



PARISH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

Sunday Services

Sunday 4th October Trinity 17

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 11th October Trinity 18

10.15 am Parish Communion or Morning
Worship (Stanford)

Sunday 18th October Trinity 19

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 25th October Trinity 20

10.15 pm Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 1st November Trinity 21

10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

In Memory

Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family and friends of people who have recently died. Sadly, these include:

Sylvia Hill (Missed out last month!)

Tommy Carter

Gordon Lugg

John Wakefield

Sylvia Stevens

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

Wardens

Margaret Williams 710254

Nigel Archer 718163

Verger Mrs Susan Mayall

Recycling Waste from the Churchyard- A Reminder

Recently the Church Bins have not been emptied because they contained mixed waste. So this does not happen in the future, it would be appreciated if parishioners would recycle waste in the following way :-

- All dead flowers and compostable garden waste (grass, earth etc) to be placed in the Compost Bin (Huntersfield side of Churchyard)
- Other waste- plastic wrapping, plastic bags, plastic pots, wreaths, plastic and metallic materials placed in the Grey Bins ready to be collected in the normal way.

Your co-operation in the above would greatly assist the Churchyard volunteers and the Waste Collectors on Mondays. Of course you could always take your waste home with you and recycle in your own way.

Any problems please contact-

Peter Gill Churchyard Co-ordinator 718224

Vicar Writes

Dear Friends

For the first time in my 7.5 years here as Vicar, this month I write to ask if any of you can help St Denys Church?

The Church, like every charity, has seen its income drop substantially this year due to Covid-19. In our case, income has dropped because we could not organise the Village Festival (*our main fundraiser, alongside bringing the village together*), we almost certainly won't be able to host the Christmas Bazaar, and for five months, we did not receive cash donations at Sunday Worship due to the church being closed by the Government.

In April, the Parochial Church Council (Trustees) radically revised the 2020 Budget, cutting out absolutely all expenditure unless vital. We 'furloughed' my part-time Secretary, and we wrote to worshippers who normally gave via cash, encouraging them to give via bank transfer/standing order - many did.

However, the Church still has month by month costs, including ongoing repairs, maintenance, insurance, and a monthly donation to the Diocese of Oxford to cover my Vicar stipend, plus costs of

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maintaining the vicarage, helping fund church schools, central costs of training clergy and supporting poor parishes who would not be able to afford a vicar, without contributions from others in their 'Parish Share'.

Many people think the Government, and/or the CofE fund every parish church and any repair - they don't! We receive *no monies* from either. Anything we need in the parish, whether by way of resources to support parishioners, or to keep the building in good condition for the rest of the village, **everything** has to be funded via those who worship in the church. We anticipate that at the end of the year we shall be around £15,000-£20,000 short of budget.

Over the first TWO weekends of October, we are asking every **church member** to pray, and to give a **Thanksgiving Gift** to God for His protection on this village through Covid-19 thus far. We are also asking the Public Purposes Charity if there is any way they can help towards our shortfall.

However, we are aware of the place St Denys has in the hearts, lives and history of many individuals and families in the village, regardless of whether they worship with us on Sundays, or not. St Denys Church building is 'the Parish Church' and every year, we estimate around 75% of villagers use it for one thing or another: from baptisms, weddings through to funerals, for concerts, the Festival, and all the many school services, and of course, the packed-out Christmas productions.

I'm very conscious that Covid-19 has stretched the finances of many families. Some have been made redundant, whilst others put on furlough - so it is a tough time all-round. However, talking to parishioners over these past months, many have asked about the church and it's finance and so, as an **exceptional request**, I wanted this month to write to say if anyone would like to make a donation, however small, to help with this one-off financial need then we would be hugely grateful.

There are **three ways** in which you can give:

A) via BACS, direct to: Lloyds Bank. Stanford PCC St Denys Church. AC No: 00109758, Sort Code: 30- 93-18 (Please reference - 2020 Gift),

B) by cheque, payable to Stanford PCC (St Denys), or,

C) via Cash.

The latter two options via an envelope through The Vicarage letterbox, 24 Church Green. Please add a note of your name and address, and if possible, an email address **so that I can acknowledge safe receipt.**

If you are a Tax Payer, please do say at the time of your donation so I can email you a **Gift Aid Form** so we can claim back the tax you've paid, increasing your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you!

As I said, this is the first time in 7.5 years I've written directly to parishioners asking if they might help the general finances of the church. I would rather not do so, but these are exceptional times and several parishioners have shown an interest in helping. If you are able to help, we are most grateful. BUT, if your finances are under strain, please, in no way would we wish to add to your anxiety. With my prayers that God would continue to protect and bless our parish.

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

**The next Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 7th October**

Members of the public are welcome to attend virtual Council meetings (By video or telephone), details published via our web site and noticeboards.

**FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A –
THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER**

The October talk will be on Zoom. The speaker will be Paul Colley showing his amazing images of underwater animals and much more. The talk will be photography related with the emphasis on the marine environment and his conservation work which is full of interesting stories and pictures. Paul is a freelance wildlife photographer and winner of the British Wildlife Photography Awards. The Zoom talk will start at 2.30pm. Details of access to the Zoom talk can be found on the U3A website and will be available a week before the talk. The website is <https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/>

Stanford in the Vale and District Local History Society

Sadly, we will not be able to start up our monthly meetings again until the New Year. But please do pick up your copy of the new *Stanford Historian*, available from 1st October. You will find copies at the Horse and Jockey, Stanford Coffee Shop and Vogue, price £1.20. Contents include Part 1 of a history of Stanford's pioneering WI, founded in 1920. And following the recent lockdown restrictions at the Horse and Jockey, we also look back at the post-War times of rationing and austerity when the H & J had to struggle hard to get a licence to sell food.

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St Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale
Sunday 25th October 2020 at 3pm

MUSIC IN THE VALE PRESENTS

“Music from Vienna”

*Duos & Trios by Bach, Mozart,
De Call, Beethoven...*

Anna Brigham – violin,

Emma Sheppard - viola

& David Pedder - guitar

Church audience size limit of 24 seats

Tickets @ £12.00 & donations welcome

From MITV box office on 01367 718420

email DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com

from Stanford coffee shop, 25c High Street,

Stanford in the Vale, 07880 348436

See also www.musicinthevale.net

For live streaming details if listening at home

Or interested in possible concert recordings

Again donations most welcome

Age UK Oxfordshire

BIG KNIT

It has been confirmed that the Innocent Big Knit will be returning this year. If you are interested in getting involved with knitting tiny woollen hats to be sold on Smoothie bottles, and raising funds for a charity, then get out your needles! For each hat produced, Innocent donate 25p to Age UK Oxfordshire's Winter Warmth Campaign.

You can find more information about the campaign at: www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/

or by phoning me so that I can tell you about the way the campaign has been working in the village for the past 13 years. Last year we raised £652 so give me a ring and help us to raise even more this time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jan Stenzhorn 01367 710724

Stanford in the Vale Repair Cafe

It is now over a year since we started a **REPAIR CAFÉ** in the Village coffee shop. It is impossible for us to meet in the Coffee shop for the time being so for the past few weeks we are working differently. People can bring along their broken items such as toasters, table lamps, garden shears for sharpening etc. to one of two houses. We then can distribute the item to one of our repairers.

For more information see the notice boards or contact; Derek Sayers email: reco@clara.co.uk or 'phone 710283

Or Bill Hart email

stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk or

phone 07768486262



Allotments for the Disabled and for Family Groups

The Public Purposes Charity manages the village

allotments and the Committee now want to gauge public interest in providing new facilities differing from standard allotments. These would be part and parcel of a new allotment area, needed in any case to meet rising demand in the village.

Plots for residents with disabilities would be smaller than normal, would have easy wheelchair access and could offer other help such as raised beds – according to need.

There has also been recent interest in smaller plots for family groups, where parents would introduce their children to gardening skills.

If you, or anyone else you know in the village would like to register interest in these possibilities, please do get in touch. In the first instance, contact Mike Macfarlane at mmacfarlane1@btinternet.com or on 01367 710358.

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SITV Helpers

From September 1st **SITV HELPERS** (formally STANFORD 20 HELPERS) were formed to be on hand if anyone in the village requires help with:

- Shopping or
- Prescription problems

especially if another lockdown or any other emergency. We are also working in conjunction with Wantage Independent Advice Centre.

Should you need any sort of help please do not hesitate to contact, preferably by e mail, then a helper can be found. Also contact, if you are happy to join this group and be on hand should help be needed.

The contact e mail address is sitvhelp@gmail.com – phone number 07710760894 or 07891013114.

Stanford in the Vale Pre School

We are delighted to welcome back our children to the Pre-school along with the 15 new families who are joining us.

We have been so impressed with how quickly they have settled in and are enjoying everything Pre-school has to offer.

The Pre-school is due to hold its AGM on the 21st October at 7:30pm. This year due to Covid we have decided to hold it via Zoom.

Quite a few of our current committee are standing down and we would be delighted to welcome people from the community who would like to take a role in supporting the charity. In particular, we are hoping to recruit a new Treasurer. This would suit someone with a few free hours a week and some experience in finance.

Please contact us on manager@stanfordpreschool.org.uk if you would like to attend our AGM or are interested in a role.

To include items in November's newsletter please send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message. **Closing date: 18th October 2020. Late items cannot be accepted.**



Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School

Reported by the newly elected School Council:

Year 1 - AJ & Mary,

Year 2 - Isla & Lewis,

Year 3 - Scarlett, Tommy & Ethan,

Year 4 - Tommy & Toby,

Year 5 - Ruby & Orlaith,

Year 6 - Alex, Heidi & Whitney

We are very excited to all be back in school. It is a bit different having to stay in our year groups, all starting and finishing at different times and having to wash our hands lots and lots but we are coping really well. Teaching and learning is now back in full swing. We are all learning lots of new facts.

Foundation - We are busy exploring the inside and outside of our classroom plus getting to know each other. We are having great fun mark making, constructing, drawing, making, climbing and much more.

Year One - We are enjoying counting backwards and forwards. We have painted night time city lights.

Year Two - We are learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. Playing with the tennis racket and balls has been fun.

Year Three - We dressed up for Roald Dahl day and have been writing descriptions of Charlie's house.

Year Four - We are enjoying rounding numbers to 100 and to 10 and drawing Alice in Wonderland pictures.

Year Five - We have been designing Egyptian gardens and learning about Egyptian Gods.

Year Six - We have been learning about negative numbers in maths and are finding out lots of facts about World War II. In PE we are learning to play basketball.

Please do look on our school website for more information about what we have been doing.

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