



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**April 2018**

**SERVICES FOR THE MONTH**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March *Maundy Thursday***

**9.30 am** Stanford School Easter Service

**7.00pm** Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March *Good Friday***

**2.00pm** An Hour at the Cross

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April *Easter Sunday***

**9.00 am** Parish BCP Holy Communion  
(Hatford)

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April *Easter 2***

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

**10.15 am** Family Service followed by  
the St Denys Church APCM

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April *Easter 3***

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

**10.15am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**3.15 pm** Holy Communion at the Grange

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April *Easter 4***

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

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

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**1.00 pm** Wedding

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April *Easter 5***

**10.15 am** Parish Communion (Stanford)

**6.00 pm** Evening Prayer at Hatford

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May *Easter 6***

**9.00 am** BCP 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** 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 write this April piece, news has come in that **Professor Stephen Hawking** has died. He was undoubtedly one of the leading scientists of the 20th century and, through his extraordinary character and charisma, made science accessible to millions of people across the globe.

As ever, as tributes are paid, so do 'hopes' and 'prayers', such as '*Rest in Peace*' and '*May you enjoy the stars from Heaven*'. Of course, Professor Hawking was not just a private atheist – he was an avowed atheist - and one who spoke in national and internet debates against religion and life after death. So, it is interesting to see how people, even knowing his personal convictions on the after-life, still hope, or expect him to be 'resting in peace' and, of course the second part of that, 'rising in Glory to heaven'!

Another famous man died recently, this time one I had the privilege of knowing and working for – **Revd Billy Graham**, the international evangelist. Mr Graham spent his life speaking to over 220 million people in 185 countries of the globe. His message was simply how people can know for certain that when they die, they would be in heaven for eternity with God. And more than that, how through belief in Jesus life, death and resurrection, they could know God's

presence, grace and enabling to live life to the full - here and now and then, in heaven when their physical body died.

Mr Graham once said: ***“Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God.”***

It left me contrasting two great lives here on earth: Professor Hawking and Mr Graham, and asking **who** was more alive now, than when they were on earth?

April 1 is **Easter Day!** It is a day of challenge, and yet opportunity for us all.

There is no neutrality about faith. Jesus said you are either ‘for me or against me’. Professor Hawking chose **not** to believe by faith that Jesus lived, died and rose again for him. Mr Graham, chose **to** believe. This Easter, what is your choice? Where do you believe you will go when you die?

If you’d like to chat or explore this I’d love to talk to you. A very Happy Easter - and Spring to you all.

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

## **THANKS**

### **THANK YOU FROM HATFORD**

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our recent Jumble Sale in Stanford Village Hall. We are most grateful to all those who helped to man the stalls, served tea, contributed jumble and raffle prizes or just came along on the day and hopefully found a bargain or two from the wide choice of goods on offer. Thank you all for helping to make it such a pleasant and successful occasion. All the proceeds have gone to help to preserve St. George’s Church in Hatford for present and future generations to enjoy.

HATFORD PARISH COMMITTEE

### **A big thank you**

Julie and Steve would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of support, all the lovely flowers and cards after Julie’s sudden illness.

**Thank you** very much indeed to all the large number of kind people who offered me help during the snowy week we had in March. It was greatly reassuring to know that I could easily call for help if I needed it.

As I am quite sure I wasn’t the only one to be given help in such difficult circumstances, may I just thank **all** the people who rallied round to give support, kindness and care for others. It showed the very best of village life in a time of need. I may be a Londoner, but, oh boy, am I glad I live in Stanford!  
Joan Greenwood

### **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 next Parish Council Meeting  
is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm  
All welcome**

**An Introduction to Change Ringing on Handbells** A four week taster course starting on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.** Friday afternoons 5-6pm.  
4 St Denys Close, Stanford, SN7 8NJ  
Places are limited - if interested please email [zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com](mailto:zoe.kay.williams@gmail.com)

Our second **Music in the Vale** concert in 2018 features internationally renowned pianist and composer **Lionel Sainsbury** performing piano masterworks by **Bach, Chopin** and **Rachmaninov** plus “**a taste of Andalucía**”. The concert starts at **7.30pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in St. Denys’ Church, Stanford in the Vale.**  
Admission by programme £12.00 from Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High Street, Stanford in the Vale, 01367 710476 by reservation on 01367 718420, email [info@musicinthevale.net](mailto:info@musicinthevale.net), [DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com) or at the door.  
Tickets are selling fast so do make your bookings in good time.

**Stanford Art Group Meeting  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.15pm  
Stanford Village Hall  
Demonstration of Landscape Painting in Acrylic by  
Lawrence Ward  
The first evening in our fantastic 2018-19 programme**  
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 01**367 710754**

**Chatterbox Small Village Hall  
Every Thursday from 10 – 12 noon**  
All are welcome to call in for a drink, catch up with friends or meet new ones. Occasional raffles, quizzes and bring and buy.

## STANFORD IN THE VALE AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**, At Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall, Start time 7:45 p.m.

Topic: **“The Medieval Bridges of Abingdon”**

Speaker: **Jackie Smith** - Jackie is an Abingdon Local Historian – an occasional history feature writer for Abingdon/Didcot/Wantage Herald 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](mailto: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

## Stanford Women’s Institute will meet on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

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

## 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.

## Monthly Film Afternoon for Over 50’s

Come and enjoy a cinema afternoon on **4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 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.

## 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

April 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk) or Chris Weatherall on 07775 564131 or 01367 710208

## Faringdon & District U3A - Thursday 12th April 2018.

This year's AGM will be held in the Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. A swift AGM will be followed by a talk by David Dalton on "Life as an Author". David is a qualified mining engineer who started writing after retirement. He will start by telling the audience how and why he became a writer. This will be followed by his experience as a freelance journalist in Cape Town and how this led to his first few books. Refreshments available after the talk. All members welcome to attend, but visitors must pay £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](http://www.faringdondistrictu3a.wordpress.com)

## Fairtrade Stall Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

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



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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

4pm – 5.30pm In the Village Hall

## STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 in the Large Village Hall.

The speaker will be Robert Longstaff on 'The Oxford Garden Project' 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.

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter April 2018

To include items for the newsletter; Janet Warren 01367 710789 or [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com)

**Closing date this month is the 18<sup>th</sup> April**

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

## Advance Notices

Watermill Touring Company present 'Burke and Hare' at East Challow Village Hall on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in aid of St Nicholas Church and the village hall. Tickets £12.00. Contact Jenny 01235 763173 or [penfoldjm@gmail.com](mailto:penfoldjm@gmail.com)

### **Stanford Summer Festival Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June Flower Festival Theme 'Playing the Game'**

As you spring clean in the house have you any toys, books or bric- a- brac items that we could sell at the Festival? These could be stored in the PCC shed. More information from [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com) or phone 710789

## **Stanford Pre-school News**

Last term the children decided that the one subject they really wanted to learn more about was Dinosaurs, so we have been doing just that! The children brought in lots of Dinosaur facts from home that they enjoyed sharing with us. We have been drawing dinosaurs, making dinosaur prints, enjoyed learning new songs about Dinosaurs and reading lots of Dinosaur stories. We have even made Dinosaur bones out of salt dough and hidden them in the sand so that the children can excavate them.

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by inviting parents in to share in our story telling session and the children brought in their favourite book.

On World Maths Day we had lots of Maths activities and we sang number songs.

The children have been really enjoying the bird watching station that has been set up for them. They have loved identifying the different birds they spot in the Pre-school garden.

The children have been playing outside a lot more lately, as the weather begins to feel a little more like Spring! Several children even built a road out of mud & sand.

We have been focusing on helping our children develop their personal, social and emotional skills by taking part in different role play and talking about our feelings and about recognising people's different emotions.

It has been lovely celebrating Chinese New Year, the children have loved the interest table and the telling of the Great Race story, which tells the story of how the years were given different animal names.

We will be holding an Easter Fun Day at Pre-school on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 1-3pm with fun activities such as a Bouncy Castle, an Easter egg hunt, Biscuit decorating, a Tombola, Easter crafts, Refreshments, Cakes and the Best Egg Competition. Entry is £2 per child and adults and under 1's are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Pre-school, via our Facebook page or by emailing [fundraising@Stanfordpreschool.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@Stanfordpreschool.org.uk) by 2nd April.

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 calling in to Pre-school for an Enquiry form or visiting our website; [stanfordpreschool.org.uk](http://stanfordpreschool.org.uk) If you would like to speak to someone at the Pre-school please call Tel: 01367 718696.



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

### **Snowdrop class expedition**

Last Wednesday, Snowdrop class went on an expedition across fields, over bridges and through mud and puddles. We took sledges with us with our provisions for the trip including food, drinks, binoculars and maps. Working together, we made it to Forest School where we had hot drinks to warm ourselves up and took part in a treasure hunt. We ended the day with marshmallow toasting before heading back to school. We had great fun.

### **Viking visitor**

On an ordinary Wednesday morning, Poppy class's room was invaded by a Viking warrior complete with horn, sword and shield. He took us off to his camp where we learnt about the Viking warrior way of life and took part in stories including dressing up. Later on, he taught us the rules of Hnefatafl (a Viking board game a little like chess). We played a couple of games of this, us versus him. We played well as a team but weren't quite able to beat him. We had a fab day though and learnt lots of new things.

### **Choir at the Grange**

On Friday afternoon, the choir visited the Grange. We sang a selection of songs including 'It's a long way to Tipperary' and 'Run Rabbit Run'. It was lovely for us to have everyone at the Grange enjoying the songs and singing along with us.

### **Diary Dates**

Please join us at **St Deny's Church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30pm for our Easter service.**

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in May's newsletter please send to [jmwarren32@btinternet.com](mailto:jmwarren32@btinternet.com) or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Late items can no long be accepted.**