



PARISH NEWSLETTER  
JUNE 2022

**SERVICES FOR JUNE 2022**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Pentecost – Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 1</b>
	<b>Stanford Summer Festival</b>
4.30 pm	Songs of Praise on the Green
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Trinity 2</b>
10.15 am	Morning Worship with Baptism (Stanford)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Trinity 3</b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)

**St. Denys Kids** (for Primary School age Children) 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?**

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

**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.

**In Memory**

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

Jon Parfitt  
Jeanne Winter  
Tony Owen  
John Crook

**Vicar Writes**

This month we celebrate 70 years of Her Majesty's service to this nation, and to God, as our Queen.

Across the world, she is admired and respected. Closer to home, she has seen 14 prime ministers come and go. She has been at the very centre of our nation's life, with detailed knowledge of all the major events we've been through and, as many of those prime ministers have said, her wisdom and counsel have been invaluable.

This is not the time, nor the place to discuss the monarchy, but I think most commentators agree that under her, with change in every other institution, it is probably down to the love and respect with which our Queen is held that the monarchy has survived many major crises – including the two latest family ones.

Prime ministers have come and gone, as have events, but somehow, Queen Elizabeth has offered a steady, calm, gentle but purposeful leadership and stability. How has she done that?

I'd like to suggest the key resource for her has been her faith in Jesus Christ. Viewers of her annual Christmas broadcasts will know that on every occasion, she has used these few minutes to offer hope, and never fails to mention how vital her faith is to her. However much our nation might be blown around by culture and world events, the solid rock of her faith in Jesus Christ is an anchor.

Through recent years, with the Duke's death, her son's court case, the move of Prince Harry and his young family across the pond, and her own failing health at the age of 95, faith has been the constant.

So as a church at St Denys, over the Platinum celebration Weekend, we shall focus our Sunday Service on the topic 'Women of Faith'. Every first Sunday of the month since May, we've been looking at key women in the Bible who have been used by God. On June 5 we shall do the same, but update it with references and resources the Queen has used to sustain her faith, and to give her peace in a world of change these past 70 years.

You'd be most welcome to join us at 10.15am.

Yours Paul **Revd Paul A Eddy** Vicar

## Stanford Church Bells

Did you hear the church bells ringing in the afternoon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May? They were being rung by a group of youngsters (aged under 18) who were visiting in order to practice together and to improve their ringing skills. Every bell is a little different and towers themselves are very diverse, so it is great fun to be able to see and experience different set-ups. Another group, ringers from East Hagbourne tower, visited on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, as part of the village festival weekend, yet another type of "tower" will be in Stanford. A Mini-Ring will be installed on Church Green and ringers – and visitors – will be invited to "have a go". This will be a great opportunity to see this little set of bells and to learn how their big siblings (church bells) work.

The Stanford ringers continue to meet weekly on Tuesday evenings to practice and Sunday mornings at 9.45 to ring for service. All ringers living in or visiting Stanford are always welcome to join any practice or service ringing.

We would also love to hear from anyone interested in becoming a ringer. It is suitable for almost anyone (from about age 10 and upwards). To find out more please speak to any of the ringers, contact us via e-mail at [StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com](mailto:StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com) or come and see the mini-ring on 19th June. *Jackie O'Hagan*

## St Denys' Handbell Ringers

We have been delighted to welcome some new members to our fun amateur group of musical handbell ringers and we have now begun practising some music to play at the village festival. Do come and see us and chat to us about the handbells and how we ring them. *Jackie O'Hagan*

(e-mail: [StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com](mailto:StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com))

## 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**

## Stanford Drama Group

**BOO HOO HOO!** It is with regret that we have had to postpone our planned July Panto dates. The Genie is back in the lamp until next February when Aladdin will, hopefully, win his princess

## BIG KNIT (Age UK)

Latest update for all Big Knitters in the village Having just been in contact with Age UK Oxfordshire, I am told that the 2022 collection of hats will be 'sometime' in July. As we had very short notice last year, coinciding with holidays, I would like to ask you to let me have any contributions by the end of June. If I am not in when you deliver, please include your name and phone number so that I can be in touch. Thank you for your continuing support of Age UK.

Jan

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## THANK YOU

A very sincere thank you to everyone who attended Tony Owen's funeral on 17th May, both the service in St. George's Church, Hatford, and the interment at Westmill Woodland Burial Ground. Thank you also for the many cards and messages of sympathy, sent to me, which have been a great comfort during this very sad time. *Joan Owen*

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022

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

**The Repair Coffee** will be open again on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the Coffee Shop from 12.00 until 2.00pm. We also will have a table at the Festival on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, mainly to offer advice on safety and repair and possible minor repairs.

We have been operating now for almost three years and have banked a fair amount of donations. We do need some of this money for new tools, Insurance etc but we also would like to buy or erect something to promote our sustainable cause for the village. We would like some suggestions; either to spend some money directly (about £500 in the first instance) or open a fund to get something much bigger and more expensive. Please send any suggestions to Derek Sayers email [reco@clara.co.uk](mailto:reco@clara.co.uk) or at one of our meetings.



## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations

**Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Football Field from 12.30 – 5.00 pm. More information in the Parish Council Newsletter**

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**Stanford in the Vale Local History Society**  
**Wednesday June 8th at 7,30 in the large Village Hall.** Shaw House: An Elizabethan Gem with Sarah Somerville

Guests welcome: Entrance Fee £5

## **FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A –** **THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

Faringdon Corn Exchange is delighted to host a talk by **Richard Rickitt on Introducing the Amazing Honey Bee** at 2.30pm. The greatest contribution of bees and other pollinators is the pollination of nearly ¾ of the plants that produce 90% of the world's food. A third of the world's food production depends on bees. Richard Rickitt is the editor of Bee Craft and keeps his bees at Westonbirt Arboretum. Passionate about this subject, his hobby grew into a job. He will explain lots of intriguing facts about bees.

Refreshments are available after the talk. All members are welcome, but visitors are required to pay £1.50 for each visit. *It is expected that all attendees will be fully vaccinated before coming to the talk and will be in good health. For everyone's safety please do not hesitate to stay at home if you are unwell.*

## **Chatterbox**

10 – 12 noon

Stanford Small Village Hall

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. ***We hope to see YOU there!***

**Stanford Art Group Monday 13th June, 7.30pm**  
**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**

Life Class with model, led by Christina Warttke-Dunbar  
Members £5 Visitors £10

**Stanford Summer Festival**  
**Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**On and around Church Green, St Denys Church and Stanford Village Hall**

**Programmes are with this newsletter**

Any extra help setting up and clearing away for the weekend would be greatly appreciated, along with any donations of gifts, books, children's toys, cakes and plants. - Phone **Janet 01367 710789** for any collections.

## **Stanford in the Vale WI**

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** in the Village Hall. Carol Mackay will be talking about Community Rescue and Emergency.

For enquiries please ring Annette on 01367710528.

## **STANFORD GARDENING CLUB**

On Wednesday, June 27th there will be a visit to a local garden. Details will be circulated to members.

Enquiries to Rosemary Packer: 01367 710445.

### **Gardening Tips for June.**

- Check plants daily and water them if the soil is dry — especially newly planted fruit trees and shrubs.
- Harden off any remaining half-hardy bedding plants ready for planting out.
- Use blinds or apply shade paint to prevent your greenhouse from overheating. Remember to open vents and doors on warm days.
- Keep on top of weeding. Your plants shouldn't have to compete for precious water, light, and nutrients

## **ST DENY'S CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

**When: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**Where: Stanford in the Vale Village Hall (Large Hall)**

**Time: 8.30 am for 8.45am start.**

**Talk by Anne de Leyser: "Releasing the blessing of God into our communities"**

**Booking is essential please as seats are limited.**

**Please leave a message on 01367718163, sign up in Church or email the Breakfast Team via [Womensbreakfast@stdenys.org](mailto:Womensbreakfast@stdenys.org) for further details and to reserve your place.**

*Wantage Sings*  
COMMUNITY CHOIR

## **Concert Of Colours**

**24th June Steventon Village Hall**

**25<sup>th</sup> June Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**

**Doors and Bar Open 7pm**

**Concert Starts 7.30pm**

**Ticket Price: £8.00 Adults**

**£6.00 Concession**

**[www.WantageSings.co.uk](http://www.WantageSings.co.uk)**

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**Artistic Craft Fair**  
www.faringdonartsociety.co.uk

**Saturday 2 July 2022**  
10am - 3pm  
Corn Exchange Faringdon SN7 7JA

Standford in the Vale makers can be found at this Summer fair!  
Local crafters and artisans show their talents and wares to those seeking unique gifts or skills.

Free Public Admission  
www.faringdonartsociety.co.uk

### Pre-school news – June 2022

Our new mud kitchen and wheelbarrows arrived this week. Again, these were purchased with a grant from the P.P.C who we are incredibly grateful for their support. The children have been very excited playing with their new equipment and have had just as much fun creating endless role play scenarios with the enormous cardboard boxes that they arrived in.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a picnic in the park towards the end of term with the children and their families. The children will be cooking and preparing items for the picnic which will result in multiple learning outcomes for them.

The Pre-school would be delighted to hear from any companies or individuals who would be interested in supporting the Pre-school financially. Due to a mixture of long- term insufficient funding from government (our only income) and rising financial costs the Pre-school continues to be in a very precarious financial state.

If you are interested in registering your child with us please visit [www.stanfordpreschool.org.uk](http://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 and Isla  
Year 4 - Harry & Merryn,  
Year 5 - Edward & Faith,  
Year 6 - Orlaith & Ruby

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**Foundation** As part of our topic 'Amazing Animals,' we have been watching our tadpoles grow and learning how to look after animals. We even got a visit from a newt in our outside area!

**Year One** We have been reading 'The Queen's Knickers,' as part of our topic 'What is a Monarch and what do they do?' We drew our versions of the Queen's knickers and wrote a letter to the Queen. Fingers crossed we will get a letter back!

**Year Two** Our topic is Me in my World. We went on a walk in the village to see what there is in the village. We had to spot things like trees, ponds, parks and the old fire station. In Maths we have been learning fractions.

**Year Three** Our topic is Stone Age - Iron Age so as part of this we went to the Wantage Museum. We got to hammer a piece of bronze to make an ornament. We have been creating Stonehenge sunsets with chalk.

**Year Four** Our topic is Asia. We have been studying a fairy tale called 'The Magic Paintbrush,' which is set in Asia. In Maths we have been looking at decimals. In PE we have been doing Athletics - vortex is my favourite.

**Year Five** Our topic is Ancient Greece. We enjoyed a trip to the Ashmolean Museum. In Art we have drawn and designed our own Greek vase. As part of our PE lessons, we have been learning Ultimate Frisbee.

**Year Six** We have recently completed our SATs and tried really hard. We also took part in Junior Citizen at the Fire Station in Oxford. While there we did loads of different safety activities, including water, fire, road and train safety.

#### **Memorial Day for Mr G**

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

