



MARCH 2024 PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024

Sunday 3rd March *Lent 3*

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Thursday 7th March

12.30pm Lent Lunch

Friday 8th March

2.30pm Stanford in the Vale Primary
School Mother's Day Service

Sunday 10th March *Mothering Sunday*

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4 with Mothering Tea

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints,
Goosey

Thursday 14th March

12.30pm Lent Lunch

Sunday 17th March *Lent 5*

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Thursday 21st March

12.30pm Lent Lunch

Holy Week

Sunday 24th March *Palm Sunday*

4.00 pm Joint Palm Sunday Service at St Denys

6.00 pm Evensong at St Georges,
Hatford (BCP)

Thursday 28th March *Maundy Thursday*

9.30 am Stanford in the Vale

Primary School Easter Service

7.00 pm Reflections on the Last Supper

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

10.30am Denys@4 Easter Garden making in
church

2.00 – 3.00 pm An Hour at the Cross.

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

10.15am Joint 1015 and Denys@4 Family

Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 7th April

Easter 2

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

In Memory

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

Christopher Stallard

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.

Lent Lunches

At lunchtime on **Thursdays in Lent**
In the church, 12.30-1.30 on 7th, 14th and 21st March.
Snack lunch of home-made soup and bread
Come and join us

Church Bell Ringing

One of our younger ringers suddenly realised at
Christmas ringing that she, along with the other new
ringers, had made more progress than she had
anticipated when she started and that the new ringers
were suddenly all able to ring together without 1-1
supervision. It has been so fantastic to watch the

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progress and to see our new ringers reach this milestone.

Two of the slightly more advanced young ringers have said that they wanted me to report that they would like everyone in the village to know how well they are doing and how great it would be to see even more people come and see what we do.

So why not do so? Maybe even make 2024 the year that you learn to ring church bells?

It's an interest that provides opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and to see new places; it provides gentle exercise, some mental stimulation and encourages social activity.

Ringling is also a service opportunity as we ring for all sorts of occasions, whether they are church services or national or local celebrations.

If you are interested – or you would just like to see the inside of the church tower and how bells are rung, 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 there has been a change in arrangements). We look forward to meeting 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.

St Denys' Handbell Ringers

What a great start to the year! We attended the HRGB South East Region Birthday rally; it's always a wonderful experience playing in such a large group of ringers. We also took the opportunity to dust off our big bells and play some 3-octave music. We are now back to playing 2-octaves and preparing for our first booking of the year!

Do you like music? Why not start the year with a new hobby and give handbells a try? Now is the perfect time to start as we prepare for the first bookings of the year! We meet every Wednesday in the small village hall in Stanford in the Vale. Everyone is welcome, and no prior musical experience is required!

If you are interested in joining or booking us, please contact Jackie at StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com

Village Voices Musical Get Together

Saturday 2nd March at 7.30 St Denys' Church

'SINGING BRITAIN' Songs and music of the British Isles.

Refreshments at the end. All very welcome.

Donations to the Medical Detection Dogs.

**Repair Café Saturday 2nd March Coffee Shop
11.00am – 1.00pm NOTE EARIER TIME**

Small items and advice on larger items

Jewellery Ultrasonic Cleaning

Saturday 16th February Social Club

11.00am until about 2.00pm

Ideally please give us prior notice of items for repair

General repairs and servicing. Please let us know beforehand if possible so we can have tools and parts available

Our work is varied but new Volunteers are always welcome

Tele 01367 710283

Email: stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk

Wednesday 6th March 2024

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 in the Vale Village Hall Film Club FRIDAY 8TH MARCH – ONE LIFE (2023) PG



Synopsis: British stockbroker Nicholas Winton visits Czechoslovakia in the 1930s and forms plans to assist in the rescue of Jewish children before the onset of World War II, in an operation that came to be known as the Kindertransport.

Stars: Helena Bonham Carter, Johnny Flynn Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin

Film Duration : 109 minutes (with an interval)

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Doors open 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets: U18's £3 Adult £5 Family £12

Card payments only

Bar and Refreshments available

The second Friday of the month. What will come in April?

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Friday 8th March 2024

Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon**

Tea in the Village Hall

All welcome and bring a friend

2.30-4.30pm

Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 9th March 2024 – 9.30- 2.30pm

Can you spare some time on 9th March to help maintain our Churchyard? Main tasks will be collecting broken branches, pruning, trimming, and raking. Longer grass areas may need strimming and also mowing. Please bring tools for the above tasks. We had an excellent time in October last year so hope we can repeat that experience.

If interested please email cpngill46@gmail.com.

01367 718224

Hope to see you there!!

Peter Gill- St Denys Church

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH @ 7.30 IN THE LARGE VILLAGE HALL.

HIDDEN GEMS AND STORIES (within the churches of South Oxfordshire & Berkshire Speaker) **CATHERINE SAMPSON**

Visitors welcome , entrance fee £5

Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 20th March 2024** in the Village Hall.

The main event will be the Annual General Meeting.

For enquiries, please ring Annette on 01367710528

STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

The March meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 27th at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.**

The speaker will be Harriet Rycroft and her subject will be "**Potty Times**".

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 March

- Prune Bush and Climbing Roses
- Plant Shallots, Onion Sets and Early Potatoes
- Plant summer Flowering Bulbs
- Lift and Divide Overgrown Clumps of Perennials
- Top Dress Containers with Fresh compost
- Mow the Lawn on dry days (if needed)
- Protect New Spring Shoots from Slugs

Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital

Taxi Service 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.

Pre-school news – March 2024

We have enjoyed watching the birds in our garden. In order to encourage more we made bird feeders and hung them out. We used tally charts to record how many we saw. We are getting really good at recognising the regular visitors.

We have made bread for our cooking activity this term. We enjoyed weighing, mixing, kneading and shaping and finding out all about how yeast works.

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>

You can also support the Pre-school by buying online through Easy Fundraising and choosing us as your good cause. At no cost to you every time you shop we will get a commission from the company https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stanfordpresch/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2

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 - Jonathan & Lola,

Year 2 - Sophie & Luis,

Year 3 - Ivy & Saffron,

Year 4 - Conway & Anneke,

Year 5 - Toby & Lottie,

Year 6 - Tessa & Esmay

Here at Stanford School we have had another busy few weeks leading up to half term!

Foundation have been enjoying learning about so many different events including Chinese New Year. We learnt all about what happens to celebrate the occasion and learnt a wonderful dragon dance and song.

Year One really enjoyed our Victorian school experience afternoon. We were able to dress up in traditional clothing and pretend we were attending a Victorian school, using traditional writing tools and

lessons. We also had a wonderful, muddy trip to Badbury clump.

Year Two have been having a great time learning about fairy tales and creating our own. We particularly enjoyed reading Into the Forest and creating some descriptive writing based on this. It was also great fun to learn all about our favourite places from around the UK.

Year Three have enjoyed making some wonderful Roman inspired mosaic tiles, we experimented with a variety of printing techniques before creating mosaics using geometric shapes and patterns. We have also enjoyed our music this term where we were focussing on reggae music.

Year Four had a great time exploring the causes and impact of volcanoes and earthquakes. We erupted volcanoes and simulated and measured earthquakes. We have also worked really hard on our basketball skills and made excellent progress with our ball control.

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Year Five have made great progress in their football skills this term and all of us have developed our abilities. We have also had great fun exploring countries around the world and thinking about how climate change is impacting them.

Year Six have produced some wonderful non-chronological reports all about dragons to link to our work on evolution. We have also considered how important Darwin's trip to the Galapagos for our understanding of evolution and adaptations.

During this term we enjoyed an absolutely fantastic performance of Stanford's Got Talent which highlighted so many of the wonderful talents shared by pupils from across the school. The performers were spectacular and put on two wonderful shows for the school and parents.

As a school council we are very pleased to announce that we have hit our fundraising goal for Sobell House and our 'ox'. We are very excited about the upcoming opportunity to decorate and then display our ox! Thank you to everyone for your support for our fundraising.

Best wishes

School Council

To include items in April's newsletter please send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message.

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