

PARISH NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

VICAR APPOINTMENTS -The Vicar is always pleased to meet with any parishioner in need. Appointments ensure quality and/or priority time can be offered. To make an appointment, please call 01367 710267.

SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

Sunday 6th January *Epiphany* 10.15 am Parish Holy Communion

Sunday 13th January Epiphany 2

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Family Service (Stanford)

Sunday 20th January Epiphany 3

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Stanford) 10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 27th January *Epiphany 4*10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

Sunday 3rd February *Presentation of Christ* 9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey) 10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

From the registers
Funeral Service
4th December
Peter Stallabrass

20th December William (Bill) Pendell

<u>Open House</u> – Most Saturdays St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. You'll find a warm and friendly welcome. <u>Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings</u> - please contact the Vicar on 710267.

<u>St. Denys Kids</u> 1st and 3rd Sundays during term time, when during the main Parish Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

Wardens

Margaret Williams 710254 Nigel Archer 718163 **Verger** Mrs Susan Mayall

Thank You's

Wesley Thomas Ewing

Kay and family would like to express a sincere thank you to all the family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages, cards and not least the donations in the recent sad loss of Wesley (Wes). The Donations so far to Mesothelioma UK is just over £1000.00. Thank you so much.

Peter John Stallabrass

Ann and her family would like to thank friends, neighbours and the Church family for their love, prayers and support over the loss of beloved Peter.

Especial thanks to Paul (Eddy) and Faye (Godrey) for comforting and guiding Ann through the Services.

'Combat Stress' collection

Thanks to everyone who attended the Village Voices' commemoration of 1918.

Your generous donations raised £430.00 for Combat Stress, the charity which supports mental health among men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Margaret Williams.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 2nd January in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm All welcome

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.

Slimming World

Your Slimming World group meets every Thursday from 7.30pm at Stanford in the Vale Primary School. Contact Amy 07514 255703

Jumpin' Beans

Every Monday from 9.15 – 11.00 am in the large Village Hall. Arts, crafts, snacks and refreshments for mum's, babies and toddlers. New mums especially welcome. Meet for a chat and play.

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 35

Stanford In The Vale And District Local History Society

Meeting at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall on Tuesday 8th January

Start time 7:45 p.m.

Topic: "Manor of Stanford & its court records: Part ?"

Speaker: Lawrence Ward, Society Archivist This talk completes his story of Stanford Manor and its court records ,concentrating on the way life was lived in late medieval and Tudor times, plus later implications up to the 17th century enclosures.

Visitors welcome (£3 entrance)

Refreshments and raffle

Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367

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Cast On! Knitting and Crochet Group

Fun, friendly and free. We meet every 2nd 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

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 9th 2019 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

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A MEETING ON

Thursday 10th January 2019 January Japes in the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 12.15 for 12.30. The menu for our New Year celebration is in the Winter Newsletter. The cost is £15.00 per person. To book contact Rita Higazi on 01367 244 494. The deadline is 31st December 2018.

The meal is followed by a talk and photograph show by Tony and Rosemary Hadland in the Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. They will talk about their visit and their exploits in the Falkland Islands. The talk is open to everyone but visitors must pay £1.50. Refreshments available after the talk.

Thursday 17th January 2019 An extra meeting – a Film Show about **Britain on Film: Rural Life** – an evocative exploration of the British countryside. This show starts at 14.30 in the Corn Exchange

For further information please use the website on https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/ or contact the chairman Margaret Brown on 01367 615 385.

Fairtrade Stall Saturday 12th January St Denys'Church 10am - 12 noon

Fairtrade food, drink and gifts from the Mustard Seed shop in Faringdon. Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas stall - we sold a record £254.37 of Fairtrade goods.

Stanford Art Group Meeting Monday 14th January Stanford Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm Paint a Snow Scene

Non members welcome (£4), Members (£2) Visit Stanford Art Group on Facebook for more information

Stanford Women's Institute will meet on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome. £3 charge for non-members. Contact 01235765461

Scramblers Thursday 17th January 9.00-10.30

In the Church

All toddlers and carers welcome.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB.

The next meeting will be on January 22nd in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The speaker will be Gill Hazell on classic, rare and unusual bulbs, refreshments and a raffle.

For more information contact Rosemary Packer. tel. 01367 710445

GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH.

Clean garden tools this month ready for the spring. Clippers and secateurs cutting edges benefit from a 24 hour soak in Heinz Tomato Ketchup (yes really)

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 on Monday 28th January 2019

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.

Future Events

Stanford Drama Group Proudly present 'DAISY DOES IT AGAIN'

A Panto by Peter Ayre
Published by Lazy Bee Scripts

Can Daisy, the cow's magic horns foretell the future and help Eric Hood and his not so Merry Men & Women plus Buttons, Dame Doris & all their friends thwart the evil sheriff's dastardly plans to marry the beautiful Maid Marion.

Venue – Large Village Hall

Dates – 7th,8th ,9th February at 7.30pm Saturday 9th February – matinee at 2.30pm

Tickets - £8.00/ £6.00 concessions

Available from Stanford Coffee Shop next to the Coop.

Enquiries: Tel 01367 710400



Sunday January 27th

CHURCH - but not as you may know it! Come and join us for an hour of crafts, discussion and singing based on a Biblical theme, followed by afternoon tea. For all the family! **4-5.30pm** In The Village Hall

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

Learn to play the harp? A taster day......

Following the successful workshop day of a few years ago, Amanda Munday is coming again on **Saturday 30th March** for another chance to have a go at playing this beautiful instrument in an informal and enjoyable way. As Amanda says, 'It's impossible to make a harsh or unpleasant sound on a harp, even if you're a complete beginner'. No previous knowledge or experience of playing any sort of instrument is needed and no printed music is used. Harps will be provided. Cost of the day, including hire of harp and group tuition is £40. For further details contact Margaret Williams -710254

Stanford Pre-school News

The children are thriving in their new 'enabling environment' that we have recently adopted and as a result we are seeing some wonderful, child led play and creativity. The cold weather has not put most of our children off being outside and it certainly hasn't dampened their powers of imagination! We have had 'crazy shaped' houses made out of our wonderful new bricks, that we were able to purchase using a grant given to us by the PPC. Thank you again PPC!

We have had a dinosaur island made out of cable reels. We have built a train and taken a trip to Australia and recreated the river Nile in our very own Pre-school garden! We have had children pretending to be hibernating hedgehogs and we have also been thinking ahead to Spring and planting bulbs in the garden tubs.

We have been making play dough pizzas with some interesting ingredients and toppings!

In the much loved and visited Mud Kitchen, the children have been making hot chocolate with marshmallows and chocolate cake!

Needless to say there has also been a lot of Christmas activities! We visited the church and learnt about the Christmas story. Practiced and performed our Christmas play, decorated our tree, made our own Christmas cards and also salt dough decorations. There was even a visit from Father Christmas! Lots of festive fun!

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

In Sunflower class this month we have been busy learning a star song for the KS1 Christmas play. We also loved putting on our star costumes and pretending to be stars.

Snowdrop Class

In Snowdrop class this month we have been continuing our work on dinosaurs. We have presented dinosaur projects and have been learning a song about dinosaurs complete with actions.

Buttercup Class

In Buttercup Class we have been very busy getting ready for our Christmas play. We all particularly enjoyed the singing; our favourite song was the Donkey song.

Bluebell Class

In Bluebell Class we have been learning all about different types of poetry. We then wrote our own poems about different types of monsters such as sea creatures.

Poppy Class

In Poppy Class, as part of our Incredible Journeys topic, we went on a trip to Hill End. We did lots of things there including orienteering, code breaking and climbing but our favourite thing was den building.

Orchid Class

In Orchid Class we have been also been very busy rehearsing and performing our Christmas play, The Magical Christmas Jigsaw. It was great fun and we all enjoyed it.

Forget-Me-Not Class

In Forget-Me-Not Class this term we have been enjoying our swimming lessons. We have been practising our breathing, improving our strokes but the best bit was water safety.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th 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 send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message. Closing date: 18th January 2019. Late items cannot be accepted.