

# STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



## February 2017

### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

#### Thursday 2nd February

**3.00pm** Holy Communion at the Grange

#### Sunday 5th February *4th before Lent*

**8.30 am** BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

#### Sunday 12th February *3rd before Lent*

**8.30 am** BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

**10.15 am** Morning Worship with the Open  
The Book team and a Thanksgiving (Stanford)

#### Thursday 16th February

**3.00 pm** Songs of Praise at the Grange

#### Sunday 19th February *2nd before Lent*

*(Vicar's 4th Anniversary at Stanford)*

**8.30 am** BCP Holy Communion (Stanford)

**10.15am** Parish Communion with Baptism  
(Stanford)

#### Sunday 26th February *Sunday before Lent*

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

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

#### Sunday 5th March *Lent 1*

**8.30 am** BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

**From the Registers**  
**Funeral Service**  
**Thursday 26th January**  
**Rosemary Bennett**  
High Street  
Aged 91 years

**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** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 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
	Nigel Archer	718163
<b>Verger</b>		Mrs Susan Mayall

### The Vicar Writes .... '

On **Sunday 26 February**, we celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday of our **Messy Church Congregation!**

In just one year, we have seen 164 new adults and children, from the village, come to this lively, creative way of exploring the Christian faith and meeting with others in the village. We meet on the **fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm** in the Village Hall.

After a brief introduction, we gather around tables to create crafts, and have discussion based around a theme and after 45 minutes, we gather for two songs, a very short talk, and a closing prayer. We then join together in having tea, a time when villagers can get to know each other better and it creates a real sense of community. Those who have lived in the village all their lives are able to meet those who have just moved in. Every month we welcome new people, brought along by those who have found Messy Church fun and encouraging. **Why don't you come along one 4th Sunday and join us?**

I am also delighted to say that at long last, we have made significant progress with our plans to **Reorder St Denys Church** and to add toilets and kitchen facilities!

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All will be revealed via Public Events in the church over the weekend of **29/30 April** – so watch this space. Please make a note in your diaries to come along and find out how St Denys is to be reordered to provide an adaptable central meeting place to continue to serve the needs of our growing village community.

With my prayers for you and your families.  
Kind regards *Paul* **Revd Paul Eddy** Vicar

**Thank You** – two little words that now come with depth of meaning. I sincerely thank everyone who have made such a difference to eleven months in bed. The many cards, letters and phone calls have helped me keep my sanity. Thank you all.

**Jill Smith** **Stoke Mandeville Hospital**

### **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 and Hatford

**FOR THE SERVICE TO CONTINUE WE NOW NEED MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS.**

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

### **The Church Bells**

Did you hear the church bells ringing over Christmas? Did you hear them ringing in the New Year? Did you think you could have done better – or did you think you'd have liked to have been one of the people ringing the bells? Answer Yes to either and we would love to meet you!

Church bell ringing is a skill which can be learnt by nearly anyone. You need to be able to ascend the steps to the ringing chamber but if you can do that then it is likely that you could learn to ring and become part of the band that rings at Stanford and at bell towers throughout the UK.

To find out more about the art of church bellringing then please either come along to one of our regular practice nights (Tuesday 7-8pm at St. Denys' Church) or get in touch with one of the ringers directly or via e-mail ([StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com](mailto:StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com)).

### **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.

**The next Parish Council Meeting  
is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Large Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
All welcome**

### **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.

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
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 Drama Group  
Present*

### **THE BEAUTY SLEEPING**

**By Peter Nuttall**

Fiddle and Tinkle, the sons of Mother Droopy, tell the story of how King and Queen Twinkle are blessed with a beautiful daughter. Hogben, the wicked witch, is very angry when she doesn't receive an invitation to Princess Beauty's naming party, so she casts a curse stating that Beauty will prick herself, on her 16th birthday, and will fall asleep forever. However, Hogben didn't count on the interference of the good witch, Betty, or the special talents of the court-master, Plop! ..... You probably know how the story ends but, just to make sure you are right, come along to

**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall  
9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 7.30pm  
Matinee on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.  
Tickets are £8/£6 concessions,  
available from 'Huddle'  
or by phoning **01367 710724.****

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**CAST ON!** meets every second and last Wednesday evening of the month at the Horse & Jockey for knitting and crochet. From 7.30pm-9pm (ish). Fun, free, friendly. **This month's dates 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.**  
Contact: [caston@tlkc.co.uk](mailto:caston@tlkc.co.uk) or 710362.

### **SCRAMBLERS**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 – 2.45**

**St Denys Church**

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

For more info please contact :

**Amanda:** [amandanoviss@hotmail.com](mailto:amandanoviss@hotmail.com)

**Liz:** [esrobertson25@gmail.com](mailto:esrobertson25@gmail.com)

**Stanford in the Vale Women's Institute will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> February** to hear Gita Konschak talk about Face painting and Body art. Visitors always welcome. £3-00 charge for non members.  
Contact 01235765461  
Visitors are always welcome. £3 to non-members.  
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### **Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club**

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at 7.30pm in the Large Village Hall.

A speaker to be announced

Visitors will be very welcome for a fee £3.00 For more information, contact Rosemary Packer- tel: 01367 710445

### **Saturday 11 February Fairtrade Stall**

**St Denys Church 10am – noon**

We sell Fairtrade items supplied by the Mustard Seed in Faringdon

### **Stanford Art Group Meeting**

**Stanford Village Hall (small)**

**Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> 7.15 - 9.30pm**

Stanford Art Group. AGM

£2 for members, £4 for non-members

For more info contact David Morton 01367 710754

### **Keep Fit for 60+**

**Thursdays 10.00am - 11.00am**

**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**

**Starting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**

£5 per session

Book now - 07717 346351 or

**[luke.horton@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:luke.horton@southandvale.gov.uk)**

### **Stanford In The Vale And District Local History Society**

**Tuesday 14 February**

Meeting at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall -

Start time 7:45 p.m.

There will be a short AGM, followed by our talk.

**Title:** "MIDDLE RIDGEWAY AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY"

**Speaker:** ERIC JONES. Eric, from Fairford, is a co-author of a recent book of the same title.

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285



Church but not as you know it!

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

**Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Open to all ages,

4th Sunday each month 4pm – 5.30pm

Come along and try!

1<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration

## **Advance Notice**

### **Stanford Twinning Association**

2017 is a year of great change for good or bad. The Twinning Association also faces a challenging future. Adapt to survive and we intend to do just that. Exciting new possibilities are in the making, despite our French friends apparently succumbing to external pressures. Watch this space!

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Safari Supper**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - AGM**

**For further details contact Wendy tel;**

**07980 606028**

## **February - Stanford Pre-school News**

All the children have settled back in well after the Christmas break and we have welcomed four new families to the Pre-school.

Our topic this term is Superheroes. We have created a Superhero rescue centre role play area with lots of dressing up and imaginative play as well as lots of opportunity for mark making.

We have made our own Superhero capes and decorated them with bright paints and have enjoyed wearing them to play games with our friends.

We will be learning about Chinese New Year this term. This year it is the year of the Rooster and we have planned a trip to Sevenacres nursery to look at the Roosters there.

We will finish off the term with a Stay and Play morning for our families to see what we get up to at Pre-school.



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

### **Sunflower Class**

We are learning all about Dinosaurs. We have made a dinosaur landscape to play in and we have been on a dinosaur hunt.

### **Snowdrop Class**

Our topic is Are We Nearly There Yet? We have been making pictograms to show how we travel to school and we have been planning our own train journey.

### **Buttercup Class**

We are learning about The Jungle Book. We have been learning and retelling the story. We are looking forward to our Jungle Jonathan workshop and writing some jungle poems.

### **Bluebell Class**

Our topic is Sea Shores. We are finding out about how beaches are formed. We are looking forward to doing lots of art linked to sea sides and water.

### **Poppy Class**

We are learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We are reading the story of Beowulf and we are looking forward to writing our own stories.

### **Orchid Class**

Our topic is Aurora and Wonder. We are learning about the Northern Lights and why they are formed. We will also be creating some art work based on them.

### **Forget-me-Not Class**

We are learning about the Maya. We have been making celebration and death masks. We have also been making and trying food like tortillas, guacamole and salsa.

### **Diary Dates**

Our second Sharing Assembly will be on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm in the school hall.**

Our Mother's Day service will be on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at St Denys' Church.** This service starts at 2.30pm

Thank you for reading our report

To include items in March's newsletter please send to [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com) or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.

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