

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER



April 2016

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday 3rd April *Easter 2*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Goosey)
9.55 am Informal Worship
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Wednesday 6th April

10.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
(Note – this service will now be on the first
Wednesday of each month)

Thursday 7th April

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 10th April *Easter 3*

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

Sunday 17th April *Easter 4*

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
Followed by the APCM
(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

6.00pm Evening Prayer at Goosey

Thursday 21st April

3.00pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 24th April *Easter 5*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**4.00pm Messy Church in the
Village Hall**

6.00pm Evening Prayer at Hatford

Saturday 30th April

1.00 pm Wedding

Sunday 1st May

Easter 6

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

From the Registers

Funeral Services at the Crematorium

Monday 14th March

**Eileen Langford
Perry's Road**

Thursday 24th March

James Gallagher

Funeral Services at St Denys

Monday 21st March

Kathleen Noble

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?

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

The Vicar writes

It is always a joy to Baptise children from the parish, or to offer a Thanksgiving Service for the life of a new child. Every Spring the phone starts to ring with requests for baptisms, so I thought it would be helpful if I reminder parents of the process we have at St Denys to help parents consider whether a Baptism or Thanksgiving is most suitable for their child.

We first like to encourage all enquiring parents to come to church on a Sunday at 10.15am (or the 4th Sunday @ 4pm for Messy Church) to get to meet members of the church. Why do we do this? Well, baptism is about 'joining' the Church, so it is important that parents are sure it is the right church for their child as in a Baptism service, parents (and Godparents)

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promise to bring the child up in the faith and to attend church.

When parents come along, I then arrange to visit them in their home and go through two options: A Baptism (or Christening) or a Thanksgiving Service – the latter being an opportunity to bring the child to church with family and friends, and in the service, for prayers to be said for the child and the family. The baby is also officially named. In a Thanksgiving Service, no promises are made to the church, or God, to bring the child to church, so many families feel this is a good first step, and in due course, ask for baptism.

I then leave parents with the two options to consider for a week, and ask them to come back to me with a request for either a Baptism or a Thanksgiving. I am happy with whichever the parents decide to choose. I then book a mutually agreed date in the diary so that parents can invite family and friends to help them celebrate.

We usually like to hold Baptism of Thanksgiving services on the SECOND Sunday of the month which is a shorter, non-Holy Communion service as we find this is more accessible for families and their friends not used to church. Other Sundays are also available, and it is possible to have your child baptised during one of our Messy Church services if you so wish. In principle I like to only offer one Baptism/Thanksgiving per Sunday service as we like each family to feel that it is their special day. Unless for emergency reasons, we do not offer 'Private' Baptisms in the Parish as Baptism is about joining the Church, and so it is best conducted in a main service where the child, and its family, can be warmly welcomed into the wider church family.

I am always very happy to explore options with families at any time, so do feel free to contact me on 01367 710267, or email me at paul@pauleddy.org

Yours Paul **Revd Paul Eddy** Vicar

SPEEDWATCH

Our Speedwatch kit is now in operation and we have been having some very good results.

Resulting of volunteers conducting the Speedwatch in Southmoor and the information they fed back to the police, the police conducted their own speed enforcement operation on a Monday morning between 0800 and 1000 hours in a 30mph zone and reported that there were: 25 offenders, 21 tickets were issued, 4 reported to the court for exceeding 50mph and 1 individual was caught doing 59mph!

However, we do need more volunteers in Stanford and if you would like to help make our village safer please contact Sam Millar on 01367 710703.

VILLAGE VOICES NEEDS YOU

Come and sing with Village Voices, our local community choir. No auditions, no previous experience or special expertise needed. Since starting in 2014 we have sung variety of music including Songs from the Shows, Les Miserables, Songs from WW1 and Music Hall songs. We've joined with the Primary School Choir, entertained residents at Ferundune Care Home and sung at two Carol Services at S. Denys' Church. We meet on Thursdays, 7-8pm in the church. We start again on 7th April. Come and join us
For more information contact Margaret Williams – 710254.....or just turn up

Saturday 9th April

10 am-12 noon

Fairtrade Stall

St Denys' Church

We have a range of Fairtrade goods available, supplied by the Mustard Seed - from chocolate treats, to tea and sugar, dried fruit, rice and olive oil. If we don't have what you're looking for, we can order other Traidcraft products, contact Zoë tel: 710705

Stanford Art Group

Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.15pm

Stanford Village Hall (small)

Figure drawing led by Seija Wentworth.

All very welcome, visitors £4.

Refreshments provided.

For more info 01367 710754

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

Tuesday 10th May

at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall

Start time **7:45 p.m.**

Title: "ONE PLACE STUDIES"

Speaker: KIRSTY GRAY

Kirsty is a professional genealogist who lives in Wiltshire. She will explain her own rather individual approach to Local History Studies

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

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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

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.

14th April 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

FARINGDON & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE MEETING ON THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 2016

At the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. There will be a brief AGM with election of officers followed by an illustrated talk from local historian **MARTIN WAY**. His talk "What a Century" focusses on the settlement of Carterton, its development as a dormitory for RAF personnel serving at nearby Brize Norton, and the history of the base at Brize Norton itself. Refreshments will be provided after the talk. All members are encouraged to attend, but visitors will be required to contribute £1.50 towards the cost of the afternoon. Further details are available from the chairman Peter Smith on 01367241241 or on the website -www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

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 14th April 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 Village Hall

Grand Quiz Night

Saturday 16 April

£16 per team of 4 if prior notice given,
or £20 at the door including ploughman's supper.

Doors open 7 pm for 7.30 pm

Raffle and bar.

Contact J. Greenwood 01367 710578

Music in the Vale

Our next Music in the Vale concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 16th April 2016, at St. Denys' Church, Stanford in the Vale features **The Lyric Piano Trio** - Elisabeth Reed violin, Coral Lancaster cello and Olivia Payne piano in a programme that celebrates this year's Oxford International Womens' Festival. The programme takes its 'Nothing Forgotten' title from Hilary Tann's piano trio composed in 1997. The programme includes works by women composers **Clara Schumann, Germaine Tailleferre, Rebecca Clarke and Hilary Tann**

STANFORD IN THE VALE

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on

Wednesday April 20th

when Kate Lace will talk on

"From Guns and Roses to Hearts and Flowers"
Visitors are welcome at £3.00 for Non Members

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th April** at 7.30pm in the Large Village Hall.

The talk will be '**Floyd on Climbers**' by **Marcel Floyd**. Refreshments and a raffle. Visitors very welcome for a fee of £3.00. For more information, contact Rosemary Packer tel: 01367 710445



Church but not as you know it!

A fun craft-based afternoon for all the family,
includes afternoon tea.

Sunday April 24th

Open to all ages, 4th Sunday each month
4pm – 5.30pm

Come along and try!

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Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 25th April
Small Village Hall at 7.30 pm
All welcome

Advance Notices

St DENYS J TEAM

Saturday 7th May 2016

10.00am – 12.30pm in the **VILLAGE HALL**

A morning of story, craft & fun for all children

Age 5-11yrs Come along and join in

Dates for the Diary

Stanford Drama Group are now rehearsing for their summer production so put these dates in your diary if you don't want to miss out on seeing a really funny play.

July 14th, 15th and 16th.

April - Stanford Pre-school News

We have had a busy term celebrating Mother's day by inviting our mum's for breakfast at Pre-School. We made them beautiful Mother's Day cards by sewing wool through love hearts and then decorating them with small shiny love hearts and glittery things!

We enjoyed a whole Pre-School outing to Farmer Gow's where we fed the animals and had a tractor ride round the farm.

Next term we will be welcoming 12 new families to the Pre-School and our topic will be 'People who help us'. We are busy organising several visitors to come into Pre-School and talk about how they help us.

Committee are organising an Easter Celebration event for the 2nd April from 2-4.30pm. There will be an Easter egg hunt, cake sale, fancy dress and lots more. Everyone is welcome, and bring along all your family and friends. Tickets are available from the Pre-School at a cost of £2.00 per child, and £1.00 per adult.

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year and would appreciate any that people would like to donate to us. Please just pop them in the letterbox.



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

Mother's Day Service

On Friday 4th March, we all went to the church to celebrate Mother's Day. Each class created some work to say thank you to their mums. Classes shared poems, cards, songs and memories.

French Day

On Monday 7th March, we all came into school dressed in red, white and blue for our French Day! We started the day off with a French breakfast of croissants, baguettes with ham and cheese or cereal with yoghurts. Throughout the day, each class made a model of a famous French landmark and learned a French song. We all got together in the hall at the end of the day to share our work with the school and parents.

SS. Great Britain

Bluebell Class went to Bristol on 11th March to explore the SS Great Britain. We had a guided tour of the ship and were able to explore the bedrooms, the dining room, the cargo area and we even saw rats in the kitchen cupboards! After lunch, we went underground to the dry docks and looked around the museum.

Community Lunch

On Tuesday 16th March, we invited some members of our village into school for lunch. Year 3 gave everyone a tour of the school before serving them their lunch. After lunch, Year 3 shared their French song. Thank you for joining us.

Easter Walk

Foundation and Year 3 were lucky enough to be invited to take part in an Easter Walk at St Alban's church in Watchfield on Wednesday 16th March. It was an amazing experience where we walked through scenery and had the Easter story narrated to us. We even got the opportunity to experience The Last Supper.

Year 2 Wow Day

On Wednesday 16th March, Year 2 had their Caribbean Wow Day. We did lots of cooking and made Caribbean banana curry, banana, pineapple and mango drinks and pineapple upside down cake. In the afternoon, the whole school got to enjoy a steel drum performance before Year 2 learnt how to play them. It was a brilliant day.

Diary Dates

Please join us for our final Sharing Assembly of the year on **Friday 27th May at 2.15pm.**

Please join us for our **Father's Day service on Friday 17th June at 9.30am.** Our service will be held at St Denys' Church.

Thank you for reading our report.

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