

STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH  
GOOSEY & HATFORD

PARISH NEWSLETTER



March 2017

**SERVICES FOR THE MONTH**

**Thursday 2nd March**

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

3.00pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

**Sunday 5th March Lent 1**

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Thursday 9th March**

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

**Sunday 12th March Lent 2**

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

**Thursday 16th March**

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

**Sunday 19th March Lent 3**

8.30 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**4.00pm Messy Church in the Village Hall**  
(A week early because of Mothering Sunday)

**Thursday 23rd March**

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

**Friday 24th March**

2.30 pm Stanford School Mother's Day Service

**Sunday 26th March Mothering Sunday**

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Thursday 30th March**

12.30pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

**Sunday 2nd April Lent 5**

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

**From the Registers**

**Baptism**

**Sunday 29th January**

Madeline Sian Margaret Taylor

**Sunday 19th February 2017**

Finley and Tilley-Rose Giddings

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child**

**Sunday 12th February**

Bobby Calvert

**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 .... '**

As I wrote this piece for the March Newsletter, Valentine's Day is just hours away. Why do I mention this, because as Vicar, my phone (or Facebook messenger) starts to buzz a few weeks after Christmas and a few weeks after Valentine's Day as couples get engaged and enquire about weddings. It is one of the many happy parts of my role as a vicar.

This year I am taking 9 weddings in the parish, and I already have some bookings in for 2018 – and I anticipate more!

One of the things that often surprise couples marrying in one of our three church buildings in the parish, is that I offer them marriage preparation. No, it is not an interrogation, or a 'lay down on the psychiatrist's couch' sort of session. It is, however, a chance for the couples themselves to talk really deeply, and communicate with each other their hopes and dreams about their future lives together.

I offer four resources which couples use privately, together. The first resource is to help them consider what 'baggage' we all bring into any new relationship – good and bad, and how that might impact the new relationship/marriage. The second resource is a fun activity looking at how different we can be, and as such, where the tensions might be in a marriage unless good compromise is made.

The third resource helps couples to understand their 'love language', not just 'telling' someone you love them, but understanding how they 'feel' loved, and so two people don't start drifting apart and 'feeling' unloved. The fourth resource is helping couples understand the depth of the vows they will make to each other, 'for better for worse.... And till death do us part'.

Couples always say how much they have enjoyed it, and how it has helped them – even if they have been living together for years before their wedding day. It is one of the ways we hope to strengthen relationships and marriages in this parish as part of our commitment as a church to serve and care for those in our parish. Often couples who are having a tough time in their marriage also contact me. By using these resources, we can often find a foundational reason for their problem(s) and so, I can often signpost them to appropriate resources to help strengthen their marriage.

So, if you've got engaged recently, are maybe exploring getting married, or may wish for some support in your relationships, as your vicar I am here to help in any way that I can. I'd love to talk to you!

Kind regards *Paul* **Revd Paul Eddy**

### **Rosemary Bennett**

Geoff Bennett and Jane wish to thank all those kind people who supported them during Rosemary's illness and at the time of her funeral. In addition to several private donations, £168.20 has been sent for Cancer Research.

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

### **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.

### **Food For Thought**

At lunchtime on **Thursdays in Lent**

***In the church, 12.30-1.30 on***

***2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April***

Snack lunch of home-made soup and bread

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

Subjects include Icon Painting, the poetry of George Herbert, Handel's 'Messiah'

*Come and join us*

### ***Music in the Vale***

#### ***"Early Spring Sonatas"***

*Our next Music in the Vale concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 4th March 2017, in St. Denys' Church, features internationally renowned musicians Alison Bury - violin and Maggie Cole - harpsichord in a programme of solos, duos and sonatas by Handel, CPE Bach, Scarlatti, Leclair, JS Bach ...*

*Admission is by programme, price £12.00 from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street, Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476, by reservation on 01367 718420, email [DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com) or at the door*

### **STANFORD TWINNING ASSOCIATION.**

Dates for you Diary.

**Saturday 4th March.** The Safari Supper. It is advisable to book early.

**Wednesday 8th March. 6.00-7.00 pm** The AGM in the Village Hall. Please note the change of time.

For more information and tickets contact Wendy. tel. 07980606028 or on [stanfordtwinning@gmail.com](mailto:stanfordtwinning@gmail.com)

### **SCRAMBLERS**

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

**St Denys Church**

Join us at Scramblers for Stories, music and craft activities. All children and careers 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)**

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### **FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A IN MARCH**

Faringdon and District U3A will hold their monthly meeting in the **Faringdon Corn Exchange on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.** The speaker will be Ian Caskie, talking on Brunel's SS Great Britain: from launch to "relaunch". Ian is a very popular Visitor Services volunteer with the SS Great Britain Trust in Bristol. He will talk about the ship's remarkable story. Having visited the SS Great Britain in November, I would strongly recommend this talk as one that must **not** be missed. Refreshments will be served after the talk. All members are welcome but visitors will have to pay £1.50 to enjoy the talk. Alison Thomson

**St Denys' Church Invites you to a Women's breakfast,** Talk by Isobel Weller "Life's Rich Tapestry" Adoption and belonging.

**Saturday 11th March 2017, Large Village Hall from 8.45am until 11am.**

Free entry- Donations towards costs always welcome. Contact Julia Thorpe 07760370717 Email:stdenysgals@yahoo.co.uk

### **Saturday 11 March 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 March 13th 7.15 - 9.30pm**

Stanford Art Group. AGM

£2 for members, £4 for non-members

For more info contact David Morton 01367 710754

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

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall at 7:45 p.m.**

Title: "BEER, SAUSAGES, AND MARMALADE"

Speaker: LIZ WOOLLEY

Another of Liz's fascinating illustrated accounts of Oxford's past. This one is on food, politics and tourism in the C19<sup>th</sup>. Visitors welcome (£2 entrance) Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

**Stanford in the Vale Women's Institute will meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> March** for their Annual General Meeting. Visitors are always welcome. £3 for non-members. Contact 01235 765451



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

**Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**(A week early because of Mothering Sunday)**

Open to all ages,

4th Sunday each month 4pm – 5.30pm

### **Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club**

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

The speaker will be Tim Butler on 'Lavender Fields' Refreshments and a raffle. Visitors will be very welcome for an entry fee of £3.00. For further information contact Rosemary Packer tel. 01367 710 445

### **Churchyard Working Party**

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

**Saturday 25 March**

Just turn up any time from 9.30 am 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.

### **Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Grand Quiz Night Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm

£16 for team of 4 if pre-registered, or £20 at the door both including Ploughman's Supper, Bar and Raffle. Contact: J. Greenwood 01367 7105789

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## Advance Notice

**St Denys J Team**  
**In The Village Hall Saturday 8th April**  
**10.00am-12.30.**

For children aged 5-11 years.  
Come and join in the story, craft,  
singing and lots of fun.

## March - Stanford Pre-school News

We had a very busy term finding out all about Superheroes. Our favourite story was Supertato about a potato who becomes a superhero to fight the enemy the Evil Peas!!! We squashed peas with potato mashers and acted out the stories with props.

We had a lovely trip to the Sevenacres nursery where we fed all the chickens and met the other animals. On the walk there we spotted different shapes in the environment and learnt about road safety.

This term we have also been talking and learning about keeping safe online. We had a story and talked about what we need to do to keep safe when we are on the internet.

Next term our topic is Rhyming Bears. We will be having a special focus on rhymes and rhyming stories and plan to have a Teddy Bears Picnic.

**Come along and enjoy an afternoon showing of the film 'Trolls' on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 2-4.30pm. Entrance is £3 per child.**

**Refreshments are available. Tickets available in advance only from the Pre-school.**

Please note: The Pre-School operates a waiting list, we advise parents wishing to secure a place for their child at the Pre-School to get their name down on to the waiting list as soon as possible. You can do this by contacting the Pre-School or popping in for an Enquiry form. Tel: 01367 71869



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

## Dogs Trust

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, we had a visit from the Dogs Trust. Each class had a workshop about how to be safe around dogs and how to care for animals.

## Open Morning

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, we had our Science based open morning. Parents and members of the village were

able to come into school to share our learning. Each class were completing The Big Science Event and were carrying out their own Science investigations.

## Stanford's Got Talent

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, we held our annual Stanford's Got Talent. The performance was amazing and we enjoyed

a range of performances including singing, dancing, martial arts, jokes, gymnastics, magic and dog handling.

## Silver Band

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, we had a visit from some members of the Wantage Silver Band. They played us some pieces using different instruments and taught us about the different instruments and how they make different sounds.

## Sharing Assembly

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we held our second Sharing Assembly of the year. Each class shared some of their learning. Foundation Stage shared a poem and a song about Dinosaurs; Year 1 shared their work on internet safety; Year 2 shared a story map and sang The Bare Necessities; Year 3 played their recorders; Year 4 shared their Viking artwork and a song; Year 5 shared some raps about grammar and Year 6 tested us with a quiz all about chillies.

## Diary Dates

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

**Our Easter Service will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at St Denys' Church. This service will be at 9.30am.**

Thank you for reading our report

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