



PARISH NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023

Saturday 3 June

2pm **Wedding**

Sunday 4th June *Trinity Sunday*

10.15 am **Holy Communion (Stanford)**

4.00 pm **Denys@4**

Saturday 10 June

1.30pm **Wedding**

Sunday 11th June *1st Sunday after Trinity*

10.15 am **Holy Communion (Stanford)**

4.00 pm **Denys@4**

6.00 pm **Evening Prayer at All Saints,
Goosey**

Sunday 18th June *2nd Sunday after Trinity – Father's Day*

10.15 am **Holy Communion (Stanford)**

4.00 pm **Denys@4 – Father's Day Focus**

Sunday 25th June *3rd Sunday after Trinity*

10.15 am **Holy Communion (Stanford)**

4.00 pm **Denys@4**

6.00 pm **Evensong at St George,
Hatford (BCP)**

Sunday 2nd July *Stanford Summer Festival*

4.30pm **Hymns on the Green,
hosted by Denys@4 congregation &
Juggling John speaking**

IN MEMORY

**Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family
and friends of people who have recently died.**

Sadly, this includes:

Roger Jury

Pam Reeves

Lawrence Ward

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar

The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

Church Wardens

Maz Galley 710211

Michelle Sinclair 07929733429.

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

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.

Vicars Write

STANFORD FESTIVAL – 1 & 2 JULY 2023

Dear Parishioner, enclosed with this Parish Newsletter is a **Poster** for the **Stanford Festival**, which this year, takes place over **Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 July**. Please can you put it **up in your window**, so the word gets out? In particular, if you have neighbours who are new to the village, please introduce the Festival to them and bring them along!

On the reverse side of the poster is a draft of the **Festival Programme** (at the time of going to print), with other events/activities to be added.

This year's theme is **'Royalty'**, and the Festival starts off at the slightly earlier time of **1pm** with a Procession led by the **'Festival King & Queen'** to Church Green, where they shall be crowned, and the Festival officially opened. The **Stanford Primary School Choir** will then perform an opening contribution. Either meet in the Vicarage front garden by 1250pm for the procession to Church Green or grab a seat on the green.

We have a number of new activities this year, including a **Dog Show**, a **Tug of War**, a **Royal Afternoon Tea**, a four-sided **Climbing Tower** both days, and we are creating **'Zones'** around the church/village hall such as for 'Crafts', 'Food', 'What's On' etc.

In the **Craft Zone** on Saturday afternoon in the Village Hall, we want to promote any small business/sole traders in Stanford, Goosey or Hatford (the Parish) making arts and crafts, and in the centre of the hall, we hope to provide an opportunity for you to try out a craft and may be introduced to a new hobby?

There will also be a **'What's On'** zone in church on Sunday afternoon. An opportunity for all the various

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village organisations to promote what they offer/need help for. We'd love to promote all our great village offers, so don't forget to drop in and have a chat – and maybe sign up for a new club/activity this autumn?

As ever, the overall vision is to bring the whole village together. St Denys Church organises the Festival each year with the aim of helping villagers to get to know each other, to welcome new-comers and of course, to raise funds for the church and various charities/organisations.

Like all years, **we do need lots of help!** Help with setting up the Church Green and Village Hall and packing away – which Dan Huby has kindly offered to co-ordinate. And generally, to staff a stall/activity for an hour or two on either/both afternoon. If we had dozens of villagers willing to do **just 1 or 2 hours**, it would really share the load, and everyone would get to enjoy both days.

We shall produce the **final Festival Programme** in the week running up to the festival. These will be available via the COOP, Stanford Coffee Shop, School, Pre-School, Church Welcome Desk, Village Hall, Horse & Jockey and online. We also have a **Stanford Festival Facebook Page** to provide up to date news, including how you can register for the Dog Show, Tug of War etc.

If you have any **questions**, or **can help in any way**, even by **sponsoring the Festival** via a donation, please contact our joint **Festival Coordinators**, Karin Williams-Cuss and Gemma Hancock via festival@stdenys.org

Finally, may I thank Karin and Gemma, Karen Boyles and Dan Huby and the others on the Festival Task Group for their help and support in making the Festival a uniting time for the village.

Your Paul **Revd Paul Eddy**, Vicar



Well, we did it – a group of 14 of us met at the church tower at 10am on Coronation Day, 6th May, and, in groups of 8, rang all 8 of the church bells until 11am – which was when the coronation service started at

Westminster Abbey in London. We hope that you heard at least some of our ringing. Well done and thank you to all of the ringers.

The weight of Stanford's individual bells vary from 3cwt (the lightest at 165kg) to 8cwt (the heaviest at 426kg). The band of ringers included both males and females with ages spanning from over 80 to the youngest who was only 8; some have been ringing for around 50 years, some only learning since March. Almost anyone can learn to ring!

To find out more about church bell ringing – a fun hobby, a friendly team activity, a volunteering opportunity (or all 3) - please visit us in the church tower

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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

Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital Taxi Service

Dan Huby is coordinating of this valuable service. Should you require a lift for a hospital or dental appointment - call **05603 660 122** and leave a message

Repair Cafe

It is now four years since we began the repair Café in Stanford in the Vale. During this time we have raised over £1500 which can be given to Village projects. Our next **ADVICE MEETING** is in the Coffee shop on **Saturday 3rd June 12.00 – 2pm**. If we get advanced requests for repairs then we will meet in the Social Club on **17th June 11.00 am to about 3.00pm**. Our work is varied but new Volunteers are welcome Tele 01367 710283 Email stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk.

Wednesday 7th June 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.

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A MEETING ON 8TH JUNE '23

The June meeting in Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30 pm will be about **Oxford's Penicillin**. The speaker is **Marie-Louise Kerr** who is a wonderfully engaging speaker who will talk about the story of the life-saving work carried out in the Dunn School in Oxford along with the trials and tribulations faced by the scientist Alexander Fleming. The drug we use today was developed by a group of scientists based in Oxford.

When Fleming was awarded a Nobel prize in 1945, he shared it with Howard Florey and Ernst Chain. Fleming first observed and name penicillin, but it was Florey and Chain and a group of scientists working in Oxford who developed it into a viable drug.



Marie Louise has the interesting title of Curator without Museum and travels widely giving talks to different groups. The talk is open to all interested members and visitors, but visitors are required to pay £1.50 to attend – and of course, to enjoy the refreshments available after the talk. Please note that all attendees are advised that they must be in good health and up to date with all vaccinations for Covid. If in doubt, please stay at home.

Stanford Art Group -
in Small Village Hall - 7.30 pm

Monday 12 June

Still Life session, focusing on Drawing / Painting glass.
Do think about coming along - we would really like to see some new members.

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE @7.30 in the Large Village Hall
A STROLL THROUGH STANFORD IN THE VALE DURING THE 1950's

Come and see how the village has changed or not in the last 70 years through the lens of the photographic archive. Visitors welcome £5 entrance fee

Wantage Sings- 90s Concert – Friday 16th June

Wantage Sings, Community Choir will be celebrating the sounds of the 90s at their next Concert. Let us entertain you with music from the Spice Girls, Nirvana, the Backstreet Boys, Shania Twain, Robbie Williams, Blink-182, The Corrs and more. It promises to be a fun-filled night of lively music and entertainment, so don't miss out and grab your tickets now.

Show starts: 7:30pm (doors & bar open at 7pm)

Tickets: £10 (£8 concessions)

Available from: www.WantageSings.co.uk

Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 21st June 2023** in the Village Hall. There will be a talk about **Saving the Planet**.

For enquiries, please ring Annette on 01367710528.

Bell Tide and Voices of the Vale Community Choir

Present a Musical Interlude

Featuring handbells and voices

In aid of Restore

At Stanford Village Hall

At 3.00pm on Saturday 24th June

Refreshments available in the interval

Retiring collection

For more information contact:

Jennybarraclough3@gmail.com

Chocolate Tea Party Stanford Coffee Shop

On Saturday 24th June 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

In memory of baby Emma Kate Braddy

Proceeds to The Sick Children's Trust
& Youth Challenge Oxfordshire

If you can't make it, you can still show your support by donating online at

<https://www.justgiving.com/emmabraddy>

For more details contact

Jane Braddy jane@braddy.net

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

The June meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 28th at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.**

The speaker will be Rosemary LeGrande. Her subject will be "Glorious Gardens of France". This talk will be delivered via Zoom. 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 JUNE

- Continue sowing salad crops, such as beetroot, lettuce, pak choi and radish.
- Sow french and runner beans, peas, squash, sweet corn and outdoor cucumbers directly into prepared beds outside.
- Calabrese, turnips, and kohlrabi can be sown now for an autumn crop.
- Plant vegetables sown indoors earlier in the season, including winter brassicas and sweet peppers.
- Continue training fan-trained fruit trees.
- Thin pears, plums, peaches, nectarines and apricots. Apples should be thinned at the end of the month.

Stanford Summer Festival Saturday July 1st

Plant Stall – If you have any spare plants (flower, fruit or vegetable) that you could donate to the plant stall please get in touch with Penny Holford - 07775 732688 or pennysue19@hotmail.co.uk.

STOP PRESS!!

Coming to your Village Hall on **July 13th, 14th, and 15th July, 2 one act comedies** performed by Stanford Drama Group – no matinee. For further information contact Yvonne & Barry -01367 710789.

Pre-school news – June 2023

We are truly overwhelmed by all the amazing fundraising efforts going on around the village to support us. This has enabled us to buy much needed resources and equipment and also pay for the children

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to do weekly yoga sessions with Tatty Bumpkins. We had some wonderful Coronation celebrations culminating in a special lunch. The children were slightly disappointed that King Charles didn't come to the Pre-school to visit us! Thank you to the PPC for paying for a Coronation Medal for each child to mark this historic occasion.

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.



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

Foundation - This term we have been on a trip to Farmer Gow's which was really fun! We have also been learning where animals come from and looking at the life cycle of caterpillars and tadpoles.

Year 1 - We recently went on a trip to Badbury Clump where we were looking for signs of spring! We will soon be writing non-chronological reports about the seasons. In maths we have been learning about volume and mass as well as writing letters to the King!

Year 2 - We have been learning all about the Great Fire of London and have written newspaper reports. We have also been using biscuits to help us learn about different fractions.

Year 3 - We have also been learning all about London, we have been looking at famous landmarks and finding

out about the London Underground. We are also going on a trip there this week and we can't wait!

Year 4 - We have been swimming this term which we really enjoy! We have also focused on the water cycle and written explanation texts and some amazing setting descriptions, inspired by our story the Rhythm of the Rain.

Year 5 - In Science we have been dissecting flowers to discover how they reproduce. We have also been making CAM toys in DT, linking to Greek mythical creatures.

Year 6 - We have been busy preparing for our SATs, which we completed last week! We have also enjoyed cricket and we are looking forward to our trip to Kelmscott Manor.

King's Coronation

On Friday 5th May we celebrated the King's Coronation by spending the morning learning about King Charles and what a coronation is. During the afternoon we had a picnic lunch and disco (unfortunately inside due to the weather!). The children looked wonderful dressed in red, white and blue or as royalty. Many thanks to FOSS who presented all the children and staff with commemorative coins.

150th Anniversary!

With the school being 150 years old this year, we would like to have a little celebration on the 20th July. Pop in between 2pm and 4pm for a cream tea, to look around the school and to see photos of the school over the last 150 years. This invitation is for the whole village community, present and past pupils and parents. It will also be an opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Dharmasiri and Miss Rogers. If anyone has photos or articles of the school over the last 150 years, we would love to have copies of them. If you can include the date and what or who the photos show that would be amazing. Please bring them into the school office as soon as possible.

Summer Fete

Please support the School Summer Fete on the 10th June from 2pm to 5pm. For the Summer Fete we need:

- donations of good quality second hand teddies for our teddy tombola

- screw top wine bottles—empty or full for the wine and water stall

- raffle prizes Please bring to the school office as soon as possible. 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.

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