



PARISH NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

SERVICES FOR MAY 2023

Sunday 7th May *Easter 5*

Coronation Weekend

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 14th May *Easter 6*

10.15 am Morning Worship followed
by Annual Church Meeting (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints,
Goosey

Sunday 21st March *Sunday after
Ascension Day*

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 28th May *Pentecost*

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

6.00 pm Evensong at St Georges,
Hatford (BCP)

Saturday 3 June

3.00 Wedding

Sunday 4th June *Trinity Sunday*

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Saturday 10 June

1.30pm Wedding

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar

The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

Church Wardens

Maz Galley 710211

Nigel Archer 718163

Verger

Susan Mayall 710138

Stanford Festival Coordinators

Karin Williams-Cuss & Gemma Hancock

Dates: 1 & 2 July 2023

Email: festival@stdenys.org

Parish Website: www.stdenys.org

IN MEMORY

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

Peter John Belcher

NB. Only funerals taken by parish clergy are recorded in The Registers. If families choose not to have a church service or, to ask for the vicar to conduct a service at a crematorium, but would still like the name of their loved one mentioned in the monthly newsletter, please email vicar@stdenys.org and we will be happy to include in the next newsletter.

Vicars Write

FINALLY, May is upon us and the Winter is behind us!

Just two things I'd like to bring to your attention this month:

The **Stanford Village Festival**, organised by St Denys Church for the benefit of the whole village, this year shall be on **July, 1 & 2**.

The change of date is to enable more people to take part in a wide variety of activities/and offer help, after many people told us that Father's Day Festival weekend meant that they were not available, as they wanted to be with their fathers – totally understandable.

My thanks to Karin Williams-Cuss and Gemma Hancock whom I have appointed to succeed Janet Warren as Joint Coordinators of the St Denys Festival Task Group, and to the new team that is forming behind the scenes to help with all the preparations. If you wish to contact Karin or Gemma regarding the Festival, please email festival@stdenys.org

Secondly, I am pleased to say – in some ways – that we have not had a major uptake of Grant Applications thus far for the **Village Compassion Fund**, which stands at just over £1,500. However, we have been able to refer several families/individuals to the Faringdon Food Bank, or to organisations which can ensure people get all the benefits to which they are entitled and, in some cases, help them with managing debt.

If you would like to make an application for Emergency Help regarding a Cost-of-Living need, the application form can be downloaded from www.stdenys.org

Yours **Revd Paul Eddy** Vicar

Clothes Bank in the Village Hall Car Park

'E Mail from Air Ambulance Service'

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall have raised the equivalent of a lifesaving mission for the Air Ambulance Service

In 6 months, you have raised £2,074.50 for us in your donations, and this has covered one life saving mission which is truly incredible and we are very thankful to all the village and surrounding areas who have donated to us using the village clothing bank.

Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital

Taxi Service

Dan Huby has taken over the coordinating of this valuable service. **There is 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.



Delighted to report that we have a few new learners in the bell tower at Stanford in the Vale. Two youngsters have been learning since last year and are now very reliable members of our band. Our newer learners started in March and are making really good progress in picking up the basic skills.

A prime focus for us all now is the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on 6 May 2023. Along with bell ringers across the country, we will be making sure that the church bells are ringing to mark the occasion.

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Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com Closing date this month is the 18th May

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We are sure that you will recall hearing the church bells last September when we rang to mark the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to mark her funeral. On those occasions the bells were 'half-muffled' in order to give a more sombre sound, suitable for the sad events. For the coronation, they will of course be rung loud and clear.

Regular Stanford ringers were pleased to be joined for the commemorative ringing last September by some of our regular ringing visitors, as well as by some ringers who had been 'retired' for some – or many – years. It was great to see them then as well as subsequently and we look forward to seeing them – and potentially more 'retired' ringers - for the coronation.

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

Jackie O'Hagan

Alternative Fuel Payment

HOPE THIS HELPS ANYONE IN THE VILLAGE WHO ISN'T AWARE

Important - please read if you use oil (or alternative fuels to heat your home) If you use alternative fuel (oil, bottled gas etc) you are entitled to claim alternative fuel payment IN ADDITION to the £400 payment received from your energy company. The payment should have been made automatically (£200) but many who use oil to heat their homes may not know or have not received the payment. You need a recent bill (Sept 22 onwards) showing you've paid more than £200 for oil, bottled gas etc The link below is the claim link for the gov website your claim is directed to the local council who make the payment to your bank account.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-alternative-fuel-bill-support-if-not-automatic>

STREET PARTIES

Have a street party to celebrate the

Coronation of King Charles on Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th May

Bring food & drinks to share, It would be great to meet all your neighbours.

Party packs of cups, serviettes, plates, tablecloth and bunting available thanks to a grant from OCC and Parish Council.

At present parties in:

Joyces Road; Horsecroft; Huntersfield; on Upper Green: River Meadow; Penstones; Manor Crescent

Further details from;

**Janet—jmwarren302@gmail.com
or Karen- karenboylesitv@gmail.com**



Village Decorated Window Trail.

Friday 5th May – Monday 8th May

Decorate a window with a royal theme and be added to a map for people to discover as they follow the trail, Contact **Karen** - karenboylesiv@gmail.com if you wish to join the trail, so that a map showing where all the decorated windows are, can be shared with everyone.

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.

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday 10th May at 7.30 in the large Village Hall

PARADISE LOST AND RESTORED - 400 Years of Garden Design in Oxfordshire with Timothy Walker
Visitors welcome £5 entrance fee

Vale Community Impact

Good Neighbour POP- UP CAFÉ

**Wednesday 10th May 2.30 – 4.30pm
in Stanford Coffee Shop**

Come and enjoy a free, warm space for conversation and meet people in local area.
FREE drink and treat!

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A MEETING

THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2023

The U3A May meeting will take place in the Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. The speaker is **Jeff Evans** who will tell the story of 60 years of music on television in this fully illustrated talk called **POP ON THE BOX**. He will remind us of shows like Six-Five Special and Oh Boy, and will continue through the decades to Jute Box Jury and many more that you might have forgotten. Expect lots of warm memories and more than a few surprises.


Jeff is an acknowledged expert on popular culture and has written numerous books about television. He is a man of many talents, having appeared on quiz shows and is on the Mastermind question setting team. His talk is sure to bring back memories of times gone by.

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Refreshments are available after the talk for everyone. Visitors are required to pay £1.50.


Please note that all attendees are asked to have had the required number of vaccinations to protect everyone against Covid. However, if you feel unwell, please do not attend the meeting - stay at home!

Your invitation to visit



Lawrence Ward = Chloe Romanos = Anne Mills
6-14 May 2023
11am-6pm each day
The Vine, Mill Farm, Faringdon Road
Stanford in the Vale SN7 8NP
Artists & Venues Details: www.artweeks.org

OXFORDSHIRE
ART
WEEKS



THURSDAY MAY 11TH at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall:
ANNUAL MEETING OF STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. All members of the public welcome to attend.

Repair Café

Saturday 13th May ADVICE DESK in the Coffee shop 12.00 – 2.00pm, where we can discuss whether we can effect a repair at the Social Club. (One week later because of the Coronation)
We meet on **Saturday 29th May** in the Social Club 11.00am until 3.00pm where there is more room for repairs or blade sharpening (**NOTE If we have enough advance notice of work**)
Contact us on 01367 701283 or stanfordrepaircafe@silkie

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

Plant Sale and Coffee morning will be held on Saturday May 13th at 10.00am in the Village Hall.
Plant Stalls, Book Stall, Raffle and Refreshments.
Contributions of plants for sale will be gratefully received.



Contact Rosemary Packer on 01367 710445.

Gardening Tips for May

- Watch out for late frosts and protect tender plants.
- Earth up potatoes and make late planting.
- Plant out summer bedding when risk of frost has passed.
- Regularly hoe off weeds.
- Mow lawns weekly but consider leaving area uncut for wildlife.
- Lift and divide overcrowded spring bulbs.
- Watch out for Viburnum Beetle and Lily Beetle grub

Stanford Art Group - in Small Village Hall -

7.30 pm **Monday 15th May** - (note THIRD MONDAY in May, due to Coronation)

Drawing each other - figure drawing session

Do think about coming along even if this particular session *may* not be for you - you could collect 2023 programme of events, and just get to meet us - we're very friendly

Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 17th May 2023** in the Village Hall. Lizzie Rowe will talk about the **King's Treasures**.

For enquiries, please ring Annette on 01367710528.

History Talk: All Saints Church Goosey, Wednesday 17th May, 7.30pm

Join us for a fun evening with local historian and published author, Julie Ann Godson. Julie will be giving a talk on '*Memories of the Vale: Rural Life Before the Railway Came*'. Tickets cost £12 (cash only), which includes wine and nibbles and can be bought in advance from Stanford Coffee Shop or by contacting annettemitchell@sky.com

There will also be a raffle and a chance to chat to Julie and buy signed copies of her book which accompanies the talk. The books cost £10 (cash only). Tickets are limited so don't miss out! All proceeds will go to the Building Fund for All Saints Church Goosey.

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY 2023

7.30 pm Stanford in the Vale Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in Stanford School- check noticeboards or Parish Council website for details. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Stanford Summer Festival

Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July 2023

Pre-school news – May 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming 4 new families to the Pre-school this term. This term we will be focusing on helping those children leaving us in July to go to school to help them with the transition. Hopefully the weather will improve, and we can spend some time outside in our garden enjoying our new sand in the sandpit. We were lucky enough to receive a grant from our local County Councillor.

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 and complete a Pre-Registration form or contact the Pre-school on 01367 718696.

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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 very busy leading up to Easter!

Comic Relief

On Friday 17th March we celebrated Comic Relief. The children came dressed in something red, ate cakes made by Year 3 and entered into a Mr Men and Little Miss T-shirt competition. The designs were all amazing and the winner from each class got their very own T-shirt! Altogether we raised £200.85!

Mother's Day Service

On Friday 17th March we held a Mother's Day Service at St Denys. Through our words and images, we expressed our love and thanks for our mums. Each class stood up and sang, read or displayed artwork linked to their mums. We sang a whole school song saying how lovely and special our mums are and the choir performed a beautiful, upbeat song. Thank you to everyone who attended the service and many thanks to all the children and staff for their contributions and hard work.

Community Lunch

On Thursday 23rd March we invited in members of the village for a community lunch. Year 4 were the hosts and took our visitors on a tour of the school, served them afternoon tea and then entertained them with a song. Everyone had a lovely time. Many thanks to Year 4 and Ms Payne, Mrs Moore, Mrs Dharmasiri and Mrs Lewis who helped me prepare and set up for the tea.

Girl's Football

On Wednesday 29th March the Year 5 and 6 Girls were invited to take part in a football competition hosted by KAs. There were 8 schools

taking part in the 5-A-Side tournament. We played four games, we drew 2, lost 1 and won 1. We had a total of 7 goals from Francesca, Paige and Darcey. Four teams including Stanford made it to the semi-final. All the girls played so well and gave it their all. We won our game 2-1. Faith did an amazing job—she stayed in goal throughout, saving many goals! The final was a tough game. Everyone was soaked and it was really windy!! We lost 3-0 meaning the team came second overall and the girls have made it through to the COUNTY FINALS at Tilsley Park in May! Incredible performance from Beth, Lily P, Amathst and Caitlin. As always, the girls showed incredible team spirit and they were congratulated for this by the organisers. Well done team Stanford!

Easter Service

On Friday 31st March we held our Easter Service at St Denys. Each class told a part of the Easter Story through words, actions and song. Foundation class sang an Easter bunny song and then the whole school sang

'He's Alive.' Thank you to all the staff and children for their hard work and thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to watch. We also had a visit from the Easter bunny and followed the clues to find our Easter treat.

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.

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.

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