



JULY 2026

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR JULY 2026

Sunday 5th July 5th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4 Fellowship

Sunday 12th July 6th Sunday after Trinity
Stanford Village Festival Sunday
4.30 pm Old School Assembly Favourite on the Green
6.00 pm Evening Service at All Saints, Goosey

Thursday 16th July
6.30 pm Stanford School Year 6 Leavers Service

Sunday 19th July 7th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 26th July 8th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@Home
6.00 pm Evensong at St George, Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 2nd August 9th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@Home

IN MEMORY

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

Roger Ayres

Neal Parsons "In loving memory of Neal Parsons Lorraine, Mark, Darren & Tracy would like to thank all family & friends for the love, care and support shown to them following the sudden passing of Neal on 16th April. His memory will live on with us all"

David Pedder

Rosie Pedder Boyes and the Pedder families would like to thank everyone in the Parish of Stanford and also the Grange Care Centre for the many cards, kind messages and prayers since David's death in May. They have been a great consolation to us all at this very sad time.
Thank you

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 – July 2026

A Game of Hope

As I write, the eyes of the world are turning towards the FIFA World Cup in the United States. Over the coming weeks, dozens of nations from every continent will gather in friendly competition. Supporters will wave flags, sing their songs, and passionately cheer for their teams.

There will be moments of triumph and disappointment, celebration, and heartbreak. Yet beneath the rivalry lies something profoundly hopeful.

The World Cup reminds us that people from vastly different cultures, languages, histories, and traditions can come together under a shared set of rules, with mutual respect, and with a common purpose. In a world often troubled by conflict, division, and mistrust, this is no small thing.

The Christian faith has always held before us a vision of unity amid diversity. In the Book of Revelation, we glimpse a heavenly gathering of "every nation, tribe, people and language" standing together before God. Differences are not erased; they are celebrated. Unity is found not in everyone being the same, but in recognising our common humanity and our shared dignity as children of God.

The World Cup offers a small but powerful reflection of that vision. For a few weeks, millions of people will discover that they have more in common than they imagined. Friendships will be formed, hospitality will be shared, and barriers of nationality and culture will be crossed. Football alone cannot solve the world's problems, but it can remind us of an important truth: peace begins when we choose to see one another not as strangers or opponents, but as neighbours.

This summer, we have an opportunity to celebrate that same spirit closer to home. The **Stanford Village Festival on 11th and 12th July**, with its USA/UK Link theme, invites us to reflect on the ties that connect communities across oceans and generations. It is a chance to enjoy one another's company, learn from different traditions, and give thanks for the friendships that enrich our lives.

At a time when public discourse can often focus on what divides us, the village festival encourages us to focus on what unites us. Whether through sport, culture, music, faith, or simple acts of neighbourliness, we discover that our shared hopes are far greater than our differences.

May this World Cup season inspire us to become peacemakers in our own communities, building bridges of understanding and friendship wherever we can. For when people come together in goodwill, however modestly, we catch a glimpse of God's kingdom of peace. With every blessing

Paul **Revd Paul Eddy** **Vicar**



St Denys Church Bell Ringers

Great to be teaching yet another new ringer in Stanford Tower.

If anyone else might be interested in joining the band we would be happy to show you what the art of church bell ringing involves.

Please 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.

OPEN MIC NIGHTS in the village:

From **8pm every 1st and 3rd Wednesday** of the month in the Horse & Jockey pub and **every 3rd Thursday** of the month in the Social Club (all welcome). Come along to enjoy a fun night of free entertainment or to perform. Check with each venue in case of changes to the normal dates/times.

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St Denys' Handbell Ringers

This month has mostly been spent practicing for our Make Music Day event, Stanford Music in the Vale which was on Sunday 21st June. We have spent our time refining which pieces to play and working out arrangements that will work to be played alongside a choir. This has been a challenge at times, but it always good to try new things!

We will then be practicing again for our next performances at **FollyFest on Saturday 11th July**, and at the **Stanford in the Vale Village Festival on Sunday 12th July**.

If you are interested in our group, please come and see us at any of our performances or contact Jackie on StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com. You can also visit our website at stdenyshandbells.co.uk, and our facebook page at www.facebook.com/StDenysHandbellRingers. Now is the perfect time to get in touch as we have a gap in performance preparation over the summer period.

Wednesday 1st July 7.30 pm Stanford in the Vale Parish Council Meeting in Stanford in the Vale Primary School - check noticeboards or Parish Council website for details. Members of the public are welcome to attend

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 .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

**Folk Session - Thursday 9th July 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 Village Hall Film Club

Friday 10th July – Hamnet



Synopsis: From Academy Award® winning writer/director Chloé Zhao, HAMNET tells the powerful love story that inspired the creation of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet.

**Village Hall • Friday 10th July • Pay by Card
19.00 for 19:30 start • Bar & Refreshments**

St Denys' Church Invites you to A Women's Breakfast.

When: Saturday 18th July.

Where: Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.

Time 8.30am for an 8.45am Start

Talk by Jackie O'Hagan: " More than A Call to Prayer? - The Hidden World of Bell Ringing."

Spaces are limited, so to book your place or for further information please email the team via Womansbreakfast@stdenys.org,

Sign up in Church, or leave a message on 01367718163 by 13th July 2026.

There is no charge, although we gratefully accept donations towards the cost of the breakfast.

GARDENING CLUB

There will be no evening meeting in July.
Wednesday July 22nd. Garden Safari. Details will be circulated to Members.
Contact Rosemary Packer. 01367 710445

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

- Deadhead bedding plants and repeat flowering perennials to ensure continuous flowering.

- Water tubs and new plants if dry. Use "grey" water from the house to supplement water butts.
- Check clematis for signs of wilt.
- Pick courgettes before they become marrows.
- Pick tomatoes as they ripen, removing sideshoots from indeterminate plants. Feed and water.
- Clear algae, blanket weed and debris from ponds and keep them topped up.
- Allow lawns to grow a little longer during hot, dry spells and they will be more drought tolerant.

**Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity –
June 2026**



Stanford in the Vale Public Purposes Charity (PPC) is a registered charity with origins dating back to the 18th

century. Serving the whole parish of Stanford in the Vale, the charity manages a portfolio of funds that provides regular income to support local community projects and activities.

What We Do

The PPC awards grants to applicants whose activities and funding requests align with its purpose: to benefit the inhabitants of the parish, serve the broader interests of the local community, and steward the charity's resources for future generations.

The charity is also responsible for managing two flourishing village allotment sites: Joyces Road and the Jubilee site.

Grant Applications and Allotments

Further information is available on our website, including details of how we operate, our basic rules, trustee information, and grant and allotment application forms.

Grants must benefit the inhabitants of the Parish of Stanford in the Vale and cannot be made to individuals. Retrospective funding is not usually available.

Recent Projects Supported

- The Local History Society's publication of a new book on Stanford in the Vale's history, which will be available at the Village Festival.
- The Village Festival.
- A new mower for the churchyard.
- Renewal of defibrillator equipment in Hatford.

Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford Newsletter July 2026. To include items for the newsletter: Janet Warren 01367 710789 or jmwarren302@gmail.com Closing date this month is the 18th July. Stanford Community Website for e copy - Local events, business listing, village history and more Newsletter sponsored by Public Purposes Charity Stanford in the Vale



Get Involved

We welcome new applications for funding and are always interested in hearing from potential trustees who can bring fresh perspectives to the charity's work.

If you would like to apply for a grant, join us as a about getting involved, please visit our website or contact us using the details below. We would be delighted to hear from you and can guide you through the application process.

Mike Penman, Clerk / Correspondent –
mike.penman@ppcstanford.org

Pre-school news – July 2026

We had a visit from the Wantage fire engine and crew. The children asked lots of interesting questions and got to hear from the firefighters about their kit and also what they do. We then got to have a good look at the Fire engine and sit inside it. When they left, they turned on the sirens and lights, the children loved this.

This term is all about preparing the children for their transition to school. We will set up the home corner as a school class, and we will be visited by their new class teachers.

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/stanfordpresch/?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.

Foundation - We are finding out all about people who help us this term. We started with a wonderful day dressed as superheroes and have enjoyed learning all about the police, health service and vets!

Year One - We have been amazing this month completing our phonics screening - Mrs Day is very proud of us! We have also been working hard to learn all about the geography of the UK.

Year Two - This term we have been working really hard in Maths to learn all about fractions. We have also been working really hard writing non chronological reports all about animals.

Year Three - We have been working hard in year 3 to learn all about shadows and light in Science. In addition, we have been working hard on our athletics skills in PE.

Year Four - This term we are swimming and working really hard to improving our swimming and lifesaving skills. We are also busy learning about different European foods and designing our own meal!

Year Five - We have been learning all about modern day Greece and writing persuasive travel brochures. We have also been enjoying practicing our athletics skills ready for Sports Day!

Year Six - This term we are hard at work practicing for our Leaver's Production of 'Star Warts'. Also, we have been reading a wonderful book called 'The Final Year' all about the last year of Primary School.

We are enjoying another busy summer term and looking forward to our annual summer Fete and Sports Day!

Thank you for reading our report.

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

Closing date: 18th July 2026

Late items can no long be accepted



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

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