



PARISH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2023

Friday 31st March

9.30 am Stanford School Easter Service

Holy Week

Sunday 2nd April *Palm Sunday*
10.15 am Holy Communion
4.00 pm Denys@4

Thursday 6th April *Maundy Thursday*
7.00 pm Meal and Reflections on
the last supper

Friday 7th April *Good Friday*
2.00 – 3.00 pm Final Hours Service

Sunday 9th April *Easter Day*
10.15am Family Communion (Stanford)
4.00pm Denys@4 easter celebration &
Easter Egg Hunt!
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints, Goosey

Sunday 16th April *Easter 2*
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 23rd April *Easter 3*
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4
6.00 pm Evensong at St Georges, Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 30th April *Easter 4*
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 7th May *Easter 5*
Coronation Weekend
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:

Donald Norton

Tim Senior

Daphne Turvey

Bruce Adey

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.

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 of Gladys Varney.

Yvonne, Carole and Sara would like to pass on their sincere thanks for all the kind messages, cards, flowers and condolences received after the sad and recent passing of our Mum Gladys Varney. Also for the generous donations to date of £170 from the service made to Witney Community Hospital. To know that Mum was well loved and thought of in the village by so many, means so much to us all'



If you've ever wanted to try the ancient art of church bell ringing, the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles on 6 May 2023 is an ideal opportunity.

Part of British life for centuries, ringing church bells requires a blend of physical exercise and mental agility. The skill can be learnt by adults and youngster aged from 10 upwards. It takes 10-15 hours to pick up the absolute basics and a bit longer to develop the basics into a skill which

might then develop into a major interest.
Would you like to be part of the 2023 Coronation Ring?
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).

Jackie O'Hagan

Be a life saver in Stanford

Stanford has had a Community First Responder (CFR) team for about 15 years. Currently, there are just two of us and we are looking for more villagers to join the team.

CFRs are volunteers who are trained by the ambulance service to provide essential life-saving treatment and support during those crucial minutes before an ambulance crew arrives. This includes treating patients of all ages suffering a life-threatening emergency such as cardiac arrest, heart attack, chest pain, breathing difficulties or a stroke. Because CFRs only respond to emergencies in the area where they live or work, they can arrive at the scene before an ambulance gets there. In this way, they are able to start life-saving medical treatment earlier.

So, if you want to make a life-saving difference in Stanford and the surrounding area, why not find out how to become a CFR.

For more information, please contact Les Harding (les.harding@sca-charity.org.uk).

CFRs really do help save lives.

Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital Taxi Service

From March 1st Dan Huby has taken 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.

Wednesday 5th April 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 1st April 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 19th** in the Social Club 11.00am until 3.00pm where there is more room for repairs **Note: Please contact us before the day and let us know the time you will be coming**

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

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL at 7.30 in the LARGE VILLAGE HALL

STORIES OF OXFORD CASTLE with MARK DAVIES
Visitors welcome £5 fee

VILLAGE VOICES – an hour of ‘singing for fun’ – on Thursdays at 7pm in St. Denys’ church. Do come and join us. No previous experience or special musical knowledge necessary. More information from Margaret Williams - 710254

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FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A MEETING ON THURSDAY 13TH APRIL '23

Faringdon & district U3A will hold their April meeting in the Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. It will start with a short AGM and will be followed by a talk by **Lynda Warren**. The topic will be **Agatha Christie, her life, her books and characters including her disappearance**. Agatha Christie is the world's best known mystery author. Lynda will talk about her most famous characters like the retired Belgian detective Hercule Poirot and the elderly spinster Miss Marple, an amateur detective. Everyone is welcome to attend and to enjoy the cakes after the talk. Visitors are required to pay £1.50 towards costs. NB Please note that all attendees are required to be in good health and up to date with their vaccinations. If in doubt, please play safe and stay at home.

Ladies,

Did you know Stanford in the Vale has a thriving Women's Institute; we are a friendly bunch who meet every 3rd Wednesday at 7.30pm in the village hall. We have a variety of speakers and activities such as self-defence, yoga, wine tasting, first aid, antiques.....

There are always refreshments and a warm welcome provided. Why not join us for our:

Pudding and Prosecco Evening Stanford in the Vale Village Hall 19th April 2023 7.30pm

For more information and to give us some idea of numbers, call, or text Claire on 07493 854078 or Annette on 07889 234361

STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall. The speaker will be Timothy Walker, lecturer and former director of Oxford Botanic Garden. His subject will be "Bordering on Insanity".

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 April

- Sow hardy annuals, such as love-in-a-mist and pot marigolds, as well as native wildflowers into gaps in borders.
- Protect the new shoots of hostas, delphiniums, lupins etc from slugs and snails.
- Continue deadheading spring bulbs and bedding, so that they don't waste energy setting seed.
- Sow sweet peas in their flowering position and/or transplant those sown in the autumn.
- Reinvigorate mature clumps of hardy perennials by dividing and replanting.
- Check for aphids on roses and rub them off before they can multiply.

Stanford Summer Festival

**Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July
2023**

Pre-school news – April 2023

The children took part in a Scavenger Hunt over half term and enjoyed bringing in the bag of things they collected to share with their friends at group time. Some of them wanted to make collages using the items and then they have been displayed up on the wall.

We had a visit from PCSO David Bullock to read us his story about PC Ben and the work of the police. The children loved meeting him and came up with some excellent questions. We then set up a Police station role play area that the children have enjoyed spending time in.

We also had a visit from Jo the librarian from Wantage Library who came in to help us celebrate World Book Day. She shared some stories with us that she liked, and the children also enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with her, the staff and their friends.

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

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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 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

STEAM Week

The week beginning 13th March was STEAM week, as a school we participated in lessons focusing on the 5 areas of STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. We have been designing spaghetti structures, experimental paper cities, baking, planting seeds, designing and making games with magnets, exploring edible slime, making bubbles and catapults!

Foundation

This term Foundation have been thinking about 'What grows in our garden?', they have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk, planted their very own beanstalks and bulbs, created scarecrow collages and have been playing florists in the role play corner.

Year 1

Year 1 have been reading 'Zog' and learning about his adventures to dragon school and learning to fly. They have been busy in maths, learning their number bonds to 20 and using number tracks to help them. They are also thoroughly enjoying swimming!

Year 2

In English we have been reading the story of 'The Magic Door' and have been creating our own versions of the story, it has been really fun! We have also been learning about different lengths in maths, mm, cm and metres. We are really enjoying PE, working as a team and completing challenging circuits!

Year 3

This term we have been discussing how successful the Romans were at invading Britain. We are also reading the Enchanted Wood and learnt about Boudicca. We

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have been very busy in Art, learning how to block and mono print as well as exploring mosaics.

Year 4

We have been learning about where our food really comes from and why it is important to eat seasonal foods. We have learnt a lot about the digestive system, our teeth and the Eatwell plate. In English we have been writing character descriptions and improving our editing skills.

Year 5

We have been doing lots of investigating in Science, looking at whether all changes are reversible, properties of materials and dissolving. We have also been tasting and baking our own bread in DT! We are working hard in maths, learning all about fractions and multiplying them by an integer.

Year 6

In English we have written our own guides to surviving some crazy houses! We have been learning all about angles in maths, creating clay pots in art and learning lots of skills in volleyball. We have loved having the chance to take over the radio station this term, playing songs and updating everyone on the latest news and sport!

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 May's newsletter please send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message. **Closing date: 18th April 2023.**
Late items can no longer be accepted

