



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

### SERVICES FOR JUNE 2021

**All services will take place at St Denys.** Sadly, due to their small size and the need to socially distanced inside a church for 2m, it will NOT be possible to have any services in our two Chapels, Goosey and Hatford, until the Government changes its rules in indoor gatherings.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**                      *Trinity Sunday*  
**10.15am**                                      **Parish Communion**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June**                        *Trinity 1*  
**10.15 am**                                      **Parish Communion**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June**                      *Trinity 2*  
**10.15 am**                                      **Parish Communion**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June**                      *Trinity 3*  
**10.15 am**                                      **Parish Communion**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**                      *Trinity 4*  
**10.15 am**                                      **Morning Worship**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**                         *Trinity 5*  
**10.15 am**                                      **Parish Communion**

#### WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

**Vicar**    The Revd Paul Eddy                      710267

#### **Wardens**

Margaret Williams                                      710254

Nigel Archer    718163

**Verger**    Mrs Susan Mayall

#### **Vicar writes**

Well, unless the Indian variant spreads, it looks like within 21 days, the promised land is in sight!

On June 21, the vast majority of the measures brought in to create social distancing, and to prevent the spread of coronavirus are to be lifted, and people free to go about the day-to-day lives again!

I wonder, how are you REALLY feeling about this?

Although I'm still on sick leave recuperating from my hip operation, I'm in touch with many villagers through social media, text and when I bump into them on my daily physio walks.

It seems to me that there are two groups of people when it comes to response to the releasing of restrictions:

a) those who are extroverts and desperate to get out and about and to talk to everyone in sight, and

b) introverts, who have actually enjoyed this last year in many ways, with peace and quiet being left alone.

I have had many conversations with people who have shared how anxious they are to finally get out and about having not had social contact or been in busy shops for more than a year. Such feelings are natural anxiety and are to be simply acknowledged, and engagement with the new opportunities built up slowly, perhaps venturing out with a friend as support.

On the other hand, I know of many others who have so missed the socialising that they have filled their diary up with lots of engagements, and no doubt, trying to book up their introvert friends for coffee, during which they will bombard them with all the millions of words that have been stored up in their brain, and not used over the last 12 months. Such introverts will then crawl back into their shell, utterly exhausted!

In the Bible, there are two key stories that come to mind that link into our newfound freedom from June 21. The first is Noah and the Ark - when he and his family finally go onto dryland and secondly, the Jewish people when they finally reach the Promised Land.

In that wonderfully pictorial story of Noah and the Ark - well known for its link to the Rainbow image, Noah and his family leave the Ark and the very first thing they do is gather together and offer a sacrifice to give thanks to God for his safety and provision.

It seems to me that is a good thing for us to do, to gather together with our close friends and family and to give thanks to God for his safe provision for us and for them - but also, to give thanks to God for all those who have served us throughout this last year, those in the NHS but also, those who served us in our local

shops, schools, GP surgeries etc.

The second story, the Jewish people finally after years of wondering in the wilderness of Exile, entering the promised land is most interesting. You'd expect them to be full of joy and happiness and jubilation but actually... no!

Frankly, it seems that most of them were a complete bunch of moaners and spent most of the time complaining, saying that they were better off back in captivity because the new life was so different from the old one. There they knew where they stood, what to expect, no sudden surprises and it had become their 'normal'.

Now, well, it was all about change, the new land, the different landscape, and the potential future ahead of them - all too much to take in at once. They longed to be back in their comfort zone.

The leaders of those Jewish moaners did something which is relevant to us today. They simply reminded the people that the same God who was with them in the difficult times of Exile, and then brought them back into the land which was promised them. That same God can be relied upon to walk with them step by step in this new land. The land and horizon may have changed, but God does not.

The challenge for them, like us today, is whether we will acknowledge God in our lives and allow Him to guide us and to provide for us?

For many people the newfound freedom is a bit overwhelming and for some, with job insecurity or financial issues, the future looks very challenging and they're anxious. But if we ask Him, God will walk with us through whatever we face and help us.

So, as we journey on through June into the summer months, let us all be mindful that others might be responding to this newfound freedom in a different way than we are, and always be sensitive and encouraging to each other, patient of the many frustrations that seem to be coming out into the public domain at this time from pent-up emotions for the last 12 months. Emotions that especially seem to be directed towards anyone in authority, as a projection maybe of an inner frustration and a lack of being able to express ourselves fully, and go about our day to day lives in freedom for so long?

So finally, let's be kind to ourselves, giving us time to be still and to think, time to share our anxieties and cares with loved ones and friends and yes, to acknowledge that sometimes we might need some professional help to get us over the latest hurdle that has been out in our path.

Be assured of my prayers and support as we journey together, and may God bless all of us at this time of new opportunity for us as a nation, and a local

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community. May all the lessons we have learnt through this Pandemic be used for good in our individual lives, and to build a fairer, more just and a more compassionate nation.

Yours Paul Revd Paul A. Eddy Vicar

### **The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm.**

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 ZOOM MEETING ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021**

The meeting will start at 2.30pm. The speaker will be **Dr David Jones** who will talk about **The Ecology of Earthworms**. Dr Jones is one of our most popular speakers; working at the National History Museum in London, he lectures at Imperial College. As an entomologist he specialises in soil ecology; during this talk he will address issues such as how many native species of earthworms there are in Britain, what do they eat, and how do they contribute to soil processes and the ecosystem health. He will reveal some of the fascinating secrets about earthworms and their role in temperate habitats.

*U3A members will be sent the Zoom link a few days before the talk.*

### **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. Drivers have COVID equipment and follow their COVID risk assessment.

**Would you be happy to take people to Faringdon, Wantage, Oxford, Swindon or Witney? We are needing more drivers**



## WONKA'S GOLDEN TICKET

Greetings to you the lucky finder of this golden ticket from Mr Willy Wonka!

You are invited to Stanford Festival @ Yours –  
**Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Theme - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.**

- **Invention Room** - design and draw a new chocolate or sweet.
- **Children's competition** - design a new 'Willy Wonka' themed invention. Drawings/models - every idea will be accepted.
- **Decorate your gardens and homes.**
  - Prizes for the best decorations, inventions and sweets.
  - Please share your entries on the village Facebook group if possible. Deadline: midnight Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June. If you're not on Facebook, email it to [zoeswnews@gmx.com](mailto:zoeswnews@gmx.com) (please say if you'd like your photo to be shared on Facebook).
- **Treasure Hunt** around the village. Collect your free map from the Coffee Shop from Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, or see Facebook.
- **Chocolate Afternoon Tea** in your garden.
- **Lollipop Tree** – make a 'lollipop' or other sweets out of felt etc and hang them in the tree by the church (like the Easter Egg tree).
- **Stanford Coffee Shop will have one Golden Ticket** hidden under a piece of cake. Find it and you will win a coffee and piece of cake for your subsequent visit.
  - Are you part of a local community group? Would you like to share an update with the village about how you've kept in touch over lockdown, or your plans for the summer? Perhaps you'd like to write a post or even make a short video. Post directly on Facebook or email [zoeswnews@gmx.com](mailto:zoeswnews@gmx.com)
  - There will be further updates in the village Facebook group.

Remember to follow the current government Covid guidelines and help keep our wonderful village safe.

## CHATTERBOX is BACK

We are open again on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.00 – 12 noon**

**In the Small Village Hall.**

We look forward to welcoming everyone- old friends and new – to join us to share coffee/tea etc and chat!

## Stanford in the Vale, Repair Cafe

All being well we will be opening again in the Coffee Shop **soon** we will post the date on the Notice Boards. People can bring along their broken items such as toasters, table lamps, garden shears for sharpening etc . We also carry out safety checks on electrical items i.e. PAT test. We make no charge for our work, but a donation is acceptable.

In the meantime you can bring items to one of two houses; we can then distribute the item/s to one of our repairers. For more information contact:- Derek Sayers email: [reco@clara.co.uk](mailto:reco@clara.co.uk) or 'phone 710283  
or  
Bill Hart email [stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk](mailto:stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk) or phone 07768486262

**Music in the Vale** are delighted to report that their chamber music concert series is to restart in July with a piano recital by eminent pianist Lionel Sainsbury on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July** in St. Denys Church for a one hour recital at 3pm . I will announce the programme details and future concerts in the July Parish Magazine. For more information contact:  
David Pedder  
[dipedderdpa@btinternet.com](mailto:dipedderdpa@btinternet.com)  
01367 718420

## Stanford in the Vale Pre School

We have been continuing to watch our tadpoles develop into frogs and this has led onto discussions about lifecycles in general and caring for our environment.

We have also been growing beans in clear bags on the window. This has enabled the children to watch the pod split open and see the roots and shoots grow. Once they are large enough, we will pot the on for them to take home.

The Pre-school has been taking part in the Healthy Smiles initiative to help promote improved oral health in children. We have been sharing lots of information with parents and children and getting hands on practising teeth cleaning using our big teeth and toothbrush. The children have been thinking about healthy, tooth friendly food choices and why these are important. We hope to receive our certificate of completion soon.

We were lucky enough to have been given some Owl Pellets for the children to dissect. The learning opportunities and levels of fascination were endless. We were able to identify that the owl had been eating baby rats!!



## Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School

### Reported by the School Council:

The children have been working really hard within their topics.

**Foundation** - The children have enjoyed becoming superheroes and having adventures with Supertato. They have written some amazing stories about The Evil Pea and Supertato.

**Year 1** - Year 1 have been busy learning about the history of castles. In PE the children have developed their throwing and catching skills and enjoyed playing tennis and hockey. As part of the Jigsaw Relationships curriculum there has been lots of discussion about friendships, family and who would help them at school.

**Year 2** - Mr Chadwick has been teaching the children Danish Long Ball in PE which has been great

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fun. They have also been learning and writing rhyming couplets, which can be quite tricky.

**Year 3** - The children have enjoyed the hands on aspects of their curriculum, making fruit cocktails in DT and playing instruments in Music. Plus being outside developing the athletic skills of running, jumping and throwing in all weathers - snow / hail / rain / sunshine....

**Year 4** - Year 4 have been learning to play rounders and the skills of Tag Rugby which has been great fun. They have written some amazing 'Magic Paint Brush' stories and have been busying developing their knowledge of division.

**Year 5** - The children are fortunate to have a musician come in and teach them guitar. Their skills are developing and hopefully they will be able to demonstrate their musical ability at the School Summer Fete. They are enjoying learning American Football with Mr Chadwick and have recently been very busy creating mosaics based on their class book.

**Year 6** - The children are enjoying reading their class story 'Kensuke's Kingdom' written by Michael Morpurgo. They have read his autobiography and are learning to write poems in a similar style. The whole class are looking forward to their residential at PGL. Please look on the school website under the year six blog to see some of the activities they will have conquered.

Environmental Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> May was a great success. The children focused on marine pollution especially the effect of plastic. It was great to have a couple of visitors from Faringdon Stage Coach come along and work with each class on dancing, singing and drama. The children had so much fun!

As we cannot hold a sharing assembly in the school hall the children have recorded some of their learning for the school website, please do look at the class pages.

We also hope to meet all the children and parents who will be joining us in Foundation in September. We do currently still have places in Foundation for September so please do contact Oxfordshire County Council admissions if you are interested.

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.

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