



OCTOBER 2026 PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4th October 18th after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 11th October
19th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4 – All Age
6.00 pm Evening Service at All
Saints Church Goosey.

Sunday 18th October
20th Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4

Sunday 25th October
Last Sunday after Trinity
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4
6.00 pm Evensong at St George,
Hatford (BCP)

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day
10.15 am Holy Communion (Stanford)
4.00 pm Denys@4
6.00 pm Evening Service at All Saints
Church Goosey Patronal Festival
(NB.one week earlier)

WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?

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Church Warden Maz Galley 07585 553883
Parish Safeguarding Officer
Liz Ward 07808726780
Web Site – stdenys.org stanford in the vale

IN MEMORY

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

Lydia Mayall
Colin Ponting

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 –

Compiling a 72-hour Household Emergency Box!

No one can be in any doubt that our UK weather patterns are changing. After a very hot, dry summer, we're being warned of a severe El Nino, likely to bring us heavy storms and rain from November, through to March next year.

The Government is warning of potential short-term impacts on **energy supply** (power off) and disruption to the **food chain**, with some basic supplies taking longer to reach us - especially in rural areas. As a result, it has launched its **Prepare Campaign** (www.prepare.campaign.gov.uk).

Ministers recommend us having a basic emergency kit at home so that we can cope if severe weather - or another emergency - disrupts electricity, water, communications, transport, or shops. The advice is particularly relevant to **flooding, storms, snow/ice, and power cuts**.

The Government's recommended emergency items:-

Essential equipment

- Battery or wind-up torch - safer than candles.
- Battery or wind-up radio - to receive information if electricity/internet/mobile networks go down
- Portable power bank for phone charging.
- Spare batteries for torches/radio.
- Backup battery/power supply for essential medical equipment (if applicable).
- First-aid kit
- Hand sanitiser and wet wipes for when water supplies are unavailable.

Food and water

- Bottled drinking water. Guidance says at least 2.5–3 litres per person, per day for drinking, with 10 litres per person, per day for cooking & hygiene.
- Non-perishable food that doesn't require cooking, ie. ready-to-eat tinned meat, fruit, and vegetables.

- **A manual tin opener.**
- **Pet food**, if you have animals.
- **Baby supplies**, including nappies and formula; ready-to-feed formula is suggested because you may not be able to boil water.

Other helpful items

Alternative lighting, blankets, cash, medicines, food that fits a gluten-free or other specialised diet, and supplies for the car.

The advice comes now so we can shop gradually to prevent panic buying!

Ministers are also asking us to:-

- **Know the risks** in our local area, including checking flood risk.
- **Sign up** for weather and flood warnings.
- Know how to **turn off** gas, electricity, and water if necessary.
- Have a **household emergency plan**, including important telephone numbers written down on paper.
- Check **smoke alarms regularly**.
- Find out whether anyone in the household should be on an energy/water **Priority Services Register** (www.theprs.co.uk).

NB. Think about neighbours, relatives or others who might need additional help during an emergency.

The Government is **not telling people to stockpile months of supplies**. The central idea is to be able to manage for **at least three days** if normal services are temporarily disrupted. The original launch specifically envisaged situations such as local flooding causing electricity and water disruption. However, given warnings from UK military in recent times, such measures will also help if foreign agents launched a cyber-attack on the UK aimed at our energy or food supplies.

The above list is not exhaustive but could be helpful during a bad winter. Those on special diets or relying on regular medicine (especially for diabetes/chronic pain) have been advised to contact their GP to discuss what arrangements surgeries are making re supply shortages of vital meds, and whether a small, personal 'reserve supply' might be possible.

Government Information Campaigns are often overlooked, but given we know we're experiencing major weather changes, I am sure all villagers will feel this one is worth paying attention to. It would be great, if you have a neighbour with a medical need, housebound, or someone who would

find buying such goods themselves difficult, to offer help which, I'm sure, would be greatly received.

As a church, we're looking at who, known to us, may require special help in such an emergency. But I am also confident – based on the Stanford Helpers during Covid, that should an emergency occur, as a village we'll look out for the most vulnerable amongst us and pull together.

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

October Gift Month

Contrary to popular belief, parish churches like St Denys receive NO funds from local or central government to help maintain this medieval buildings for the use of villagers when they need it – such as for a wedding, a funeral – or simply a place to go to sit and reflect.

Since Covid, as you will have experienced, the cost of living has gone up, impacting on our church members (many on retirement incomes) who give generously each week/month. However, with money tight for them, and with ever rising costs on all services we must pay for, our budget gets more challenging each year. This year, without external help, we could make a deficit of £10,000 which would severely eat into our small reserves.

We know from previous years that in our annual Gift Month, many villagers like to contribute as a way of supporting 'their village church'. This can be done by **cheque** (Stanford PCC St Denys Church) dropped off through the vicarage letterbox or, via **BACS transfer**. If you're a **Taxpayer**, we can claim the tax back via **Gift Aid**, increasing your gift by 25%. If that is you, and you can donate in October, please let us know and we'll send you a GA form.

Our BACS details are:-

Lloyds Bank; Stanford PCC St Denys

Account: 00109758 Sort Code: 30-93-18

Ref. 'GiftMonth'

Thank you for your generosity.

Revd Paul Eddy, Vicar

The Vicarage, 24 Church Green

Stanford in the Vale SN7 8HU

Thank You

Jean would like to thank all for the gifts, cards and for joining in her 90th birthday celebrations. Very much appreciated. Jean Dudley



St Denys Church Bell Ringers

Our new bell ringers (3 since November 2025) continue to progress well. It's great to see a growing confidence and ability and to hear improved sounds from the bells as the ringers become more skilled at striking (ringing) the bells with greater accuracy. We continue to practice weekly at Stanford as well as joining various other ringing and social opportunities in and around the Vale of the White Horse and further afield.

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. If you would just like to know more about how the bells work, please get in touch too.

Contact us via StDenysChurchBells@btinternet.com or 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

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

Friday 2nd October 2026

St Denys invite you all to Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious
Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall
All welcome and bring a friend
2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 7th October 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

Folk Session – Thursday 8th October 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 – Friday 9th October –



My Mother's Wedding

Synopsis:

In this heartfelt and funny story, three sisters (Scarlett Johansson, Sienna Miller, Emily Beecham) return to their childhood home for a momentous occasion: the third wedding of their twice-widowed mother (Kristin Scott Thomas). Over the weekend, the family gathers to celebrate the

new marriage, but mother and daughters alike are forced to revisit the past and confront the future, all with help from a colourful group of unexpected wedding guests.

Village Hall • Friday 9th October • Pay by Card
19.00 for 19:30 start • Bar & Refreshment

St Denys Village Voices present

A SUPPER CONCERT

'SONGS FOR ALL SEASONS'

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

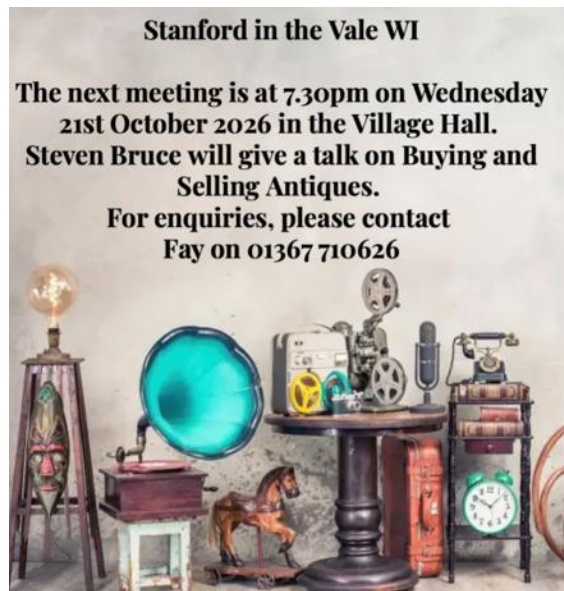
Bar and Raffle – Cash Only

Profit to be donated to St Denys Church

Tickets (in advance) £12 Cash

available from Stanford Coffee Shop

STANFORD IN THE VALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER
@ 7.30 in the Village Hall
A HOUSE THROUGH TIME : COX'S HALL
Come and find out about the people who lived in
this iconic house down the centuries
SPEAKER: SALLY LUTHER
All visitors welcome, entrance fee £5



Annual Exhibition 2026
 Faringdon Art Society

Corn Exchange, Faringdon SN7 7JA

Free	Friday 23 October	10:00am - 5:30pm
Public	Saturday 24 October	10:00am - 5:30pm
Entry	Sunday 25 October	10:30am - 4:00pm

With support from Faringdon Town Council
www.faringdonartsociety.co.uk

Churchyard Working Party
Saturday 24th October 2026– 9.30- 1.00 pm
 Can you spare some time on 24th October to help maintain our Churchyard. Tasks could include, trimming and raking. Longer grass may need strimming and also mowing. Please bring tools for the above tasks.
 We had an excellent time in October last year so hope we can repeat that experience.
 If interested, please email cpngill46@gmail.com.
 01367 718224 Hope to see you there!!
 St Denys Church

STANFORD IN THE VALE GARDENING CLUB
The October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28th at 7.30 pm in Stanford in the Vale Village Hall.

The speaker will be Mandy Bradshaw and her subject will be "Beyond the Garden Gate". Her guide to Cotswold gardens
 Mandy is a qualified journalist and life-long gardener based in the Cotswolds. She is interested in anything to do with gardens, growing and the people involved. She produces copy for newspapers, magazines and websites, runs social media accounts for gardening firms and blogs at The Chatty Gardener. Member of the Professional Garden Photographers' Association.
 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

Hooray, we've had some rain!

- Move tender plants into greenhouse or conservatory.
- Cut back perennials that have died down.
- Divide herbaceous perennials.
- Divide established rhubarb plants to create new plants.
- Plant out spring cabbages.
- Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts.
- Prune climbing roses.

St Deny's Church invites you to a Women's breakfast

On: Saturday 7th November.

Venue: Stanford in the Vale Village hall (Large hall)

Time: 8.30am for an 8.45 am start.

Talk by Julie Jones of the Torch trust

(www.torchtrust.org)

To book your place or for more information, please email Womensbreakfast@stdenys.org, sign up in Church, or leave a message on 07880655102.

There is no charge, although donations towards the cost of the breakfast are gratefully accepted.

Stanford in the Vale Village Hall

Quiz Night

Saturday 7th November 2026

£28 per team of 4 if prior notice given,
or £32 at the door,

both including ploughman's supper.

CARD PAYMENTS ONLY

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm. Raffle and Bar

Contact: J. Warren 01367 710789

Pre-school news – October 2026

The children have returned after the summer break and have settled back in well. The pre-school looks fresh and tidy after a coat of paint by <https://mossdecoratingrefinishing.co.uk/>. A huge thank you to them for doing such a great job.

We have welcomed 14 new children to the setting, and we have been busy doing home visits and stay and play sessions to help with the transition. They are settling well and getting to know the setting and the other children.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term including Forest School, song box, poems, dressing up and lots more.

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

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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 are all very excited to be back at school and have had a fantastic return to school with our learning now in full swing! This year we are continuing to run our school council as a Pupil Parliament and so pupils prepared speeches which they then delivered and were chosen to be our school leaders this year
Year 3 - Ella C, Ava, Tosia, Emily and Oscar
Year 5 - Jessica and Eira
Year 6 - Georgina and Nefaine

Foundation - We are really enjoying our learning this term as we get used to life at school! We are starting to think about our phonics and exploring our outside area

Year One - We have made a great start to term and got stuck straight in to our phonics and Maths. We have been practicing our counting and letter formation.

Year Two - We have also had a wonderful return to school and getting used to our new English through drawing club - we are really enjoying our writing lessons. We are also busy exploring our new Maths

Year Three - We are excited to be learning all about the Stone Age and Iron Age this year. We are really enjoying reading our class book 'The Wild Way Home' and practicing our netball skills.



Year Four - We have had a fantastic start to year 4 and have already begun practicing our times tables! We are also busy learning all about the water cycle.

Year Five - We are very excited to be in year 5 and learning all about Ancient Egypt. We have been reading our book Marcey and the Riddle of the Sphinx and exploring building suspense.

Year Six - We have had a wonderful return to school and positive start to year 6. We have started to learn all about World War 2 and are really enjoying our book related to our topic - My Secret War Diary.

Please support 100 Club.
Pay £10.00 and possibly win much more!
Can be purchased via the link: <https://foss-sitv.sumupstore.com/>

The aim of the 100 Club is to raise funds for the school with 50% of the total annual fund being used as prize money. Members must be over 16 years of age. Entry will be by subscription of £10 per year per number paid in advance by Saturday 10th October 2026. Members may have more than one number. Subscriptions will last for 1 academic year running from October - July (10 draws in total). The numbers will be drawn in school assembly at the end of each month. The monthly prize will be 50% of the monthly fund and there will be 2 prize winners for the first 9 draws. 1st prize = 60% of the monthly prize fund (£30 if 100 members take part) 2nd prize = 40% of the monthly prize fund (£20 if 100 members take part) The 10th draw in July 2027 will see one winner taking 100% of the monthly fund and could scoop £100 (if 100 members take part).

Please do look on our school website for more information about what we have been doing. Keep an eye out for the exciting projects Pupil Parliament are planning for the year ahead!

Thank you for reading our report.

Take care and keep safe.

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TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN

We are currently looking to recruit non parent members of the community to join the governing board of our thriving village school. Working as part of a team including teachers, parents and community members you will be involved in setting the strategic direction of the school to ensure that our children can flourish academically in a happy and safe environment.

As all our parent governor slots are filled, we are looking for those in the community from a range of backgrounds who are able to give some of their time to this important role. No experience in education is required.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a school governor just email

CHAIR@STANFORD.OXON.SCH.UK

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 2026

Late items can no long be accepted

