



# MAY 2024 PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** *Easter 6*  
10.15 am Holy Communion(Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** *Sunday after  
Ascension Day*  
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints,  
Goosey

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** *Pentecost*  
10.15 am Holy Communion with Open  
The Presentation, followed by Annual  
Parochial Church Meeting (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** *Trinity Sunday*  
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)  
4.00 pm Denys@4  
6.00 pm Evensong at St Georges,  
Hatford (BCP)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** *Trinity I*  
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:

David Axford  
Hilda Rainbow

**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.

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## WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

<b>Vicar</b>	
The Revd Paul Eddy	710267
<b>Church Wardens</b>	
Maz Galley	710211
Michelle Sinclair	07929733429
<b>Verger</b>	
Susan Mayall	710138

The Vicar writes ....



The Stanford Festival has always been one of the highlights of the year for many villagers, and is one of the few times when the whole village comes together.

Its always a joy to see people of all ages mixing and getting to know each other, and people reunited after months – if not the whole year!

This year's theme is the **The Paris Olympics**, which will start a few weeks after the Festival weekend, which this year is over **13/14 July**. There's plenty of scope within that theme for village organisations, and other stall holders to think creatively, whether it be sports or France/Paris. Of course St Denys is the Patron Saint of France (well they actually have three!), and we are hoping that the various nationalities in the village might dress up for the opening day in national costume. We are looking into an Olympic Torch run around the village where village organisations cover a 'leg' of the village, then hand on the Torch to the next, culminating with the Festival opening on Church Green. We are also looking at a number of sporting options, as well as extending the food options over the weekend – watch this space.

As ever, the festival relies on some core foundations, including **Sponsors** (to help cover the cost of hiring activities/events etc), **Volunteers** to help set up and pack away – each day and, we really hope that small business owners who produce items for sale will become a **Stall Holder** (just £12.50) and make their business more widely known.

A number of the traditional elements will continue, but we have also booked some new and exciting additions this year. We will be announcing plans over the Stanford Facebook Page over the coming months/weeks.

If you would like to help in any way, or would like to book a stall, please email [festival@stdenys.org](mailto:festival@stdenys.org)  
Yours Paul **Revd Paul Eddy** **Vicar**



### Chris Stallard

Ruth, David, and Jackie would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages on the sad passing of Chris. We would also like to thank all those who attended his 'Do' at the Church and at the Horse and Jockey and a special thank you for the donations totalling £567.95p so generously given to Chris' chosen charity of The Royal National Institute for Blind People.

### Church Bell Ringing

The Vale Young Ringers enjoyed an afternoon at Stanford on 14<sup>th</sup> April. They rang church bells, the portable mini ring, and handbells. And ate lots of cake and biscuits. They also very ably assisted in the build and dismantle of the portable ring.

There are 11 churches in the Vale of the White Horse with bells that can be rung in the traditional, English change ringing style. Four of the towers have sets of 8 church bells – Stanford is one of those. There is one tower with 10 bells, another 4 with 6 bells and then there is a 4-bell tower and a 3-bell tower.

Ringling a church bell is a skill which requires a period of learning and practice. You might sometimes hear our practices! The first thing to learn is how to actually ring the bell – and how to ring it safely. I am very proud of all of our newer ringers. They have worked very hard to become as proficient as they now are at handling a bell.

Rather like driving a car, where the basic principle of driving is much the same whatever car you are in, ringling any bell is much the same – but, as with a car, there are very slight differences from bell to bell. Taking the opportunity to ring different bells, either in our tower or in other churches, gives ringers an opportunity to develop and improve their skills.

Our young ringers are benefitting from the opportunities to meet up and ring with other Vale youngsters at different churches and many other ringers also organise trips or meetings to ring at different towers both for social reasons but also to extend their experience. The East Garston and Lambourn ringers are visiting our area on 18<sup>th</sup> May and ringling at a number of towers. We are looking forward to welcoming them to Stanford in the Vale.

As always, if you'd like to know more about church bell ringling or if you'd like to join us, please do get in touch via [StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com](mailto:StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com). We would love to hear from you.

**VILLAGE VOICES** – an hour of 'singing for fun' – on Thursdays at 7pm in St. Denys' church. Do come and join us. No previous experience or special musical knowledge necessary. More information from Margaret Williams - 710254

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**7.30 pm Stanford in the Vale Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council @19:45 in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall** - check noticeboards or Parish Council website for details. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

### Repair Café

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May COFFEE SHOP 11am, - 1pm**  
Advice and small items. **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May SOCIAL: CLUB 11am – 2pm**  
Please try and give us prior notice so we can get spares etc Contact phone 01367 710283  
Email [stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk](mailto:stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk)

### STANFORD IN THE VALE HISTORY SOCIETY WEDNESDAY 8th MAY

at 7.30 in the Large Village Hall  
**THE EDWARDIAN AND VICTORIAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS OF OXFORD**  
**SPEAKER : LIZ WOOLLEY**  
All visitors welcome, entrance fee £5

### Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Film Club

**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**OPPENHEIMER**  
**12**



#### Synopsis:

The story of American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and his role in the development of the atomic bomb

**Cast:** Emily Blunt, Matt Damon, Robert Downey Jr.,

Cillian Murphy

**Film Duration:** 181 minutes with an interval.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

**Doors open 6.30 pm, film starts at 7.00pm.**

**Tickets: U18's £3 Adult £5 Family £12**

Card payments only

Bar and Refreshments available

*Next month we will be a week early – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June*

### STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

**Plant sale and Coffee morning.**

**Saturday, May 11th. 10.00 to 12.00 in the Village Hall.** Plants for sale, refreshments and raffle. Donations of plants for sale will be welcomed. Please deliver to Village Hall on morning of sale. More details from 01367 710445.

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IT'S NOT JUST CAKE AND CALENDARS  
(although we do like cake....)

STANFORD WI invite you to an evening of

## Wine & Cheese



Wednesday | 15th May | 7:30 pm

STANFORD VILLAGE HALL

enquiries to Rebecca  
01367 718719

## Pre-school news – May 2024

We are absolutely delighted to announce that in our recent Ofsted inspection we were again given an Outstanding rating. It is a huge testament to the hard work and dedication of the wonderful staff team and the support of the committee. The Pre-school continues to depend heavily on the village PPC to enable it to purchase larger pieces of equipment and fund projects to benefit the children without which it would not be possible so a huge thank you to them. A copy of the inspection can be found here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY419941>

We are welcoming 5 new families after the Easter break and look forward to enjoying the better weather as we head towards the summer.

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](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](http://www.stanfordpreschool.org.uk) and complete a Pre-Registration form or contact the Pre-school on 01367 718696.

### Ideas for opportunities to support Stanford Preschool

*As many residents will be aware, we have an outstanding preschool at the heart of our community - we have probably all benefitted from the care and inspiration the setting and staff have given our local children, whether we are parents, carers, neighbours or relatives.*

**All Saints Church Goosey Plant, Book and Cake Sale**  
**Saturday 18th May 12-3pm, All Saints Church, SN7 8PA**  
**Refreshments available**  
*Free entry. All money raised will go to the All Saints Church Building Fund*



### STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

**The May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.**

The speaker will be Lloyd Newman, Head Gardener at Pusey house, who will be talking about "The Gardens of Pusey House".

Visitors will be welcome for a £3.00 entry fee.

More details from 01367 710445

#### Gardening Tips for May

- Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants.
- Earth up Potatoes.
- Plant out summer bedding at end of month
- Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges.
- Lift and divide overcrowded daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs.
- Look out for Viburnum Beetles and Lily beetle grubs

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A recent report published by the Department of Education (2023) found that almost half preschools (47%) said their income was not sufficient to cover their costs, up from just over a third (35%) in winter 2021. Staffing costs and energy bills are the main drivers of growing cost pressures, and our wonderful preschool also has the added costs of maintaining its own premises. This financial pressure adds significant stress and worry to both voluntary committees and staff alike.

In light of this, a few of us would like to do something towards helping our pre-school, whether that is financially (donations should be eligible for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer), using our practical skills and time, or simply getting to know more about its work in our community. If you are interested in hearing more, or getting involved, please contact Joy Hindson (07816 220235 or [joy\\_hindson@hotmail.com](mailto:joy_hindson@hotmail.com)) or Claire Lewis ([clewis@stanfordpreschool.org.uk](mailto:clewis@stanfordpreschool.org.uk)). We are very interested in hearing from anyone, even if you haven't previously had any direct contact with the preschool and are very open to ideas and thoughts!

Early years education is so important for positive outcomes in life - supporting the pre-school is a great way to invest and help locally in shaping the next generation."



## 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 L

Year 6 - Tessa & Esmay

Most of April we have not been at school as it was the Easter holidays but we are all back and excited to start our new enquiry topics!

**Foundation** are learning about life cycles, looking at caterpillars and tadpoles.

**Year One** are learning all about the monarchy and castles!

**Year Two** are thinking about Brunel and will be making bridges.

**Year Three** are learning all about London and thinking about why people might want to live there.

**Year Four** are finding out all about where water comes from and how the water cycle works.

**Year Five** are starting their enquiry into Ancient Greece.

**Year Six** are learning all about rainforests and how important they are.

We are very excited to say that our Ox is nearly finished and will be going out on display soon - watch this space to find out where you can find him!

Just before the Easter holidays we had a wonderful Easter service at the Church where we told the Easter story as a class. We also had a wonderful Easter bonnet and decorated egg parade with some amazing creations being shown off!

Best wishes

School Council

To include items in May's newsletter please send to [jmwarren302@gmail.com](mailto:jmwarren302@gmail.com) or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message.

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