



SEPTEMBER PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

2023

Sunday 3rd September

13th after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 10th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints,
Goosey

Sunday 19th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 26th September

Harvest Festival

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

6.00 pm Evensong at St George,
Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 1st October

17th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

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

Church Wardens

Maz Galley 710211

Michelle Sinclair 07929733429

Verger

Susan Mayall 710138

Parish Website: www.stdenys.org

The Vicar Writes

Stanford Festival – 13/14 July 2024 – Paris Olympic Theme!

I hope that you had a good August, and were able to get a bit of a break, even if you couldn't get away this year?

For me, it was the first time out of the parish for a week since 2018! I've realised afresh the different perspectives you get from physically leaving the place you are/work, and then returning with new energy and focus. Sometimes constantly living 'on top' of the issue means you don't get the perspectives/balance you need. That can also be true because of not having people to talk to and share with. Do remember that every Saturday, from 10am-12noon, St Denys is open for **Open House**, a time for you to pop in, meet other villagers, and over a cuppa and homemade cake, catch up on news, or share with others. You'd be very welcome!

As we start back in a new term, I also wanted to announce the theme for the **2024 Village Festival**.



Because of the proximity to the Summer Olympics (27 July-11 August), this year based in Paris, we have decided to link the festival to the **Paris Olympics**.

This will give us, as festival organisers, lots of scope for all sorts of events, side stalls, food & drink, games and music - watch this space! We ALSO hope that us giving the Village Organisations early notice of the Festival dates (they were also in the 2023 programme), that they too will have lots of scope as they think up perhaps new ways to use their stand on the Sunday to raise funds for their group and, to promote their group to the many new villagers who have arrived and joined us in recent years!

St Denys, as you may know, is actually the Patron Saint of Paris, and of course as a village, we are twinned with St Germain du Corbeis.

As the months progress we will be announcing lots of exciting plans for the 2024 Festival but as ever, if you have ideas - or offers of help, feel free to email the Festival Task Group (Karin Williams Cuss, Gemma Hancock, Karen Boyle, Dan Huby and myself) at festival@stdenys.org

Yours *Paul* **Revd Paul Eddy** **Vicar**

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 SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Have you ever played Bowls, Lawn Bowls, Crown green Bowls, Long or Short Mat Bowls?

YES

Did you know that Stanford in the Vale have had a Short Mat Bowls Club in the Village for the last 30 years?

We play in the Village Hall on Monday Evenings and Tuesday Afternoons. Why not come and join us to re-new or learn how to play.

All we ask is you wear flat soled shoes – we will supply the Woods, cup of tea and biscuits, coaching if needed.

Please ring Sue 07932650951 for more information.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

There are a variety of exercise classes each week in the Village Hall –Zumba, Pilates, Yoga. Also, some toddler and baby classes. More information can be found on the Stanford in the Vale Village Hall web site - <https://www.stanfordvillagehall.com> under availability.

Also can Regular and Long Standing customers please book as far ahead as possible (they can always cancel) as potential customer looks on-line and sees Availability so books - a few of late that have had to be told, sorry you clash with an existing customer (even though the date appears to be free). Thank you.

Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital Taxi 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 STILL 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.

Wednesday 6th September 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.

Stanford Art Group

Monday 11 September

in Small Village Hall - **7.30 pm**

LIFE DRAWING CLASS (untutored) - with an experienced male model.

Fee for Members £2

Fee for Visitors £6 (cash, please)

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Welcome to our new season programme starting on **WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER** at 7.30 in the Large Village Hall

FREE SPIRITS OF OXFORDSHIRE -

A selection of the notable characters that have brightened up our county over the centuries .

By the author **JULIE ANN GODSON.**

Visitors welcome £5 entrance fee.

Faringdon & Districtu3A Meeting – Thursday 14th September 2023

September's speaker is Sjoerd Vogt who will talk about the link between Tolkien and the Folly Tower. Apparently, our Folly Tower was the likely inspiration for Saruman's nightmarish Tower and Hobbiton Hill was probably modelled on Folly Hill. Over the years many admirers of the Middle earth sagas have guessed at what was the inspiration for the other striking features of the landscapes created by JRR Tolkien. This talk will certainly appeal to all readers and also to many of us who regularly walk up on the Folly. The talk is to be held in the Faringdon Corn Exchange at 2.30pm. Refreshments are available to everyone after the talk, but visitors are required to pay £1.50. *All attendees are requested that they must be in good health and up to date with the covid vaccinations. If in doubt please stay at home.*

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.

STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

The September meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 27th** at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall. The speaker will be Lynda Warren and her subject will be "Sugar and Spice". 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 SEPTEMBER

- Divide Herbaceous Perennials.
- Pick Autumn Raspberries regularly, preferably on a dry day.
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals.
- Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage ruins them.

- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses ready for autumn use and overwintering.
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Start to reduce house plant watering.

October Dates for your diary

Village Voices Concert

Saturday **14th October at 7.30**

St Denys' Church

'SINGING BRITAIN'

Songs and music of the British Isles

Friday 20th October

St Denys invite you to

An Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon Tea** in the **Village Hall** All welcome and bring a friend.

Any time between 2.30-4.30pm

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter September 2023. To include items for the newsletter Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com Closing date this month is the 18th September Stanford Community Website for e copy - Local events, business listing, village history and more Newsletter sponsored by Public Purposes Charity Stanford in the Vale





Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School

We hope you all had a lovely Summer.

We would like to welcome all our new children and families into Foundation.

Our new topics for this term are:

Foundation - All About Me

Year One - Seasons / Weather

Year Two - Hot and Cold (Deserts and Antarctica) & Continents

Year Three - Stone Age-Iron Age

Year Four - Anglo-Saxons

Year Five - Ancient Egypt

Year Six - WWII

Please do look on our school website for more information about what we are doing.

We have a few spaces in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. If interested, please do contact Oxfordshire County Council admissions.

Please support:

Bags to School

If you have any unwanted items of clothing, please bag them up and bring them to the school on Tuesday 17th October from 3pm to 7pm or Wednesday 18th October from 7am to 9am. The bags are then weighed, and the school is given money depending on the weight of the clothing collected.

100 Club

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.

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.