



PARISH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday 3rd February *Presentation of Christ*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 7th February

9.00 am Scramblers

Sunday 10th February *Fourth before Lent*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)
10.15 am Family Service
4.00 pm Songs of Praise

Sunday 17th February *Third before Lent*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Stanford)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 24th February *Second before Lent*

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
4 pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

Sunday 3rd March *Sunday before Lent*

9am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

From the Registers Funeral Service Friday 4th January June Simpson

The Vicar Writes

February 14th is of course –St Valentine’s Day. Of course, ‘love’ comes in many forms, but one main expression is that between a man and a woman in marriage, for life. In recent years, it has been heartening to see that the divorce rate is falling (now just over 40% and most in the first 5 years) – but sadly, 60% of those who cohabit split, often, of course, with deep consequences for the children involved.

However, Relate, the marriage guidance specialists believe one of the key reasons for split in

marriage in the first five years (the majority of all splits) is that not enough care and preparation has gone into it, and for a cohabit split, it can be because there is not the commitment on both sides for life. In 10 years of ordination, I have married over 70 couples and only one of those has split up. As a vicar, I take my role in helping and preparing couples for marriage – and then supporting couples in marriage - very seriously. ALL couples are offered ‘*Marriage Preparation*’ to do in the confidence and comfort of their own home. Such preparation falls into five areas:

Baggage From The Past: in every new relationships we carry into it baggage from the past – some good, some bad. How might this influence the new relationship and, have you discussed it with your prospective spouse and, what can you do about it?

Priorities and compromises: What things are important to you and, what of these might not be so important to your spouse? Understanding where the tensions and flash points can come is vital.

Conflict management: resources to help discuss issues openly where there is conflict, in a non-confrontational way, and helping both ‘hear’ each other with respect.

Love languages: Professor Gary Chapman, a leading relationship psychology has developed 5 ‘love languages’ in which we each ‘feel’ loved. Just telling your spouse they are loved is only one of the languages. Couples are helped to identify each other’s love language and resources are given to help you communicate in that language.

The Vows: we go through the marriage vows you make to each other and the depth of each of them.

Such resources are also helpful to couples experiencing relationship issues and, at different ‘life-stages’ ie. when their children have finally ‘fled the nest’ and the two are on their own again, after maybe 20 or more years. During that time each will have changed and, new adjustments might be needed in order to love and release each other afresh. Whilst I offer these sources for couples marrying in one of the three churches in the parish, I am very happy to give them (free of charge) to any couple getting married, or indeed, any couple in the parish wishing to strengthen their relationship and communicate even more effectively. Do email me (vicar@stdenys.org) in the strictest of confidence if you would like them emailed or posted to you.

Finally, a wonderful way to re-affirm your love and commitment to each other is to Renew your Wedding Vows. This can be done in the privacy of your own home on your own as a couple, with me present – or not. Or, you are welcome to come to church, again, on your own or with immediate family and friends – or a larger celebration! Some couples like to do this on significant anniversaries, such as 10, 20, etc, or, sometimes, more privately in home if they have been through a difficult period and wish to make a renewed commitment to each other.

Several couples renewed their vows last year and several more will this year. If you are interested in exploring this, please do get in touch.

A very Happy Valentine’s Day to you all!

Yours Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter February 2019

To include items for the newsletter; Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com

Closing date this month is the 18th February Stanford Community Website for e copy

Local events, business listings, village history and more

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.*

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

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

Sandra Toepfer

Thank you to all the people who sent cards and messages on the loss of Sandra and those who came to the farewell ceremony. It was such a great comfort to know that people care. £405 was raised for the Brain Tumour Charity.

Popsie, Tony, Pauline, Charlie and Jasmine

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

Bored with Monopoly? Why don't you try boardGOATS!

boardGOATS meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at the Horse and Jockey to play "Euro" style boardgames (i.e. modern games like Ticket to Ride, Carcassonne, Catan and Bohnanza). You don't have to know any rules or how to play the games, as we explain as we go along.
We usually play shorter games from 7.30pm as people arrive, until 8pm when we will start something a little longer. For more details, see <https://boardgoats.org> or email boardGOATS@gmail.com, alternatively just come along, grab a pint or a coffee from the bar, and join us for one of our next meetings: **5th & 19th February, 5th & 19th March.**

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 6th February in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm All welcome

Scramblers Thursday 7th February
9.00-10.30
In the Church
All toddlers and carers welcome

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

Fairtrade Stall Saturday 9th February
St Denys' Church 10am - 12 noon
Fairtrade food, drink and gifts from the Mustard Seed shop in Faringdon.

STANFORD'S BOOTCAMPS- 2019

Saturdays at 8am at Stanford in the Vale Football field
Packages offered from as little as £6 per session!
Sign up/ find out more: GETBUFFALOFIT.COM
E: BUFFALOBOOTCAMP@OUTLOOK.COM T: 07393395338

'SONGS of PRAISE' –

Sunday 10th February at 4pm

If you enjoy singing hymns, come and join us in St Denys' Church for an informal service in the style of the popular BBC programme. Choose your own favourite hymn or just come and enjoy singing what others have chosen. To make a request, complete a form from which you will find on the Welcome Table in the church, and return it to the box by Friday, 8th February.

Stanford Art Group Meeting

Monday 11th February

Stanford Village Hall at 7.30-9.30pm

Annual General Meeting

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

Stanford In The Vale And District Local History Society meeting at Stanford Village Hall, in the Small Hall on Tuesday 12th February
Start time 7:45 p.m.
Short AGM followed by
Talk: Recent Progress on Restoration of Wilts and Berks Canal Speaker: Brian Stovold
Visitors welcome (£3 entrance)
Refreshments and raffle Further information:
Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School
Bags2School- This is an event open to the whole community. Please help raise funds for your local school by donating unwanted clothing. They accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:
Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery
Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen
Household curtains, Household towels
Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers) Please drop off unwanted clothing to the school hall at the following times:- **12th February from 3.00pm to 7.00pm and 13th February 7.30am to 9.00am** Your donation can be made in any plastic bag.
Friends of Stanford School (FOSS)

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A meeting on **Thursday 14th February** in the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. The speaker will be **Anthony Burdall**, talking on **Alycone Round Britain**, his personal experience of sailing around Britain. The talk is accompanied with amazing photographs, taken from the water. Anthony will speak about the many "magic moments" resulting from the weather, places and people he met during this life-changing trip. Refreshments are available after the talk. All members are welcome but visitors are required to pay £1.50. Further information available from the chairman Margaret Brown on 10367 615 385 or the web site - <https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/>

Stanford Women's Institute will meet on Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome. £3 charge for non-members.

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.

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



Sunday 24th February

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**

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 25th February 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.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB.
The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 27th February** at 7.30pm in the large hall of the Village Hall. The speaker to be announced. Refreshments and a raffle. For more information contact Rosemary Packer tel.710455.
GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH. Have all roses pruned by Valentine's Day for a good summer display.

Future Events

Whalebone - Totally Plucked Tour comes to **Stanford in the Vale Village Hall on Saturday 9th March 2019**
Whalebone's Totally Plucked tour features high energy acoustic music alongside haunting atmospheric tunes, played on guitars, baritone guitars, bouzouki and mandolin by duo Steve Downs and Char Watson. The show includes brand-new material from their latest album 'Mirabilia', inventive interpretations of traditional music, rock classics and original material from their award-winning albums along with tall tales, folklore and myths which inspired the music. This will be a rare chance to see Whalebone perform an all-guitar show, due to the temporary unavailability of fiddler Sarah.

With artistic sensitivity always at the fore coupled with their charismatic rapport at live shows Whalebone promise a feast of 6 and 8 string fireworks!
Tickets are £10 (child £6) and are available from Janet on **01367 710789** or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whalebone

by contacting the Pre-School or popping in for an Enquiry form. Tel: 01367 718696



**St Denys' Church Invites you to
A Women's Breakfast.**

When: Saturday 16th March 2019

8.30a.m. for an 8.45a.m. start.

At: Stanford in the Vale Village Hall. (Large)

Talk by Helen Jackson: "Stepping out of my comfort zone: From university lecturer to prison visitor"

To book your place, please contact Julia Thorp On 07760370717 or email stdenysgals@yahoo.com

We welcome donations towards the cost of the breakfast.

Stanford Pre-school News

We have enjoyed welcoming a happy group of children back to Pre-school for the new year with tales from their Christmas festivities! Amongst this group are our new starters who we will be settling in with us over the next few weeks. We are very much looking forward to getting to know these new children and watching as new friendships start to grow!

The children continue to thrive in their new 'enabling environment' that was adopted at the end of last year and as a result we are seeing so much wonderful, imaginative, child-led play! Our 'In the Moment' planning is also proving to be very effective and the children are enjoying the freedom this encourages; being uninterrupted by a specific Pre-school schedule allows them to become fully engaged in their chosen activities.

The children have been making up some lovely songs and taking it in turns to perform to us and each other. They have been making habitats for Dinosaurs using our lovely new wooden blocks. We've had adventures in the garden, building pirate ships using planks and running away from sharks!

They have been making their own obstacle courses and learning how to safely navigate their way across it. We have been making bird feeders out of pine cones which has been fantastic. We have been enjoying watching and talking about the birds that we see in and from the Pre-school garden and talking about how they survive the cold weather.

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

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

Ice skating

We had a great start back to school. On Monday 7th January we were lucky enough to have an ice rink set up in our playground. All classes got to have a go at skating and slipping around the rink. Some of us seemed to spend more time on the floor than upright but we all had great fun. Afterwards, we had hot chocolate with marshmallows to warm us back up again. It was a lovely way to start 2019.

Starlight reading

On Thursday 10th January, FSU had a starlight reading session with our parents. We showed them the actions to our class story, *Whatever Next*, under starlight, showed them our story maps and then shared stories together under torch light. We had a lovely time.

Big Science day

On Wednesday 16th January we held our Big Science day. This is where, in all classes, we worked in small groups to plan, prepare and carry out our own scientific experiments. There were lots of different experiments including making rockets from straws, Alka-Seltzer rockets, investigating which materials make the best boat and parachute, finding out which structure of bridge is the strongest and investigating what affects the size of craters. We all worked very hard running our experiments and we then presented the results to our classmates. One group from each class will go through to our science assembly in the hall where we will pick our overall winners. Well done to everyone that took part.

Thank you for reading our report.

To include items in March's newsletter please send to send to imwarren302@gmail.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18th February 2019. Late items cannot be accepted.**