

PARISH NEWSLETTER

January 2018

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

Thursday 4th January

3.00 pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 7th January *Baptism of Christ*

10.15 am Parish Holy Communion with
renewal of Baptism Vows (Stanford)

Sunday 14th January *Epiphany 2*

9.00 am Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Family Service (Stanford)

Thursday 18th January

3.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 21st January *Epiphany 3*

9.00 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 28th January *Epiphany 4*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

Sunday 4th February

9.00 am Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

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 1st and 3rd 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?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens		
	Margaret Williams	710254
	Nigel Archer	718163
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

The Vicar Writes

I hope that you and your family had a great Christmas and are looking forward to all that 2018 might bring.

Here at St Denys we are excited about developments this year with, hopefully, the Phase One of the Reordering being started – more about that with the February newsletter.

But as a church we are also keen to focus on *people*, and not just buildings!

As such, our **Messy Church** congregation continues to grow – now 220 adults and children have attended our monthly gathering at 4pm, on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Village Hall. In addition, this year, we will be offering the following resources to help the community:

Parent Talk – two six-session, DVD-based courses for parents looking at parenting children of Primary School and Secondary School ages. These courses are designed by *Care For The Family*, a highly respected charity.

The Marriage Course – a very practical, encouraging course for any couple considering marriage and for those who are and who want to continue to strengthen and deepen their marriage.

Money Management Course – we shall be offering a 3-session evening course through our trained CAP course leaders for anyone who in this new year, wants a helpful structure to manage and budget their money more effectively.

Start Course – an opportunity to explore where you are at in life, what you believe about God and faith in a non-threatening environment over 5 sessions in a local home.

Details of all these resources, and more, will be included in a new **Church Website** we are developing, which will soon be able to be found by logging on to **www.stdenys.org**. We will also soon be launching our own **Facebook** group to help keep people up to date.

In the meantime, if you are interested in any of the above, do email me on vicar@stdenys.org, or call me on 01367 710267.

Yours **Paul** **Revd Paul Eddy, Vicar**

Stanford Volunteer Taxi Service

If you need transport for a medical appointment please phone

MARJORIE GOODING 01367 710656

Many thanks to Marjorie for offering to take on the organising. As much notice about any appointments makes things easier and more drivers would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

The family and close friends of Dorothy Williams would like to thank all relatives and friends for the cards of sympathy received following the sad loss of dear Dorothy. Grateful thanks to all those who attended the funeral and kindly gave donations for Cancer Research. Finally a sincere thank you to Rev Paul Eddy and all at J. Godfrey & Son for the respect and caring they have shown at this difficult time.

Many Thanks

Gill and Maria would like to thank everyone who helped, donated gifts and came to their recent coffee morning. An amazing **£1290.00** was raised for the **Kamran Ward** at the **John Radcliffe Children's Hospital**. They have been contacted and various items have been bought off their wish list. The rest has been given as a monetary donation. Everything has been taken to the ward.

Gill and Maria are so grateful to you all. Thank you.

**The next Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 3rd January
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.

Scramblers

Thursday 4th and 18th January 9.00-10.30

In the Church

All toddlers and caters welcome.

Stanford Art Group meeting on

Monday 8th January 7.15pm

Stanford Village Hall

Bring Your Own Work

Do you have an artwork unfinished? Would you like some friendly informal help? If not then why not start something new..... Non members welcome

£4 for non members, £2 members. All welcome. Why not come along and unleash your artistic side? No experience necessary.

For more details find Stanford Art Group on Facebook or ring David Morton 01367 710754

STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday, 9th January at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall at 7:45 p.m. **"The Turbulent Lifetime of Thomas Vachell"** with speaker: **Tony Hadland**, chairman of OHLA. Vachell, from Reading, lived under 5 monarchs during Tudor and early Stuart times

Visitors welcome (£2 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A IN JANUARY 2018

The Annual January Japes will be held in the Faringdon Corn Exchange on **Thursday 11th January 2018**. Times are 12.15 for 12.30 start. Details of the meal will be available in the magazine or online in December, and tickets at £15.00 each need to be booked in advance. The meal will be followed by entertainment by **Dave Headey**, a local singer and actor. This promises to be different and "special". Members who do not wish to come to the meal are welcome to come to the entertainment only at 2.30pm.

U3A is also branching out with a film on "Coast and Sea" on **Thursday 18th January** in the Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. The film comes from the "Britain on Film" series which is newly produced by the Independent Cinema Office in conjunction with the British Film Institute. Relive the holidays of your youth along with learning about the trades and customs of coastal life. *This film is for members only in order not to contravene our hiring conditions.*

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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

January 10th 2018
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

Fairtrade Stall

10am - 12 noon

Saturday 13th January

St Denys' Church

Fairtrade food, drink and gifts from the Mustard Seed shop in Faringdon.

Stanford Women's Institute will meet on

Wednesday January 17th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome. £3 charge for non members. Contact 01235765461

Monthly Film Afternoon for Over 50's

Come and enjoy a cinema afternoon on **4th Monday of each month** in the small Hall at Stanford in the vale Village hall. **Starts at 2pm**. Tea and coffee plus cakes and supplied with the film for **£3.50 per person**.

Next showing is 22nd January 2018

For information on the film showing you can call into Chatterbox or phone Mandy on 07827 235 429

This event is organised by the Community Network team at Age UK Oxfordshire.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB.

The next meeting will be on **January 24th** in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker to be announced. Refreshments and a raffle.

Visitors will be very welcome for a £3.00 entry fee.

For more information contact Rosemary Packer tel 01367 710 445



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

Sunday 28th January

4pm – 5.30pm In the Village Hall

Physical activity sessions for people aged 60+

Zumba Gold

Mondays 12pm-1pm

At Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
£5 per session



Keep Fit

Thursdays 10am-11am

At Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
£5 per session

Pickleball

Fridays 11:00am – 12:00pm

At Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
£3 per session

Seated / Yoga

Wednesday 3pm-4pm

At Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
£5 per session

Booking Essential:

luke.horton@southandvale.gov.uk
07717 346351

Stanford Drama Group proudly presents Jack & The Beanstalk

By Ben Crocker

Directed by Barry Child & John Sudworth

8th, 9th and 10th February 2018 at 7.30pm

Sat 10th Matinee at 2.30pm

At Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Tickets available from The Huddle (next to Stanford in the Vale Co-op)

or Tel 01367 710400

£8/£6 Concessions

Produced in association with Ben Crocker
Pantomimes

An entirely new telling of the much-loved story. Jack goes up the Beanstalk not once, but twice to rescue his love, the Princess Beatrice from the clutches of the eccentric Giant who turns out to have an equally eccentric wife.

December Parish Newsletter – Stanford Pre-school News

We began our term talking about two very different events in the calendar; Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light and Bonfire Night. This meant that the children have had the

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opportunity to create some fabulous works of art; colouring in beautiful Rangoli patterns and creating some fantastic firework pictures using brightly coloured paints on black paper. We spoke about celebrations and the children loved creating their own birthday party in the mud kitchen, making mud cakes and topping with candles and writing party invitations.

We have been learning about shapes and finding them in our environment, singing songs to help the children remember the different properties and making arrangements and patterns with them.

The children have been enjoying learning about similarities and differences. We have been discussing their families and how they are similar and different from their friends. They have been painting self-portraits and making faces using buttons and wool.

Our next focus is of course Christmas! The children have been making salt dough decorations and Christmas cards and practicing our songs ready for the Christmas performance at the Church.

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 718696

Stolen Lead from Preschool Roof

Approximately 2 weeks ago (we can't be sure exactly when) the lead covering was stolen from the roof of the preschool, this has caused the rooms inside to flood. If anyone saw anything suspicious, or has any other information about this theft could they please get in touch? Tel. 01367 718696



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

Foundation have been taking a stroll through the deep, dark words and exploring Julia

Donaldson's books: The Gruffalo, The Gruffalo's Child and Stick Man. They had a great time at Badbury Clumps hunting for Stick Man

Year 1 have been learning all about bears. They have studied maps to see where they live and have designed and made coats for Barnaby Bear to wear. They even had a special Teddy Bears' Picnic at Forest School, it was lots of fun!

Year 2 have been exploring the jungle through writing non-chronological reports. We have also looked at block graphs and pictograms about what our favourite jungle animal is.

Year 3 had an amazing time at the Living Rainforest in Newbury where they learnt how plants and animals adapted to their environment. They have also made mud maids in DT to help us visualise our story of the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

Year 4 have been learning about the migrations of different animals. We found out how the Arctic Tern flies from the Arctic to Antarctica and back every year. We then went on to write our own reports about the migration of the Northern Elephant Seal, an incredible creature.

Year 5 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt including the physical geography and the way in which the Ancient Egyptians lived.

Year 6 have been learning about radar and how it identified where the Germans were as part of their WW2 topic. They have also learnt about some of the key places in WW2 including Dunkirk, London and Berlin.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th January— Open Morning from 9.30am—11.30am. Please pop in and see the school in action

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in February's newsletter please send to jmwarren32@btinternet.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18th January 2018. Late items can no longer be accepted.**