



AUGUST PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR AUGUST

Sunday 6th August 9th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion(Stanford)

Sunday 13th August 10th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion(Stanford)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints, Goosey

Sunday 20th August 11th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion(Stanford)

Sunday 27th August 12th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion(Stanford)
6.00 pm Evensong at St George, Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 3rd September 13th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion(Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

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

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. Open all Saturdays in August.

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.

Stanford Drama Group

We would like to thank everyone who came to support our recent productions. Hopefully you all enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing it. Also, many thanks to the Coffee Shop for selling our tickets.

We are a small friendly group and are always looking for new members to join us – back stage crew are always needed; also anyone who can paint, help to build scenery and props; sew or are interested in make-up. Oh! and obviously, anyone who wants to act on stage in a big or small roll.

We shall be meeting in early September to choose a panto and would love to see you there. Any enquiries to Yvonne and Barry Child – 710400

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 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

Stanford Church Bell Ringers

We have reported about the ringers and especially about our learners' fantastic progress recently so, maybe this month, it is time to say something about the church bells in Stanford.

There are 8 bells. Before they were installed in the tower at Stanford in 1970, they were in a tower in Oxford, St. Peter in the East, a church building which became redundant before the building became the college library for St Edmund Hall.

Our heaviest bell weighs in at about 8½ cwt (427kg) and was cast in 1700. It is doing well for a 323 year old. The smallest bell weighs about 3¼ cwt (166kg) and is a much younger bell - aged only 132 - as it was cast in 1891. The weight of all 8 bells added together is 4719lb – or 2140.5kg. Real heavy metal!

The bells are hung in the 'English style' on wheels so that they can be swung full circle. One person rings one bell so to ring all 8 together, we need at least 8 ringers. The bells are hanging just below the level of the clock face which you can see from church green.

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 on a Tuesday (7.30-9pm) or Sunday (9.45-10.15am) (ideally contacting us in advance via e-mail at StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com, just in case a different arrangement has been made).

Jackie O'Hagan

St Denys Handbell Ringers

First of all we would like to thank everyone that supported us at the Village festival in July, it was lovely to be invited to play in the church and to promote our group.

We would also like to give a very belated thank you to Waitrose, to everyone that supported us playing outside of the store in May, and a special thank you to Laura from the Thames Valley Air Ambulance charity for her help and support. We managed to raise an amazing £103.13!

We are a small, friendly group that practice every Wednesday evening 8-10pm in the small village hall. We are currently practicing for a wedding and busking at Buscott Park in September to raise money for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

If you have ever been interested in joining the St Denys' Handbell Ringers, or would just like to help at any of our events, please send us an e-mail at StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com. All ages and experience levels welcome!

FARINGDON & DISTRICT U3A

U3A on Thursday 14th September Advance notice with **Sjoerd Vogt** talking about **Tolkien's links with the Folly Tower** More details to follow in August.

REPAIR CAFE

There will be **NO** Repair Café meetings during August. The next meeting will be on Saturday 2nd September in the Coffee Shop 12.00 to 2pm. When we will be able to do some **ULTRASONIC CLEANING** of jewellery etc as well as the usual small items repair and Advice on larger repairs that might need spares. The meeting in the Social club will be on Saturday 16th September 11.00 – about 3pm where we can look at any items however we would like to know beforehand what we can expect
Derek Sayers

Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 20th September 2023** in the Village Hall. There will be **Irish Dancing**. For enquiries, please ring Annette on 01367710528.

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Pre-school news – August 2023

We have had a busy last term of the Pre-school year. The children have been busy in the garden watching nature, being physical and building some amazing structures using loose parts.

Over the last few terms, we have enjoyed regular sessions with Tatty Bumpkins Yoga. This has proved really popular with the children. We have seen their confidence grow and their physical skills develop.

The Pre-school enjoyed being part of the village festival. Our display in the church titled 'The Kings Hats' based on a book of that name was well received. The children enjoyed decorating their hats – they were all completely unique!

We enjoyed going down to school to join in with their Sports day. The children took part in 3 races and got a sticker and ice pop for their efforts.

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.



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

Wow, we can't believe we only have one week left of school! This year has gone so fast and we have participated in lots of fun activities!

Father's Day

On Friday 16th June we held a Father's Day Service at St Denys Church. The children expressed their love and thanks for their Dads through song, cards, messages, poems and prayers. It was lovely to see so many dads and grandads in attendance.

Arts Day

On Thursday 15th June the whole school watched an amazing performance of the Hobbit. The children enjoyed clapping, singing and chanting along. They then spent the rest of the day carrying out activities linked to the text.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sports Day on Friday 30th June. The children took part in lots of races throughout the day - obstacle, sprint, relay, egg and spoon, sack, throwing the vortex howler, beanbags in hoops, standing long jump and dribbling a ball. They all did an amazing job. Tried their hardest and encouraged their friends. Many thanks to Mrs Warner-King and Year 6 for organising the day. It was lovely to invite Preschool to take part in some races. A big thank you to FOSS for purchasing the medals and ice pops for every child.

Open Evening

On Thursday 6th July we held an Open Evening. This was an opportunity for parents, grandparents and members of the community to look around the school at some of the children's work. 84 families attended the evening and we received some lovely feedback:

'Fantastic work and a wonderful opportunity for

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the girls to see where they will go.'

'Very nice and colourful and a happy place.'

'Fantastic artwork and amazing displays, very impressive work.'

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 and we wish you all a lovely summer!

Take care and keep safe.



Support F.O.S.S (Friends of Stanford School) in raising funds for our school by taking part in the 2023/24 '100 Club'

£10 membership fee will enter your allocated number into the 10 monthly draws (October – July)

A first and second place winner every month from Oct-June, with one winner in July.

Example prize fund based on 100 members = £30 first prize, £20 second prize for each draw and a bonus draw in July will see one prize-winner scooping £100

To enter, please complete a '100 Club' registration form available from the school office and return it to the school office by Friday 29th September with £10.00.



Throughout the next academic year please support Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School raise much needed funds by donating any unwanted clothing. They accept the following 'good quality' items:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please bag up your donations and drop them to the school on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 17th October 2023 from 3pm to 7pm

Wednesday 18th October 2023 from 7am to 9am

Monday 5th February 2024 from 3pm to 7pm

Tuesday 6th February 2024 from 7am to 9am

Thursday 4th July 2024 from 3pm to 7pm

Friday 5th July 2024 from 7am to 9am

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