



PARISH NEWSLETTER MAY 2022

SERVICES FOR MAY 2022

<u>Sunday 1st May</u>	<i>Easter 3</i>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<u>Sunday 8th May</u>	<i>Easter 4</i>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<u>Sunday 15th May</u>	<i>Easter 5</i>
10.15am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<u>Sunday 22nd May</u>	<i>Easter 6</i>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<u>Sunday 29th May</u>	<i>Sunday after Ascension</i>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<u>Sunday 5th June</u>	<i>Pentecost</i>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)

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

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

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

In Memory

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

Open House 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.

Vicar Writes

Dear friends,

The first weekend of June this year marks two significant events. The first of these is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, for which celebration events are being planned in communities across the country. In our own village there are activities taking place on the Football field, and this offers a chance to meet friends, old and new, and bring communities together.

This is the first time that any British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee, and after 70 years on the throne, very few of us will even be able to remember anything other than living in Elizabethan times.

The Queen's reign has been marked by almost unimaginable changes in society and in the world. Her coronation was credited with kickstarting the television age, now screens are just about everywhere. Her first Christmas broadcast in 1952 was only on the radio, her latest in 2021 could be watched on TikTok or heard on Amazon Alexa!

The Queen has been a constant presence in an ever-changing world, and it is testament to her humility and service that, though scandals may have rocked her family, and a great number of her governments, the Queen herself remains an inspiration to many.

Though the majority of her coronation was shown on television, there was one moment that was deemed too sacred to broadcast (even that is an decision that you can't imagine television executives making today!). This was the moment when the symbols of her status – the crimson robe, the diamond diadem, the coronation necklace – were removed, and the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed the new Queen with holy oil.

The Queen has spoken since of how this moment was the most significant one of her life, as in humility, she was dedicated to a life of service and called to follow the example of Jesus who himself gave his life for others.

It is fitting then that the other significant celebration taking place on the first weekend in June is Pentecost. This is when we remember the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the Church, that Spirit of love and service which binds all people together and fills each and every one of us with the guiding presence of God.

The early Christians, after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, dedicated their lives to one another.

As we approach this weekend with its multitude of celebrations may we all be inspired – whether by the

Holy Spirit, by the many years of humble service of her Majesty the Queen, or both – to dedicate our lives to the service of our fellow humans, in our own communities and around the world.

Yours Paul Revd Paul A Eddy Vicar

St Denys' Handbell Ringers

We are a fun amateur group, meeting on Wednesday evenings at the Village Hall. We have been delighted to welcome some new ringers to our group this year – but we still have room for more. 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 events 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 still 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. Jackie O'Hagan

Stanford Church Bells

The church bells at Stanford are becoming accustomed to a bit more use, having been rung for Services, for a wedding, by visiting bands and for our local practices once again. It has been great to get back to this activity.

Each bell (and there are 8 at Stanford) is rung by one individual bell ringer. Ringing is a challenging sport, great fun and a service to the community. It is also a very social activity because you need to work with others to achieve the delightful sound. Ringing is suitable for almost anyone (from about age 10 and upwards) and it can be a great activity for the whole family – grandparents as well as grandchildren ringing together.

We are gradually building up our band (which had become very small) but more ringers are needed. If you are interested in learning, or used to ring and fancy giving it a go again, please get in touch, you will be very welcome.

To find out more please speak to any of the ringers or contact us via e-mail at StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com. We look forward to hearing from you. Jackie O'Hagan

VILLAGE WHEELCHAIR

Is mobility a problem for you or a family member? Does it stop you from getting out and about and making the most of the Spring and Summer days? If so, and you live in the village, don't forget that we have a wheelchair available for loan, free of charge. It is also available for day trips, hospital appointments and short-term mobility problems. **Contact 01367 710 724**

Wednesday 4th May 2022

7.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting

7.45 pm Annual Meeting of Stanford in the Vale Parish Council.

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

GARDENING CLUB

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning **on Saturday, May 7th from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall.** Donations of plants for sale will be welcome. There will also be an art exhibition. Contact Rosemary Packer: 01367 710494

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 7th May** 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

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 and more drivers would be greatly appreciated.

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Wednesday 11th May at 7.30 in the Large Village Hall. Capability Brown at Radley, rediscovering a lost landscape with Clare Sargent, Archivist Radley College Visitors welcome £5 entry fee

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**FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A MEETING ON
THURSDAY 12th MAY '22**

The speaker **Chrissie Harper** will talk about her work with tawny owls, barn owls, little owls and kestrels at **Chrissie's Owls** at Stonesfield near Charlbury where she provides a rescue service for injured wild owls and captive bred owls that need caring for and rehoming. This is a non-profit organisation. Chrissie will bring several of her captive bred owls to help illustrate her talk. The talk will start at 2.30pm and be followed by refreshments for everyone. All members are welcome to attend but visitors are required to pay £1.50 each.

NB We want everyone coming to u3a to feel safe and protected, so we ask that you only attend general meetings if you are feeling well and are not showing signs of Covid. Please take a test if you are in any doubt, and in that way we can try to safeguard all members attending talks and events.

**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Committee
Annual General Meeting
on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm in the
Committee Room of the Village Hall.
All welcome**

**1 Village – 10 Artists
14-22 May 2022**

Visit your local artists and makers
during Oxfordshire Artweeks

22 Bow Road – **Anne Mills**

53 High Street – **The Garden Studio**

10 Spencers Close – **Studio 10**

Mill Farm, Faringdon Road – **Lawrence Ward**

Details about each artist, venues and opening times can be found at www.artweeks.org or look for Artweeks signs around your village
**Stunning work in a variety of media.
Lots to see.**

STANFORD IN THE VALE WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 18th May** in the Village Hall. April Thrush will be talking about Relaxation. For enquiries, please ring Annette on 01367710528.

GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday, May 25th.

Garden visit to Waterperry Gardens.

Contact Rosemary Packer: 01367 710494

Garden Tips for May

Protect tender plants from late frosts.

Earth up potatoes.

Check hedges for nesting birds before trimming.

Plant out summer bedding at end of month.

Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of spring flowering bulbs.

Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetles and grubs.

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.

We hope to see YOU there!

Diary dates for 2022

Village Celebrations



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sunday June 5th 2022

At the Football Field

From 12.30 – 5.00 pm

A reminder that 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 of events over the central weekend of 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

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for a nominal charge.

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

Things you can also be thinking about:

- Search out and bring along some old photographs of past Village celebrations to help share memories with your friends.
- Think about what fancy dress costume you could come in? Something in red, white and blue or a costume from one of the six decades. A prize for the best costume.
- Also, practise throwing a wellie for the wellie throwing competition.
- Children 11 and under think about a design you could draw on a plate to be a souvenir of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Any offers of help with making teas, manning one of the activities or just helping on the day would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you have an idea for an activity do let us know. Contact Tina Jenkins -

tjenkinssiv@gmail.com or Janet Warren - jmwarren302@gmail.com

Please note - no dogs are allowed on the football field. 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

Attractions include Pandemonium, Soccer Party, Juggling John, Wantage Silver Band, bouncy castles, plus lots more entertainment for the whole family.

- As you spring clean in the house have you any toys, books or cracked china items that we could sell/ use at the Festival
- Also, as you grow any seedlings could you bring on a few more for the plant stall?
- **With rising costs each year - Would your business be willing to sponsor the event?**
- Any local craft people who would a stall to sell their goods on the Green either on the Saturday or Sunday

FIRST AID HELP

If anyone has 'First Aid at Work' qualification and could help at either of the above events, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Pre-school news - May

We have been lucky enough to receive a grant from the village Public Purposes charity to buy some Community Playthings bricks. These are a wonderful open-ended resource that the children will have so much fun turning into an endless amount of different things. They will also benefit many more children joining us in the future. We are so appreciative of the PPC'S support of the Pre-school particularly during this financially challenging time.

We have enjoyed finding out all about worms! We found a few in our garden and spent all week finding out different facts about them, observing them, drawing them, reading stories about them, moving like them, comparing their lengths and best of all holding them feeling them wriggle around and tickle our hand! 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. We have some places available to start in September.



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

Easter Service

On Friday 8th April, we held our Easter Service at St Denys Church. The children told the Easter story through drama, artwork and song. It was a very moving service.

Thank you to all the staff and children for their hard work. We hope you enjoyed the tasty surprise hidden by the Easter Bunny!

Orchid Class - Year 5

On Thursday afternoon (7th April), Orchid Class opened the doors to its Scandinavian Cafe. We were overwhelmed by the response



and were excited to have so many visitors! Well done to everybody for trying something new, especially the children who ventured outside of their comfort zone and took a risk. Many of the food items were truly delicious and hopefully it has inspired you to try more new things in the future.

Rocksteady Concert

On Tuesday morning (5th March), we were joined by some parents to celebrate the progress of the children who take part in Rocksteady music lessons. Each year group has its own band, made up of a mix of guitarists, drummer, keyboard players and singers. Led by band leader Holly, the children have made amazing progress since we last heard them and it is great to see the level of skill and confidence that a of the performers had.

Bluebell Class - Year 3 The Story Museum

On Wednesday 6th April Year 3 enjoyed a superb trip to The Story Museum in Oxford. The children enjoyed exploring the whispering woods. Where they heard an old folk tale and learnt how stories were told and how they have changed over time. They got to explore lots of different stories, including the sword and the stone.

The children then got to explore a room where they could experiment with creative writing. They could role play a story and dress up in character, write a story at a writing table, describe an alien invasion or even draw and write on the walls of a room! Not to be tried at home!!! The children were allowed to visit story worlds in the gallery. They got to delve into Alice and Wonderland, visit Winnie the Pooh bridge where pooh sticks began, go through the wardrobe and into Narnia, sit in the front room of The Snowman and their favourite room of all was to explore Horrid Henry's delightful room!!!

Finally, the children had a Charlie and the Chocolate factory workshop. They got to think about The Chocolate room from the book and film, we listened to part of the story and then the children had to design what their story world room would look like.

Girls Football

On Tuesday 5th April, the girls football team played away to Harwell school. They played two games. The girls worked so well as a team, there was plenty of passing and everyone gave it their all which resulted in a 5-0 win. Goals scored by Beth, Francesca, Paige and Orlaith. They then played a second game where they all had a go in a different position and drew 1-1.

Goal by Orlaith. They were exhausted but still had the energy to sing all the way home!

Basketball

Despite playing in wind and rain, the school basketball team represented Stanford with pride at a tournament on Wednesday afternoon. The team of Y5 & 6 children played very well, getting through to the final and achieving second place. Well done to all of the children for their teamwork and perseverance and thank you to Mr Scott and Mr Chadwick for their coaching skills and encouragement.

Monday 13th June— Sponsored Sing-a-thon and Memorial Day for Mr Godwin Please get as many sponsors as you can 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.

Thank you for reading our report.
Take care and keep safe.