



PARISH NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2023

**SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023**

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

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

12.30pm Lent Lunch

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March Lent 3**

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

12.30pm Lent Lunch

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March Lent 4**

**Mothers' Sunday**  
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

12.30pm Lent Lunch

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March Lent 5**

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

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

12.30pm Lent Lunch

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday**

4.00 pm Joint Service at 4pm with  
Denys@4

**In Memory**

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

Richard Jennings  
Norma Vallis  
Betty Puttock  
Wendy Nicholls  
Lesley Middleton  
Jim Fitzgerald

**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.

We apologise for closing the church for a couple of days in February. This step was taken as there had been a spate of minor events recently, with things being thrown around in the church and particularly the kitchen during the time of opening. We would like to be able to keep the church open as much as possible for visitors and private prayer, and hope that there will be no further episodes. Many thanks,  
Nigel Archer and Maz Galley, Church Wardens

**Lent Lunches**

At lunchtime on **Thursdays in Lent**  
**In the church, 12.30-1.30 on 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	

**Vicars Write**

ON February 19, I commemorated 10 years here as your vicar.

Over that time, it has been my privilege to get to know so many villagers – regardless of whether they go to church, or not. Indeed, I've always said 60% of my week is spent in non-church meetings/activities, which I thoroughly enjoy.

One of the privileges of being a vicar is journeying with

families through the various life events, from baptisms to weddings and of course, funerals, and in the subsequent stages of bereavements. Then there are redundancies, relationship, and family issues and increasingly, liaising on behalf of parishioners with local Government and with you MP to get help.

After 10 years you start to find you have journeys with certain families through these, and many other life events. It is a real honour, and a privilege so thank you for sharing such intimate seasons of your lives with your vicar.

This last year has also been one of growth and new starts for us as a parish after many years of sowing.

In October we started Denys@4, a weekly 4pm service for families. Informal, relaxed around tables and always with food!

And in September we did a Pilot series of Evensongs at Goosey & Hatford and because of the popularity, we now have an Evening Service in Goosey Chapel at 6pm on the second Sunday of the month, and on the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, in St George, Hatford.

Our 1015am Sunday service remains a faithful 25/30, but with these two services, it's common for us to have 90/100 adults and children worshipping on a Sunday in one of our three churches in the parish. So, after a 'thank you', a big welcome' to those who have joined our church community.

Stanford, Goosey & Hatford is a great community to serve and work in. Thank you for the past 10 years and as ever, if I can help, please do not hesitate to contact me via [vicar@stdenys.org](mailto:vicar@stdenys.org) or 01367 710267.

Yours Paul **Revd Paul Eddy** Vicar

### Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital Taxi Service

From March 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Huby will be taking over the coordinating of this valuable service.

**There will be a change to the process.** Should you require a lift for a hospital or dental appointment - call **05603 660 122** which has been set up for voicemails only. Leave a message stating your name and the location, date and time of your appointments. One of our drivers will then be in contact with you - please allow 3 to 4 days for a response.

**New drivers would be very welcome. Contact Dan on 05603 660 122.**

### STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

Stanford Drama group would like to thank everyone who supported us during our recent production of 'Aladdin'. We hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing it.

#### Many 'Thank You's'

- To all the regular groups who gave up their bookings for us.
  - To 'Ash' for being 'removal man'.
  - To Nick Ponting for storage.
  - To the Coffee Shop for selling our tickets
- See you all at our next production.

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

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

### OPEN MIC NIGHTS in the village:

These start at **8pm every 1st Wednesday** of the month in the Horse and Jockey and every 3rd Thursday of the month in the Social Club (no need to be a Social Club member to attend the open mics). Come along to enjoy a fun night of free entertainment and/or to perform to an enthusiastic audience.

### Repair Café

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 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)**

**VILLAGE VOICES** – an hour of 'singing for fun' – on Thursdays at 7pm (not 9<sup>th</sup> March) in St. Denys' church. Do come and join us. No previous experience or special musical knowledge necessary. More information from Margaret Williams - 710254

**Stanford in the Vale Local History Society  
Wednesday 8th March at 7.30 in the large  
Village Hall**

**BLACK WANTAGE** - A sink of Iniquity full of drunks,  
murderers and thieves Fact or Fiction ?

With MELVIN SEABORNE

Visitors welcome £5 admission fee

**FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A  
on Thursday 9th March 2023**

David Lacey will examine three ways of looking at the world in this month's talk "Cloth from Thread, Curd from Milk and Ring of Gold". Talking in the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. David hopes to open our eyes to seeing the world. He intends to examine the thinking framework which we use to interpret the facts and considers that they are the glasses through which we see the world, and hopes to open our eyes to seeing the world afresh.

This will certainly be rather different from many of our talks which are mainly about facts and unfamiliar life situations. All members are welcome to attend the talk and to enjoy the refreshments afterwards. Visitors are also welcome but are required to make a £1.50 contribution.

**A GRAND JUMBLE SALE  
will be held in  
STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL  
On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
2pm to 4 pm**

Come along and pick up a bargain!  
New and nearly new Clothes, Toys,  
Bric-à-brac – Books - DVDs - Games,  
Bumper Raffle with Super Prizes  
Refreshments available

Organised by HATFORD PARISH COMMITTEE in aid  
of **ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH PRESERVATION FUND**  
Enquiries to: Joan 01367 710562 or Claire 078806  
22177

**Stanford in the Vale WI**

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023** in the Village Hall.  
This will be the AGM.

However, *next* month's meeting on **Wednesday  
19<sup>th</sup> April**, will be a **Puddings and Prosecco**  
evening... For enquiries, please ring Annette  
on 01367710528

**St Deny's Handbell Ringers**

Come and join our handbell ringing group!

- Relaxed and friendly group
- Welcoming all ages
- No prior musical experience required (although good rhythm is a plus!)

We practice **every Wednesday 8-10pm** in the **small Village Hall in Stanford in the Vale**, and perform a number of times a year raising money for charity. If interested, please e-mail:

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

**St Deny's Church invite you all to  
Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Come for a **FREE**, delicious **Afternoon Tea** in  
**Stanford in the Vale Village Hall** All welcome  
and bring a friend. **2.30-4.30pm**

**STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB**

The March meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 22nd at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall**. Something a bit different this month. Ruth Gerring will give us a guide to "Drawing the Flowers in Our Garden". Come along and have a go. Refreshments and a Raffle.

Visitors will be welcome for a £3.00 entry fee.

For more information contact Rosemary Packer. Tel. 01367 710445

**Gardening Tips for March**

- Prune Bush and Climbing Roses.
- Plant Shallots, Onion Sets and Early Potatoes.
- Plant Summer-flowering Bulbs.
- Lift and Divide Overgrown Clumps of Perennials.
- Top Dress Containers With Fresh Compost.
- Mow the Lawn on dry days (if needed).
- Protect New Spring Shoots From Slugs.

**Churchyard Working Party**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 9.30- 2.30pm**

Can you spare some time on 25<sup>th</sup> March to help maintain our Churchyard? Main tasks will be collecting broken branches, pruning, trimming, and raking. Longer grass areas may need strimming and also mowing.

Please bring tools for the above tasks.

We had an excellent time in October last year so hope we can repeat that experience.

If interested please email [cpngill46@gmail.com](mailto:cpngill46@gmail.com).

01367 718224

Hope to see you there!!

Peter Gill- St Denys Church

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## Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

### Grand Quiz Night

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

£24 per team of 4 if prior notice given,  
or £30 at the door,

both including ploughman's supper.

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm. Raffle and Bar

Contact: J. Warren 01367 710789

## ADVANCE NOTICES



Throughout the country plans are being made to *Ring for the King* at the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May 2023.

For hundreds of years church bells have rung out, not only to call communities to worship, but also to celebrate special occasions, in remembrance of others and to signify special events. They are part of the soundscape of the UK. In June 2022 we celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with the sound of bells. Bells also rang out with a muffled sound throughout the nation as a mark of respect at her passing in September 2022.

Following the announcement of King Charles' Coronation, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has initiated an appeal to recruit more ringers so they are trained in time to Ring for the King.

Would you like to be part of that?

To find out more please, visit us in the church tower on a Tuesday (7.30-9pm) or Sunday (9.45-10.15am) (ideally contact us in advance via e-mail at [StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com](mailto:StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com)).

Jackie O'Hagan



## King Charles Coronation Village Celebrations

The Parish Council would like to invite you all to join in the Coronation

Celebrations of his Majesty King Charles by organising a street party for your local community. This will be chance to meet your neighbours in a fun way and an opportunity for all to join in.

Initially we are looking for volunteers to organise and co-ordinate a party in an area of Stanford near where you live. If you are interested, please contact

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Janet on [jmwarren302@gmail.com](mailto:jmwarren302@gmail.com) or 01367 710789 giving your contact details - e mail/ phone number.

This could be held on either Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May or Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Nearer the time we will publish a list of when and where the street parties are being held so that if there is not one being organised near you, you could join in one of the others. It is our wish that no one should feel excluded from this village event and so feel free to contact Janet to either get involve or to get details about a street party local to you.

If you like the idea but do not know where to start visit [www.streetparty.org.uk](http://www.streetparty.org.uk) for information about how to organise a street party or

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/celebrations-for-the-kings-coronation> for more information.

More details next month.

## Pre-school news – March 2023

We have had a busy term again. The children have enjoyed watching and recording the birds we see in our garden. They have really begun to become familiar with the regular visitors and have been looking out for them in their own gardens too.

The children made pizzas as our cooking activity this term with lots of opportunities to practice their cutting, spreading, grating and spooning skills as well as talking about the importance of healthy eating.

We took part in a Real Play taster session where parents and children took part in lots of physical activities and had a lot of fun.

We got very messy with some fun sensory/messy activities this term including gloopy paint and wet and dry oats!

The Pre-school will now keep a permanent box outside of the Pre-school for people to leave donations in for the foodbank. The foodbank is reporting high demand for parcels at the moment and is particularly short of tinned fruit, vegetables and puddings.

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 had a busy term!

### Stanford's Got Talent

On Wednesday 25th January, we held our annual Stanford's Got Talent. Well done to all the performers, who wowed us with their talents! We had singers, dancers, comedians, instrumentalists, and a swimming routine! Thank you and well done to all the performers! Many thanks to the Year 6 comperes, technical support assistant/stage hand, Mr Woodman and Mrs Dharmasiri for organising the evening. Thanks also to FOSS for serving refreshments during the evening performance.

### Children's Mental Health and Safer Internet Week

From the 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February was Children's Mental Health Week; this year's theme was "lets connect". We started the week with a whole school assembly discussing ways in which we

already connect with others and thinking about how it makes us feel when someone connects with us.

Various activities were carried out throughout the week in each class. Sunflower class cut out and designed their own people paper chains, went outside to be active and focused on their breathing. Snowdrop class worked together to play games, gave each other hand and back massages, and connected with Year 5 for some reading. Buttercup class made some "connect" posters, gingerbread man which they joined together and learnt how to make a fortune teller! Our KS2 classes designed jigsaw pieces, made thank you cards and explored the story of Enzo's Egg.

Forget me not class were all secretly given the name of someone else in the class with whom they had to connect. They had to carry out some random acts of kindness for this person and also try to connect with them during the week, through talking to them and also writing them a postcard. At the end of the week they all had to guess who their secret person had been. Acts of kindness included compliments, a cheery morning greeting, helping put out their chair and tray in the mornings or leaving a happy note in a pencil case.

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day, the theme this year was "Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online". Our KS2 classes joined the BBC for their live Safer Internet Day lesson, children were challenged to solve safety issues online and designed their own advice posters. Foundation and KS1 also discussed being safe online and knowing who to tell if you have any concerns.

### Steam Museum

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January Buttercup class were transported back over 150 years to the Steam Museum in Swindon where they helped build trains, found out how steam is made and discovered how much work went into making a carriage for Queen Victoria.

### Living Rainforest

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Bluebell class went to The Living Rainforest to have a look at some

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different plants that grow around the world. We found out where in the world rainforests can be found and we learnt about how the rainforest provides food for animals, including us! The vanilla pods smelt delicious but the cocoa beans didn't smell as good as we had expected! As well as looking at some amazing plants, we met a lot of rainforest animals such as the poison dart frog, Cinnamon the Sloth and an armadillo to name a few! It was a fantastic trip!

### **Earthquakes and Volcanoes Workshop**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February Poppy Class had a visit from a Volcanologist, she taught us lots about where and how earthquakes occur as well as showing us pictures of her visiting erupting volcanoes! We had the chance to study some rocks, labelled the parts of a volcano and conducted our own experiment, which involved party poppers! It was great fun!

### **Forget-me-not Charity Stalls**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February Year Six organise their own charity stalls as part of their PSHE work. They ran a variety of stalls - cake stall, tombola, face painting, name the teddy, number of sweets in the jar, lucky dip and pin the trunk on the elephant. Thank you to everyone who supported them. They raised £314.11 for Cancer research.

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.

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**Late items can no long be accepted**