



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### JULY SERVICES

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Stanford Summer Festival**

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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Saturday 29 July Wedding**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Friday 4 August Wedding**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**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:**

**Roger Jury**

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### WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

#### Vicar

The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

#### Church Wardens

Maz Galley 710211

Michelle Sinclair 07929733429.

#### Verger

Susan Mayall 710138

Parish Website: [www.stdenys.org](http://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

AS this edition of the Newsletter arrives, it will be just before or around the **Festival Weekend (1/2 July)**.

First of all, a HUGE thank you to Karin Williams-Cuss, Karen Boyle, Dan Huby and Gemma Hancock who, as the new core St Denys 'Festival Task Group', have worked so hard behind the scenes to set up this year's two-day event for all villagers.

Thank you too, to all the Village Organisation who have been able to take up our invitation to use the Sunday to promote their activities and to raise funds. And thank you too to all the many volunteers who have helped in any way, whether in the Set Up and Pack Away teams or, on stalls and side shows or, in any other way.

This year we have tried to keep the best of the Festival traditions, but added a few tweaks: **the Dog Show, a Carnival King, as well as a Queen, Zoning areas, the Tug of War, local music artists performing on the Green, a large Climbing Wall, a Mad Hatters Tea Party** – to name a few!

The Task Group is always looking out for ideas of new stalls or events and of course, if you'd like to volunteer to help organise the 2024 Festival, and join a fun and creative team, we'd love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you around the Green, in the Church, or around/in the Village Hall over the weekend.

• **The date of next year's Village Festival is 13/14 July 2024.**

With kind regards *Paul*

Revd Paul Eddy, FRSA



## CHURCHYARD TREES CONCERN.

Many thanks to Stanford residents for expressing their concern for the wellbeing of several trees in the churchyard, near the horizontal path by the vicarage.

We have taken professional advice and there is no sign of honey fungus, which killed the cherry tree at that end of the churchyard, or any other disease.

The advice is to leave them to recover from what may have been a weather reaction and/or advanced age. There are signs of life!

Maz Galley, Church Warden.

## Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital Taxi Service

Dan Huby is coordinating this valuable service. Should you require a lift for a hospital or dental appointment - call **05603 660 122** and leave a message. If a driver is found, they will contact you. Should you not receive a phone call by the day prior to your appointment this usually means a driver has not been found.

**We are very short of drivers** and have recently, sadly, been unable to take some people resulting in cancelled appointments. Would you be happy to drive someone to Wantage, Faringdon, Witney, Oxford or Swindon? **We do need more drivers so that this very valuable service can be continued in the village.** Contact Dan – **05603 660 122** for more information – leaving your number and he will get back to you.

## 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

**Our next ADVICE MEETING is in the Coffee shop on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 12.00 – 2pm (the same day as the Festival).** If we get advanced requests for repairs then we will meet in the Social Club on 15<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am until about 3.00pm. Our work is varied but new Volunteers are welcome

Tele 01367 710283

Email [stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk](mailto:stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk)

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## Stanford in the Vale AFC



**Footballers required for Men's, Ladies and Youth Teams for 23/24 Season**

**Committee Members and Bar Staff also Wanted**

**If you have any spare time and can help run a successful club then please get in touch, even if its just a few hours a week!**

Contact John on 07968 707849 for further information

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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.

## Vale Community Impact

**VIC will be in Stanford Coffee Shop on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.30 – 4.30pm.**  
Free tea or coffee and cake.

## Open Evening

Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School

On **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

any time between 5.30pm and 7.00pm

*Pop in and see some of the children's work from this academic year!*



## Stanford Art Group

in Small Village Hall - **7.30 pm**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Oil Painting demonstration** by Roger R Jones  
Roger is always very informative and is only too happy to answer questions.



## FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A

### MEETING ON 13<sup>th</sup> July '23

Jessica Beare, Recycling and Education Officer at the Vale of White Horse will explain **what can and cannot be recycled from our bins**. All of us have various items which can cause confusion about whether to recycle or deposit in our black bins. Jessica aims to answer all these queries. She is also happy to answer any other questions about recycling. Come to the meeting prepared with all your questions. Refreshments are available for everyone, but visitors are required to pay an entrance fee of £1.50. *Please note that you should be in good health and up to date with all Covid vaccinations. Covid is still around so if in doubt please stay at home and avoid all meetings. Many thanks.*

**Advance notice - The summer lunch is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August.** More details to follow.

### We're back with our summer production.

Stanford Drama Group presents 2 one act comedy

plays:

#### The Adventurers' Club

by Damien Woods

Are they always right? Perhaps not!

(Performed by permission of Lazy Bee Scripts)

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#### Customer Service

by Avis and Herb Hasler

You can't be serious!

(Performed by permission of Lazy Bee Scripts)

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**Performances at 7.30pm on**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday  
15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Doors open at 7pm**

**Tickets £8, concessions £6**

**Tickets available from Stanford Coffee Shop, next  
to the Co-op**

**For enquiries, contact Yvonne and Barry on 01367  
710400**

Join us for an evening of fun in Stanford Village  
Hall

### Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023** in the Village Hall. There  
will be a talk on **You don't Have to Wear Black**.

For enquiries, please ring Annette on 01367710528

### Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

No meeting in the Village Hall this month.

#### **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July. Members' visit to the Parkinson' Garden at Ardington.**

Meet in the Village Hall car park at 2.30 pm to sort out  
car sharing and lifts.

Enquiries to Rosemary Packer: 01367 710445.

#### Gardening Tips for July

- Autumn- flowering bulbs, such as autumn crocuses, Colchicum, Sternbergia, Amaryllis and Nerine can be planted now.
- Cut back Delphiniums and Geraniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage a second flowering period. Feed after cutting back.
- Deadhead flower borders regularly to prolong flowering. Disbud and dead-head dahlias if growing for large blooms. Leave roses that produce attractive hips.
- Take cuttings of patio and container plants ready for next year.
- Start collecting seed from plants you want to grow next year, especially annuals such as *Calendula*, poppies and love-in-a-mist

### Pre-school news – July 2023

We started off the term with a wonderful outing to Stanford House gardens. The children and families had a wonderful time pond dipping, meadow sweeping, playing parachute games and finished off by going on a bear hunt. The weather was absolutely perfect, and the children loved the opportunity to spend time enjoying this wonderful natural space.

We have also been growing beans in clear bags on the windows. We have been watching them grow and change and learning all about the different parts. Once they had escaped from the top of their bags the children planted them in soil ready to take home for their dad's on Father's Day.

We will be spending this term helping to prepare those children leaving us in July for school. We will have a school role play area, dressing up with uniforms and we will be making books with pictures of their new classrooms and teachers. We have also invited their teachers to come and visit them here at the Pre-school.

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:

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<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

### Hill End

On the 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> of June Year 4 went on an overnight trip to Hill End. The children had a brilliant time in the sunshine, and all behaved amazingly. After settling into their accommodation, they took part in some orienteering followed by some team building activities. We then enjoyed a delicious BBQ and helped with the washing up! In the evening we explored the woods, visited a badger set and made s'mores! The next day we had a delicious breakfast, packed up our belongings and headed off for a day of forest school. We built our own dens and learnt how to make fire before heading back to school. Thank you to Mrs Willis, Miss Rogers and Mrs Edwards for taking the children.

### Festival of Voices

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June our choir sang with five other school choirs at Oxfordshire Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey. It was a wonderful evening. The children sang fifteen songs alongside a live band, led by the conductor Peter Hunt. Well done to all the children who took part and to Mrs Dharmasiri and Miss Bowden for teaching them the songs.

### School Fete

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, we held our Summer Fete. It was lovely to have all the school and wider community back together again. In the arena, Year One did a maypole dance, Year 5 played their guitars, the choir sang, the gym club performed routines, dance club did

three dances, and our newly formed cheerleading club performed a routine. Everyone enjoyed the tasty delights from the barbecue, a refreshing drink from the bar and throwing sponges at the staff. The various stalls were very popular including the teddy tombola, tombola, raffle, lucky dip, sweet shack, face painting and much more. Thank you to everyone who came. Many thanks to all the staff who helped and gave their time. A big thank you to David Bailey for the PA system and to FOSS for all their hard work.

### Sharing Assembly

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May we held our final sharing assembly for this academic year. Lots of parents and grandparents attended to watch some of the children's learning. Foundation Class sang a song about the life cycle of a butterfly and then recited a poem about a caterpillar. Year One recited a seasons poem, gave us facts about the four seasons and showed us images to represent features of the seasons. Year Two recited a poem about The Great Fire of London and showed us their amazing artwork. Year Three wowed us with some amazing artwork - 3D pop art cities, city silhouettes and detailed ink drawings. Year Four performed the Blackbird song beautifully. Year Five read out lots of facts about different Greek Islands from their holiday brochures. Year Six played their trailers for 'What a Knight' their Year 6 production.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

**With the school being 150 years old this year, we would like to have a little celebration on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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, Miss Rogers and Mrs Goddard. 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.**

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. 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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