



OCTOBER 2024 PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 6th October 19th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 13th October 20th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at All Saints,
Goosey

Sunday 20th October 21st after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 27th October Last after Trinity
10.15 am Morning Worship (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4
6.00 pm Evensong at St George,
Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 3rd November 4th before Advent
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:**

Malcolm Trafford

Open House Every Saturday 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.

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter October 2024. To include items for the newsletter:

Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com Closing date this month is the 18th October.

Stanford Community Website for e copy - Local events, business listing, village history and more

Newsletter sponsored by Public Purposes Charity Stanford in the Vale

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 - October

Dear Parishioner

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the profound importance of fostering a strong community spirit within our parish. Yet, it is this very spirit that forms the heart of our shared experience and faith. As we navigate the challenges and triumphs of life, let us remember that a vibrant community doesn't just happen; it requires our active participation and heartfelt commitment.

The essence of community spirit lies in the connections we build with one another. In a world where technology often replaces face-to-face interactions, making time for meaningful engagement with fellow parishioners is crucial. Attending Sunday services, joining village organisations, participate in the Stanford festival, and most importantly, taking the time to know our neighbours. These small acts of engagement weave the fabric of our community tighter, ensuring that no one feels isolated or forgotten.

Acts of kindness and service are the cornerstones of a thriving community. Volunteering our time and talents not only benefits those in need but also enriches your own lives. Our local community offers numerous opportunities for service, from helping with the Faringdon food bank to visiting the elderly. By extending a helping hand, we embody the teachings of Christ and demonstrate the love and compassion that define our faith.

Communication is another vital aspect of nurturing community spirit. Sharing our joys, concerns, and prayers helps us support one another through life's ups and downs. Make use of our parish newsletter, village social media pages, and notice boards to stay informed and connected. Open and honest communication builds trust and solidarity, fostering a sense of belonging among all members.

Inclusivity is the hallmark of a true Christian community. Our parish is a diverse tapestry of backgrounds and experiences. Embracing this diversity enriches our community and reflects the universal nature of God's love. Let us strive to create an environment where everyone feels welcome and valued, regardless of their differences.

Finally, let us not forget the power of prayer in strengthening our community. Pray for our parish, for its leaders, and for each other. Prayer unites us in spirit and purpose, reminding us that we are all part of a larger, divine plan.

Building a strong community spirit is not a one-time effort but a continuous journey. It requires patience, dedication, and love. As we move forward, let us commit to nurturing this spirit in every interaction and activity, creating a parish that truly reflects the light and love of Christ.

Yours in Christ

Paul **Revd Paul A. Eddy** Vicar

NB. The vicar is currently on Sabbatical until November 1, and this piece was written before his departure.

Vera Smith

The family of the late Vera Smith would like to thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful wishes on Vera's sad sudden passing, and to those who attended the church service to celebrate her life. £450 was received in donations and sent on to 'CLIC Sargent' who provide cancer care for children.

Dear Dog-walking Parishioners,

We would like to appeal for your help in caring for our Churchyards in the Parish.

Sadly, there has been an increase in the amount of dog excrement being left in the churchyards of both Goosey and St Denys. This is both extremely unpleasant for those visiting the graves of loved ones and for those who maintain the churchyards. It can also be dangerous to other dogs who come in contact with it.

We politely ask that you keep your dogs on a short lead while passing through the churchyards, so that you can observe them and take away any mess they create. Please deter them from urinating on the gravestones and church walls, which is both disrespectful and causes corrosion.

Many thanks for respecting other churchyard users and helping to preserve the sanctity and condition of our beautiful medieval churches and churchyards.
Church Wardens

St Denys' Handbell Ringers

At time of writing, we haven't yet played our set at Buscot Park and so I pre-emptively thank everyone that came to support us in raising money for the Samaritans, especially as the weather looks set to be thunderous! After this performance we will be dusting off our Christmas music to prepare for our bookings in

December (it's hard to believe it is coming up to that time again).

Do you like music? Why not give the handbells a try? Now is a great time to give it a go as we have a natural gap between performances and so will have more time to devote to teaching. No prior musical experience is required, although a good sense of rhythm is a plus! We are a small, friendly group and would love to hear from you. We meet every Wednesday 8-10pm in the small village hall. If interested, please e-mail Jackie at StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com

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.

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

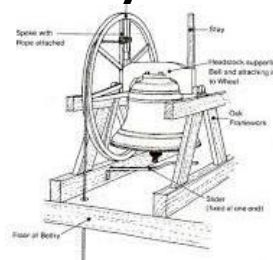
7.30 pm Stanford in the Vale Parish Council Meeting in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall - check noticeboards or Parish Council website for details. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Stanford in the Vale Repair Café

5th October Advice and small items at the **COFFEE SHOP** 11am - 1 pm -

Note we will NOT be meeting in the Social Club on **19th October** we will be at Grove Methodist Church Hall for the **INTERNATIONAL REPAIR CAFÉ DAY** 2pm - 5pm. We can take small items for you for repair. Derek 01367 710283 - reco@clara.co.uk

Heavy metal



To find out more about Stanford's church bells and how they are rung, come to an Open Afternoon on Saturday 5th October, 2-4pm or get in touch via StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter October 2024. To include items for the newsletter:

Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com Closing date this month is the 18th October.

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 Village Hall Film Club
WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER



Synopsis: Easy to enter, but much harder to leave, especially if you're wanted by the Nazis. Such a man is Resistance leader Victor Laszlo whose only hope is Rick Blaine, a cynical American who sticks his neck out for no one especially Victor's wife, Ilsa the ex-lover who broke his heart. Ilsa offers herself in exchange for Laszlo's transport out of the country and bitter Rick must decide what counts more -

personal happiness or countless lives hanging in the balance. Winner of three Academy Awards including Best Picture. No matter how often you've seen it, this looks like yet another beginning of a beautiful friendship with an unforgettable classic.

Runtime 102 Production Year: 1942

Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, Claude Rains, Sz Sakall, Conrad Veidt, Dooley Wilson

Doors open 2.00 pm, film starts at 2.30pm.

Tickets: Adult £5

Card payments only Tea and Cake



St Denys Village Voices present

A SUPPER CONCERT

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

In the Village Hall - Saturday, 12th October – 7pm for 7.30

Bar and Raffle – Cash Only

Profit to be donated to Food Charities

Tickets (in advance) £10 Cash

available from Stanford Coffee shop

Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on

Wednesday 16th October 2024 @ 7.30pm in the

Village Hall. Jane Reynolds (Tea Sommelier) will present 'Mad Boy Tea'.

Visitors welcome £5.00

For enquiries, please call Rebecca

on 0136718719.

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER at 7.30 in the Large Village Hall

COLESHILL, NERVE CENTRE OF RESISTANCE

The amazing story of Coleshill's role in WW2 , a story of courage, sabotage and secrecy .

Speaker. GILLIAN CANE

Visitors welcome, entrance fee £5

Friday 18th 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 Village Hall Film Club

FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER

THE GREAT ESCAPER

Synopsis:

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.

Runtime: 97mins

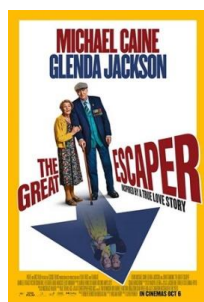
Cast: Michael Caine, Glenda Jackson, John Standing

Doors open 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets: U18's £3 Adult £5

Card payments only

Bar and Refreshments available



Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 19th October – 9.30- 3.30pm -approx

Can you spare some time on 19th October to help maintain our Churchyard. Main task will be raking up the long grass areas which need to be cut down in the Autumn. Rakes and wheelbarrows would be excellent. Also pruning and cutting tools would be very useful.

STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

There will be no monthly meeting in the Village Hall this month but there will be a members' visit to Yarnton Garden Centre on Wednesday, 23rd |October. Details to follow.

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter October 2024. To include items for the newsletter:

Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com Closing date this month is the 18th October.

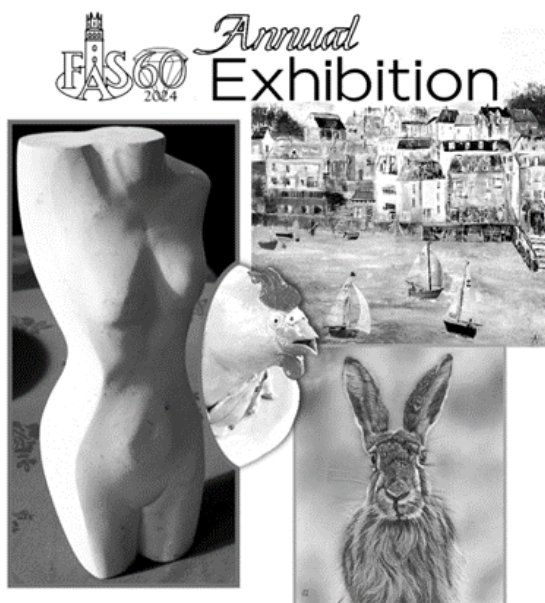
Stanford Community Website for e copy - Local events, business listing, village history and more

Newsletter sponsored by Public Purposes Charity Stanford in the Vale



Gardening Tips for October

- Now is the ideal time to plant bulbs for great displays next spring.
- October is the perfect time to plant dormant fruit trees and bushes
- Tidy up beds and borders and apply mulch
- Sow overwintering broad beans and peas.. May need some protection from frost.
- Plant autumn onion sets and garlic cloves
- Plant out spring cabbage. Net to protect from pigeons



25 - 27 October 2024

Corn Exchange, Faringdon SN7 7JA

Free	Friday 25 October 10am - 6pm
Public	Saturday 26 October 10am - 6pm
Entry	Sunday 27 October 10am - 4pm

www.faringdonartsociety.co.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE

St Denys' Church invites you to a **Women's Breakfast on Saturday 2nd November** in **Stanford Village Hall at 8.30am for an 8.45am start**
Speaker to be confirmed
Spaces are limited, so to book your place or for further information, please email womensbreakfast@stdenys.org, sign up in Church, or leave a message or text on 07880655102
There is no charge for this event although we welcome donations towards the cost of the breakfast.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Quiz Night

Saturday 9th November

**£24 per team of 4, if pre-registered
£30 on night incl. ploughman's supper.**

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm

Raffle and Bar Card Only

Contact: J. Warren 01367 710789

jmwarren302@gmail.com

Christmas Bingo on Friday December 6th

St Denys Church CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY

16th NOVEMBER

Stanford Village Hall

11.30 am – 2.00 pm

Homemade Soup and puddings

Gifts, Toys, Books

Christmas Food

Plus more !!



PENNYHOOKS FARM TRUST

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 23rd November 2024 10.30am – 1.30pm

We are delighted to welcome visitors to our annual Christmas Fayre at Pennyhooks Farm. We have some wonderful products for sale, made by our students.



Come and share a drink and home-made cake with us, look around the products, visit the animals and enjoy a walk around the farm - bring your wellies!

Find us at Pennyhooks Farm, Shrivenham, Oxon. SN6 8EX (signed just off the A420 between Shrivenham & Watchfield)

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter October 2024. To include items for the newsletter: Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com Closing date this month is the 18th October. 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 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 do need more drivers so that this very valuable service can be continued in the village. Several people have been led down recently due to the lack of drivers.**

Contact Dan – 05603 660 122 for more information – leaving your number and he will get back to you

Stanford Village Hall - Air Ambulance Clothes Bank.

Many thanks for your continued donations in the clothes bank that are greatly appreciated by the Children's Air Ambulance. Small bags are easier to put in the bank. Please can they be tied up so that when the bank is full, and the bags collect outside the clothes do not get wet or spread around. Thank You.

Pre-school news – October 2024

We are delighted with how well the children have settled back into Pre-school after the summer break. We are welcoming 16 new children to the setting this term. We have already been busy learning new songs and poems. We have been on nature walks around the village and observed changes with the seasons and played on the new equipment in the park.

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.whitehorselottery.co.uk)
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

We are all very excited to be back at school and have had a fantastic return to school with our learning now in full swing! We are very excited to tell you all about our new 'Pupil Parliament' which we are establishing this year! We are changing our 'school council' to run more like the government so we will be debating and voting on school wide issues as well as relevant national news topics! Watch this space to find out more as the year goes on.

Foundation - We have been settling in well to our new classroom and getting to know our teachers. We are all enjoying making new friends and exploring the classroom and outdoor environment.

Year One - We have been doing lots of reading and practicing our phonics skills. We are starting to learn all about different seasons and the weather. We are very pleased to be back at school.

Year Two - We have started to learn about the weather in different habitats as well as continuing to practice our reading and writing skills. We have been thinking about place value in Maths and learning to use adjectives effectively in English.

Year Three - We have been starting to read out text 'The Wild Way Home' as well as learning about place value in Maths. We have been enjoying our Science - learning about

rocks. As well as this we are all intrigued by our enquiry question all about

Year Four - We have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and reading the

story 'The Princess Who Hid in a Tree' all about an Anglo-Saxon princess from Oxford. We are excitedly starting to practice our times tables ready for our end of year test on these.

Year Five - We have been reading our focus text of 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' to help with our learning about Ancient Egypt. We have been excited to practice designing our own scarab beetles. Our guitar lessons have started up again and we are thrilled to be learning a new skill.

Year Six - We have started our learning on the topic of World War II - it has been fascinating so far to begin to get an insight into lives during the war. We have also been enjoying our Art lessons so far this term where we are experimenting with abstract and pop art techniques.

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

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.

To include items in November's newsletter please send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone 01367 710789 and leave a message.
Closing date: 18th October 2024. Late items can no longer be accepted