Stanford:**

**at 3 High Street, SN7 8LH**

Ground source heat pump, PV solar panels, and rainwater harvesting.

**at 4 St Denys Close, SN7 8NJ**

Wood pellet boiler, solar panels for making electricity and heating water, a plug-in electric car and LED and solar lighting.

[www.southoxfordshire.greenopenhomes.net](http://www.southoxfordshire.greenopenhomes.net) or call Pat or Zoë on 710705

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

**will meet in the Village Hall  
at 7.30p.m. on 21<sup>st</sup> May-**

**Subject: Ex Butler to the Royal Family  
Speaker: Ian Scott-Hunter**

**All welcome**

**Stanford Summer Festival**

**Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
On and around Church Green**

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.

More information from [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com)

**STANFORD IN THE VALE FUN RUN  
SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 @ NOON  
S.I.T.V VILLAGE HALL**

**(REGISTRATION FROM 11.00a.m.)  
REGISTER NOW: £4.00 ADULT, £3.00 CHILD  
OR**

**ON THE DAY: £5.00 ADULT, £4.00 CHILD  
ENTRY/SPONSOR FORMS FROM  
NINA/RICHARD 01367 718454  
OR S.I.T.V. PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE**

## STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

This year, we will be doing a full length Summer Production, so put the dates in your diary now, and look out for further information in the June Newsletter or on the Stanford website.

**Holmes Sweet Holmes / Jekyll in Hiding**  
**July 3rd, 4th and 5th**



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

We have all had a fabulous Easter break and we are ready for the Summer Term. Here is what we will be learning about:

### Sunflower Class

In Foundation our topic is 'Kings, Queens and Castles'. We will be learning about the features of a castle and creating a medieval dance.

### Snowdrop Class

We will be learning about 'Journeys' and we will be making a 3D map of the River Thames to show the journey from Lechlade to London.

### Buttercup Class

In Year 2 our topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be working towards a play to perform to our parents to re-tell the story of the Great Fire.

### Bluebell Class

Our topic is 'The Knights of the Round Table'. We are looking forward to our trip to Windsor Castle and our medieval day!

### Poppy Class

Year 4 will be learning about 'Ancient Egypt'. We are looking forward to inviting our parents in to our Egyptian Café.

### Orchid Class

This Term our topic is 'Harry Potter'. We will be working together to create a Harry Potter themed banquet.

### Forget-me-not Class

In Year 6 we are preparing for our SATs. Once they are over, we will be starting to work on our end of year performance.

### Dates for your diary:

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Please join us for our final Sharing Assembly of this year. It begins at 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 June'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> May 2014** Thank you

## May - Stanford Pre-school News

Welcome to all the new families who have joined us after Easter! This term is very short with just 5 weeks and we are looking forward to enjoying some sunshine and water play. We hope that our frogspawn will have changed into froglets by the time we have returned from the Easter holidays too.

This term we will be drawing superheroes and talking about their superpowers - some children will practice their writing skills through this activity. We will also learn about bugs. The children will learn about life cycles as we watch caterpillars changing into butterflies. We will also go out on bug hunts to see what we can find. We are very lucky to have a family with an interest in larger insects and we hope to have some special visitors this term!

We are starting to draw up our register for this September. So if you would like your child to join us then please let us know ASAP. Enrolment information can be found on our website: [www.stanfordpreschool.org](http://www.stanfordpreschool.org) or you can contact our Welcome Rep on: [enrol@stanfordpreschool.org](mailto:enrol@stanfordpreschool.org)

We look forward to hearing from you!

We have an open coffee morning on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30-noon** in the small village hall. This is a friendly, relaxed environment to meet up with other parents and committee. All children are very welcome.

Also, we are organising a social meal at our new Horse and Jockey on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8pm - late**. This promises to be a fun night out to help raise some much needed funds for Pre-school. Tickets are £25pp and include a welcome drink and a 3-course meal. If you are interested, please contact Fran at [chair@stanfordpreschool.org](mailto:chair@stanfordpreschool.org).