



SEPTEMBER 2026 PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday 6th September

14th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 13th September

15th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

6.00 pm Harvest Evensong at All Saints Church Goosey.

Sunday 20th September

16th Sunday after Trinity

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4

Friday 25th September

2.30pm Stanford School Harvest Festival Service.

Sunday 27th September

17th Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Festival at St Denys

10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)

4.00 pm Denys@4 – All Age Harvest

6.00 pm Harvest Festival at St George, Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 4th October

18th Sunday 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

Annabelle (Annie) Varney

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 –

Dear Parishioner

September: Making Space for Life in All Its Fullness

September is often a month of new beginnings. The long summer days begin to shorten, children and young people return to school, holidays come to an end, and our familiar patterns and routines begin to take shape once again. It is a good time, therefore, to think ahead and make plans for the months to come.

For some, the coming autumn and winter will be a welcome change of season. But we also know that these can be difficult months for many people, particularly those who live alone or who are isolated from family, friends and the wider community. Shorter days, colder weather and darker evenings can make loneliness feel even more acute.

Perhaps September is the right time for us to think about how we can build simple habits of connection into our winter routines. A coffee and a chat can make a real difference. Could we invite someone to join us for lunch? Could we arrange a regular walk together - even if it means putting on our raincoats and heading out into the drizzle? A few minutes spent knocking on a neighbour's door, making a phone call or sending a message can remind someone that they are remembered and valued.

These things may seem small, but Christian faith teaches us that they are anything but insignificant. Jesus calls us to "love your neighbour as yourself". Loving our neighbour is not simply an idea or a command to remember; it is something we live out in practical ways. It means noticing those around us, making time for one another and being willing to offer friendship, companionship and encouragement.

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As a parish, we have a wonderful opportunity to make our churches and our communities places where people feel that they belong. Coffee mornings, shared lunches, walking groups, visiting, befriending and simply keeping an eye out for those who may be struggling are all ways in which we can put our faith into action.

The Gospel of John records Jesus saying that he came so that we might have "life in all its fullness". That fullness is not about having a busy diary or an abundance of possessions. It is about knowing that we are loved by God and connected to one another in a community of care, friendship and hope.

So, as September begins, let us look ahead to the winter not with apprehension, but with purpose. Let us plan ways to stay connected, to welcome others and to make room in our lives for those who may need a little companionship.

And if we are fortunate enough not to feel lonely ourselves, perhaps we can ask: who might need us this winter?

With a little thought, kindness and Christian love, we can help one another discover that even in the darkest season, there is warmth, friendship and fullness of life to be found among us.

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



St Denys Church Bell Ringers

Do listen out for the bells on the morning of **Tuesday 29th September** as we are expecting visiting ringers from Oxford. They will be attempting a quarter peal which should take around 45 minutes to complete.

Vale of White Horse church bell ringers will, by then, have enjoyed their own ringing outing – a day out, ringing at about 5 different churches in the Cirencester area. Hoping for a day that is dry and not too hot!

If you would like to join the ringers at Stanford in the Vale -whether as a learner or as a returning ringer – we would be delighted to welcome you.

Please get in touch via StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com or come and visit us when we are ringing on a Tuesday evening (or Sunday morning).



Musical handbells in Stanford in the Vale

The St Denys' Handbell Ringers

We have had a busy few months preparing for and playing at Make Music Day, Folly Fest, the Village Festival, and a workshop at Wantage library. At time of writing we will also be preparing to play for our last busk of the year at Buscot Park at the end of August. We would like to thank everyone for all of their support at these public events!

Next, we will be preparing for a Handbell Ringers of Great Britain rally named 'The Magic of 12 Bells' that we are looking forward to attending in September.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about this small friendly group please contact Jackie at StDenys.HBR@btinternet.com. No prior musical experience is required!

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). Check with each venue in case of changes to the normal dates/times.

Come along to enjoy a fun night of free entertainment and/or to perform to an enthusiastic audience

Folk Session - Thursday 10th September 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>

Wednesday 2nd September 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 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9th

@ 7.30pm in the large village hall
300 YEARS OF THE CRAVEN FAMILY & ASHDOWN HOUSE Speaker : NICOLA CORNICK
Copies of the new book STANFORD IN THE VALE A HISTORY will be available at the meeting for £10
All visitors welcome, admission fee £5.

Stanford Village Hall Film Club



Friday 11th September

The Devil wears Prada 2

Synopsis: The Devil Wears Prada 2 is an upcoming American comedy-drama film. Directed by David Frankel and the screenplay, written by Aline Brosh McKenna, it is based on Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns by Lauren Weisberger. It is the direct sequel to The Devil Wears

Prada (2006). Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt, and Stanley Tucci reprise their roles from the original film.

Tickets: U18's £3 Adult £5

**Village Hall • Friday 11th September • Pay by Card
19:00 for 19:30 start • Bar & Refreshments**



STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB

The September meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.**

The speakers will be Rosemary and Tim Packer and their subject will be "Garden Tools, Old and New".

Refreshments and a Raffle.

Visitors will be welcome for a £5.00 entry fee.

For more information contact Rosemary Packer.
Tel. 01367 710445

GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Hopefully we may have had some rain by now.

- Divide herbaceous perennial to ensure vigorous growth and provide extra plants.
- Pick autumn fruiting raspberries regularly.
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals.
- Dig up remaining potatoes to minimise slug damage.
- Net ponds before leaf fall gets under way.
- Keep watering new plants using rain water (if available) and grey water.
- Protect vegetable crops with bird proof netting.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs

St Denys Village Voices present A SUPPER CONCERT

'SONGS FOR ALL SEASONS'

In the Village Hall - Saturday, 10th October –
7pm for 7.30

Bar and Raffle – Cash Only

Profit to be donated to St Denys Church

Tickets (in advance) £12 Cash

available from Stanford Coffee Shop

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Pre-school news – September 2026

We have been working hard over the holidays to get the pre-school organised for September. Ready to welcome back those children returning and also our 14 new starters who will be joining us over the first few weeks.

We have a very kind parent who has kindly offered to paint the pre-school during the break so it will look bright and clean. We will spend the first few weeks settling the children back in and getting them back into the routine after the summer break.

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.



Stanford in the Vale CE Primary School

We hope you all had a lovely Summer.

We would like to welcome all our new children and families into Foundation.

Our new topics for this term are:

Foundation – Who am I and who are my family?

Year One – How do I know what season it is?

Year Two – Would you rather live in a hot desert or a cold desert?

Year Three – How did life change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?

Year Four – Where does our water come from?

Year Five – Why was the Nile the source of Ancient Egypt's success?

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Year Six – What was it like to be a child in WWII? Please do look on our school website for more information about what we are doing.

We are all looking forward to being back at school and getting started with our new enquiries in our new year groups in September!

Please support:

100 Club

Support F.O.S.S (Friends of Stanford School) in raising funds for our school by taking part in the 2023/24 '100 Club.' £10 membership fee will enter your allocated number into the 10 monthly draws (October – July). A first and second place winner every month from Oct-June, with one winner in July. Example prize fund based on 100 members = £30 first prize, £20 second prize for each draw and a bonus draw in July will see one prize-winner scooping £100. To enter, please complete a '100 Club' registration form available from the school office.

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.

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

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Late items can no longer be accepted

