



NOVEMBER 2024 PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday 3rd November

4th Sunday before Advent

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 10th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.15 am Remembrance Service (Stanford)

11.00 am Act of Remembrance outside at the War Memorial Uniformed Groups and Villagers gather outside at 10.45am.

Followed by Communion in Church

4.00 pm Denys@4

6.00 pm Holy Communion at All Saints, Goosey

Monday 11th November

10.45 am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 17th November

2nd Sunday before Advent

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 24th November

Sunday before Advent

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

6.00 pm Holy Communion at St George's, Hatford (BCP)

Saturday 30th November

5.00 pm Lighting of the Tree in St Denys Church Churchyard, followed by the singing of Carols and hot refreshments.

Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday

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:

Colin Chapman

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar

The Revd Paul Eddy 710267

Church Wardens

Maz Galley 710211

Michelle Sinclair 07929733429

Verger

Susan Mayall 710138

November is Gift Month

We are a Parish of 3 Churches, St Denys, St George's, and All Saints. They are all beautiful old buildings which need a lot of care and attention. Since Covid donations have decreased whilst costs have generally increased. The PCC have designated November as a "Gift Month" to help with the general running costs of these buildings.

Donations can be made by any convenient method, and your donation can mention if you would like the money used for a particular building

Bank transfer to Stanford PCC St Denys Church, Sort Code 30-93-18, Account 00109758. Reference 'Gift Month', (add which church if you wish)

Cheque made payable to Stanford PCC St Denys Church, add designated church on reverse if you wish.

Cash to Vicarage or to any PCC member, or at any service.

Many thanks Sue Penman Treasurer to PCC

Open House Every Saturday St Denys Church is open between 10 am and noon for coffee and tea, cake and chat. Do pop in.

The Vicar writes - November

Dear Parishioners,

As the leaves fall and the chill of November settles in, we gather once more for Remembrance Sunday—a solemn occasion dedicated to honouring those who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our country. This day, steeped in tradition and reverence, serves as a poignant reminder of the bravery and selflessness of our armed forces, past and present.

Remembrance Sunday, held on the second Sunday of November, is closely linked to Armistice Day, which marks the end of World War I on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. On this day, we pause to reflect on the countless men and women who have answered the call of duty, often at great personal cost. Their sacrifices have secured the freedoms we cherish today.

In our community, the observance of Remembrance Sunday begins with a special service at our parish church at 10.15am. We gather to pray for peace, to remember the fallen, and to support those who continue to serve. The service includes readings, hymns, and then outside, around the War Memoriam, the laying of wreaths, symbolizing our respect and gratitude. The haunting notes of the "Last Post," followed by a two-minute silence, provide a moment for each of us to contemplate the gravity of war and the preciousness of peace.

The two-minute silence is a powerful tradition that unites us in collective remembrance. Whether we are gathered at the memorial, at home, or even in a bustling city, this brief pause allows us to reflect on the past and reaffirm our commitment to a future where peace prevails. It is a time to remember not only the soldiers but also the families who have endured the loss and the veterans who bear the scars of conflict.

As we observe Remembrance Sunday, let us also recognize the ongoing need for peace and reconciliation in our world. The legacy of those who fought and died should inspire us to work towards resolving conflicts through dialogue and understanding. Their sacrifice calls us to build a world where such sacrifices are no longer necessary.

In our prayers, let us remember the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John: "*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" Let us honour the memory of those who have shown this greatest love by striving to live in peace and harmony with all.

May God bless our servicemen and women, past and present. And may we, inspired by their example, work tirelessly for a world where peace and justice reign.

Yours in Christ,

Paul **Revd Paul A. Eddy** Vicar

NB. The vicar returns from his Sabbatical until November 1.

This piece was written before his departure.

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St Denys Hand Bell Ringers

First of all, we would like to thank everyone that supported us at Buscot Park Walled Garden in September, we managed to raise £69.63 to be split between our group and our chosen charity The Samaritans! Although not thundery as predicted, the weather was very wet and so we are very grateful to everyone that braved it, and for all of the lovely comments about our playing, it really makes it all worth while.

We are having an open evening on Wednesday 13th November 8-10pm!

If you like music and have ever wanted to give handbells a try, now is the perfect chance. We are a small, friendly group and would love to see you. No prior musical experience is required to play the handbells, although a good sense of rhythm is helpful. If interested, or you would like more information, please contact 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.

VILLAGE VOICES' SUPPER CONCERT

Thank you everyone who supported our recent Super Concert. It was a very happy evening with music, food and laughter. The profit of £687 will be donated to food charities, including Faringdon Food Bank

Church Bell Ringing

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.



Women's Breakfast

When: **Saturday 2nd November 2024**

Where: **Stanford in the Vale Village Hall (Large Hall)**

Time: **8.30 am for 8.45am start.**

Talk by Julie Slade: "Anna Chaplaincy".

Anna Chaplaincy has been around for about 10 years, nationwide and is part of BRS Ministries (like Messy Church). Their role is care and ministry to the elderly, their families and those that care for them.

We are delighted that Julie will be joining us in Stanford for the first time although she is no stranger to Women's breakfasts having been previously involved in a Women's Brunch! She moved to Faringdon from Petersfield in Hampshire a year ago and we are very much looking forward to hearing from her.

Places are limited, so please do book in advance and by 27th October to enable us to make our catering arrangements. As usual, we will be offering a "Continental style" breakfast of fruit, granola, cornflakes, yoghurt, croissants etc. If you have any special dietary restrictions, please do let us know so that we can provide for you.

Repair Café

During November we will be open in the Coffee shop on **Saturday 2nd November** from 11am – 1pm for advice and small items. **On Saturday 23rd November** we will be in the Social club from 11am until about 2pm; it would be great help to us if you could contact prior to coming and give us an approximate time of arrival and details of what you are bringing. We can take small items for you for repair. Derek 01367 710283 – reco@clara.co.uk

Wednesday 6th November 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 NOVEMBER
ALL OF U STRANGERS**



Synopsis:

One night in his near-empty tower block in contemporary London, Adam (Andrew Scott) has a chance encounter with a mysterious neighbour Harry (Paul Mescal), which punctures the rhythm of his everyday life. As a relationship develops between them, Adam is preoccupied with memories of the past and finds himself drawn back to the suburban town where he grew up, and

the childhood home where his parents (Claire Foy and Jamie Bell), appear to be living, just as they were on the day they died, 30 years before.

Cast: Jamie Bell, Carter John Grout, Paul Mescal, Andrew Scott

Doors open 7.00 pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets: U18's £3 Adult £5

Card payments only

Bar and Refreshments available

15

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

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY :

Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 in the Large Village Hall

FAMOUS LOCAL FOLK : The People Behind the Blue Plaques of South Oxon

Marie Louise Kerr - Curator without Museum

Visitors welcome £5 entrance fee

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Stanford in the Vale Village Hall Film Club

WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Mrs Harris goes to Paris



Synopsis:

'Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris' tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own.

Cast: Lesley Manville
Doors open 2.00 pm, film starts at 2.30pm.

Tickets: Adult £5
Card payments only
Tea and Cake

Folk Session at The Horse & Jockey and the William Titchener Connection

Did you know that there are folk songs from our village? In the 1920s and 30s a folklorist from the US called Dr James Madison Carpenter travelled throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland collecting folk songs and tunes. It was 1932 when he got to Stanford and met a singer called William Titchener. Titchener gave him about 6 songs, Carpenter wrote down the words and made recordings onto wax cylinder, and these records are available online.

When some local folk musicians and singers were invited by the Horse & Jockey to set up a regular folk session, it was decided that it was a great opportunity to sing William Titchener's songs again.

The session happens on the 2nd Thursday of the month and the next one will be on **14th November at 8pm**. It is an informal evening of traditional folk tunes and songs. Everyone is welcome to play, sing, join in with the choruses and or listen and soak up the atmosphere. Some of the tunes and songs are very local, like Titchener's songs or tunes from villages in the area, some are from further afield.

For more details contact jane.bird@gmail.com



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 !!

Chocolate Tea Party

Stanford Coffee Shop
Stanford in the Vale
SN7 8LH

Saturday 16th November 2024

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

In memory of baby Emma Kate Braddy

Proceeds to
The Sick Children's Trust

If you can't make it, you can still show your support by donating online at
<https://www.justgiving.com/emmabraddy>

For more details contact
Jane Braddy
jane@braddy.net



Home Instead

The Companionship Café runs

once a month at the Village Hall. It is open to all and it's free, being a charitable group by Home Instead Charities, with volunteers from the local Home Instead hosting it. Come along for a cuppa, cake, company and creative activities and fun quizzes. It's at 1.30-3.30pm drop in anytime, and the dates are **Monday 18th November and 16th December**

Stanford in the Vale WI

The next meeting of Stanford in the Vale WI is on **Wednesday 20th November 2024 @ 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Our activity will be Christmas Crafts. For enquiries, please call Rebecca on 01367 718719.

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**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 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

Saturday 2nd December
5.00 pm Lighting of the Tree in St Denys Church Churchyard, followed by the singing of Carols and hot refreshments.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall
Prize Christmas Bingo
Friday 6th December 2023
Doors open at 7 for Eyes-down at 7.30pm
Cash prize for Last House
Bar and raffle
Contact: J. Warren jmwarren302@gmail.com or 01367 710789

Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue's Christmas Fayre
Saturday 7th December 2024 at Benson Village Hall, 10am - 4pm. Free Entry.

Many attractions, including Santa's Grotto, Christmas Gifts, Tombola, Raffle, Crafts Stalls, Children's Games & Activities, and an onsite Café for food and drinks!
Santa's Grotto pre-bookings online via our website www.oxfordshirewildliferescue.co.uk

Stanford Social Club
CHRISTMAS FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ON SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER AT 12pm until 4pm
Bar open for mulled wine /mince pies /Hot and Cold Drinks
ALL DIFFERENT KIND OF STALLS.
EVERYONE WELCOME

CHRISTMAS BINGO ON FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER
PRIZES AND MONEY, EYE'S DOWN AT 7.30pm
EVERYONE WELCOME

Pre-school news – November 2024
The term is flying by, and we have been busy cooking apple and blackberry crumble, learning new poems, acting out stories and getting active in the garden.
We have enjoyed using natural items around us to count, sort and subitise and have enjoyed observing growth and change in the environment.
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>
<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.

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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 have been continuing to enjoy our learning at school and the term remains busy and exciting!

Pupil Parliament

Year One - Jackson and Macy

Year Two - Aria and Noah

Year Three - Willow and Isabelle

Year Four - James and Emily

Year Five - Elodie and Josh

Year Six - Apha and James B

This year with our change to being a Parliament, we are assuming the roles of chairperson and secretary. This term those roles are being filled by Elodie (chair) and James B (Secretary).

Foundation - We have been exploring pumpkins this week in advance of Halloween and to celebrate Harvest. We have been creating pumpkin themed crafts as well as carving and exploring real pumpkins in our outside area. We are all enjoying starting our phonics.

Year One - We have now all settled in well to year one and have been continuing to learn about the differences in the seasons. We have been really enjoying our PE lessons where we have been working on our gymnastics skills including using the wall bars to practice movements including jumps

Year Two - In PE we have been practicing our hockey skills, including ball control. We have also written some amazing poems in the style of 'language of cat'.

Year Three - We had an amazing Stone Age workshop this week! We all dressed up in Stone Age clothes and learnt some amazing facts all

about the time, we even got to carve our own soap spear heads!

Year Four - We have been busy creating our Anglo Saxon houses this week. We looked at the style and designs of these before creating our own structures using straw to create thatched roofs!

Year Five - In English we have been creating some absolutely amazing graphic novels! We have also been working hard on our Tennis skills in PE.

Year Six - We have been writing some very informative non-chronological reports all about World War 2. We have also been working hard in Art to create some amazing war inspired pieces. 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 December's newsletter please send to jmwarren302@gmail.com or telephone **01367 710789** and leave a message.

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