



PARISH NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2019

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2019

Sunday 3rd March I before Lent
9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Tuesday 5th March

2.30pm Stanford School Shrove Tuesday Service

Thursday 7th March

9.00 am Scramblers

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

Sunday 10th March Lent 1

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Hatford)

10.15 am Morning Worship & Baptism

Thursday 14th March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

Sunday 17th March Lent 2

9.00 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

10.15am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Thursday 21st March

9.00am Scramblers

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

Sunday 24th March Lent 3

10.15 Parish Communion

4.00 pm Messy Church in the Village Hall

Thursday 28th March

12.30 pm Food for Thought – Lent Lunch

Friday 29th March

2.30 pm Stanford School Mother's Day Service

Sunday 31st March Mothering Sunday

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 7th April Lent 5

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Goosey)

10.15 am Parish Communion & APCM following (Stanford)

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

Wardens

Margaret Williams 710254

Nigel Archer 718163

Verger Mrs Susan Mayall

Open House – 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.

Baptisms, Thanksgivings and Weddings - please contact the Vicar on 710267.

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

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.*

Vicar Writes

St Denys Churchyard – Grave Space

As regular readers may recall, several years ago I forewarned that the churchyard would soon be full and no 'new' graves possible. The Stanford Civil Parish Council, and The Vale Council were formally notified, and they have been looking out for appropriate ground where a new cemetery might be located. We have recently undertaken a survey to find the exact route of an underground waterpipe which runs across the 'new' grave area, west of the Tower. As a result, we can now, confidently project that we have only 13 'new' grave spaces left in the churchyard. After that, it will not be possible for people to be buried in the churchyard unless there is an existing family grave with space available.

However, there is plenty of room for Cremated Ashes to be Interred. This year the PCC is looking at developing a Churchyard Policy to include turning the current area reserved for ashes into a Garden of Remembrance. In the meantime, may I reiterate the consistent legal position that: **“only those who live in the parish, or who die in the parish can be buried in the churchyard”**. I have long-since given up my Incumbent discretion to adjust this for pastoral reasons, as it was vital, we have a consistent approach.

Sadly, the reality is that in the vast majority of areas grave space is running out. I know from many

funeral directors that towards London, people are paying up to £6,500 for a civic grave plot.

The topic of whether people are buried, or cremated, is not one which many people discuss openly within families. Yet it is vital that loved ones know our preference, if possible. It's also important we remember that our 'wishes' may not be possible for families/executors to carry out at the time, eg. if grave space is not available. One thing that people often find helpful is to consider cremation in its original form. Sadly, these days, cremation is often seen by some as a 'disposal of the body'. But, when commercial cremations started in the UK, the concept was that cremation would be '**a preparation of the body for burial**'. Perhaps if we can see it in this light it might be more helpful, and an interment of ashes might be considered more appropriate for people?

Yours **Revd Paul Eddy** Vicar

Stanford Drama Group would like to thank everyone who supported our production of '**Daisy does it again**' and helped to make it a success. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we all did.

We would also like to thank all the groups who gave up their hall bookings for us; the Coffee Shop for selling our tickets and the Co-op for displaying our notice board.

We are looking for new people to join our happy little group as we are desperately short of members. You do not have to take to the stage to act as we need anyone who is happy to help with painting scenery, set building, make up and publicity, as well as having a go at acting.

We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm. Enquires to 01367 710400
Come and give it a go – you will never know if you don't try.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

The Big Knit is Back

Could you knit to help older people across Oxfordshire?

Last year, Stanford's band of local knitters sent **3,326 mini bobble hats to Age UK**

Oxfordshire, raising £831.50, - (25p per hat sold), - towards their vital services including befriending, information and advice and dementia support. You don't have to be an expert knitter as each hat is only 28 stitches and 16 rows, in size. If you would like to help us beat last years

record just give me a ring, on the number below, to find out more. Wool can be supplied.

***There is no commitment to join a group you just knit at home, as many, or as few, as you want, in your own time. Age UK's deadline for submitting hats this year is July 31st, so plenty of time to produce a few!* Please help us to help this good cause.**
Jan Stenzhorn - 01367 710724

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 March.**

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

Scramblers **Thursday 7th and 21st March**
9.00-10.30 In the Church
All toddlers and carers 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.

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

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

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter March 2019
To include items for the newsletter; Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com
Closing date this month is the 18th March *Stanford Community Website for e copy*
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A GRAND JUMBLE SALE

will be held in **STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL** 2pm to 4 pm

On Saturday 9th March 2019

Come along and pick up a bargain

Huge selection of new and nearly new clothes -
Bric-à-brac – Books – Toys – Bumper Raffle – Cake
Stall organised by **HATFORD PARISH COMMITTEE**
in aid of **ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, HATFORD**

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. 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

Stanford Art Group Meeting Monday 11th March

Stanford Village Hall at 7.30-9.30pm
Review of Recent Work

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 March**

Start time 7:45 p.m.

Topic: **STANFORD VILLAGE SCHOOL - THE EARLY YEARS**
Speakers: **THEA HAWKSWORTH, MARY VIZOSO, & MARGARET WILLIAMS**

They will share some of the results of their researches. Visitors welcome (£3 entrance)
Refreshments and raffle Further information: Contact Phil Morris, 01367 710285

To include items in April's newsletter please send to send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18th March 2019. Late items cannot be accepted.**

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A meeting on **Thursday 14th March** - **Dinah Reynolds** will talk about **Ceramics** in the Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. Dinah, a renowned author and experienced speaker, is a guide in the Ashmolean Museum. She is an authority on British ceramics and will bring some of her many artefacts with her. Refreshments will be available after the talk. All members are welcome, but visitors must pay £1.50. For further information use the U3A website on <https://faringdondistrictu3a.com> or contact the chairman Margaret Brown on 01367 615 385.

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

Friday 22nd March

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon Tea** in the **Village Hall**

All welcome and bring a friend

2.30-4.30pm

Churchyard Working Party

Can you spare an hour or two to help with a variety of jobs in the Churchyard on **Saturday 23 March**

Just turn up any time from 9.30 am onwards.

Your contribution will be most welcome and it will help to keep the Churchyard in good order for the benefit of the whole village.
Margaret Grant.

Fairtrade Stall

10am - 12 noon

Saturday 23rd March

St Denys' Church

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

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**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
Grand Quiz Night Saturday 23 March**

£20 per team of 4 if prior notice given, or £25 at the door, both including ploughman's supper. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm Raffle and Bar Contact: J. Greenwood 01367 710578

Sunday 24th March



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-IN-THE-VALE GARDENING CLUB.

The next meeting will be on **27th March** in the large hall of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Ray Broughton on 'Alpine Plants' 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

GARDENING TIP OF THE MONTH

Leave compost heaps undisturbed until April to allow hibernating wildlife time to wake up and leave without harm.

HARP WORKSHOP

Saturday 30th March 10 – 4 in St.Denys' Church

Another chance to have a go at playing this beautiful instrument. No experience needed or requirement to read music, as no printed music is used. Cost - £40 which includes professional tuition and hire of harp. Places are limited, so hurry! Further details from Margaret Williams 710254

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 March 2019

This event is organised by the Community Network team at Age UK Oxfordshire -phone Mandy on 07827 235 429

**Stanford Summer Festival
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2019
Flower Festival Theme 'The Sea'**

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 or phone 710789

Stanford Pre-school News

The children that joined us in January are making friends and settling into their new routine very well, we are pleased to report!

The arrival of snow for three- and four-year old's caused much excitement and we were pleased to be able to stay open and share in their fun;

building snowman and having snow ball fights in the Pre-school garden!

On Valentine's Day we asked the children to bring someone they love into Pre-school, to share a special breakfast with. We do this every year, but this year was our busiest! Thank you to those who came to enjoy a lovely breakfast with their child, we hope you enjoyed it.

The children have been painting wonderful self-portraits which look amazing on the Pre-school walls!

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 downloading an enquiry form from our website: stanfordpreschool.org.uk or calling in for an enquiry form. If you have any questions, please call us on 01367 718696

A reminder about the forthcoming Local Elections

District Council elections are expected to take place in May 2019, and Parish Council elections follow the same timetable. Elections will only be held should there be more candidates than seats available. If you are interested, or have been considering standing for the Parish Council, any of the existing Councillors would be more than happy to discuss the obligations and address any questions or concerns you might have.