

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



February 2016

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

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

Tuesday 2nd February

3.00 pm Time for God (Stanford)

Thursday 4th February

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 7th February *Sunday next before Lent*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 10th February

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 11th February

12.30 pm Lent Lunch

Sunday 14th February *Lent 1*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

Thursday 18th February

12.30 pm Lent Lunch

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 21st February *Lent 2*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

6.00 pm Taize Service

Thursday 25th February

12.30 pm Lent Lunch

Sunday 28th February *Lent 3*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**4 – 5.30 pm Messy Church
in the Village Hall**

Sunday 6th March *Mothering Sunday*

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From the Registers

Funeral Services

Thursday 7th January

Anthony Malein

Aged 86 years

Church Green

Friday 8th January

Marjorie Roberts

Aged 86 years

Hatford

Thursday 28th January

Edward (Ted) Spinage

Aged 90 years

Chapel Lane

Open House On most Saturdays, but NOT on 6th February, 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.

Messy Church 'Church' but not as you know it! A fun craft-based afternoon for all the family, to include afternoon tea. (If your children like "J" Team they'll love Messy Church – so will you!). Open to all ages. Come along and try!

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

Vicar writes:

Valentine's Day will shortly be upon us and many couples will be celebrating in imaginative ways. It is good to take time to celebrate the commitment we make to our partners, and to celebrate the love we receive from them.

This month, across the Vale, a number of couples are taking part in The Marriage Course, a popular seven-session refresher for married couples looking at how to strengthen their relationship. It is held in Watchfield, and led by local churches working together. Those who have attended previous courses have all commented how it has helped them. The course is put on regularly, so if you would like to find out more, why not visit www.themarriagecourses.org, and if you'd like to attend a future course locally, simply let me know.

Another way couples can strengthen and celebrate their marriage is to Renew their Wedding Vows. Some couples like to do this at significant milestones in their marriage, ie. 20 or 30 years. It is possible to do this as part of a Sunday service, or at a private, intimate service in church where family and friends attend. It can also be done by the vicar visiting the home and just the three of us taking part. The latter has often been done for pastoral reasons, such as when a marriage has gone through a tough time, and the couple wish to make a fresh start. Such events are, of course, completely confidential between vicar and the couple.

So if anyone in the parish would like to Review their Wedding Vows, do get in touch with me. There is no charge for this. We see it as a pastoral service and as such, we would be delighted to offer it to any couple in the parish.

Yours sincerely *Paul*
Rev'd Paul Eddy Vicar

Neighbourhood Plan Update Public Consultation June 2015

Following our Consultation Meeting in March, we held a further Consultation on Future Land Use in the Parish in June 2015. This Consultation sought feedback on proposed sites for Housing allocations, Business & Retail, Live Work Units, Allotments and Burial Ground. It also proposed two alternative sites for the Village School if, and only if, the school needs to relocate in order to expand (whilst bearing in mind that whether or not the school relocates is outside the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan and is a decision for Oxfordshire County Council). Finally, the Consultation sought suggestions on sites which could be designated as local Green Spaces in and around the village.

The consultation took the form of a brochure containing details of the site proposals which was distributed to households and businesses in the Parish. Feedback was solicited by means of a pull-out

response form in the brochure together with an online response form on this website. Over 150 responses were received and these have been independently analysed by Community First Oxfordshire (formerly ORCC). Their report has been published and, together with the Consultation brochure is available for download using the links below.

[Site Allocations Consultation \(June 2015\) Report by Community First Oxfordshire](#)
[Public Consultation Brochure](#)

If you have any comments that you would like to make please e-mail info@sitvnp.com quoting your name and address.

Stanford Village Hall

There are numerous coats that have been left in the Village Hall after events. If you or your child have lost a coat, please phone Joan 710578 by the end of February. After that they will be given to a charity shop.

STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

We have now started our new season and are planning our Summer Play. We would love to have new people join us and enjoy the fun of putting on a production so, if you are interested, come along to one of our meetings and see what we get up to. We meet on Tuesday evenings, 8.00pm - 10.00pm, at the Large Village Hall.

See you there!

The Environment and Recreation and Leisure Sub Committees of the Parish Council

**Will meet on Wednesday 3rd February
at 7.30pm in the Large Village Hall**

**The next Full Parish Council Meeting
Is on Wednesday 2nd March 2016
7.30pm in the Large Village Hall**

All Villagers welcome

Monday 8th February Stanford Art Group Meeting in the Village Hall (small) at 7.15 pm AGM and ' Turn up' Competition Prize

Come and support Stanford Art Group and have your say and ideas to help us move forward for the future. After this we have fun deciding who has won the 'Turn up' prize. If you think of something unusual or inventive bring it along. Refreshments provided. All welcome, visitors £4. For more info 10367 710754

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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 9th February at Stanford

Village Hall, Small Hall

Starttime 7:45 p.m.

There will be a short AGM before the talk. Title: "STANFORD IN THE VALE FROM PARK FARM TO STANFORD PLACE (in pictures)"

Speaker: DAVID AXFORD

With a selection of evocative photos of the places and some of the people, David will be talking about Stanford at the end of the 19th and start of the 20th centuries

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance) Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

Food For Thought

At lunchtime on **Thursdays in Lent**

In the church, 12.30-1.30 on

11th, 18th, 25th Feb., 3rd, 10th, 17th March

Snack lunch of home-made soup and bread

With a short interlude talk (10-15 mins.)

Subjects include Working for Action Aid,

Painting, Poetry, Music

Come and join us

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A – THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2016

The February talk in the **Faringdon Corn Exchange** will be an illustrated talk by Russell Cherry. His topic is "The Ridgeway—Britain's Oldest Road". The talk will start at 2.30pm with refreshments served afterwards. There is no charge for members but visitors will be required to pay £1.50. Further details can be obtained from the website — www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com or from the chairman on 01367 241 241.

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.

**10th February 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 or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

Fairtrade

Saturday 13th February

10am - 12 noon at St Denys Church

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

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.

Thursday 11th February at 2.00 – 2.45

St Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale

For more info please contact :

Amanda: amandanoviss@hotmail.com

Liz: esrobertson25@gmail.com

STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Will meet the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the **17th February** when Ian Jones will give a talk on 40 years Bomb Disposal and still 10 fingers

Visitors are always welcome £3.00 for non members

Chatterbox

**Every Thursday from 10 – 12 noon
Small Village Hall**

All are welcome to call in for a drink, catch up with friends or meet new ones.

Occasional raffles, quizzes and bring and buy.

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting will be on **24th February** at 7.30pm in the Large Village Hall.

The speaker will be Lois Phillips on 'Down to Earth', a talk on garden soil.

There will be refreshments and a raffle but no competition. Visitors will be very welcome for a small fee. For more information contact Rosemary Packer tel: 01367 710445

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February - Stanford Pre-school News

We have all settled back in after our Christmas break.

We have been enjoying our Jungle role play area and we have been busy painting pictures of our favourite Jungle animals for display. We made snakes using paper plates and painted them with bubble wrap dipped in paint to make it look like snake skin. We then cut them out and added eyes and a big long red tongue!!

We have been learning lots of new Jungle themed songs and listening to the sounds of the Jungle and trying to identify the animals we can hear.

We have also been enjoying stories like 'The Tiger who came to Tea' and 'Monkey Puzzle'.

We are hoping to have a visit from some real life animals that live in the Jungle.



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

Sunflower Class

Our topic for the Spring Term is 'Whatever Next'. We are looking forward to going into the Sun Dome. We will also be creating space pictures and imaginary moon creatures.

Snowdrop Class

Our topic is 'Australia'. We are looking forward to finding out what Australia is like as a country and finding out about the beaches.

Buttercup Class

Our new topic is 'Caribbean Contrast'. We will be learning about St. Lucia and we are looking forward to our Caribbean day in school.

Bluebell Class

This term we are finding out all about 'Pirates!' We started our topic by listening to the story of Captain Blackbeard and we had a pirate day where we completed lots of pirate activities such as a dance workshop. We are also looking forward to our trip to Bristol to see the SS Great Britain.

Poppy Class

Our topic this term is 'Around the World in 80 Days'. On Wednesday afternoons, we will cooking food from around the world. To start us off, we made a chicken noodle stir fry from China. It was delicious!

Orchid Class

We are learning all about 'Scandinavia' which is the name given to a group of countries such as Denmark, Sweden

and Finland. We have been learning a Scandinavian story called The Snow Queen.

Forget-me-Not

Our topic is 'The Seriously Amazing South Americans'. We have been learning the story of The Sad Night and we will be using this story to create our own South American stories. We are looking forward to our trip to a hospital to carry out our IMPs session.

Diary Dates

Please join us for our Easter Service on Thursday 24th March at 9.30am. Our service will be held at St Denys' Church.

Thank you for reading our report.

Advance Notices

Saturday 5th March 2016 at 7.30 pm

In St Denys Church

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

"Spring Breezes"

With the The Loxley Quintet

Admission by programme £12.00

from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street,
01367 710476, by reservation on 01367 718420
email DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com

Stanford Summer Festival

Saturday June 18th and Sunday June 19th

Advance preparations - 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?

Contact: Janet 710789

Stanford in the Vale Pre-school

Pre-School Assistant (Hours to be negotiated)

The post holder will report to the Pre-School Manager and must hold a level 2 or 3 qualification.

The successful applicant will have the following:

- Previous experience of working in a pre-school setting
 - Up to date knowledge of the EYFS, OFSTED and relevant legislation
 - Exceptional interpersonal and time management skills
- You will be required to:
- Make observations on all children.
 - Participate in team meetings, parents evenings, open days and other events as agreed with the Manager and Committee.
 - Liaise with parents and carers to ensure that any areas of concern are addressed.
 - Contribute to the daily activities required to comply with the current EYFS, OFSTED and legislation.

Please note any offer of employment would be subject to a D.B.S check and subject to a completion of a Disqualification by Association declaration.

For more information or an application form please call Nina on 01367 718696

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