

PARISH NEWSLETTER

February 2018

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

Thursday 1st February

3.15pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Sunday 4th February *Second before Lent*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 11th February *Sunday before Lent*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Family Service

Thursday 15th February

12.30 pm Lent Lunch

3pm Songs of Praise at the Grange

Sunday 18th February *Lent 1*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 22nd February

12.30 pm Lent Lunch

Sunday 25th February *Lent 2*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

4 pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

Thursday 1st March

12.30 pm Lent Lunch

3.15pm Holy Communion at the Grange

Saturday 3rd March

2pm Wedding

Sunday 4th March *Lent 3*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

From the Registers
Funeral Service
Saturday 13th January
Jill Seymour Smith
Bow Road
Aged 78 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 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@pauledddy.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 know from many of the pastoral meetings that I have had with parishioners in January that for lots of you, 2018, has got off to a difficult start.

For many, there have been bereavements. For others, unexpected health or family issues, whilst for others, work problems, including the impact of Carillion, has hit home hard. On top of this, the Flu bug seems to have hit our area and of course, the national report out on 'Loneliness' identifies rural areas as being most at risk.

As a church, we have been, are, and will continue to be, committed to serving our villages in any way we can, as part of our expression of our Christian faith, and to share God's love. And so, we will continue to 'go out' into our villages, to serve. But there are also ways in which lonely people, and those seeking support, can find it through a variety of things we do in church, and in the village regularly.

This year, as a church, we are seeking to look at how we can develop the fellowship and support within the church itself. As a result, we will be

developing the ways we pray for each other, and mentoring each other.

We shall also be extending our homegroups into discipleship groups. A weekly, or fortnightly opportunity for people to meet in groups of around 8 people to pray and support each other, to study the bible and to help each other live out their Christian faith. I know that many of you have expressed an interest in the 'Start course' we shall be running after Easter, but there may be others who would like to meet regularly with some others to look more closely at the Christian faith, or to explore it generally, and to join a regular daytime or evening homegroup. If that is the case, do get in touch.

We are also looking at ways we can support each other by meeting up informally over food – well, it is Stanford! **And so, on 3 Feb and 10 October we shall be having a Church Supper in the Village Hall.** We shall also be having some shared lunches after our church services, and on 8 July, for all our congregations, including our growing *Messy Church*, we shall be having a BBQ in the Vicarage Garden. To all these events, parishioners would be very welcome! Just get in touch with me so that I can put you on the list.

From 2017-19, St Denys is considering three 'Deeper' values: Deeper Into God (worship and prayer), Deeper Into Fellowship, and Deeper into our Villages. They are not 'tick box' values, but foundation ones. They overlap, and will continue to be values upon which we seek, as a church, to serve our parish in God's name, and in His service.

Please do get in touch if we can help. My secretary's email is vicarsec@stdenys.org, or call 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**. As much notice about any appointments makes things easier and more drivers would be greatly appreciated.

The Village Hall Management Committee Christmas Bingo and Quiz Night

Thank you very much to all the businesses, groups and individuals who provided the wonderful variety of prizes for the **Christmas Bingo**. Thank you, too, to everyone who turned up on the night and thereby helped to raise £607 for the hall funds. What a magnificent result!

The Quiz Night, with the interesting questions posed by Kate and Dave Guest and a tasty ploughman's supper, was greatly enjoyed by all who took part. We

thank the participants for their support of this event, which resulted in another £260 for the hall.

Well done all and thank you again.

Joan Greenwood (Chairman)

**The next Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 7th February
in STANFORD SCHOOL HALL at 7.30 pm
All welcome**

Faringdon and District U3A in February 2018

The Story of the Volkswagen Beetle will be told by our speaker **Bob MacFarlane** in the Corn Exchange on **Thursday 8th February 2018** at 2.30pm. The Volkswagen Beetle, officially the Volkswagen Type 1, was manufactured and marketed by the German car maker Volkswagen from 1938 until 2003. This talk will take you through the life of the VW Beetle from utility vehicle to film star, and will touch briefly on the history of the British car industry. If you are a car enthusiast, interested in recent history, or just interested, this talk will appeal. Refreshments will be provided after the talk. All members are welcome but visitors are required to pay an entrance fee of £1.50. Further details can be obtained from the chairman Peter Smith on 01367 241 241 or found on the website www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com

Fairtrade Stall **Saturday 10th February**
10am - 12 noon **St Denys' Church**
Fairtrade food, drink and gifts from the Mustard Seed shop in Faringdon.

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.

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter February 2018

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**Stanford Art Group meeting on
Monday 12th February 7.15pm
Stanford Village Hall**

The AGM is 7.15 on Monday 12th Feb at Stanford Village Hall £4 for non members, £2 members. All welcome. . 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, 13th February at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall starting at 7:45 p.m.

There will be a short AGM which will be followed by: Title: “**Light Microscopes & the Microscopical Soc. in Oxford**”

Speaker: **Derek Sayers, F.I.Sc.T, F.Inst.L.M., F.R.M.S.** Visitors welcome (£2 entrance). Refreshments and raffle. Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

Cast On! Knitting and Crochet Group

Fun, friendly and free. We meet every 2nd and last Wednesday of the month at the Horse & Jockey from 7pm until 9.30pm (ish). Bring along your current project or ask us to show you how.

Contact: Ruth Chester

Email: caston@tlkc.co.uk Tel: 710362

Slimming World

Your Slimming World group meets every Thursday from 7.30pm at Stanford in the Vale Primary School. Contact Nancy on 07710 177808

Music in the Vale

Our first **Music in the Vale** concert in 2018 will be at **3pm on Sunday the 18th February 2018**, in St. Denys' Church, Stanford in the Vale. The concert features London-based woodwind chamber ensemble **Gli Amici** in a concert entitled “*Fantasia Francaise*” with chamber music by **Claude Debussy, Louise Farrenc, Paul Taffanel**
Admission by programme £10.00 from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street, Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476 by reservation on 01367 718420, email info@musicinthevale.net, DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com or at the door. Refreshments available after the concert.

**Stanford Women's Institute will meet on
Wednesday 21st February** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome. £3 charge for non-members. Contact 01235765461

**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

Formula Fitness, Yoga and Wellbeing

Zumba every Tuesday evening from 6pm.

Stability Ball every Tuesday evening from 7pm.

Zumba Strong every Friday morning from 9.30am.

All in large Village Hall. Contact Lou on 07980 065 352.

A Grand Jumble Sale

is to be held in

**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
on Saturday 24th February 2018
2pm to 4pm**

Bargains galore – Good selection of new and nearly new Clothes -Bric-à-brac – Books - Toys - Bumper Raffle
Cake Stall and lots more, plus Delicious Refreshments

Organised by HATFORD PARISH COMMITTEE
in aid of **ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, HATFORD**



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

Sunday 25th February
4pm – 5.30pm In the Village Hall

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 26th February 2018

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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 **Wednesday 28th February** at 7.30 in the Large Village Hall.
The subject of the talk will be 'The Oxford Botanical Garden' Refreshments and a raffle.
Visitors will be very welcome for a fee of £3.00.
For more information contact Rosemary Packer tel.01367 710 445.

Advance Notice

Friday 2nd March St Denys Church invite you to
Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon Tea**
in the **Village Hall** from **2.30-4.30pm**
All welcome and bring a friend

St Denys' Church Invites you to A Women's breakfast on Saturday 17th March 2018

Venue: Stanford in the Vale Village hall (Large)
Time: 8.30am for an 8.45am start.
Speaker: Miranda Marsh. "The Child in the Adult":
Childhood issues that can impact adult life.
We welcome donations towards the cost of the breakfast. To book your place, please contact Julia Thorp on 07760370717 or email stdenysgals@yahoo.com.

Stanford Pre-school News

We have enjoyed welcoming a happy group of children back to Pre-school for the new year! They have settled back into their Pre-school routine very well and are enjoying the new activities relating to our themes for this term. We have been reading stories with repeated refrains and encouraging the children to join in.

Our topic is Our Families & Traditions. We are talking to the children about who is in their family and how they celebrate things. What the similarities and differences are compared to other families and what makes them unique.

In our role play area, we have set up a Supermarket where the children can choose different items to buy, use the tills and pack up their shopping.

We will be visiting the Co-op with the children so that they can see a real Supermarket in action. The children have also enjoyed making salt dough fruit and vegetables to go on the shelves of their supermarket! We are talking about the importance of healthy eating and about looking after our teeth.

We will be hosting a Valentine's breakfast and the children will be invited to bring in people they love to share the breakfast with. We also have a French themed day where we will be dressing up in red, white & blue,

sharing some French food and talking about the different language.

The Pre-school Committee will be showing Despicable Me 3 at the Village Hall on Thursday 15th Feb at 2pm - 4pm. There will be popcorn and other refreshments available to buy and a prize for the best minion costume! Entry: £1.50 per child, family ticket £4, adults free. All funds raised will go to 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 718696



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

Sunflower Class

Our new topic is Turrets and Tiaras. We are looking forward to a dressing up day and creating a 3D dragon.

Snowdrop Class

The topic in Year 1 is Frozen Planet. We will be making our own soup and learning about Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic.

Buttercup Class

We are learning about The Victorians. We are looking forward to visiting Cogges farm and to designing and making our own Victorian toys.

Bluebell Class

In Year 3, our topic is Authors and Illustrators. We will be visiting Cadbury World and making our own cupcake pin cushions.

Poppy Class

We are learning about Vikings and Anglo Saxons. We will be having a Viking visitor and will be designing and making our own moving monsters.

Orchid Class

We have started our topic called Aurora and Wonder and will be inviting parents into our Scandinavian Café for food, dancing and art.

Forget-me-Not

Our new topic is the Mysterious Maya. We have made delicious, spiced Mayan hot chocolate and will be finding out all about the ways of life of the Mayans

Diary Dates

Sharing assembly will take place on **9th February at 2:15**. Please join us to see what we have been up to in our classes so far this term.

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in March's newsletter please send to imwarren32@btinternet.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18th February 2018. Late items can no longer be accepted.**