

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER



October 2014

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

* with the exception of the All Age Service on the 3rd Sunday in the month, all 10.15am services start with a time of informal worship from 9.55-10.10am.

Wednesday 1st October

11.00 am Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 5th October *Trinity 16*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Tuesday 7th October

3.00 pm Time for God

Wednesday 8th October

10.30 am Holy Communion

Thursday 9th October

7.00pm Deanery Confirmation Service

Sunday 12th October *Trinity 17*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Word and Spirit Evening

Wednesday 15th October

11.00 am Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 19th October *Trinity 18*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 22nd October

10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th October *Last after Trinity*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 2nd November *4th before Advent*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

7.00 pm Remembrance Concert

From the Registers

Funeral Service for

Thursday 11th September

Sheila Lycett

Formally of Joyces Road

Marriage Services

Saturday 6th September

Isabelle O'Hagan and Daniel Taylor

At St Georges, Hatford

Michelle Matthews and Glyn Stanton

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.

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.

Need someone to talk to?

Do contact the Vicar if you have any concerns or worries and just need someone to talk to – 01367 710267.

E mail: paul@pauleddy.org

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Peter Gill	718224
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

The Vicar writes

September saw the start of my return to work after 3 months off whilst my body healed from an allergic stomach reaction to antibiotics, giving me nasty ulcers. I have returned to 'vicaring' and currently feel about 70% there. My GP reckons it will take another 4-6 months until I really feel on top form and until then, apparently it is a matter of pacing things and gradually building up energy levels again!

As an extrovert who, until now, has always enjoyed good health, this recent batch of ill-health has helped me reflect on how isolating being ill can make you, and how disabling it can become. For me, I was fortunate to be surrounded by a loving family and supportive church, but for those who live alone, and for the elderly in particular, it has made me think more deeply about how they cope with chronic illness in particular.

I know from my own experience how hard it was at times even to be able to be driven for a hospital appointment, how ill I felt, and how vulnerable you can feel, but at least I had support. I am very conscious that there are many people in our village and community who live alone and for no fault of their own, battle with on-going illness. How might we support them?

In my case, 3 months seemed a very long time out of action and even now, I don't have the energy or motivation to do all that I would like to do, but I am assured by the doctors that energy reserves will come back. But I know the feeling of looking ahead and not being able to plan things for I don't know what energy levels I will have at that time. But what about those who no longer have the energy as a result of old age, or going through cancer treatment?

As we enter Autumn it is very easy for people to start to stay indoors and we don't see our neighbours as much as we do in Spring or Summer. Perhaps we can all consider those who live near us who are ill, infirm or isolated and offer practical support. And do remember, through the church, we are able to offer a team of people able to take people to doctor or hospital appointments when they have no independent transport, and are not able to use public services.

Thank you for the messages of support and encouragement and I look forward to making steady progress over the months ahead.

Yours Paul

Community Bus

Drivers –A little good news

My recent appeals have resulted in the addition of three new volunteer drivers coming forward. My sincere thanks to them as this gone a little way towards easing our driver situation, however, set against this we have also lost one driver due to the upper age limit imposed by the insurers.

We still need more volunteers to make sure that we can operate our full service without undue pressure on our very willing drivers. We always emphasise that nobody should feel pressured to drive more often than they really want to so the more the merrier. Please consider whether you could spare the occasional half day or evening to help those who are not fortunate enough to have their own transport.

Other ways of helping

If you cannot offer your services as a driver then perhaps you would like to help in some other way. We have committee members who look after the drivers' roster, to make sure that there is a driver available for each day; manage the private hire bookings etc. If you could offer your services in a support capacity then I would be pleased to hear from you. More details of the bus service can be found via the village web site.

Please contact John Smith on 01367 710494

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Can you spare an hour or two to help with a variety of jobs in the Churchyard?

Saturday 4th October 2014

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

Margaret Grant

Saturday October 4th 2014

70 Years of Song and Dance

Jigsaw Presents: 70 Years of Song and Dance, songs, dance & sketches from 1920s - 1990s.

4th October at Stanford-in-the-Vale Village hall.

Tickets £7.50 and £6.50 –

From Stanford-in-the-Vale Co-op or CUT21 in Wantage.

After the success of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' in Wantage and Didcot earlier in the year, Jigsaw Stage Productions are now touring the villages with a musical show that takes the audience through 70 years of songs and dance. Join us in the village hall as we sing and dance our way from the 20's to the 90's. There will be lots of old favourites to sing along to, dance numbers to set your toes tapping and sketches to entertain you.

www.JigsawStageProductions.co.uk

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.

**8th October 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

Trading Standards

Is your electric blanket safe?

Get a free check before you use your blanket this winter.

Abingdon Thursday 9th October

Wantage Thursday 23rd October

To book your safety check appointment call **0845 051 0845 option 4**

Email : communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Pre-booked appointments only on a strictly first come first served basis.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Faringdon & District U3A
Thursday 9th October 2014**

2.30pm CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON

Please note: Dr Colin Bayliss, who was due to talk on "The Channel Tunnel" is indisposed.

We are pleased to announce that Roger Vlitos, a seasoned freelance lecturer, publisher and writer on photography, art and history will be speaking this month. Roger has recently become Assistant Curator of the Faringdon Collection of Art at Buscot Park, Oxfordshire and Brompton square, London where he works with Lord Faringdon to preserve and promote his family's private collection of art, as well as new additions to their historic landscape and formal gardens.

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

Fairtrade Stall

**Saturday 11th October 10 am - noon
St Denys Church**

We have a wide range of goods available; from chocolate treats, to tea and sugar, dried fruit, rice and olive oil - all fairly traded. If we don't have what you're looking for, we can order other Traidcraft products, and can also take regular orders; contact Zoë Williams zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com
tel: 710705

Monday 13th October 2014.

Stanford Art Group Meeting in the Village Hall (small) at 7.15pm.

Michael Riggs talk and demo on "Encoustic Technique" Come along and enjoy a very interesting meeting, refreshments provided. All welcome, visitors £4. For more info 10367 710754

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

**Tuesday, 14th October, at
Stanford Village Hall, Small Hall
Start time 7:45 p.m.**

Title: PORTRAITS OF STANFORD CHARACTERS FROM OUR PHOTO ARCHIVES Speaker: DAVID AXFORD
Using photos from the archives, David will be showing pictures of Stanford in the Vale characters and village scenes.

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

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

**will meet in the Village Hall
at 7.30p.m. on 15th October**

Subject:Oxfordshire Search and Rescue

Speaker:Patrick Conafray

Visitors always welcome

**Stanford in the Vale Twinning Association
Antiques Appraisal Evening**

Friday 17th October 2014, 7.30pm

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Tickets: £12.00

2 course meal plus a free glass of wine
(includes one valuation)

Tickets can be purchased from:

John Cave: 01367 718052 or Wendy Butler 01367 718514

Saturday 18th October 2014 at 7.30 pm

MUSIC IN THE VALE PRESENTS

"The Great British Viola"

Emma Sheppard – viola

Sophia Rahman – piano

Sonatas and Miniatures by Vaughan Williams, Eric Coates, Rebecca Clarke, William Alwyn, Archibald Joyce, Laurence Roman, Gavin Sutherland....

Admission by programme £10.00

from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street,

Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476

by reservation on 01367 718420

email DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com,

or at the door

Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting

will be on **Wednesday 22nd October 2014**

in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The talk will be 'Floyd on Clematis' an illustrated talk by Marcel Floyd from Floyd's Nurseries in Calne – he will also have some plants for sale.

The competition will be a photograph of

'My favourite clematis'

Refreshments and a raffle

Visitors are welcome for a small entry fee.

Further information from Rosemary Packer tel. 01367

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**FARINGDON ART SOCIETY
50th ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION**

Corn Exchange, Faringdon

Paintings, Prints, Cards, Sculpture, Ceramics & Mosaics

Most art work is for sale. Reasonable Prices

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 October 10am-6pm

Sunday 26 October 10am-4pm

Refreshments available

www.faringdonartsociety.org.uk

ADVANCE NOTICES

St Denys' Church
Sunday 2nd November at 7p.m.
WW1 Remembrance Concert

Presented by
Village Voices, Stanford Strings and Soloists

Come and join Village Voices
on Thursdays at 7 and/or Fridays at 9.45am
We're learning WW1 songs in readiness for the concert.

BIG KNIT

Are you knitting the tiny bobble hats for AGE UK Winter Warmth Project? If so, you are invited to bring your donations along to

16 Hunters Field on

Monday 3rd November, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Have a cup of tea and a cake, with fellow knitters, and be here for the final count. Last year's total was 2075 so let us see if we can beat that!!

If you are unable to make the get together just let me know and I can arrange collection. They must be with me by the 5th as I have to get them to Abingdon no later than the 7th. Contact: Jan 710724

October - Stanford Pre-school News

This term the children have been busy settling in to the routine at pre-school, learning to play cooperatively and to make new friends. Older children have begun their phonics and small groups to cover a more focused topic. We have looked at numbers and shapes, and the children have enjoyed mixing colours to experiment with changes. For the rest of the term we will be concentrating on numbers - counting and recognising numerals. The children will also be making Cookies during our termly cooking activity. We have a pirate's role play planned along with the opportunity for the children to learn about texture and magnets. Busy, busy, busy, I expect we will all need the half term.

We would like to welcome everybody to our **AGM**. This is to be held on **Thursday 16th October, 8pm in the Pre-school**. Light refreshments will be served. Come and see what we have been doing over the past year.



We are the School Council of Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School. Please read our school report below. It has been a busy start to the new term. Here is a quick overview of what we have been up to.

Sunflower Class

Our topic is 'Ourselves' and we will be thinking about ourselves, our families and friends. So far we have painted pictures of ourselves using mirrors to help us.

Snowdrop Class:

Our topic is 'Big Brave Bears'. We have enjoyed doing our homework as well as learning about the names of bears and bear facts.

Buttercup Class

Our topic will be 'Underground, Overground'. We have enjoyed doing Womble pictures and listening to stories about the Wombles.

Bluebell Class

Our topic is 'The Romans Are Coming'. We have had an Iron Age workshop where we did some weaving and made clay pots which we decorated. We also ground grains to make flour.

Poppy Class

Our topic is 'The Vikings'. We have been looking at who could have been buried at Sutton Hoo. We became archaeologist and pieced together objects from the archaeological discovery.

Orchid Class

Our topic is 'The Greeks'. We have had an Olympic event followed by a feast. We also had a guest in from Time Travelling TV who taught us a lot about Ancient Greece.

Forget-me-Not

Our topic is 'Britain: 1066 to the present day'. We have been making shields and looking at shield formation. We are also looking forward to our visits to Faringdon Community College and King Alfred's.

Diary Dates

Friday 14th November: Please join us at 2.15pm in our school hall for our first Sharing Assembly of the year.

Thank you for reading our report.

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

Closing date: **18th October 2014** Thank you