



JULY 2024 PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

Sunday 7th July 6th Sunday after Trinity
Safeguarding Sunday

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4 – Summer BBQ

Sunday 14th July

Stanford Summer Festival

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

**6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints,
Goosey**

Saturday 20th July Wedding 12noon

Sunday 21st July 8th Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28th July 9th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)
1.00pm Wedding – All Saints Goosey
4.00 pm Denys@Home
**6.00 pm Holy Communion at
St George, Hatford**

Sunday 4th August

10th Sunday after Trinity

10.15am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00pm 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

The Vicar writes

Dear Parishioner

WELL, in a few days we will know who will be leading the country in Government, and the campaigning will be over, and the work will begin.

Last month at St Denys, three members of our families' congregation, Denys@4 were Confirmed by the Bishop. In the preparation classes that we had in the run up to the day, we discussed how our faith impacts our daily lives. In one preparation session, I asked them what difference, if any, now that they were regular church members and Christians, would their newly-kindled faith have on the way they would vote in the upcoming General Elections?

There followed a very interesting conversation because we all reflected deeply that we should vote not just for ourselves and our family (though of course that will have a part) but as Christians and citizens, we should be mindful of the marginalised, the weakest and most vulnerable in society, and those who have little help and support to play an active role in society. Or, maybe, they fail to receive the care they need, be that from the NHS or social care etc.

I have been interested in how each Party, in media interviews, addressed each voter by trying to persuade them how their policies were best to benefit 'them'. Few, if any said: "*in this election, whilst we would all like more money in our pockets, what we have to do is to raise everyone's opportunity and care, protect everyone from outside forces, create a safer climate, and ensure those who most need help can get it when most needed, and then, if there's anything left in the bank, we'll think about how we can help those 'who have'.*"

Its not a very popular message, which is why, of course, you rarely hear any Politian say it!

But as this newsletter drops through you door, and we each considers how we will vote in the next few days, as those new Christians reflected, so we each have a unique opportunity in our democracy to vote. To use that vote not just for ourselves, but

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for the good of all. I wonder if, having reflected on that, any of us would change the way we vote this year?

Jesus' life on earth was very focussed on the marginalised and those at the edges of society, for a community is only as strong as its weakest link, and for a community to thrive, there needs to be support networks available (State and private) for all of use who at any stage of our lives, might need help. I pray that however you vote in the next few days, we shall all have in mind the needs of others, young and old, as we put our mark on the paper, and post our democratic contribution through the slit at the top of the ballot box.

Yours Paul
Revd Paul A. Eddy Vicar
PS. Don't forget **13/14 July is the Stanford Festival**. Still time for village organisations to book a stall and for local businesses and individuals to help sponsor the event. Email festival@stdenys.org for details. We shall also be asking for an 'army of volunteers' via social media in the coming days!

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.

Church Bell Ringing

Late May and June have been busier months for our bells and bell ringers.

We flagged last month that we would be taking part in the Branch Striking Contest at Uffington in May. We were very pleased to have completed our 'test piece' and to receive some nice comments from the judges. As we anticipated, we were not the best – but we were delighted to have been awarded the trophy for the "most improved" team.

As you'll know from our regular reports, we have been teaching a number of new ringers over the last year or so and, thanks to them, we are finally in a position to be able to enter a team in such contests although, more importantly, we now have a group of ringers able to make our own bells sound nice.

We do hope that villagers are able to appreciate the improvements in the quality of our ringing over the last 12 months.

In June, with some local ringers and some visitors, we were able to ring a Quarter Peal. This was "special occasion" ringing requiring the same 6 ringers to ring continuously to complete 1260 changes of Plain Bob Doubles. It took 43 minutes of physical activity and concentration. Congratulations to the ringers – especially the birthday girl, 90 year old Anne Jones.

In July, we expect to be ringing for the village festival and we are also expecting to see the mini-ring in the village. Do come and say hello.

As always, if you'd like to know more about church bell ringing or if you'd like to join us, please do get in touch via StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com. We still have space for more learners (or returning ringers). We don't charge anything to learn, you just need to be available from 7.30-9pm on a Tuesday evening and 9.45-10.15 on a Sunday.

STANFORD DRAMA GROUP

**Proudly present a Murder Mystery
'BODY OF THE PLAY'**

By Eileen Clark

Directed by Katie Tidy

**Performances: Wednesday 3rd July, Friday 5th July
and Saturday 6th July.**

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Light refreshments at your table.

Bar available – Cash only

**Tickets from Stanford Coffee Shop, next to the
Coop. £10.00 a ticket – cash only.**

Limited numbers and no admittance on the door as we need to have the numbers beforehand re food.

Come and exercise your little grey cells, have fun and guess who dunnit!!

Enquiries : 01367 710400

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Wednesday 3rd July 2024

**7.30 pm Stanford in the Vale Parish Council
Meeting in Stanford in the Vale School Hall - check
noticeboards or Parish Council website for details.**
Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Please note change of venue

STANFORD SOCIAL CLUB

CASH BINGO ON FRIDAY 5th JULY

EYE'S DOWN 7.30PM

All Welcome but Non Members 50p entrance

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. One of our drivers will then be in contact with you - please allow 3 to 4 days for a response.

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New drivers would be very welcome. Contact Dan on 05603 660 122.

Repair Café

We will be meeting in the COFFEE SHOP on **Saturday 6th July** from 11am until 1pm to give advise, mend small items and do Portable Appliance Testing (PAT). We will be trying to fix larger items in the **SOCIAL CLUB on 20th July** at 11am until about 2pm. It would be helpful if you can give us prior notice Phone 01367 710283 Email stanfordrepaircafe@silkie.co.uk **PLEASE NOTE WE WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING AUGUST.** We will start again on 7th September

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Film Club FRIDAY 12TH JULY INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY 12A



Synopsis: Finding himself in a new era, and approaching retirement, Indy wrestles with fitting into a world that seems to have outgrown him. But as the tentacles of an all-too-familiar evil return in the form of an old rival, Indy must don his hat and pick up his whip once more to make sure an ancient and powerful artifact doesn't fall into the wrong hands.

Cast: Harrison Ford

Film Duration: 154 minutes plus an interval.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Doors open 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets: U18's £3 Families £12 Adult £5

Card payments only Bar and Refreshments

STANFORD SUMMER FESTIVAL SATURDAY 13TH JULY and SUDAY 14TH JULY Programmes with this newsletter

St Denys Hand Bell Ringers

We have had a great month preparing for our two public performances in July Please come and join us on **Saturday 13th July 3:30-5:30pm at All Saints' Church in Faringdon for FollyFest** where we will be hosting a have-a-go session. You can then join us again on **Sunday 14th July in the afternoon at St Denys' Church in Stanford in the Vale for the village festival** for a performance with the theme of the Olympics! Do you like music? Why not give handbells a try? We are a small, friendly group that

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meet every Wednesday 8-10pm 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

Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 17th July 2024** in the Village Hall. Michelle Garwood will give a talk on **Decluttering**. For enquiries, please ring Rebecca on 01367 718719.

Welcome to our
Companionship Cafe

3rd Monday of the Month
1.30-3.30pm

Venue:
Stanford in the Vale
Village Hall, SN7 8LX



Calling all older adults
looking for friendship,
connections, and creativity!

2024 Dates:
17th June, 15th July, 19th August,
16th September, 21st October,
18th November & 16th December

For more info:
Call 01793 232585 or Email
cat.attewell@homeinstead.co.uk

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STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

Stanford in the Vale Gardening Club

Garden Walkabout on Sunday 7th July From 2-4.30pm
A pleasant stroll with a variety of gardens to visit, with tea/coffee and cake included.

A map showing the gardens will be on show in the front of 24 High Street (opposite the Co-op)
Tickets are £5 per person, with a map, available from 01367 710144 Or 01367 710445

or at the first garden you visit.

Also at the June Gardening Club Meeting.

Gardening Tips for July.

- Sow spring cabbage, turnips, Oriental vegetables, chicory, fennel, and autumn/winter salads.
- Carrots can still be sown, but beware of carrot fly when thinning existing seedlings.
- Last chance to sow French beans and runner beans.
- Plant out leeks and brassicas for a winter



- supply, if not yet done.
- Continue training fan-trained trees.
- Complete summer pruning of gooseberries, redcurrants and white currants.

Pre-school news – July 2024

We have had a wonderful messy time experimenting with mixing colours. We have been making predictions and learning new vocabulary to describe what we see happening.

Our frogs have now been released. We have enjoyed seeing them grow and change. We now have some caterpillars to observe and watch them turn into butterflies.

We have been using the park to practice races ahead of our Leavers Picnic party at the end of term.

We will be running a **Teddy Tombola stall at the village festival on the 14th July**. We would love your donations of clean, soft toys on good condition. Please drop them off at the Pre-school. Many thanks.

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)

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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.



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

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Another busy month here at Stanford school, with lots of learning to celebrate!

Foundation have been working really hard on their writing and are impressing everyone with some of the work they have produced. They have started learning all about different types of transport and how children all over the world live.

Year One have completed their phonics screening this week and we are all very proud of how they have done. They have also started to learn about the seaside and traditional British holidays and pastimes including learning a maypole dance.

Year Two are very excited to be learning about the great fire of London and how it started this term. They have also been working really hard in Maths, where they have been learning all about statistics.

Year Three are learning all about light and shadow this term which they have started off by exploring reflections. As well as this they have started their exciting DT work all about pneumatics.

Year Four have started their learning all about the Vikings and have been exploring different Viking leaders and invasion strategies. They have just completed their Multiplication Tables Checks and we are very proud of how they approached this.

Year Five have continued their learning around Greece, this term with a focus on modern day Greece. They have started to create some wonderful writing based on their current text, *Who Let the Gods Out?*

Year Six are hard at work preparing for their end of year production of Peter Pan. Everyone is busy learning lines, practicing dance moves and perfecting their delivery - we are all very excited to see the finished performance!

On Saturday 15th June we held our annual school summer fete which was well attended and enjoyed by all - thankfully the weather was on our side! Looking forward to the rest of this academic year there is still so much to look forward to including sports and science week, sports day, trips and performances!

Best wishes

School Council

