



JUNE 2026

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR JUNE 2026

Sunday 7th June *1st Sunday after Trinity*
10.15am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00pm Denys@4 - Denys Deep Delve

Sunday 14th June *2nd Sunday after Trinity*
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4 – All Age Service
6.00 pm Evening Service at All Saints,
Goosey

Sunday 21st June *3rd Sunday after Trinity –
Father's Day*
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4 – Father's Day
Focus

Sunday 28th June *4th Sunday after Trinity*
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4
6.00 pm Evensong at St George,
Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 5th July *5th Sunday after Trinity*
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4 – All Age Service

IN MEMORY

Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family and friends of people who have recently died. Sadly, this includes

David Pedder

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

Vicar The Revd Paul Eddy 710267
Church Warden Maz Galley 07585 553883
Parish Safeguarding Officer
Liz Ward 07808726780
Web Site – stdenys.org stanford in the vale

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

The Vicar Writes – June 2026

Dear Parishioner

In every generation, people have faced moments when the world seems uncertain and fragile. Today is no different. We look around and see war continuing between Russia and Ukraine, growing tensions involving Iran, and heartbreaking violence in Israel and Gaza. Closer to home, many are anxious about the economic future, rising costs, and political uncertainty here in the United Kingdom. Recent weeks have brought constant discussion about leadership challenges and instability within government and opposition alike. It is easy to feel overwhelmed.

News arrives instantly to our phones and televisions, carrying images of suffering, division, and fear into our homes every hour of the day. Even when such troubles are far away geographically, they can weigh heavily upon our hearts and minds. Many people quietly carry worries about family finances, health, employment, or the future their children and grandchildren will inherit. Yet into every age of uncertainty, God speaks words of comfort and strength.

Psalm 46 begins with this wonderful declaration: *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."* Those words were not written during peaceful or easy times. They were born out of danger, conflict, and uncertainty. And still the psalmist could say with confidence that God remained a refuge - a safe place, a shelter, a source of strength when human strength failed. The Christian faith does not pretend that suffering and turmoil do not exist. Jesus Himself spoke honestly about the troubles of the world. But He also said, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled... trust in God; trust also in me."* Faith is not denial; it is trust. It is the quiet confidence that even when circumstances shake around us; God's love remains unshaken.

As Christians, we are called not only to trust God ourselves, but also to become signs of His peace to others. In anxious times, kindness matters deeply. A listening ear, a helping hand, a visit to someone lonely, patience with a neighbour, prayer for those who suffer - these are small acts through which God's strength becomes visible in the world.

Perhaps one of the greatest temptations during turbulent times is despair. We begin to believe that nothing can change, that division and conflict will always win. But the message of Easter reminds us otherwise. The resurrection of Christ tells us that darkness never has the final word. Hope is at the very centre of the Christian faith.

So let us continue to pray - for peace in places of war, for wisdom among world leaders, for stability and justice in our own nation, and for all who feel anxious or fearful about the future. And let us remember that while

governments, economies, and circumstances may change; God's faithfulness does not.

In uncertain times, we hold onto this promise: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. And that is a foundation strong enough to carry us through whatever lies ahead.

Your vicar **Paul** Revd Paul A. Eddy

Stanford in the Vale Community Web Site has been redesigned and modernised. There is an events page, and organisations are encouraged to submit their events to the site, so making use of this facility to advertise their event. These events are then added to the e-mail sent to a large number of people (600 validated addresses so a good chunk of households).



St Denys Church Bell Ringers

If you think the following describes you...

- Don't want any physical exercise
- Don't want to learn something new
 - Don't enjoy being part of a team
 - Antisocial
 - Don't want any mental exercise
 - Don't want to see historic and architecturally fascinating buildings
 - Don't want to be of service to your community
- Don't want a lifelong hobby

...then bell ringing probably isn't for you

On the other hand .. to find out more about the art of church bell ringing why not talk with any of the current ringers, or get in touch via

StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com - or come and visit us when we are ringing on a Tuesday evening (or Sunday morning).

Stanford in the Vale Volunteer Hospital Taxi Service

- Should you require a lift for a hospital or dental appointment and cannot get there any other way, - call **07473550559** and 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

Would you be happy to drive someone needing to get to a doctors or hospital appointment? Could be just local in Faringdon or Wantage, or further afield in Oxford and Swindon. We are down to very few drivers, and this is a very important service for people who cannot easily get to these appointments. It would be very sad if we had to close the service. Contact Bobbie on the above phone number for more details.

Stanford Festival -11 & 12 July 2026 – Volunteer Help

Every year, to make the Village Festival a success for all, we need dozens of volunteers, each offering perhaps an hour or two. From setting up and packing away, to helping on stalls, serving refreshments in the village hall – and much more – help is needed in order that all villagers can enjoy this weekend.

If you can help in any way, and are willing to be on a volunteer list so we can call of you with requests, please drop me a note festival@stdenys.org. Many thanks. Paul Eddy

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 3rd June 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 LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEMBERS EVENT ONLY:

Wednesday 10th JUNE

A WALK THROUGH THE VILLAGE WITH ARCHEOLOGIST: DR DAVID ASHBY please arrive at UPPER GREEN no later than 19.00

In the event of rain there will be a talk in the large village hall starting @ 19.30 HOUSES THROUGH TIME : COX'S HALL with Sally Luther This talk is open for members and non members (£5 entrance fee)

Folk Session - Thursday 11th June at 8pm (2nd Thu of the month)

Come to the Horse & Jockey for an informal evening of traditional folk tunes and songs. Play, sing, join in with the choruses and or listen and soak up the atmosphere – all welcome. Folk songs and tunes from our region are often featured, as well as trad and trad style music from further afield. Further details here <https://sitvfolkmusic.wordpress.com>

STANFORD IN THE VALE VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

There is no film club this month. The next film will be 'Hamnet' on Friday 10th July.

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Stanford in the Vale WI



The next r... MI will be a talk "The Miracle of Bletchley Park" by Gillian Cane on **Wednesday 17th June 2026 @ 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. For enquiries, please call Rebecca on 01367 718719 or Fay on 01367 710626.



Chocolate Tea Party

Stanford Coffee Shop

Stanford in the Vale
SN7 8LH

Saturday 20th June 2026

3:30 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/emmakatebraddy>

For more details contact
Jane Braddy
jane@braddy.net

Make Music Day in Stanford-in-the-Vale



Sunday 21st June at the Village Hall, 2-6pm

Following last year's enjoyable celebration of music, we are doing it again this year.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Already booked are the Village Voices and the handbell ringers. The junk-craft instrument making is making a popular return. There will be refreshments, joining-in opportunities and other activities but there is also the option of just sitting back and enjoying the music.

Look out for the posters or see

www.facebook.com/stanfordmusicinthevale.

If you are a musician or run a musical group please do get in touch ASAP – stanfordmusicinthevale@gmail.com. We would love to include you.

GARDENING CLUB

There will be no evening meeting in June.

Wednesday June 24th. Afternoon Garden visit for members. Details will be circulated.

Contact Rosemary Packer. 01367 710445

GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

- In June you can sow a wide range of vegetables including salad leaves, carrots, beetroot, beans, cucumbers, courgettes and spring onions for continuous summer and autumn harvests.
- Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes.
- Pinch out sideshoots on indeterminate varieties of tomatoes.
- Plant up summer hanging baskets and containers
- Plant out summer bedding.
- Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds.
- Mow lawns once a week if required but consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife.

STANFORD SOCIAL CLUB

**CASH BINGO on
FRIDAY 26th JUNE**

**EYE'S DOWN AT 7.30pm
EVERYONE WELCOME**

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**Stanford Drama Group proudly present
Two one-act plays**

NICKERS & RAMBLES ON RADIO

Both by Robert Scott and published by Lazy Bee Scripts.

DATES: Thursday 2nd July, Friday 3rd July and Saturday 4th July.

VENUE: Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

TIMES; 7.30pm. Doors open at 7-m.

TICKETS: £12.00, including light refreshments.

Tickets available from Stanford Coffee Shop from middle of June. Cash Only.

There will be a bar – card only.

Limited number of tickets for each performance and none on the door.

So don't leave it too late and miss out on an evening of being with friends and having a laugh.

Pre-school news – June 2026

We had a fantastic family trip to the Faringdon Folly on Sunday 10th May where we went on a Bear Hunt and had a story in the big chair. We have been enjoying the sunshine by going on bug hunts in the park for our Forest School sessions with Jude. The children enjoyed talking about what they had found.

We have been learning all about the lifecycle of a butterfly and observed this first hand by growing caterpillars into Painted Lady butterflies. We released them on a sunny day in the pre-school garden. The children been making butterflies, cocoons and caterpillars using a variety of materials.

We are 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/stanfordpreschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2

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**

Year 2 - Ava and Teo

Year 4 - Millie

Year 5 - Rosie

Year 6 - Imogen, Melody, Phoebe, George and Mary

Foundation - We have been very busy learning all about dinosaurs! We looked at the different types, read about them, wrote about them and explored their features.

Year One - This term we have been hard at work on all of our phonics. We have practicing using all of our different sounds in both our reading and writing - we are getting really good at this!

Year Two - We have been on an amazing trip to the SS Great Britain this term. We had a wonderful day exploring the ship and learning more about Brunel's work.

Year Three - This term we have been designing and creating cityscapes. Inspired by our learning about London we have explored shapes, colour and layering to create impressive cityscape images.

Year Four - We have been consolidating all of our learning on our times tables ready for our upcoming multiplication check. We have also been writing fantastic myths linked to our Viking work.

Year Five - We went on a fascinating Greek trip where we got to learn all about Spartan culture and traditions, warfare and politics. It was really interesting and helped support our understanding of Ancient Greece.

Year Six - This term we have completed our SATS. We have all worked incredibly hard all year towards these tests and are very proud of what we have achieved. Now our focus moves to our leaver's production!

We have marked many different events this term including Earth Day, French Day and International Women's Cricket Day! For Earth Day each class reduced their energy use and carried out activities linked to sustainability including a litter pick. For Cricket Day every class had a turn playing a cricked themed game. Finally for French Day we started off with a French breakfast before every class spent time learning about French culture and different French artists and French speaking countries around the world, we ended with a French Day themed sharing assembly.

Thank you for reading our report.
Take care and keep safe.

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