

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



August

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday 7th August Trinity 11

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

Sunday 14th August Trinity 12

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

Sunday 21st August Trinity 13

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Goosey)

Friday 26th August

12.00 pm Wedding

Sunday 28th August Trinity 14

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Hatford)

Sunday 4th September Trinity 15

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

From the Registers

Funeral Service

Thursday 30th June

**Peter Leon
Penstones**

Thanksgiving for the gift of a child

**Sunday 10th July
Amelia Ricketts**

Baptism of a child

Sunday 17th July

Noah Matthews

Open House There is no Open House during August

Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings - please contact the Vicar on 710267.

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
	Nigel Archer	718163
Verger		Mrs Susan Mayall

The Vicar writes

It's August, and so a huge sigh of relief!

June and July are incredibly busy in Stanford, what with the Festival, School end-of-year events, clubs and associations having their final gatherings before the summer and, talking to many on the school gate, children and parents are equally tired.

Lately, I've been reading an interesting book which shows how our society had developed gadgets to save us time, time which we then fill with even more stuff making our lives even more frenetic and pressured! Certainly over the last few months many people have expressed to me that their work/life/family balance is not good, and that they need to address it. August is a good month to do that. Whether we are fortunate enough to go away for a few days, or we stay at home, hopefully the pace of life slows down and we are able to take stock.

In recent years 'Mindfulness' has become popular both in education and business. At its core is a realisation that we need to enjoy the 'present', rather than rushing into the future, and to *make* and *take time* in our busy lives to stop and pause during the day and to be still. For many of us that

is very difficult and goes against our natural instinct, but does it actually go against the way that we were made by God, our creator? I'd say no.

Christians believe that we were made by, and in the image of God, and intended to have a relationship with him which would sustain and nourish us. This is done through many ways, through worshipping, through reading the Bible, meeting with other Christians, but principally through prayer and simply being quiet and being in God's presence.

In Psalm 46:10, the Psalmist writes: "Be Still and know that I am God", or as The Message version of the Bible puts it: *"Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything."*

Maybe this Autumn we each need to 'step out of the traffic' that we are travelling in, and especially the political chaos that we are in, and in the stillness, to 'take a long, loving look at the God who loves us'. A God who wants to spend time with us, to restore us, to encourage us, to listen to us.

As always, St Denys church will be open each day for villagers to pop in and spend a quiet 5 minutes. May I encourage all of us to pause this August, and to 'be still' - even for a short time, in order that God might restore us and that we might experience something afresh from him.

Yours Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

STANFORD IN THE VALE COMMUNITY BUS

TERMINATION OF SERVICE

The committee regrets to announce that the Community Bus Service will cease to operate at the end of September.

The decision has been taken in view of the withdrawal of our funding from the County Council and the introduction of the new hourly 67 service commencing on 25th July.

The committee is of the opinion that it will not be viable to operate our services alongside

this new, more regular service which will run six days a week. This is funded by Section 106 money from the housing developments and there is a contract in place with Oxfordshire County Council which means that it will continue for at least the next six years.

The committee regret any inconvenience that will be caused, especially to those villages other than Stanford but feels that there is no alternative.

John Smith, Chairman. 01367 710494

Stanford Drama Group

We would like to thank everyone who came to see our recent production of 'The Reunion' by Peter Gordon. We all had great fun performing it and hope you, the audience, enjoyed it too maybe enough to come and join us on a Tuesday evening! There will be no meetings now until the beginning of September, so plenty of time to think about it. We promise it will brighten up those dark winter nights.

We give special thanks to the groups and societies who gave up their Hall bookings for our benefit, Di at Huddle for selling our tickets and helping to raise our profile, and the Co-op for allowing us to advertise outside the shop.

The annual Pantomime will be our next challenge, so if you are interested in finding out more, taking part, or helping backstage, please get in touch with any member of the Group or phone **01367 710400**. We shall look forward to seeing you.

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.

FOR THE SERVICE TO CONTINUE WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS.

The pool of drivers has dropped quite drastically due to ill health and people moving away. There are only 12. CAN YOU HELP?

At present the drivers get called upon about once a month but with more drivers to draw from the less often drivers will be called upon!

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Closing date this month is the 18th August

Stanford Community Website for e copy Local events, chat forum, business listings, village history and more

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.

FARINGDON & DISTRICT
U3A IN AUGUST
THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2016

There will be no formal meeting in August. Instead U3A is holding its annual summer party on **Thursday 4th August** which is open to members only; the venue is 19 Coxwell Road, Faringdon at 12 noon for 12.30pm. This is through the generosity of Steve and Jenny Braithwaite. To assist with numbers for catering, it would be most helpful if members could notify us on-line – details at the web site.

On Thursday 9th September in Faringdon Corn Exchange the monthly talk will be given by Paul Febvre about trends in Satellite Technology. Further details next month. The talks are free to members but visitors are required to pay £1.50. Refreshments available. All enquiries to Peter Smith on 01367 241 241 or on-line at www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

Stanford Art Group
Monday 8th August 2016 at 7.15pm

Stanford Village Hall (small)
Drawing Dance Demo led by Felicity Cormack
All very welcome Visitors £4, refreshments provided.
For more info 01367 710754

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.

10 August 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

STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Stanford in the Vale Womens Institute will meet on August 17th for a members get together. 01235765461



There is no Messy Church in August.
The next Messy Church is on Sunday 25th September

ADVANCE NOTICES

Village Hall Horticultural Show

The show will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday, September 4th

CLASSES FOR FLORAL ART, FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, DOMESTIC AND HANDICRAFT - PLUS CHILDREN'S CLASSES (Activities for the Summer Holiday?)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 2.15pm
RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS etc.
PRODUCE AUCTION

SCHEDULES AND ENTRY FORMS
AVAILABLE FROM:
JOHN SMITH, 5 NEVILLE WAY, STANFORD
IN THE VALE (TEL.: 710494)
OR "THE HUDDLE"

The next Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 7th September
Large Village Hall at 7.30 pm
All welcome

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AFTERNOON TEA

Come for a free, delicious Afternoon Tea
in the **Village Hall**

All welcome and bring a friend

Friday 9th September

2.30-4.30pm

Let us know if you would like a lift.

Enquiries to Janet 710789

August - Stanford Pre-school News

As we expected we had a hectic last few weeks of term. The Barnado's Toddler Waddle was a huge success raising over £300 for the charity.

We have been enjoying lots of outside play with the warm weather finally here with plenty of water play to keep us cool and stories under the tree at the end of the day.

Our Leavers Picnic was even more special this year with children receiving their certificate and medal to say goodbye and good luck. We also were lucky enough to have a visit from Nick Cope to sing some songs to entertain the children. Great fun was had by all and was a fitting finish to a fantastic year.

Good luck to all those children leaving us to join school in September - we will miss you.



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

The Big Science Event

In January, the school held an open morning where all classes carried out a Big Science Event. Our Year 2 team

were selected to represent the school in Oxford. This month, the team shared their project and were runners up on the day.

Peter Pan

On 13th and 14th of July, Year 6 shared their performance of Peter Pan. It was a fantastic show full of singing, acting and a real life dog! Well done to Year 6, it was a fabulous show.

Wedding in Sunflower Class

On Tuesday 12th July, Sunflower Class went to the church to re-enact a wedding service. All the members of the wedding party were included and the class experienced the exchange of rings, the blessing and the signing of the register.

Open Evening

On Thursday 7th July, we opened up the school for our annual Open Evening. Each class displayed lots of work from the year and lots of visitors came to see what we had all been up to. It was a great evening and the presentation of work was spectacular.

Summer Fete

On Saturday 16th July, we held our Summer Fete. The whole school was involved with lots of performances including the School Band, Choir, Dance Club, Foundation stage's pirate dance and lots more musical and gymnastic performances. There were lots of stalls and the sun shone as we all enjoyed the day.

Goodbye and Good Luck

As we come to the end of another school year we would like to say goodbye and good luck to all of Year 6 who will be moving up to secondary school in the autumn.

Thank you for reading our report and have a wonderful summer break.

To include items in September's newsletter please send to jmwarren32@btinternet.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.
Closing date: **18th August 2016**