



AUGUST 2024 PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2024

Sunday 4th August 10th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 11th August 11th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All
Saints, Goosey

Sunday 18th August 12th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

Sunday 25th August 13th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
6.00 pm Evensong at St George,
Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 1st September 14th after Trinity
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:

Vera Smith

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?

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The Vicar writes

AS I write this message, the Stanford Festival has just finished, and hundreds of villagers, old and new, have enjoyed two days of gathering, entertainment and fun.

Each year, St Denys Church hosts the event to unite the village, and to provide an opportunity (on the Sunday) for village organisations to have a stall to raise their profile and, to raise much needed funds.

This year, we were extremely grateful to our main sponsors (as of the time of writing) the Public Purposes Charity, Earthline, Horse & Jockey, Honest Solar, Aramaza, AHS Painters & Property Services, Gary Does Solar, Cobra Concrete, J Godfrey & Sons and the Stanford Social Club. Their contributions helped to cover the costs of buying in entertainment, printing costs, village hall costs, insurance and many other things necessary to make the event a success. We thank each one of them most sincerely.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Festival Task Group who worked so hard all year round to get things ready, and then oversee the practical details over the weekend. My thanks to Karin Williams-Cuss, Karen Boyle Dan Huby and Neil Mantle.

A few people asked me why the festival seemed a bit smaller this year? The answer is that we experience what I know many other village/school/fete organisers have faced since Covid: a lack of volunteers who would commit in advance to helping on a stall. We have a wide range of additional stalls that we could set up both days of the festival, but unless people commit in advance to helping on them, say for one hour on either day, we cannot erect the stall and make them available. As I say, this is not unique to the festival. I know most of the other local events have expressed the same issue over the past few years.

So, I wonder whether, as we are now fully out of

the pandemic and getting back to life, whether 2024 could be a turning point in charity volunteering? Many village organisations said to me that although they would have liked to have a stall at the festival, many of their number were now older, and that they could not find any volunteers to help. I also know several of the village groups are looking for additional volunteers to help run their weekly or monthly events. So, having been asked by a few village group leaders to ask, maybe this year, after the summer break you might wish to consider whether you could commit to help one of our village organisations with voluntary help and, if you'd like to see more stalls open at next year's festival, please drop us an email at festival@stdenys.org and we'd love to be in touch. Thank you.

Finally, I'd like to inform you that every 10 years or so, the Church of England require full-time clergy to have a three-month sabbatical from their day to day, 6-day a week ministry. This is to recharge the batteries, have a spiritual retreat and to focus on a period of study. For me, the latter will be looking at how rural parishes, like ours, have developed different congregations or ministries to reach people with little or no previous church contact, and to help them investigate the truths of the Christian faith and to make a commitment to follow Jesus in their daily lives. My sabbatical has been deferred three times for church, Covid and my hip op, and so the bishop was keen for me to take it this year. Although you will see me around the village, I shall therefore be away from 1 August to 31 October but during that time, there are clergy available to take services on Sundays, Funerals etc, and for any urgent pastoral need. The church wardens will oversee the day-to-day running of the church in my absence. If you have any particular need during this time, please email wardens@stdenys.org, or phone Maz Galley or Michelle Sinclair, whose telephone numbers are in the *Who's Who* box. Thank you.

I wish you all a healthy and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing many of you when we gather in November to remember those who put country before self, and we shall remember all service men and women who died in other wars and conflicts. Their service remains an inspiration to us all.

Yours *Paul* **Revd Paul A. 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.

Church Bell Ringing

Thank you to everyone who came to see the church bell ringers at the village festival. It was great to see people having a go on the mini ring. We continue to welcome new learners to the tower - as well as any former ringers.

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. There is no charge 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

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our recent 'Murder Mystery' production and helped in making it a success. Hopefully, you enjoyed taking part as much as we did performing. In order for our small group to carry on and put on performances such as our annual panto, **WE NEED A LOT MORE MEMBERS TO JOIN IN ALL CAPACITIES.** We are a friendly little group so if you can paint, saw, hammer, make props, sew costumes, love make-up and hair, direct and produce performances or perform on stage we would love to hear from you.

Contact 'Yvonne and Barry' on 01367 710400; e mail bazvon@btinternet.com or any members of the group.

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.

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

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St Denys' Handbell Ringers

For the past couple of months our rehearsals have been focussed on practicing for our appearances at FollyFest and the Stanford in the Vale village festival, and it certainly was a whirlwind of a weekend! This year we both performed our rehearsed pieces and held have-a-go sessions which everyone had a lot of fun at. It was really wonderful to meet so many enthusiastic people and introduce them to the handbells.

We will now be changing pace and starting to sort out pieces for busking at Buscot Park gardens on 22nd September.

If you had ever thought about giving the handbells a try, now is the perfect time as we are between performances and so can dedicate more time to teaching. No prior musical experience is required but a good sense of rhythm is a helpfull! We meet every Wednesday at the small village hall 8-10pm.

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

STANFORD VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

No film in August but will start again in September on Friday 6th September with 'The Fall Guy' starring Emily Blunt, Ryan Gosling, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Hannah Waddingham where He's a stuntman, and like everyone in the stunt community, he gets blown up, shot, crashed, thrown through windows and dropped from the highest of heights, all for our entertainment. And now, fresh off an almost career-ending accident, this working-class hero has to track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job. What could possibly go right?

Also , in September we are starting an afternoon matinee show on 2nd Wednesday in the month with tea and cake.

Staring on Wednesday 11th September with 'The Greatest Escapers' starring Michael Caine, Glenda Jackson, John Standing

In the summer of 2014, a World War II veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

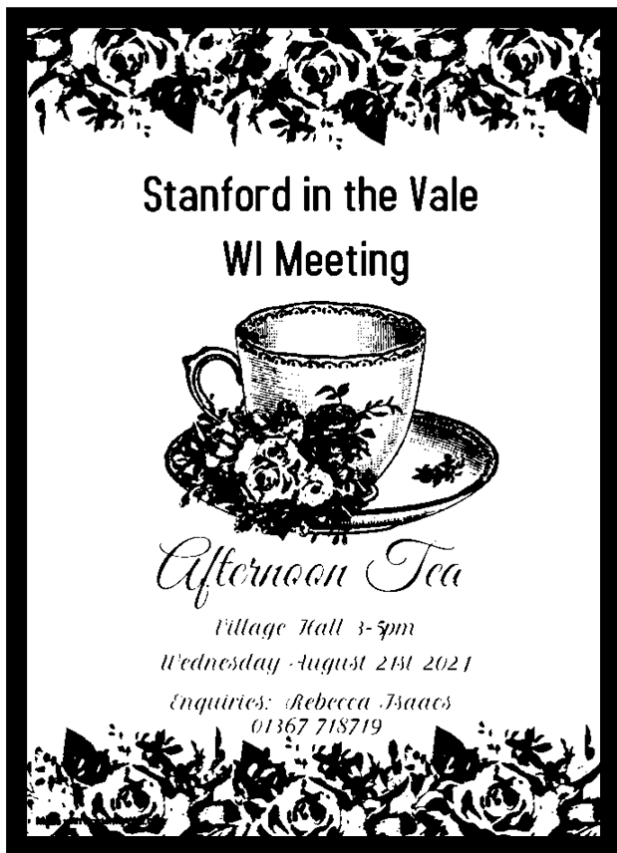
Pre-school news – August 2024

We have had a busy term helping those children leaving us in July for their transition to school. We have had a school role play area where the children enjoyed dressing up in school uniform. They have made books with pictures of their new classes and teachers, and we have read lots of books about starting school.

We have also been doing a woodwork project with all the children collaborating and adding their pieces to it. It will be put up on display in our garden.

We had a wonderful leavers picnic. We started with some sports day races, followed by a short ceremony where we gave out medals and certificates and then a picnic all together. It was a lovely end to a very busy year. We welcome 17 new children who will be joining us in September.

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



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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.



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

As we approach the end of the school year things are as busy as ever here at Stanford!

Foundation have been working really hard with their phonics and every single one of them produced a story all by themselves in preparation for joining year 1!

Year one went on a wonderful trip to Cotswold Water Park to conclude their learning all about beaches. They had a fantastic day in the water, on the beach and generally having fun.

Year two have finished their History for the term in spectacular fashion by setting fire to their houses to demonstrate the spread of the great fire of London.

Year three have enjoyed writing poems after having read some interesting examples - they have created some wonderful pieces. They have also worked really hard in Maths where they have been learning all about time.

Year four excelled themselves in their times tables checks, making us all very proud. They have also been continuing their Viking topic by re-enacting battle strategies and holding a debate, Vikings v Saxons.

Year five have been making toys in DT - they have been demonstrating some impressive woodwork skills and careful designing. They have also written some excellent persuasive pieces all about Greece.

Year six have wowed us all with their amazing performance of Peter Pan. As we approach the end of their time with us, they have been engaging in a variety of transition activities.

The whole school had a fantastic day on class swap day where everyone got to spend the day with their new teacher. We have also had a very successful sports day where everyone represented their teams with excellent sportsmanship and resilience.

Have a lovely summer

Best wishes

School Council

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