



## PARISH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

### **SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February *Presentation of Christ***

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February *Third before Lent***

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4  
6.00 pm Evensong at All Saints, Goosey

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February *Sunday before Lent***

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

12.30pm Lent Lunch

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February *Lent 1***

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4  
6.00 pm Evensong at St Georges,  
Hatford

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

12.30pm Lent Lunch

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March *Lent 2***

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4

### In Memory

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

**Bob Ely**  
**Gladys Varney**  
**Kathleen Swan**  
**Pam Speed**

**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.

### **Lent Lunches**

At lunchtime on **Thursdays in Lent**  
**In the church, 12.30-1.30 on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Snack lunch of home-made soup and bread *Come and join us*

### **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	

### **HELP**

### **Volunteer Taxi Service**

We **STILL** need someone to take on coordinating the **Village Volunteer Taxi Service** as Marjorie Gooding has given this up. This is an essential service that arranges transport to medical and dental appointments for villagers who have difficulties getting there.

It involves taking phone calls requesting transport then sending out an e mail to the drivers list asking for a volunteer to answer the request. Then just coordinating the results. You do not have to be a driver, and this can all be done from home.

The number of requests goes up and down, but this service is greatly appreciated. And essential to many, many villagers. **Can you help? Someone is needed to coordinate this service!**

In the meantime, phone or email Janet if you are requiring a lift - 01367 710789 /

[jmwarren302@gmail.com](mailto:jmwarren302@gmail.com)

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## The Village Hall Management Committee Christmas Bingo and Quiz Night

Thank you very much to all the businesses, groups and individuals who provided the wonderful variety of prizes for the Christmas Bingo. Thank you, too, to everyone who turned up on the night and thereby helped to raise £650 for the hall funds. The Quiz Night, with the interesting questions posed by Kate Guest and a tasty ploughman's supper, was greatly enjoyed by all who took part. We thank the participants for their support of this event. The next Quiz Night is on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Well done all and thank you again.  
Janet Warren (Chairman)

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

**7.30 pm Stanford in the Vale Parish Council Meeting in Stanford in the Vale School Hall** - check noticeboards or Parish Council website for details. Note change of venue!  
Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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*to be performed by*

## Stanford Drama Group

Come and join us for the Village Pantomime on  
**Thursday 2 February,**  
**Friday 3 February or**  
**Saturday 4 February (matinee and evening performances) 2023**

**Evening performances commence at 7.30pm and the Matinee at 2.30pm**

**Tickets (£8/£6) are available from Stanford Coffee Shop (cash only)**

*Bar available for evening performances*

### CHATTERBOX every Thursday

We are open again 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!

### Repair Café

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February ADVICE DESK in the Coffee shop 12.00 – 2.00pm**, where we can discuss whether we can effect a repair at the Social Club.

We meet on Saturday **19<sup>th</sup> in the Social Club 11.00am until 3.00pm** where there is more room for repairs. We are also keen to get more volunteers at the Social Club meeting. You do not need to be especially skilful just willing to help. Also we would like to arrange a special haberdashery day in the future and we would like more people who can sew buttons and hems etc..  
Contact us on 01367 701283 or  
[stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk](mailto:stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk)

### Stanford in the Vale Local History Society Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 in the large Village Hall

CROPREDY- DEVELOPING THE ARCHEOLOGY OF A VILLAGE -STEPHEN WASS - LANDSCAPE ARCHEOLOGIST

The meeting will start with a very short AGM  
All visitors welcome - £5 entrance fee.

### Faringdon & District U3A – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The speaker at the February meeting is **Chris Taylor** who will talk about **Being a Test Pilot**. The meeting starts at 2.30pm in the Corn Exchange in Faringdon. Chris wanted to be a pilot as long as he can remember and was able to gain a private pilot's licence at the age of 17. He joined the Royal Navy while studying for a degree in electrical engineering, and also after serving as a Navigation Officer on numerous ships. This talk attempts to draw on the experiences of Chris's career, and to explain why test pilots are necessary, how they go about their jobs, and how they make aircraft safer for us all to fly in as a result. The comprehensively illustrated talk is deliberately light-hearted and humorous with only enough technical information to be able to understand the particular story being described.

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Refreshments are available afterwards for everyone. All members are welcome, but visitors are required to donate £1.50 towards the costs. Please note that everyone attending is required to be in good health. If in doubt, please stay at home for everyone's protection.

### **Stanford in the Vale WI**

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023** in the Village Hall. Jo Webster will be talking about **Magic Mosaics**. For enquiries please ring Annette on 01367710528

**Millennium Green Trust AGM rescheduled for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in Stanford School Hall. All welcome**

For more information contact Rosemary Packer. Tel. 01367 710445

### **Gardening Tips for February**

- Prepare Vegetable Seed Beds and sow vegetable seed under cover.
- Chit Potato Tubers.
- Protect Blossom on Apricots, Nectarines and Peaches.
- Divide Bulbs such as Snowdrops and plant those that need planting "In the Green".
- Lily bulbs can be planted in pots in a cool greenhouse.
- Stored Dahlia Tubers can be started into growth.
- Don't forget the birds especially if we get frost and snow.



**St Denys' Church invites you to a Women's Breakfast on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Large Village Hall.**

**Time: 8.30am for 8.45am start. Following our usual "Continental" breakfast. There will be a talk by Karen Vogt and Katie Foot: "Faith in action".**

To secure your place, please contact the team via email- [womensbreakfast@stdenys.org](mailto:womensbreakfast@stdenys.org), leave a message on 01367718163 or sign up in Church. We look forward to seeing you!

*There is no charge but donations towards the cost of the breakfast are greatly appreciated.*

### **Pre-school news – February 2023**

The children have settled back in well after the Christmas break. We are welcoming 5 new families to the Pre-school, and we are enjoying getting to know them and their children.

The children have been interested in finding out about robots and we have tied this to lots of learning opportunities for all areas of learning including using our robot voices for literacy activities, 3d modelling, practising our scissor skills, stories and rhymes and music and movement.

We have been talking about the weather and investigating ice and frost outside, making predictions about what might happen and learning about thermometers and how they work.

The Pre-school collected a large amount of food items

### **STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB**

**The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.**

The speaker will be Petra Hoyer Miller and the title of her talk is 'Beauty in decay: Plants that die nicely'.

Refreshments and a Raffle.

Visitors will be welcome for a £3.00 entry fee.

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for the Wantage and Grove food bank in December – thank you to everyone that donated. The food bank are receiving record amounts of requests for help and are struggling to keep up with demand. **We have decided that in order to help we will keep a permanent box outside of the Pre-school for people to leave donations in and we will drop them off once a month.**

We have now signed up as a good cause on the new White Horse Lottery. This is a great way to support the Pre-school and also win some money yourself. Information on how to join can be found here: <https://www.whitehorselottery.co.uk>

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 - William and Daisy,
- Year 2 - William and Mara,
- Year 3 - Mary and Dylan,
- Year 4 - Jake and Evie,
- Year 5 - Jasmine and Lily,
- Year 6 - Amelia and Lewis

We have been working hard on our new topics since our return to school in January.

**Foundation** - Our enquiry question is 'What toys did my family have when they grew up?'. We have been working hard in Phonics and went searching for 'Sock Thing' which we found out was from Kippers toybox. We have also drawn Kipper, made Sock Thing and have been exploring squares and rectangles.

**Year One** - Our enquiry question is 'How did people communicate without WIFI?'. We have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes in maths, such as hexagons and octagons. We have been learning to dance in PE, focusing on the weather and seasons. Forest School has been flooded this week! But our favourite thing is the zip wire and the base we're making.

**Year Two** - Our enquiry question is 'What did Brunel do for Swindon?'. In Science, we have been learning about transparent objects and thinking what problems there would be if everything was transparent. We don't think it would be very good if you were going to the toilet! In maths we have been looking at money and using the symbols for pounds and pence.

**Year Three** - Our enquiry question is 'How do plants thrive?'. We have been reminding ourselves about the parts of a plant, such as the stem and stalk and have written a non-chronological report about plants. We have started swimming on Friday mornings which is really fun! And we are also learning to roll in gymnastics.

**Year Four** - Our enquiry question is 'How do volcanoes and earthquakes impact the settlement of humans?'. We have been looking at Mount Everest and Mount Snowdon in Geography, as well as reading map coordinates to locate place in Snowdonia. We are looking at the Japanese artist Hokusai and exploring his drawing of the Great Wave. We have also been working hard in maths finding factor pairs.

**Year Five** - Our enquiry question is 'Are our actions damaging the World we share?'. In Science we are learning about forces, we also made our own parachutes! In PE we are working on improving our orienteering skills as well as learning to play football. We are also using recyclable materials to create art.

**Year Six** - Our enquiry question is 'What links Mary Anning and Charles Darwin?'. In Art we have been discovering digital art and media and in Music we are learning to perform songs inspired by Benjamin Britten. We are also exploring living things and their habitats in Science.

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

We have a few spaces in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 6 classes. If interested, please do contact Oxfordshire County Council admissions.

Lastly, we would be extremely grateful if anyone is able to help hear readers or help out with cycling proficiency. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

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

To include items in March's newsletter please send to [jmwarren302@gmail.com](mailto:jmwarren302@gmail.com) or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Late items can no long be accepted**

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