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PARISH NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2022

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2022

Sunday 3rd April	Lent 6
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
Thursday 7th April	
12.30 pm	Lent Lunch
Friday 8th April	
9.30 am	Stanford School Easter Service
Sunday 10th April	Palm Sunday
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
Thursday 14th April	Maundy Thursday
7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Meal in Church
Friday 15th April	Good Friday
2.00 – 3.00 pm	An Hour At The Cross
Sunday 17th April	Easter Day
10.15am	Family Communion (Stanford)
Saturday 23rd April	Wedding
Sunday 24th April	Easter 2
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
Sunday 1st May	Easter 3
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)

In Memory

Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family and friends of people who have recently died. Sadly, this includes:
Millie Rye

Open House From Saturday 2nd April, on most Saturdays St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat .Do pop in. You'll find a warm and friendly welcome.

Dear Villager

Over the past weeks, as a church community we've been having a Spiritual MOT as part of Lent, a season of preparation ahead of Easter.

It's a time to look back at the past year, assess whether our relationship with God has grown and, whether we feel we've allowed God to change us and mould us more into the image and example Christ set us.

We've reflected how in recent months, there's been the tendency to rush back into activity and meeting up, and without deliberately doing so, ignoring some of the lessons we learned through lockdown about what really mattered in life.

Lent, therefore, is a time to press the Reset button. That's not just healthy for Christians, but for everyone. Once a year, as we come out of the Winter season, to stop and think where we're heading if we carry on in the same path is productive. For Christians of course, Easter is about two things: forgiveness and new life.

In my pastoral meetings with people, if there's one thing I note constantly holds people back it's either an unwillingness to forgive, or to ask to be forgiven. In Jesus, we have the incredible example of self-dial, in that someone who had done no wrong, died on behalf of those of us who do.

But it didn't end there. No. Christians believe that three days later, Jesus rose from death, proving death was defeated, eternal life with him now possible and, that all those wrongs had been put right, Reset, if you like.

Now, you may not believe in the resurrection. It is a far stretch for our cynical and clinical, Western minds. But, given the 'Christians' leader was publicly executed, and the Romans would kill anyone else associated with him, if the leader had simply died, Christianity would easily have been snuffed out on Good Friday, and all those followers of Jesus, feeling made a fool of, and wanting to keep their lives, would have erased Jesus from their memory and vocabulary overnight!

But what do the secular and Jewish history books tell

St. Denys Kids is held every Sundays during term time, where during the main Holy Communion Service the children go to the Village Hall.



us? That the fastest growth in the early Church came about in the first century after Jesus death!

Unless Jesus did come alive again, and appear to several hundred as recorded in the Bible, what other explanation would there be for so many willing to risk murder too, for a dead man?

Unless, of course, Jesus really was who he claimed to be, and conquered his death, and so would conquer theirs?

This Sunday 17 April, at 1015am we shall celebrate Jesus rising from death, and offering new life, life in all its fullness to all. You'd be very welcome to join us, especially if this Spring you really want to Reset your life! A very Happy Easter to you.

Yours Paul Revd Paul A Eddy, FRSA, MCIPR

Thanks, from Pamela King

I received a letter from Sobell House Hospice on the 2nd March to tell me that a total of **£2674.00** including Gift Aid contributions were donated in tribute of my husband David King and in addition they received **£720** in donations direct to the charity which brings a total donated to **£3394.00**. As a small token of their thanks the charity team would like to dedicate a leaf on their memory tree to David. I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support. David is missed so much by all the family, and I have lost my greatest adventure and soul mate.

Churchyard Working Party

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

Saturday 2nd April

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.

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 2nd April**. 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:- is stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk

The next Parish Council Meeting

is on **Wednesday 6th April 2022**

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall – Large hall - check noticeboards or Parish Council website for details. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

St Denys' Handbell Ringers

We are a fun amateur group, meeting on Wednesday evenings at the Village Hall. Our music ranges from classical to traditional melodies which we play at clubs and societies, village fetes and festivals and so on. We belong to the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain which organises social events and rallies, where we ring with other teams and eat cake! We would be happy to hear from potential new recruits as we have a full three octave of bells and not quite enough hands to ring them. It helps if you have a good sense of rhythm but you don't need to be able to read standard musical notation. Please contact us at

StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com - or just come along to one of our practices in the **small village hall, Wednesday 6th or 13th April at 8pm.**

Stanford in the Vale Local History Society

Wednesday 13th April at 7.30 in the SCHOOL HALL

change of venue for this month only
COME ALONG AND LISTEN to Liz Woolley speak on ROSE HILL OXFORD, SURPRISING CONTRASTS AND HISTORICAL INTEREST. Visitors welcome

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A MEETING ON THURSDAY 14TH APRIL '22

AGM in the Faringdon Corn Exchange LIVE at 2.30pm

This will be followed by **Gordon Rogers** talking about **Winston Churchill's Toyshop**. Gordon discovered that the premises near his home in Buckinghamshire were the United Kingdom's premier weapons experimental station in World War 2. When Churchill became Prime Minister he was aware of the massive War Office red tape; to bypass this he appointed himself Minister of Defence and created just one department - MDI. This was located in Whitchurch near Aylesbury. Gordon has carried out much research to ensure that he knows as much of the facts about this topic as possible. He has asked various TV channels to make a documentary, and so far the Discovery Channel has made a short TV programme. This is a fascinating talk from a very entertaining speaker. After the talk refreshments will follow with cakes – available to all members. Non-members are also welcome but are required to pay a £1.50 entrance fee.

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STANFORD IN THE VALE WI

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 20th April at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.**
Enquiries ring Joan 01367 710562.

Chatterbox

Have you tried Chatterbox - Stanford's Thursday morning Cafe and meeting place? It's where you can meet up with old friends, make new ones or just sit and relax. Now under new management.

Many thanks to Yvonne Child who has now retired from Chatterbox where she has helped since 2000!! We hope to see YOU there!

GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 27th in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.**

The speaker will be Doug Stewart. His subject will be "The Way we Were", which will be delivered via Zoom. Refreshments and a raffle. Visitors will be welcome for a £3.00 entry fee.

For more information contact Rosemary Packer. Tel. 0167 710445.

Gardening Tips for April.

- Order annual plants for summer bedding and hanging baskets.
- Give the greenhouse a thorough scrub to get rid of pests and diseases and let in more light.
- Prepare beds for the growing season. Dig in a 5cm or more of compost or well rotted manure.
- Check patio plants aren't drying out as the weather warms.
- Pot up spare plants to donate to Gardening Club Plant Sale in May.

Diary dates for 2022



Village Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday June 5th 2022

**12.30 – 5.00 pm
On the football field.**

All Villagers are invited to come together and join in the 'Big Jubilee Lunch' event being organised on Sunday June 5th as part of the main programme

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of events over the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022.

This is an opportunity for the Village to celebrate this unique event together. Bring your lunch to share with others or combine together to bring sandwiches, cakes, crisps, nibbles or any other picnic food ideas.

Tea, coffee, squash and cakes will be available **free** throughout the afternoon and other drinks from the Football Club bar. Donations of cakes from villagers would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a Pig Roast and vegetarian BBQ available for a nominal charge.

During the afternoon there will be music plus various sporting challenges for children and adults.

We would like to encourage people to dress up in red, white, and blue or fancy dress from one of the decades and bring along photos of past Village celebrations to share with others.

More details to follow next month but start thinking about how you can join in this celebration.

Other ways you may like to get involved over the weekend are:

- To decorate your house with red, white and blue decorations
- Grow red, white and blue plants in your garden
- Organise your own street party with your neighbours on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday

Any offers of help on the day would be greatly appreciated – contact Tina - tjenkinssity@gmail.com

Parish Council, Football Club and Village Hall representatives.

Stanford Summer Festival

Saturday 18th June and Sunday 19th June 2022
Flower Festival Theme: 'Thank You' as so much to be thankful for this year - Health; nature; sea; animals; neighbours etc

Any local craft people who would a stall to sell their goods on the Green either on the Saturday or Sunday please e mail Janet – jmwarren302@gmail.com for further information.

Pre-school news – April

This term we celebrated World Book Day. We had a whole week of a special focus on stories and storytelling. The children were encouraged to bring in their favourite stories from home to share with their friends. We invited parents to come into Pre-school on



the Thursday morning and were lucky enough to have a visit from the librarian at Wantage Library to read us some of her favourite books. It was really great to be able to have parents back in the setting after nearly 2 years.

We have been enjoying the sunshine spending time in the growing garden making habitats for wildlife and refilling our bird feeders.

The Pre-school operates a waiting list. If you are interested in registering your child with us please visit www.stanfordpreschool.org.uk and complete a Pre-Registration form or contact the Pre-school on 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 - Bella,
Year 4 - Harry & Merryn,
Year 5 - Edward & Faith,
Year 6 - Orlaith & Ruby

Oxfordshire Dance Festival

On Thursday 10th March our Year 3 Class took part in the Oxfordshire Dance Festival in Oxford New Theatre. They performed an amazing routine to songs from Matilda, The Musical. The children were true stars performing on the stage of the theatre, in front of a massive audience. They also got to watch the dance routines of other schools. It was an amazing experience for them. As one child stated 'I will remember this forever!' Well done to the children and Mrs Warner King for all their hard work.

Vale Boccia

On Tuesday 15th March six Year 4 children went to the Vale Boccia competition in Faringdon. Megan, Scarlett, Imogen, Mollie, Oliver and Paynton all showed great determination and team work. Both teams played three matches each. Congratulations go to Stanford B (Imogen, Scarlett and Megan) who go through to the County finals next week. Well done!

Hockey

On Thursday 10th March, Tommy, Noah, Mason, Francesca, Emilia and Lily took part in an Oxfordshire Schools Hockey Tournament at Tilsley Park, Abingdon. The children behaved brilliantly and

encouraged each other superbly. Their performance improved significantly with each game and ended up with them scoring in the final game.

Netball

Our Netball Team Ruby, Jack, Freya, Seth, Beth, George, Paige, Francesca and Faith played four matches on the 9th March. They drew two matches with the score 1-1 and 0-0 and lost two with the score 1-0 and 1-0. The team had lots of shots at goal but just couldn't get the ball in the net. The team kept smiling throughout, tried their best and supported each other.

Boys Football

The boys football team have played two matches against All Saint's School in Didcot and Sonning Common. The teams consisted of Jack T, Tommy, Mason, Edward, Finley, Lucca, Roni, Harry and Ethan. The boys made some amazing tackles and stayed in good spirits throughout. Their confidence, skill and ability to work as a team is increasing.

Travel Plan

We are working hard on our school travel plan and are encouraging more families to walk, scoot or bike to school with the aim of reducing car use and traffic around the school. Obviously, some families live outside the village of Stanford and have to drive in and we are encouraging these families to park in the village hall and walk to school, thereby reducing traffic and pollution around the school. We are aware that some of our parents are not parking safely or considerately, we are trying to address this and are working closely with the Parish Council, OCC Highways and the Police on this matter.

Memorial Day for Mr G

On Monday 13th June we are planning a Memorial Day in memory of Mr Godwin and a sponsored sing-a-thon to raise money for Sobell House. If you are a past pupil or parent and would like to pop into school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm to write a memory / message or decorate a stone for our memorial path, please do. Refreshments will be served.

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.

We would also like to welcome people from the village back into school to listen to pupils read. Contact the school office

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.

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