

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



April 2015

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

* with the exception of the Morning Worship on the 3rd Sunday in the month, all 1015am services start with a time of informal worship from 955-1010am.

Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday

3.00 pm Easter Communion at the Grange
7.00 pm Church Supper with Holy Communion
in Church

Friday 3rd April Good Friday

10.00 am All Age Service (Stanford)
2.00 pm Last Hour Service (Stanford)

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)
9.15 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Family Communion (Stanford)

Tuesday 7th April

3.00 pm Time for God

Sunday 12th April Easter 2

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

Thursday 16th April

3.00 pm Songs of Praise (Grange)

Sunday 19th April Easter 3

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15 am Morning Worship including Open the Book
(Stanford)

**Followed by Annual Parish and Annual Parochial
Church Meeting**

Sunday 26th April Easter 3 - St Georges Day

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15 am Morning Worship and Parade Service
(Stanford)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Hatford)

Sunday 3rd May Easter 3
8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

From the Registers

Funeral Service

Tuesday 10th March
Julie Ann Bowles
Aged 59 years

Marriage Service

Saturday 14th March
Sarah-Jane Elmslie and Leslie John Britten

Open House On most Saturdays St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. 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.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Peter Gill	71822
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

**Got Questions About Life?
If your answer is, Yes?**

#TryAlpha



Then come along to St. Denys' Alpha evening and explore the answers to your questions. To find out more of where and when, call Melanie or Chris Weatherall on 01367 710208. www.stdenyschurchstanford.org.uk

Parish Council Elections

Elections for national Government, as well as both District & Parish Councils take place on May 7th. Our Parish Council can have up to 10 councillors – individuals from all walks of life, but who live or work within the parish & who share a passion to make a difference within the local community.

There will be an election if more than 10 persons put their names forward, whilst if there are 10 applicants or less, they will be returned "unopposed".

The Parish Council provide and maintain a variety of local services, from green spaces through to recreation facilities, as well as having statutory duties with regards to planning applications. If you are interested in serving your community, and helping to shape its future, then please consider standing as a councillor at the forthcoming elections.

Application Packs for nominations may be obtained from VWHDC or the Elections section of their website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk. Nominations must be delivered in person between **30th March and before 4pm on 9th April**. **Most important - late returns will not be accepted under any circumstances.**

This is your opportunity to make a difference to village life for parishioners of Stanford in the Vale. We hope more people will be keen to come forward to ensure the views the entire community are well represented and continue to be respected and listened to.

More information can be found on the Vale of White Horse District Council website, or by talking to any of your existing councillors.

Silver Threads 50th Anniversary

On Friday 13th March Stanford in the Vale Silver Threads held a buffet lunch to celebrate it's 50th Anniversary. It was lovely to see so many old faces as well as present day members. A most enjoyable meal was rounded off with Anniversary Cake. This was cut by three of the original founders of the Silver Threads – Gladys Varney, Pam Watkins and Marina Scott.

To those who are not aware of Silver Threads, we are a group of 60 plus years young who meet in the small Village Hall on the first Friday of every month. We have afternoon tea; quizzes; occasional pub lunches and various trips; plus other social events.

Anyone interested in joining this friendly group can come along on the first Friday of each month at 2.00pm. Call Yvonne – 01367 710400 or Shirley – 01367 710380 for further details.

Renting an allotment in Longworth Village

We currently have 13 plots available which we have advertised to the local community for the past 2 years, but have had no interest. The plots require some work, but are very reasonably priced and the soil is lovely (no clay anywhere!). We are a friendly group and there is plenty of expert advice on hand for beginners. If anyone is interested they can call Wendy Woodford on 01865 821480 or email wendy.woodford@hotmail.co.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Many thanks to everyone who came to our latest consultation on March 28th. We hope you found all the information about site assessments; possible cycle routes; settlement boundary; the housing needs and clubs survey results interesting and realise the importance of what we are trying to do. Your views and comments are very importance to us. In these changing

times we all want to protect and enhance what is good about our Parish of Stanford in the Vale, improve facilities and services and have a positive influence on future development. Your Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is an important way to do this.

It will carry real weight in future planning matters. It can help direct where new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities, schools and other development should be built and what they should look like.

For more information and to keep up to date do go to our web site: <http://www.sitvnp.com>

New Houses **for Rent and Shared Ownership**

If you are interested in **renting or shared ownership** on the New Development on Faringdon Road please read on. Your parish council has been talking with Stonewater, the housing association who have purchased 28 houses of which 21 are for rent and 7 for shared ownership. If you are looking to rent you should already be on the **District Councils Housing waiting list - 01235 520202.**

For Shared Ownership and Intermediate Rent you should contact "**Help to Buy South**". The web site- www.helptobuysouth.co.uk or ring 0845 604 11 22 and register. If you need any further information please contact Peter Gill- Parish Councillor cpngill46@gmail.com or 01367 718224

F.O.S.S Easter Egg Trail - 9th March – 13th April



Walk around the village with friends and family finding all the Easter eggs, write down the letter you find on them and then come up with a sentence relating to Easter. Prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Map and form available to buy for a £1.00 from The School Vets and The Huddle.

All proceeds to Stanford in the Vale Primary school

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 April 2015
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

SOUTHMOOR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

MONDAY - Sensory Play – 10.00-11.30am and
Sensory Play (Parent Led) – 2.00pm – 3.30pm –both at
Southmoor Children's Centre
Stay & Learn – 1.00-2.30pm at Stanford Village Hall
WEDNESDAY - PCSO/Outreach Clinic 11.00am – 12.00noon
(1st Wednesday of the Month) – Faringdon Children's Centre
Stay & Learn – 10.00-11.30am at Southmoor Children's Centre
THURSDAY - **Child Minder/** Parent Led Drop In – 9.15-
11.30am at Southmoor Children's Centre For further details
please contact Sandra Stevens on 01865 820751
email sandra.stevens@actionforchildren.org.uk or call in at
Southmoor Children's Centre, Laurel Drive, Southmoor, OX13
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Stanford Art Group Monday 13th April 2015.

Stanford Art Group Meeting
in the Village Hall (Small) at 7.15pm.
Workshop with Dawn Benson - "Uses of Colour"
Come along and enjoy an interesting evening, all
very welcome. Refreshments Provided.
Visitors £4. For more info 01376 710754

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday, 14th April,
at Stanford Village Hall, Small Hall
Start time **7:45 p.m.**
Title: MIRRORS AND TREASURE.
Speaker: ANNI BYARD
Anni is responsible for the local Portable Antiquities
Scheme (registering finds made by metal detectorists,
etc.). She spoke to us in 2011, but now brings us up to
date on recent local discoveries, including the "HANNEY
HOARD"
Visitors welcome (£2 entrance) Refreshments and raffle
Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE Faringdon & District U3A Thursday 9th April at 2.30 CORN EXCHANGE, FARINGDON A.G.M

This will be followed by an illustrated talk entitled
"The Oxford of Inspector Morse" by Alastair Lack. This
is Alastair's second visit to us. One of his post-retirement
activities is to lead guided tours and we shall benefit from
one of his tours.
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 the **15th April 2015**
when Valerie Burton will give a talk on
The Story of Witney Blankets
Visitors are always welcome, a £3 charge
to non-members

Saturday 18th April Fairtrade Stall

10am – 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

Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club Wednesday 22nd April 2015

in the Large Village Hall at **7.30pm**
the speakers are Sue Smith & Sue Dodd.
The topic will be "Wild Flowers in the Cotswolds".
The competition will be for "the best example of
recycling in the garden".
Refreshments and raffle afterwards. Visitors £3.00
Contact Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

F.O.S.S (Friends of Stanford school) Quiz Night – Friday 24th April 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Maximum 8 per team. £10 per person which includes
Curry (vegetarian option available)
Licensed bar. If you would like to enter your team
please get your tickets from the school office giving the
team name and any people requiring veggie option, or
call Eva on 07936 488993

Advance Notices

Saturday 9th May from 10-12.30p.m. Stanford in the Vale Garden Club Coffee Morning in the Village Hall:

Refreshments and cakes. Plants for sale. Raffle.
Do come and join us and bring your friends. Further
information from Rosemary Packer 01367 710445

Stanford Summer Festival
Saturday June 13th and Sunday June 14th
2015

The theme for this year's Flower Festival is 'the Land of Nursery Rhymes'.

Many attractions including the return of 'Fred in the Shed', Juggling John, Wantage Silver Band, Lenny's Lizards and rescued reptiles, bouncy castles, plus lots more entertainment for the whole family.

As you spring clean in the house have you any toys, books or bric- a- brac items that we could sell at the Festival? These could be stored in the PCC shed. Also, as you grow any seedlings could you bring on a few more for the plant stall?

**With rising costs each year -
Would your business be willing to
sponsor the event?**

More information from jmwarren32@btinternet.com
or phone 710789

VILLAGE VOICES

We're almost into our second year of singing together, having started with a programme of 'Songs From The Shows' at last year's Summer Festival. The year ended with a Remembrance Concert in November and the St Denys' Carol Service at Christmas.

Our next concert is on **5th and 6th June** – on the theme of animals – and then, later in the year, we're putting on an evening of Music Hall songs and other light-hearted items.

We meet in the church on Thursdays from 7 to 8. Why not come and join us? Previous experience or special expertise in NOT a requirement. Last year's 'beginners' are still coming back for more. They obviously enjoy it!
Further information from Margaret Williams 710254 – or just turn up

April – Stanford Pre-school News

This term we have been looking at Traditional tales. We had a 3 Bears Cottage in the garden, where we had great fun acting out the story and feeding the 3 bears copious amounts of porridge!! We made marks with and in porridge oats and ate porridge at snack time. We have planted beans in clear plastic bags and attached them to the windows to watch them grow (hopefully) and change. We have made a giant beanstalk with all our wonderful pictures on.

We are hoping our Mum's will join us on Friday 13th for a special Mother's day breakfast, and we will also be dressing up for comic relief.

At the end of term we will be talking about the story of Easter and visiting the church.

The Preschool are having a 'Great Pre-school Bake-a-thon Cake Sale' on Saturday 18th April at 10.30am in the grounds of Stanford Preschool. Please come along and

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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 April 2015

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

buy some delicious cakes and other tasty treats. All proceeds to Stanford Pre-School.



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

Story Telling Week

On the week beginning 2nd March, the whole school took part in a story telling week. We focussed our learning all around a book and took part in lots of activities to help us understand and re-tell the story. On Friday 6th, Mr Woodman came in to school to film each class carry out an activity. This will go towards a Story Telling DVD with other schools in our partnership.

Bassistry

To start our Story Telling Week, we had a visit from Bassistry. They are a musical group that carried out a fantastic workshop with each class. They helped us to re-tell the story of Peter Pan through song, music and dance. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Story Teller

On Tuesday 3rd March, we had a visit from Richard York who is a story teller. He told stories to Key Stage Two and then Key Stage One. The stories were brought to life through fantastic expression, action and music.

World Maths Day

On Thursday 12th March, the whole school took part in World Maths Day. We carried out lots of fun maths tasks linked to our stories from our Story Telling Week. It was great to link all our learning in an exciting and hands-on way.

Comic Relief and the Mother's Day Service

To help raise money for Comic Relief, we all came to school in pyjamas! We spent the day dressed up and Year 4 sold us handmade Red Nose biscuits. To finish the day, we went to the church (in pjs) for our Mother's Day service. Each class performed something to say thank you to our mums.

Diary Dates

The Easter Egg Trail around the village ends on 13th April. You can pick forms up from the vets, The Huddle and the school office.

Friday 24th April: Please join us for our FOSS quiz night at 7.30pm at the school.

Friday 22nd May: Please join us for our final Sharing Assembly of the year at 2.15pm.

Thank you for reading our report.

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

Closing date: **18th April 2015**