



PARISH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday Services

Sunday 1st November *4th before Advent*
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 8th November **Remembrance Sunday**
10.45 am **Act of Remembrance outside at
the War Memorial**
Followed by Communion in Church

Sunday 15th November *Persecuted Church
Sunday*
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)
3.00 pm APCM (Annual Parochial Church
Meeting) via Zoom. Information on the Church
door.

Sunday 22nd November *Christ the King*
10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)

Sunday 29th November *Advent Sunday*
10.15 am Parish Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 6th December *Advent 2*
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, this includes:**

Val Keeble

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

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

VICAR'S WRITE:

Dear villagers

NOVEMBER is the month of Remembrance. We commemorate All Souls Day, remembering loved ones who have died, and usually on 11 November, at 11am, we gather and remember those who have given their lives in the service of others in World Wars past, and more recent conflicts.

Due to current Government Covid Restrictions, this year on 11 November we shall NOT be holding an **Act of Remembrance** around the War Memorial, rather, school pupils and staff shall pay their own respects that day in ways consistent with Government Guidelines to schools.

Which takes me to comment on **Remembrance Sunday** itself. We have thought long and hard whether we could, in any meaningful way, adapt our usual Remembrance Sunday Service. Normally, we welcome the village's Uniform Organisations in church for a short service, then process out, and line up around the War Memorial, creating a fitting focus for villagers already waiting on Church Green to pause for prayer, and then be silent for two minutes on the strike of 11am.

After various Risk Assessments, and considering various models of what might be possible, we have come, reluctantly, to the conclusion that **for Sunday 8 November, Remembrance Sunday 2020**, we will simply all gather on Church Green, and in the Churchyard - socially distanced please - for a slightly extended service, starting at 1045am, and ending at around 1105am.

Please arrive a bit early so that you can pick up your own Order of Service from one of several tables – and take it home with you after, please. Sadly, we are not permitted by Government rules to sing, but this year as, as an act of community response, we shall reach out together the list of those who have died for our freedom. We shall have the usual two minutes silence, and also listen to a hymn sung, the words of which will be in the OofS.

As you may have read in a previous newsletter, I am currently on the 'urgent list' for a full hip replacement so sadly, I am unable to stand for periods of time, therefore, Canon Geoff Maughan has kindly agreed to stand in for me. Wreaths shall be laid at the War Memorial as usual.

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Please remember that the maximum group number of 6 applies after the service. Despite the natural temptation to linger and chat, please leave promptly, thus minimising the possibility of spreading the virus to others.

Finally, as usual, at the end of our Act of Remembrance around the War Memorial on November 8, there will be a short service of Holy Communion inside St Denys. However, due to us having a 'Maximum Safety' number of socially-distanced worshippers inside, if you wish to come into church for Holy Communion, please do the following:

- A) email **warden1@stdenys.org** with the full names of those wishing to attend, and telephone numbers, stating whether they live in the same house/bubble, or separate (*this will help us arrange seats accordingly*),
- B) await to receive a confirmation email that you are booked in - to save any disappointment on the day,
- C) if allocated a space, please ensure you bring a face covering to wear inside at all times. If you have a medical reason why you can't, please explain this in the email,
- D) on arrival in the church Porch, please Anti-Bac your hands well - keeping 2m from others ahead/behind you,
- E) please give your name to the person keeping our Track & Trace Register (*we keep for 3 weeks under Government rules*) and scan the QR Code on the Welcome Desk if you have an iPhone. **NB. If you are NOT on the list you will be asked to wait outside to see if we have room for you once those registered have been seated**
- F) please follow the one-way system once inside church. Your Order Of Service will be on your seat. Please use it and take it home with you
- G) you will be invited to come up for Holy Communion in ones and twos by a steward. Please Anti-Bac your hands, again, and once at the rail, please remain standing. Only the Wafer (one kind) shall be given. You will then be directed back to your seat
- H) at the end of the service, a Steward will come to the front of church and invite you to leave via the small door to the top left of the chancel. This is to ensure a one-way system at all times and

save any congestion. Please do not congregate outside the door, blocking the exit - and please remember the 'Rule of 6' if you stop in the churchyard afterwards

I do apologise for having to spell out so much detail ahead of time. But I do so to reassure you of the stringent Covid-safe procedures we have had in place at St Denys since September for Sunday services, and to demonstrate that as a church, our primary focus is your safety and minimising the possibility of spreading any virus around the village as we gather to give thanks to God for the sacrifice of so many for us today.

All I have shared is based on Government Guidance as of October 13, however, should we need to revise anything between now and November 8, we shall communicate via the St Denys Church Facebook Page, and via local Social Media pages.

If you are not on email but wish to register to attend Holy Communion on Nov 8, please telephone the vicarage on 01367 710267 and leave your details.

Finally, may I remind you that every Friday I email out a double-sided A4 sheet called **Friday Fellowship News**. This contains news of church services and events, interesting ideas and resources on how to cope well through this Covid season, village news and information and a range of other links you may find of interest. I currently circulate FFN to just under 300 people so, if you'd like to be added to the FFN email list, just drop me an email vicar@stdenys.org You can unsubscribe at any time.

With my prayers, as ever

Paul

Revd Paul Eddy

Vicar

Margaret Tapley

Philip and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy and support when Margaret was suddenly taken from us in April. We have been overwhelmed by the kind thoughts and the personal memories of Margaret that we have received and the continuing support from friends, they are all very much appreciated. Thank you.

Janet Wood (nee Tapley)

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Val (Valerie Constance) Keeble 1929-2020

Val, passed away 16/09/2020 3 days before her 91st birthday. Val and David Keeble have lived in the village with their 4 daughters for over 50 years. Celebrating over 65 year of marriage and getting a card from the Queen!

Val has been involved in village life for many years, being one of the first volunteers to drive the village minibus. Cycling to Hatford to pick up the minibus to take shoppers into town. Val was a member of Wantage flower club and keen gardener.

Val and David transformed their garden from a paddock to a plantsman garden and opened it, for over 25 years, to the public under the National Garden Scheme. The garden was also open on Stanford festival weekends.

Val was very proud that their garden was featured in a TV programme called "secret gardens" and took great delight in watching it whenever she could. Val was a member of the Stanford gardening club, giving guided tours of their garden with husband David and sharing her knowledge of plants. Val was involved in Stanford festival, doing flower arrangements in the church for clubs she belonged to. Val was involved in the church bazaar for several years, helping do Christmas arrangements and decorations raising funds for the local church. Val took delight in entering in the local village show with her baking, jam making, flower arranging and vegetables.

Thankfully a lot of these skills have been passed down to the 4 daughters.

Donations can be made in memory of Val: Helen Davison's just giving page in aid of Age UK. Donations can also be made by hand to the family home.

Many thanks The Keeble Family

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 4th November

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 12th November'20 at 2.30pm

The speaker will be **Debi Evans**, a local author of children's books who comes highly recommended; she speaks at festivals and to many groups. Her talk is entitled **Dragons and Rescue Dogs – My Inspiration to Write Books**. Debi writes as if she is her Jack Russell and her books include lots of history woven into the adventure stories in which Rolo (the dog) takes part in the events. Debi will be talking online but there is a possibility to purchase books in time for Christmas presents for the grandchildren.

The talk is taking part on Zoom for which details can be found online at

<https://faringdondistrictu3a.com/> Put the talk in your diary!

Stanford in the Vale Repair Cafe

It is impossible for us to meet in the Coffee shop for the time being so for some weeks we have been working differently. People can bring along their broken items such as toasters, table lamps, garden shears for sharpening etc. and items for a PAT test, to one of two houses. We then can distribute the item to one of our repairers.

Derek Sayers 2 Hunters Field
Tel. 01367 710283

Bill Hart Silkie – Chapel Road
Tel 07768486262

Some weeks ago a lady called Jasmine gave us some garden lights to repair but did not leave any way we could contact her. The lights are repaired.



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

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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.

Stanford in the Vale Pre School

We have had a busy term settling in all our new children and families.

The children have spent lots of time in the garden making wonderful structures with wooden bricks and loose parts. We have found lots of bugs and looked at them using our bug boxes and magnifying glasses.

We have harvested our runner beans and apples from our growing garden. We chopped up the apples and had them with our lunch – they were delicious!

The children have made apple crumble using local apples and had fun using their ‘crumble fingers’ to mix the topping.

We have been observing the changes of the seasons by looking at how the leaves are changing on the trees in the park and using them to paint with.

Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School

Reported by the 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 all working really hard and learning lots of new things.

Foundation - We have finished working on the Monkey Puzzle book and drawn our own version of the story.

Year One - We have written our own stories on how to catch a star. We have also been enjoying dance in PE.

Year Two - We are writing stories about going into the woods and have made clay models of trees. In PE we have been improving our throwing and catching.

Year Three - We have been reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* and in PE have been playing netball and dancing.

Year Four - We have re-written the story of *Alice in Wonderland*. We have also made clay models of *Ganesh* and are enjoying dance and hockey in PE.

Year Five - We have been writing stories about travelling back in time. We have also learnt about Egyptian Gods and forces in science.

Year Six - We went to Hill End and trained like the home guard. We built a look out shelter, played WW11 games and went in an Anderson shelter. We also zoom called Mrs Andrews and she told us what it was like when she was evacuated.

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

RELIEF ESTATE MANAGER (Part Time)

Cognatum Estates Limited specialises in managing retirement developments and is looking to recruit a Relief Manager to assist at **Penstones Court, Stanford in the Vale**. Your main duties will be to cover the Managers' days off plus holiday and emergency cover. No experience necessary but must be flexible with good interpersonal skills. Full training will be given. You will need to live within a **10-minute** response time to the estate.

For more information please call the Estate Manager on: 07384 112 620



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