

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH  
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



November 2015

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints Day**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**3.00 pm Service of Remembrance and Hope**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

3.00 pm Time for God

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Remembrance Service (Stanford)

11.00 am Act of Remembrance outside at the War Memorial followed by communion in Church

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Day**

**10.45 am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Advent**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Christ the King**

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday**

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

3.00 pm Time for God

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

Wardens

Margaret Williams 710254

Peter Gill 718224

Verger Mrs Susan Mayall

**From the Register**

**Funeral Service**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**Bob Tilling**

**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 where during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall.

**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

**The Vicar Writes**

November is a month where the focus is on Remembering. On **1 November at 3pm at St Denys**, we shall host our **Service of Remembrance and Hope**, a time when we can remember those who have died in our parish in recent years, and pray for those who have been bereaved. Do join us if you have lost a loved one.

Then on **Sunday 8 November**, the Uniformed Youth organisations in the village will join us for our Remembrance Sunday Service, together with two minutes of silence around the War Memorial. On **11 November, at 10.45am**, pupils from our village school will join villagers to gather, again at the War Memorial, for a further two minutes silence as together, we remember all those who have died for the sake of our freedom.

Remembering those who we have loved and lost can be very painful. When I lost my own father eight years ago I was surrounded in a fog for months. The pain was acute and nothing seemed to make sense any more. The scaffolding surrounding my life had been taken down and I felt very vulnerable. Fortunately, Dad shared the same strong Christian faith as me, and so I had confidence he was in heaven and that one day we would be together again. But the pain was still acute and not a day goes by that I don't think about him.

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At present I am supporting a number of people in the village who are in grief. Some have suffered recent losses, for others, recent events have 'triggered' their grief and the pain and hurt has returned. If you would like support through your grief, as an experienced bereavement counsellor, my door is always open. Bereavement can be a very lonely experience, but it doesn't have to be if it is shared. So do call me in confidence on 710267, or email me at [paul@pauleddy.org](mailto:paul@pauleddy.org) and it will be a privilege to help. Yours as ever Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

### Make a difference in the community

Stanford in the Vale has had a Community First Responder (CFR) team for 8 years. In this time, we have been sent to approximately 1,000 potentially life-threatening emergencies in Stanford and the surrounding towns and villages.

To maintain this service for the community, we are keen to recruit new team members. If you are interested or just want to find out more information, please email [stanfordcfr@btinternet.com](mailto:stanfordcfr@btinternet.com) or send a text to 07833 049303 with your contact details and someone will get back to you.

While being a CFR is a voluntary role, you are expected to be available to attend emergencies for 20 hours a month. This doesn't mean sitting in a car at the end of the road waiting to be called – you just need to be available at home should the ambulance service call you.

20 hours could be made up of an hour a day or you could make yourself available from 9pm to 7am twice a month. In reality, you will probably want to book on for more than the minimum 20 hours.

You will receive full training and there is the opportunity to attend monthly training courses should you wish to do so.

As well as making a difference in the community, being a CFR volunteer is a valuable addition to your CV, which will help when applying for jobs.

Stanford artist **Lawrence Ward** will be holding an **EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS FOR SALE** at The Portwell Angel, 26 Market Place, Faringdon, from **Monday 2nd November** until **Sunday 6th December**. Open 7 days a week from 9am till late evening.

**The next Parish Council Meeting**  
**Is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**7.30pm in the Large Village Hall**  
All Villagers welcome

### Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.15 pm Stanford Art Group meeting in the Village Hall.

Workshop 'Creative Collage' led by Kathy Foster. Come and enjoy a fun evening, refreshments provided. All welcome, Visitors £4  
For more information 01367 710754

### Stanford in the Vale and District Local History Society Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November Stanford Village Hall, SMALL HALL Start time 7:45 p.m.

Title: WHAT MY DNA TESTS TOLD ME

Speaker: TONY HADLAND

After much indecision, Tony had a comprehensive DNA test to prove/disprove the possibility of a great-grand parent's Spanish descent. Come and hear what he actually discovered. 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 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.

11<sup>th</sup> November 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](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk) or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

### SCRAMBLERS

New to the village? Or just looking for a fun friendly toddler group? Join us at Scramblers for Stories, music and craft activities. All children and carers welcome. Refreshments provided.

**Every second Thursday of the month**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 – 2.45**

St Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale

For more info please contact :

Amanda: [amandanoviss@hotmail.com](mailto:amandanoviss@hotmail.com)

Liz: [esrobertson25@gmail.com](mailto:esrobertson25@gmail.com)

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### U3A in November 2015

U3A's speaker on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015** is Derek Pooley who travels quite widely around the Thames Valley U3A's; he will tell us some of the "Things you didn't know you didn't know about Time". Derek is an entertaining speaker. Refreshments available. Members are always welcome but visitors are required to pay a fee of £1.50. Further details are available on the web site – [www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com](http://www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com) or from the chairman on 01367 241 241

### SOUTHMOOR CHILDREN'S CENTRE

**MONDAY** Sensory Play – 9.30 -11.30am 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** 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  
**Family Links** – Stanford in the Vale and Southmoor – Please contact centre for booking **Early Days** – Stanford in the Vale – Please contact centre for booking. For further details please contact Sandra Stevens on 01865 820751, email [sandra.stevens@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:sandra.stevens@actionforchildren.org.uk) or call in at Southmoor Children's Centre, Laurel Drive, Southmoor, OX13 5D

### **Saturday 14th November - Christmas Fairtrade Stall**

St Denys Church from 10am - noon  
Come and buy your Fairtrade Christmas cards! We will have small gift items and treats, as well as the usual Fairtrade staples. There will be no stall in December.

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

**Will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on  
Wednesday November 18th**

when Peter Wentworth will give a talk on  
**The art of the Magician.**

Visitors always welcome £3.00 to non members

### **St Denys Church Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**in Stanford Village Hall  
from 11.30 am - 2.00pm**

Lovely Homemade Lunches,  
Gifts, Christmas Fayre,  
Jewellery, Toys and Books  
plus Christmas raffle

Pay an early visit to Father Christmas in his Grotto  
Contact Janet – 01367 710789

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

**Saturday 21 November**

£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

### **MUSIC IN THE VALE**

#### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITALS**

**St. Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 at 3.00 pm**  
*"Partitas, Poèmes & Preludes"*

Lionel Sainsbury - piano

*Music by Bach, Scriabin, Rachmaninov and Chopin*

Admission by programme £10.00

from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street,

Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476

from David Pedder, 01367 718420

or email [DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com)

**Refreshments available after the concert**

### **Stanford-in-the-Vale Gardening Club Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m. in the large Village Hall**

The A.G.M. , quiz and supper. Please bring a plate of food to share for the supper. Raffle and prizes. Competition is Christmas cake with natural decorations. Contact Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710445

### **AGE UK - BIG KNIT**

To all you knitters out there I want to say a big thank you for your efforts in producing mini bobble hats for our Winter Warmth Project. I have to get them to the Head Office, in Abingdon, by Friday 4th December, so the collection day will be  
at 16 Hunters Field

**Monday 30th November ..... 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

Come along for a cup of tea and chat with other knitters and help with the final count.

I look forward to seeing you all.

*Further information Jan Stenzhorn 710724*

### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall  
Christmas Bingo**

**Wednesday 2 December 2015**

Doors open at 7 for Eyes-down at 7.30pm

**Cash prize for Last House**

Bar and raffle

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

At 5.00 pm

Lighting of the Tree in St Denys Churchyard,

followed by the singing of

Carols and hot refreshments

### November - Stanford Pre-school News

We had a busy term and were all ready for the half term break. We enjoyed making our Apple Crumble's and taking them home to share with our families. We went on lots of walks around the village to collect conkers and Autumn leaves and to observe change. We made a fantastic Autumn display using lots of Autumn colours that we mixed ourselves. Towards the end of term we played lots of board games with our friends and did really well at sharing and taking turns. We finished off the term with a Teddy Bears picnic which all our families were invited to.

Next term our topic is 'Celebrations'. We will be celebrating Bonfire night and Christmas amongst others. We will have a 'Birthday Party' role play area with lots of present wrapping and birthday card writing. We will be recreating a firework display using flick painting flick whilst listening to Classical music. And lastly we will be celebrating Christmas with a trip to the Church and a small Nativity and singing.



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

#### Sunflower Class

We are enjoying learning about The Gruffalo, and we have been painting some pictures of him.

#### Snowdrop Class

We have been on a 'number walk' around the village. We were looking to find where we could see different numbers.

#### Buttercup Class

We have been making some giant pictures of the Gruffalo and other characters from the book. We have made a display to share them with the school.

#### Bluebell Class

We had a visitor from the past! Bronwyn came from the Iron Age to tell us about her way of live. We tried spinning wool, weaving and played some Iron Age games. We also

made our own clay pots and ground some grain to make flour using the quern stone.

#### Poppy Class

We have been looking at poetry written by Roald Dahl. We have read some of the Dirty Beast poems and have used them to help us write our own poems.

#### Orchid Class

We have been writing some spooky poetry based on skeletons! We tried to make them as scary as possible! Also, we have started our VIP music lessons.

#### Forget-me-Not

We have been learning all about the past and looking at important events. We have found out about the Magna Carta and why it's important.

#### Diary Dates

##### **Christmas Plays:**

The Year 3, 4 and 5 performances will take place on **8<sup>th</sup> December (2pm and 6pm) and 9<sup>th</sup> December (6pm)**

The Key Stage One and Foundation Stage performances will take place on **15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 5.30pm.**

All performances will take place at St Deny's Church.

Thank you for reading our report.

### **Stanford Volunteer Taxi Service**

A reminder that Sue Ward is the organiser of the Volunteer Taxi Service, so if you need transport for a medical appointment please phone her on **01367 710255**

This service is ONLY for people living in Stanford in the Vale.

There is always a need for more volunteer drivers. Maybe you could help with this too.

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