

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH  
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



January 2016

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

\* All 1015am services start with a time of informal worship from 955-1010am.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Epiphany**

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

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ**

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Lee Abbey Mission team arrive to work in the Village

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January Presentation of Christ**

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February Sunday before Lent**

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

From the Registers

**Funeral Service**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December

John Packer

**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

**WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?**

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

**Vicar writes:**

As we start this New Year, as a church we are delighted that a team from Lee Abbey will be joining us at the end of the month.

Lee Abbey is an International Christian Community based in North Devon and each year, small teams work with churches across the country in community activities to share something of the Christian faith.

**From Wednesday 27 to Sunday 31 January**, between 8-10 Community Members will be in the village, working with us to put on events to benefit young families, and others. During the day, small teams will be taking assemblies and lessons in the village primary school, and then hosting events to which you are all invited.

**On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**, some of the team will visit The Grange, whilst others will lead a small service in church. In the evening, there are two events, a Men's Night at the Horse and Jockey Pub, and a Desserts Evening for the ladies, held at the school.

**On Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**, we hope lots of villagers will come as our guests to a special (and FREE) Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall from 2-30-4pm.

Then **on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 10-12, families in the village are invited to come to the Village Hall for a 'Messy Church'. A fun, craft-based time for all the family, complete with bacon butties and pastries!

At 6.30pm that evening, the Lee Abbey Team, who are comprised of various nationalities, will present a Cabaret evening at the school, after a four course meal with wine and soft drinks.

We hope these events will help to draw the community together, enable you to meet new friends and to hear something new about the love of God.

I hope that you will take the opportunity to attend one, if not more of the events at the end of January.

Yours  
**Revd Paul Eddy**

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

As always, Stanford knitters have done us proud and I want to say a huge thank you to all of them. The collection of mini bobble hats was held on Monday 30th November and resulted in a grand total of **1,895** which, at 25p a hat donated by Innocent and Sainsburys, translates into £473.75 for the Winter Warmth Project. The hats were taken to Head Office, in Abingdon, where they were received with grateful thanks as the money donated is very important in keeping the helpline going for those in need during the winter months. Thank you all again for your continued support of this annual project. Jan

### **TRIPLE A SCAN**

A friend recently drew my attention to the availability of the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm test. It appears that men are six times more likely to suffer a ruptured aortic aneurysm than women and that a rupture is nearly always fatal. Oxfordshire had been one of the NHS Trusts to pilot testing of males reaching their 65<sup>th</sup> birthdays and as a result of these testing is being rolled out across the country.

For the test you simply lay on your back and a clear jelly is rubbed on your stomach. The technician then uses an ultrasound machine to take images and measurements of your abdominal aorta. This only takes a couple of minutes and shortly afterwards you are given the results. My friend recently attended a meeting of about 100 men of a certain age where this was raised. During the meeting one man stood up and said that he had been part of the pilot scheme and had been found to have an enlarged abdominal aorta and after careful monitoring had been successfully operated on. Subsequently he spoke to two other colleagues who had undergone a similar experience

So if you are a male over 65 and think you would like this **FREE** test then the Administration Office for Oxfordshire is at the JR Hospital and the contact number is 01865 572636 (do have your NHS number ready) to make an appointment. These are not held at the JR but around the County. Locally, clinics are held in Faringdon. Outside of Oxfordshire then have a look at [aaa.screening.nhs.uk](http://aaa.screening.nhs.uk) to find who you need to contact but do be sure to use this address as there are a myriad of companies out there who would love to charge you for this test.  
John Smith

### **Stanford in the Vale Community First Responders**

The Stanford in the Vale Community First Responder (CFR) team has been established for 8 years. In this time, we have been called out by the ambulance service to over 1,000 potentially life-threatening medical emergencies in Stanford and the surrounding towns and villages.

To maintain this voluntary 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.

You will receive full training and there is the opportunity to attend monthly training courses on specific topics 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.

**The next Parish Council Meeting  
Is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
7.30pm in the Large Village Hall  
All Villagers welcome**

**Monday 11th January 2016 Stanford Art Group  
Meeting in the Village Hall (small) at 7.15 pm**  
Bring your own work to do. Enjoy a good evening with fellow artists. Refreshments provided.  
All welcome, visitors £4. For more info 01367 710754

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

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at Stanford Village Hall,  
Small Hall ..... Start time 7:45 p.m.

**Title: "THE PURTON REMOUNT DEPOT –  
MANOR HILL" Speaker: BOB LLOYD**

Bob is an Oxfordshire local historian who has taken a particular interest in this depot, just to the north of Swindon, and its role in handling problem horses. During the Great War a huge number of horses were acquired by the military, some from USA. Purton specialised in training horses that other depots could not handle. Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)  
Refreshments and raffle. Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

### **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 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

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## 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.

13<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
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

## STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Will meet in the Village Hall at 7,30pm on

**Wednesday January 20th**

when "Hare in the Woods" will present a Cheese Evening,

Visitors are always welcome £3.00 for non members

## Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 27<sup>th</sup> in the large hall of the Village Hall. The new exciting programme for 2016 will be announced at this time.

New members will be very welcome. For more information contact Rosemary Packer: 01367 710445

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 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)

## FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A

### ON THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2016

**Banish the January Blues** by coming to the U3A January event in the Faringdon Corn Exchange! Welcome January in style. 12 for 12.30pm **The January Japes – meal provided by Sadlers at a cost of £15.00.** Numbers are limited to 90 so book on line or speak to Françoise Stacey at the December meeting. First come first serve! There is a 2 course meal with coffee and tea to follow.

The lunch will be followed at 2.30pm by a visit from Nick Gill talking about the life and music of George Gershwin. Entrance is free to all members but visitors are required to contribute £1.50 towards the talk and refreshments. You do not have to attend the lunch but can come to the talk only.

Further details available on the web site at [www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com](http://www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com) or contact the chairman Peter Smith on 01367 241 241

## Fairtrade

**Saturday 16th January**

10am - 12 noon at St Denys Church

Fairtrade Stall, featuring goods from the Mustard Seed, Faringdon's Fairtrade shop.

## January - Stanford Pre-school News

We had a busy and fun-filled Christmas with lots of fun had in our Elf Workshop role play area. The children spent time writing letters to Santa and wrapping presents, not forgetting dressing up in Santa and Elf suits!!

The Pre-School Nativity was packed to the rafters with parents and family members. The children all looked fantastic in the costumes that parents had made for them and did a fantastic job of acting out the Christmas story, and singing the songs. We finished off the evening with a visit from Santa and a cup of mulled wine and a mince pie served by our committee.

The last Wednesday of term we enjoyed a lovely visit to the church where the vicar Paul told us the Christmas story.

Next term we are welcoming 11 new families to the Pre-School and our topic will be 'Down in the Jungle'.



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

### Straw and Order

Year 3, 4 and 5 worked really hard to create a Christmas play called Straw and Order. The play was about a judge trying to calm angry animals arguing over a stable. The judge and narrator then watched as the Christmas story unfolded before them. It was a brilliant performance that was enjoyed by all.

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### Out of this World

Foundation and Key Stage One also entertained us with their amazing Christmas performance. The play was set in space with some astronauts trying to get home for Christmas. With some help from some aliens, the space rocket was able to take everyone home, including the aliens themselves! It was a spectacular performance!

### Snow White

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school went to the Wyvern Theatre to watch a Snow White Pantomime. We all enjoyed being squirted with water, cheering and joining in with the singing and dancing.

### Christmas Lunch

On 17<sup>th</sup> December, we celebrated the Christmas season with a delicious Christmas dinner. We all sat in our classes to eat and enjoyed pulling our Christmas crackers.

### Choir in Oxford

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the school choir went to Oxford to take part in the Big Christmas Sing. Lots of schools attended and each school took to the stage to perform. Back in school, the choir then performed to us and they sounded beautiful.

### Dance Club in Oxford

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Dance Club also went to Oxford to perform at the New Theatre. After a quick rehearsal, we waited in our own dressing room until we were called to the stage to perform our routine to You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile from Annie. It was an amazing experience.

### Diary Dates

Please join us for our Open Morning on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. More details will follow.

Thank you for reading our report.

## **Lee Abbey Mission Team**

### **Visit to St Denys' Church,**

### **Stanford In The Vale**

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

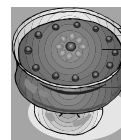
We are very excited about this visit from a team of people who all work at Lee Abbey and invite ALL VILLAGERS to join in with as much as possible over the weekend. Do pass this information on to your friends.

The planned events are:

- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
**7.30pm – Worship and prayer in Church**
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
**3.00 'Pause for Thought' in Church**

**7.00 pm – 'For Men Only' at the Horse and Jockey**

**7.30 pm - Women's Pudding tasting evening in  
Stanford School**



- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
**9.00 am Morning Worship in Church**  
**2.30 pm – 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall**  
All are invited to drop into the Village Hall at some time during the afternoon. Can you bring some guests?
- **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10.00 – 12.00 noon Messy Church for Children and their parents in the Village Hall**  
A creative time for all families. Story, crafts, food and fun! Please spread the word to anyone you think would be interested.



**6.30 -10.00 pm Supper and Cabaret in Stanford School Hall**



Tickets will be £10.00 per adult for a 4 course meal and wine, children free. Tickets will need to be bought prior to the Saturday night available from the Vicar 01367 710267 or Janet 01367 710789

- **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**



**9.55 am Informal Worship led by members of the Lee Abbey team**

**10.15 am Parish Communion** with members of Lee Abbey team speaking and leading the music. Some will help lead St Denys' Kids.

**12.30 pm Shared lunch in the Village Hall**

Time to relax with friends. Just bring a plate/dish of something to share with everyone else. Salads and bread will be provided.

***We look forward to seeing you all at some time over the weekend.***

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