

**STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH
GOOSEY & HATFORD**

PARISH NEWSLETTER



March 2016

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

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

Thursday 3rd March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch
3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Friday 4th March

2.30 pm Stanford School
Mother's Day Service

Sunday 6th March Mothering Sunday

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

Wednesday 9th March

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 10th March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

Sunday 13th March Lent 5

8.30 am Holy Communion (Hatford)
10.15 am Morning Worship with a
Thanksgiving (Stanford)

Thursday 17th March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch
3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday

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

HOLY WEEK

Thursday 24th March Maundy Thursday

9.30 am Stanford School Easter Service
3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange
7.00 pm Holy Communion at Stanford

Friday 25th March Good Friday
1.00 – 3.00 pm The Last Hours (Stanford)

Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Family Communion (Stanford)
**4.00 pm Messy Church in the
Village Hall**

Sunday 3rd April Easter 2

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

From the Registers

Memorial Service
Saturday 6th February
Mary Dunne (Nee Smith)

Funeral Service
Friday 26th February
Doris Marshall
Van Diemans

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.

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?

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

The Vicar writes

At the end of January, a team from the Lee Abbey Community in North Devon spent a week in the village helping us host all sorts of events.

Some of the highlights included an afternoon tea for those who live alone, a women's pudding evening and a men's night down at the Horse and Jockey. In addition, the village hall was packed with families for the launch of our new Messy Church, which will now take place monthly, on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm (just remember 4&4!) – ideal for families. We were delighted with the number of villagers who attended all the events, and in the months to come, we shall be hosting follow up events for each group mentioned.

We are fortunate in this village to have such a thriving Primary School, and a great range of ages amongst our population. Over the past three years that I have been Vicar, many parents have commented that they would like to attend a course to help parents with primary school aged children. As a result, this Spring, as a church, we shall be running **Parentalk**, a 5 session, DVD-based course for parents produced by Care For The Family. The relaxed and informal sessions aim to encourage parents and give them resources and help, plus providing an opportunity to meet like-minded parents and support and encourage each other. The course will be free. We will be advertising **Parentalk** through the School and the Village website, but if anyone would like advance details, do call me on 01367 710267, or email me on paul@pauleddy.org

Yours *Paul*
Revd Paul Eddy

Colin Smith

Barry & Sharon would like to thank everyone that help celebrate Colin's surprise 80th Birthday, he thoroughly enjoyed the evening and was overwhelmed with all the kind cards and gifts he was given. We both would like to say a huge thank you to Jill, Maria, Jo and Chloe for all their hard work, you did us proud.

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

**Saturday 5th March 2016
at 7.30 pm in St Denys Church**

MUSIC IN THE VALE presents

“Spring Breezes”

Music for woodwind by Elgar,
Agay, Danzi and Nielsen

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 IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 8th March at Stanford Village Hall, Small Hall at 7:45 p.m.

Title: **THE INVISIBLE BRICK** – revealed in language, literature, film, music & murder, locally and elsewhere

Speaker: MARTIN BUCKLAND [Vale of White Horse Industrial Archaeology Soc] - A different look at something so abundant it becomes invisible!

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle. Annual subscription now due Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A – THURSDAY, 10th MARCH, 2016

Faringdon and District U3A hold their March meeting in the Faringdon Corn Exchange on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Mike Skidmore, a well-known local prize-winning artist who will talk about **“A Life In Art”**. Mike brings much experience to this talk, having appeared on TV as well as teaching in Schools and Colleges of Art. The afternoon holds great promise! Refreshments are available. Members are free as always but visitors are required to pay an entrance fee of £1.50. For further information, please look on the website www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com or contact the chairman on 01367 241 241

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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 10th March 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

Saturday 12th March

Easter Fairtrade Stall

Come and buy your Easter cards, Fairtrade Easter eggs, food and gifts.

St Denys' Church

10am - 12 noon

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 March 2016
7.30pm to 9.00pm

With Krish
Kandiah

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

Monday 14th March

Stanford Art Group Meeting in the Small Village Hall

Time 7.15pm

Critique. Bring along one or two paintings you would like to discuss. Enjoy an interesting evening with good company, refreshments provided. All welcome, visitors £4.

For more info 01367 710754

STANFORD IN THE VALE

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Will meet the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the **16th March** for the Annual General Meeting. 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

Churchyard Working Party

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

Saturday 19 March

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

Food For Thought

At lunchtime on **Thursdays in Lent**

In the church, 12.30-1.30 on

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

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 23rd March** at 7.30pm in the Large Village Hall.

The talk will be '**Roses need friends too**' by Ross Barbour. 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

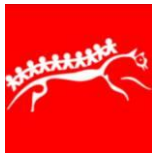
March - Stanford Pre-school News

We have had a busy term learning all about the Jungle. We enjoyed the story sack of the 'Down in the Jungle', where we used the animals to tell the story.

We enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, and found out what animal we were born in the year of.

We finished off the term with a Valentine's Breakfast inviting people who we love to have breakfast with us at Pre-School. We had at least 45 people, who all had a wonderful time. Next term we will be thinking about our Mum's and how much they do for us ready for Mother's Day. We will again hold a special Mother's day breakfast for them.

Our fundraising committee are holding a Movie Afternoon on Saturday 27th February showing the film 'Inside Out' at the Village Hall. Doors open 2:30pm, with the film starting at 2:45pm. Admission is £2.50 per child with tickets being available to buy from the Pre-School or on the door. Refreshments will also be available to purchase.



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

Open Morning

On Wednesday 20th January, we held our Open Morning. Everyone was invited in to school to share our learning with us. Each class completed a science investigation and then presented their findings. The 2 best groups from the school will now share their investigation with a representative from Oxford's Big Science Event.

Stanford's Got Talent

On Wednesday 27th January, we held this year's Stanford's Got Talent. We would like to say well done to all the performers who shared their talents with us! We had singers, dancers, comedians, gymnasts, puppeteers, instrumentalists, experts in martial arts and poetry readers. It was a brilliant performance.

Lee Abbey

Over 28th and 29th January, we had some visitors from Lee Abbey in school. Lee Abbey is a Devon Christian community of around 90 people from all different nationalities. Our visitors spent time in each classroom, teaching us about the different places around the world that they come from. We shared two Collective Worship where we were introduced to our visitors, enjoyed a Bible story and sang some songs. The members of Lee Abbey also joined us for lunch.

Year 6 IMPS

On Monday 1st February, Year 6 went to Witney hospital to carry out their IMPS training. They learnt some very useful life saving skills such as CPR as well as learning key first aid skills such as dealing with a scald and how to contact the emergency services.

Sharing Assembly

On Friday 5th February, we held our second Sharing Assembly of the year. The afternoon was filled with singing, story-telling, musical instruments, facts and life-saving skills. Well done to everyone for putting on a great performance to share your learning this term.

Diary Dates

Please join us for our **Mother's Day Service on Friday 4th March**. Our service will be held at St Denys' Church at 2.30pm.

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

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 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 **NOW** a need for more drivers. Maybe you could help with this.

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