



PARISH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th November 3rd before Advent
10.15 am Holy Communion

Thursday 11th November
10.45 am Act of Remembrance at
the War Memorial

Sunday 14th November Remembrance
Sunday
10.15 am Remembrance Service
(Stanford)
11.00 am Act of Remembrance
outside at the War Memorial Uniformed
Groups and Villagers gather outside at
1045am. Followed by Communion in
Church

Sunday 21st November Christ the King –
Sunday before Advent
10.15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th November Advent Sunday
10.15 am Morning Worship

Saturday 4th December
5.00 pm Lighting of the Tree in St
Denys Church Churchyard, followed by the
singing of Carols and hot refreshments.

Sunday 5th December Advent 2
10.15 am Holy Communion

In Memory

**Our thoughts and prayers go to all the
family and friends
of people who have recently died.**

Sadly, this includes:

Angela Carter

All services will take place at St Denys.

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.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14 November 2021

Given current Covid levels in schools and our community, plus NHS warnings over Influenza this year, the PCC has decided to remain cautious with its Covid-safe Services at St Denys which remain socially distanced.

Therefore, on Remembrance Sunday, we would ask Uniformed Organisations, plus villagers who wish to take part pay their respects to those to not come into church at 1015am, but instead, gather on 14 November around the War Memorial at 1045am. The usual Act of Remembrance, including the two-minute silence and wreath laying will start shortly before 11am.

Thank you. The Vicar & Church Wardens

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar	The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
Wardens		
	Maz Galley	710211
	Nigel Archer	718163
Verger	Mrs Susan Mayall	

Vicars Write:

Dear Parishioners

In my 8 3/4 years as vicar, I have used this column to convey how St Denys' congregation can help serve the parish through our various ministries and resources. On only one previous occasion have I use this column to ask for help and today, I regretfully need to do so again.

Like every other charity and church in the land, the church's finance has been severely hit by the pandemic, leaving us with a projected deficit by the **end of 2021 of £23,760!**

This is because of a drop in public services where cash collections are possible (the vast majority of our congregation give by standing order/online), not being able to hold our main fundraiser, the Village Festival, and a Covid-related drop-in Fees received for taking Weddings and Funerals. Included shortfall is £6,000 worth of urgent building work for St Denys and St George's, Hatford which we must do within the next 12 months. Goosey Chapel needs an additional £20,000 urgently spent on it - but we've not included that in the

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figure above as we'll have to go to Trust funds separately for such an amount.

The church congregation here is currently reviewing its giving in light of the Covid impact and are taking part in a **Gift Day on November 7**, and we've applied to a local Trust for a £4,000 emergency grant. But this will still leave us with a substantial shortfall.

The church's reserves are around £13,000 of useable funds- but that would leave us with zero in the bank. We do have around £13,000 on 'special reserve' as an Emergency Fund in the event of a major building project needing doing to enable the church to remain open but are obviously reluctant to wipe that fund dry as well. So, the pandemic has left us facing a financial challenge!

Contrary to popular belief, the church does NOT receive any funding from the Government or the CofE - either nationally or the diocese. Both of those later sources are charities in themselves. Finance to build and reorder St Denys over the centuries have always come from the current congregation, and villagers. Our current congregation is around 40 faithful folk. They serve the village in so many practical and pastoral ways - and - they have been funding all the costs of maintaining St Denys to be there for use by the village whenever needed: baptisms, weddings, funerals, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas, School events, village events etc.

And so, because I know that for so many people in the village, St Denys is 'my church' or 'our village church', the PCC has asked that I use this column to ask for your help.

Given the unprecedented effect of a pandemic on our church's finance, we would like all those who wish to see St Denys remain there for whenever villagers need it, to consider making a one-off donation.

This can be done in a number of ways:

A) a cheque, payable to Stanford PCC (St Denys), or cash, can be put in an envelope (with name and address for receipt please), and put through the Vicarage letterbox at 24 Church Green

B) you can make a BACS transfer by sending a gift to our church a/c at: Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-93-18, and account no 00109758. Please add '2021 Gift' in the Reference option. If you do this and would like a receipt, please drop a note through my letterbox, or email me vicar@stdenys.org

C) we have created an online giving page on our church website as well. This can be found at www.stdenys.org If you are a taxpayer and make a donation by either of these methods, please email me so I can send you a Gift Aid form to complete. It will boost your gift by 25%!

I am sorry that I need to write in this way, but from meeting dozens of families over the years, I know the

place that St Denys plays in so many family's histories over years, decades and in some families, centuries. I therefore felt that many would like the opportunity to give a gift, whether £10 or whatever folk can afford, to ensure that we break even this year and move into 2022 on a strong financial footing. This will enable us to continue to serve the village for many more decades and centuries to follow.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to hopefully, supporting your local village church.

Yours gratefully Paul Revd Paul Eddy Vicar

AGE UK OXFORDSHIRE

BIG KNIT

This is a big thank you to everyone who contributed mini bobble hats to the Age UK/ innocent Big Knit campaign. I recently took 582 hats to the office in Abingdon, which, at 25p per hat, translates into £145.50 towards the Winter Warmth/ Helpline fund. In the past year you have raised £424 for this cause which is an excellent achievement.

The campaign is continuing until July 2022 so we still need you to keep knitting! In order to increase our output, maybe you could encourage a friend to take up the needles during the winter months. Don't forget that I have needles, wool and patterns for anyone who would like to 'give it a go'. Just out of interest ... Over the past 10 years, the knitters of Stanford have raised £4,990 for the charity, just by knitting up oddments of wool. Amazing! **Again, thank you all for your continuing support.** Jan Stenzhorn 01367 710724

Congratulations and Thank You

Community First Responders awarded COVID coin

On 13 October, Stanford's volunteer Community First Responders (CFRs), Jeanette Gill and Les Harding, were presented with a commemorative coin in recognition of their 'outstanding service and commitment' to South Central Ambulance Service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CFRs are volunteers who come from every walk of life. What they have in common is their desire to make a difference by volunteering to attend medical emergencies in their local and surrounding communities. As such, they can often reach a potentially life-threatening emergency in the first vital minutes before the ambulance crew can get to the scene. For more information about CFRs, please visit www.scas.nhs.uk/our-services/community-and-co-responders/

The South Central Ambulance Charity exists to raise funds to support the work CFRs do. If you would like to help us by making a contribution, please visit the Just Giving page at <https://tinyurl.com/z94e4rva>

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**The next Parish Council Meeting
is on Wednesday 3rd November
in the large Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Details published via our web site and noticeboards.

Stanford in the Vale, Repair Cafe

The Repair Café is now opening on the first Saturday in the month from 12.00 – 2.00pm in the Coffee Shop – **Saturday 6th November**. 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. 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 2 Hunters Field, Email reco@clara.co.uk
or Bill Hart Silkie, Chapel Road Email is stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk

**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
Grand Quiz Night
Saturday 6 November**

£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. Warren 01367 710789

**Christmas Bingo
Friday 3rd December
In the Village Hall**

Numbers will be restricted so best to book in
Ring Janet 01367 710789

**STANFORD IN THE VALE & DISTRICT
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm
Large Village Hall.**

**A History of Shaw House an Elizabethan Gem
By Sarah Somerville**

New Members and Guests Welcome

USUAL BOOK SALES AND RAFFLE

Millennium Green Trust AGM

Wednesday 17th November at 7.30pm in Stanford School Hall. All welcome

To include items in December's newsletter please send to send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message. Closing date: 18th November 2021. Late items cannot be accepted

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**Faringdon & District U3A on
Thursday 11th November 2021**

November's speaker will be **Polly Vacher MBE** who will talk in the Corn Exchange at 2.30 pm but also by Zoom for those members who prefer to watch at home. Her talk is about her latest adventure as she raises money for the MS Society Research programme. In July she did a 200 mile trek with two donkeys from south Oxfordshire to North Wales – a **Donkathon**. Polly enjoys adventures and at one time flew singlehanded twice round the world over the North Pole and over Antarctica. Her talk promises to be interesting.

**STANFORD IN THE VALE WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE**

Our next meeting, at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th November**, promises to be a fun evening as we shall be enjoying playing a wide variety of board games. If you would like to join us, just come along to Stanford Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Visitors are very welcome (£5). For more information, please ring Joan on 01367 710562.

CHATTERBOX every Thursday

We are open every Thursday

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!.

RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) will be selling their Christmas Cards, Calendars etc on **Thursday 18th November** at Chatterbox. Your support for this worthy charity would be greatly appreciated plus you'll be able to buy a tea or coffee at low prices!

**St Denys Church Christmas Bazaar
on Saturday 20th November
in Stanford Village Hall
from 11.30 am - 2.00pm**

Delicious Homemade Soup Lunches, Gifts, Christmas Fayre, Toys and Books plus Christmas raffle Contact Janet – 01367 710789
COVID safe restrictions will be observed

STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 24th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**. Refreshments and a Raffle.

Visitors will be welcome for a £3.00 entry fee.

For more information contact Rosemary Packer.

Tel. 01367 710445



October Pre-school news

We have had a busy term and are really pleased with how the children have settled in. We have been baking apple crumbles with the children and they have taken them home to share with their families.

The children have enjoyed spending time in the 'home corner' with lots of imaginary games and imitating what goes on at home. They have enjoyed 3d modelling with lots of glue and paint and getting messy.

We have been observing change around us with the leaves changing colour on the trees. We have made an Autumn interest table with lots of pumpkins, leaves and books. This has led to lots of discussion and opportunities to extend language.

The Pre-school operates a waiting list. If you would like to put your child's name down, please email: manager@stanfordpreschool.org.uk or call: 01367 718696



Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School

Reported by the School Council:

Year 1 - Holly & Isabel N,

Year 2 - George & Phoebe,

Year 3 - James H & Bella,

Year 4 - Harry & Merryn,

Year 5 - Edward & Faith,

Year 6 - Orlaith & Ruby

Foundation - We have been playing in our role play kitchen with the three bears. We are learning our numbers with the help of Numberblocks. Over the last few weeks, we have gone to Forest School. We have enjoyed collecting leaves and berries, playing in the tree fort and on the pirate ship. We enjoyed creating an Autumnal leaf ring from the leaves we collected.

Year One - In Maths we have been busy adding and creating maths sentences. We used clay to construct Inukshuk sculptures. In PE we are developing our throwing skills by throwing balls to our partners. Our story about the 'Lost Penguin' has inspired us to write our own lost animal stories.

Year Two - We are really enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London. In PE we have been learning to shoot into a hoop, while in Music we have been learning some new songs. We are working on learning our 3 times tables - which are a bit tricky! It is great to have Sweet Shack up and running again.

Year Three - We have been learning lots of facts

about the Rainforest. Where the rainforests are and the different parts of the rainforest. We are about to send off our letters to the Prime Minister where we have discussed the effect of deforestation and climate change and the need to do something. In Music we have been singing 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley and have started to add musical accompaniment through our recorder playing.

Year Four - In hockey we have been learning to tackle and pass gently, while ensuring we keep our hockey sticks down. We have been busy writing our own versions of Alice in Wonderland, changing either the characters or setting and what the character does. We have enjoyed using maps and map references to find places in Geography.

Year Five - We were visited by an explorer named Doc Worrall from 'Portals to the Past'. We had a great time dressing up, hunting on the River Nile, learning the (literal) ins and outs of the mummification process, solving mathematical problems with hieroglyphs and much more. In Art we got to create our own Egyptian Cats from clay.

Year Six - We visited Coleshill for a WWII experience. The volunteers at Coleshill taught us lots of new facts and skills. We went underground, followed maps, deciphered codes, found dead drop messages, looked at artefacts, uncovered the traitor and much more. In English we have been writing positive and negative arguments for whether to accept an evacuee.

On Friday 24th September we held our Harvest Service at St Denys Church. We presented food goods and then said thank you for all the food we have and all the people who grow and prepare our food.

Buttercup Class said a Harvest Poem

Sunflower Class sang the Big Red Combine Harvester

Orchid Class wrote and read out Harvest Haikus

Snowdrop Class told us about foods from around the World

Bluebell and Poppy Class sang Cauliflowers Fluffy

Forget-me-not Class read out prayers

We later took the food items to Wantage Food Bank.

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

We have a few spaces in Foundation and Year 5. If interested, please do contact Oxfordshire County Council admissions.

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.

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