



**WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?**

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER  
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<b><u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</u></b>	<b><i>Trinity 3</i></b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	<b><i>Trinity 4</i></b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	<b><i>Trinity 5</i></b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<b><u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July</u></b>	<b><i>Trinity 6</i></b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<b><u>Sunday 3<sup>1st</sup> July</u></b>	<b><i>Trinity 7</i></b>
10.15 am	Holy Communion (Stanford)
<b><u>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</u></b>	<b><i>Trinity 8</i></b>
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:**

**Janet Causer**

**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.

**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 Villagers

**Stanford Village Compassion Fund**

Every day we read of inflation going up and every day, it seems our petrol/diesel costs are rising – let alone our utility bills!

As vicar, I am very conscious that despite whatever Government financial help may, or may not be offered in the coming months, there will be villagers who are really struggling financially. I am already hearing of families who have decided they cannot afford meat for their evening meal, and also, a few villagers who are not attending hospital appointments as they could not afford public transport, or to make an donation to our volunteer Village Taxi Scheme to hospital etc.

So, this month I want to share a few things and, that as ever, I hope our village shall rally round to support those in need.

**Firstly**, as a church, we are launching a **Stanford Village Compassion Fund**, into which people can make small donations, such as £1 or £2 per month via a Standing Order, or a one-off gift. This Fund will then allow me, in consultation with our Church Wardens, to make one off strategic emergency grants to individuals in urgent need. The Fund is not meant to be a permanent source of help, but a one-off help to an individual, or a family. We will soon be making some publicity available, but if you wish to donate, simply send your donation via BACS to: Lloyds Bank, Account: Stanford PCC St Denys Church, Account No: 00109758, and Sort Code: 30.93.18 . Please add: Village Compassion Fund, or VCP. We will ONLY use these funds for this purpose, and not for another church purpose. St Denys is a charity, so if you are a taxpayer, please let us know and we can send you a Gift Aid form, increasing your gift by 25%. Thank you.

**Secondly**, we wish to make widely available the details of groups, charities etc which can provide more **long-term advice and help** with things such as money/budget planning, cooking on a budget, managing debt etc. Quick signposting of people to the right support will be vital.



**Thirdly**, as many will know, the Church co-ordinates a **Volunteer Taxi Scheme** (Margorie Gooding 710656), where for a small donation (£5 Return to Wantage/Faringdon Surgery, or £10 to Oxford or Swindon Hospitals), volunteers will take you to the appointments. If you have an appointment and cannot afford such a donation, just let me know and the VCF will cover the donation for petrol/diesel direct. I do not want ANY villager missing a medical or other professional appointment due to finance.

**Fourthly**, I am in talks with the **Faringdon Food Bank** as to how we might support them further as a village in terms of donating goods at the COOP and, how we might use Vouchers so that our villagers in need can access their help. I'll keep you posted.

It is clear that the coming year will not be easy for many, financially, but we as a church community will do all we can to support pastorally and practically, and I am confident that as a village, we shall pull together and support those in need.

I will soon set out the **Grant Criteria** for making strategic grants to those in need, and where people can access Grant Application forms, but for now, if you can help with a one-off gift or, set up a standing order, even for £1 a month, it will all help and with multiples, it will soon build up.

Each month at the bottom of my Vicar letter I will let you know much has been received, and how much has been given out in Grant (obviously no names). Only myself and our church treasurer shall know the names of those who apply, and are given money, so that hopefully, people will come forward when they need help and not be embarrassed. Confidentiality is guaranteed. Thank you all. Yours *Paul*

**Revd Paul Eddy, Vicar**  
**vicar@stdenys.org**

### **Stanford Jubilee Celebrations**

Thank you to all the people who came up to the football field on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> to share their picnics and enjoy celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee together.

- Many thanks to Stanford PPC for providing funds so that we could surprise many people and offer them most things free to everyone. This was greatly appreciated.
- Our thanks to the Scouts, Stanford School and the Church for lending their tents.
- Thanks to those people who offered their help during the afternoon.
- A special thanks to all who donated cakes.
- Thank you to Justin Riggs for providing the pig roast and help transporting things from one place to another.
- The Jenkins family for organising the BBQ

- The History Group for their interesting display, the children who decorated a plate, Angie's Castles for providing bouncy castles, Jae and Dirl Deeds for their music.

An enjoyable, memorable celebration enjoyed by all who attended. *Parish Council, Football Club and Village Hall representatives*

### **Stanford Summer Festival June 2022**

What a fab weekend. It was so lovely to be out on the Green both days even if rather cold and damp. Sunday was better leading to a fabulous weekend with so many people around just enjoying the occasion. Thank you, God.

So many other thank you's needed.

- Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who helped set up and clear away on both days. Many hands certainly made things so much easier.
- Thank you to all the local firms who sponsored the entertainment so that we could offer it free or gave raffle prizes.
- Thank you to all the organisations for your beautiful contributions to the flower festival in the Church and for running the various stalls and side shows on Sunday.
- Thank you to all the children from Stanford School who entertained everyone with their singing; Sophie, Kayleigh and Verity for leading the festival procession with Bert and Sarah.
- Thank you to Amanda and Stuart Matthews for sharing all their animal critters, especially the piglets.
- Thank you to the St Denys hand bell ringers.
- Thank you for all the gifts and donations.
- Thank you to all the helpers who worked so hard throughout the weekend. Thank you to all who just came enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and supported the event.
- Thank you all for making it such an enjoyable weekend with a great community feel. On the money side, we are still waiting for donations from some organisations but the Church profits are over £3200.00 after paying all the expenses. Many thanks. Janet Warren

**JOHN CROOK** Carole, Sandra, Alison and Nicola would like to thank everybody for their kind cards, messages and support after the sad loss of John. Also, a very big thank you for the donations in lieu of flowers of £618.60 which will be divided between RNLI and Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

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### Webbing caterpillars

At this time of year many of the local hedgerows and trees are covered in silky webs created by caterpillars to deter birds.

This year, webs are widespread in the Parish, largely affecting hawthorn trees and hedges as well as a few saplings in the Community Woodland. These have been checked and are not hairy. They are likely to be harmless ermine moth caterpillars, commonly found on hawthorn, blackthorn, wild cherry, bird cherry, willows and apples. The caterpillars should be gone by end of June/July, and the affected trees and hedges should recover.

Although these webs are unsightly, they are harmless, but it is always advisable to keep away from affected hedges and trees. Also, it is worth restating general advice not to touch, or allow your dogs or children to touch, any hairy caterpillars or their webs, as the hairs can be toxic.



**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](http://www.faringdonartsociety.co.uk)

**The Repair Coffee** will be open again on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in the Coffee Shop from 12.00 until 2.00pm. 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.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 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**

**Faringdon & District u3a - Meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The speaker will be **Helen Plumb**, talking about Glorious Coloured Gemstones in the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30pm on Thursday 14th July. Helen will explain some of the key attributes of minerals which make desirable gemstones. We shall all learn new intriguing and surprising facts about gems - and become more knowledgeable than the average jeweller! Helen will bring a selection of loose gemstones for members to handle and will encourage questions about all aspects of gemstones and gem set jewellery. Members are welcome to bring in gems for identification. After the talk refreshments will be available for everyone. Visitors are also welcome but must pay a £1.50 entrance fee.

**Please remember all those wishing to attend the meeting must be vaccinated to the recommended level and should be in good health. This is to ensure that we protect all vulnerable members. If in doubt please stay home**

**HATFORD VILLAGE FETE**

**Saturday 16th July 2022**

**Hatford Village Green 2pm to 4pm**

Everyone is welcome to come to our Fete. Lots of bargains on the stalls including White Elephant, Cakes and Produce, Books, etc. super prizes to be won in the Bumper Raffle and on the Tombola, have a go at the Coconut Shy and other games.

Relax and enjoy a delicious cream tea in the Churchyard. Enquiries: please ring Pam 01367 710593 or Joan 710562 Please come along and support us.

**All profits are going to St. George's Church Preservation Fund**

**Stanford in the Vale WI**

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** in the Village Hall. Lynda Warren will be talking about The Mystery of Agatha Christie. For enquiries, please ring Annette on 01367710528.

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**ANCIENT STANFORD BROUGHT TO LIFE –  
POP-UP MUSEUM AND NEW EXCAVATIONS**

VILLAGE HALL AND MILLENNIUM GREEN

STANFORD IN THE VALE

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 16-17 JULY - ENTRY FREE  
A FAMILY EVENT FOR ALL!**

- Recent finds and photos of old Stanford in the Large Hall, Saturday, 11.00-5.00 and Sunday, 11.00-2.00.
- Illustrated talk by Project Director David Ashby, Sunday, 3.00;
- Test pit digging on Millennium Green by a team of archaeologists from the University of Winchester, 10.00-5.00 both days.

**Pre-school news – July 2022**

We had a wonderful Jubilee Picnic with lots of games and races before coming inside for a Picnic. The children enjoyed sharing out the sandwiches and cakes that they made. Also, thanks to the P.P.C each child was given a commemorative Platinum Jubilee water bottle.

We have been learning all about Bees with a visitor from the village who keeps bees. The children asked lots of interesting questions and enjoyed getting 'hands on' with the some of the equipment and looking at lots of photographs.

This term we will be spending lots of time preparing those children going off to school for the transition.

We will also be making our display for the church at the Village Festival.

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



**Year Four went to Hill End for an overnight residential.** They all had an amazing time doing lots of activities outside, including orienteering, team building activities, a nature trail and forest school activities. The children enjoyed a barbecue dinner followed by s'mores and hot chocolate and a massive breakfast. It was an amazing experience and so lovely to see the children so independent, confident and happy. They definitely demonstrated they could 'work together and achieve together.'

**On Friday 27th May we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** We had a fabulous day. The morning was spent learning about the Queen and her 70 years on the throne then at lunchtime we came together for a picnic lunch with jelly and ice cream. We then took part in some disco dancing, with every class leading a dance. Parents and Grandparents came to join us at 2pm for tea and cake. We announced our Bake Off winners and every child received a commemorative coin, kindly purchased by FOSS.

**On Friday 17th June we held a Father's Day Service at St Denys Church.** Over a hundred parents attended the service including lots of dads. Sunflower and Snowdrop Class sang a song to show their love for their dads. Orchid Class spoke about things their dads had taught them. Bluebell and Poppy Class sang the song D.A.D.D.Y with actions. Buttercup Class produced paintings of their dads and spoke about why they love them. Forget-me-not Class produced a Father's Day prayer.

**The choir went to Dorchester Abbey to take part in the 37<sup>th</sup> Oxfordshire Festival of Voices.** They sang alongside six other choirs from other Oxfordshire schools. They sang fifteen different songs. The mass choir sounded beautiful, made more magical in such a stunning setting.

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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