



ST DENYS
STANFORD IN THE VALE



Friday Fellowship News 1st August 2025

Sunday 3 August 2025 – Trinity 7

10.00 am Just Praise – 2 songs will be played for you to quietly listen to or join in, whilst the congregation arrive.

10.15 am Holy Communion

4.00pm Denys@Home

Readings for 10.15 Service

Psalm 49: 1-9, Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 12:13-21

Just Praise

- 1 My Jesus, My Savio
- 2 Because he Lives YT

Hymns/Songs

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty SF183
There Is A Higer Throne (YT)
All I Once Held Dear SF646
Behold The Lamb (YouTube)
Love Divine SF377

Psalm 49: 1-9

1. Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world,² both low and high, rich and poor alike:
³ My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.
⁴ I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:⁵ Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me—
⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches?⁷ No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them—⁸ the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—
⁹ so that they should live on forever and not see decay.

Colossians 3: 1-11

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your[Ⓜ] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.[Ⓜ] **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8** But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. **11** Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” **15** Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. **17** He

thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: We pray for one another, for our church families, our communities, and our loved ones.

Sunday: Pray for Paul leading today's services. Lord, we ask for Your healing touch this Sunday morning. Heal us physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Monday: We pray that children and young people will enjoy the blessings of the summer holiday. Let this summer break be one that is productive for children, young people, teachers and parents.

Tuesday: Dear God, thank you for your unfailing love and care. Please help us to put our trust in you today, and to rely on your strength and wisdom.

Wednesday: God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

Thursday: Loving God, we ask for your healing touch on all who are ill or suffering

Friday: Think about someone or a situation in your life which needs rescue. Ask Jesus to enter into the situation.

Those who are ill or recovering.

Paul Manning, Mavis, Paul's Mother, Valerie Alsop, John Travis and all having tests, plus anyone else you may know

SAFEGUARDING

If you have ANY concerns at all about a child, young person or a vulnerable adult which you even wonder might be a safeguarding issue, current or in the past, **please contact** Liz Ward our Parish Safeguarding Officer or in her absence, the Vicar or one of the Church wardens at the earliest opportunity. Together, we seek to make all our services and events the safest place possible for all.

Women's Breakfast

Date: Saturday 9th August 2025

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

Time: 8.30am for an 8.45am start.

We are very much looking forward to hearing from our lovely speaker, Elaine Sugden whose talk is entitled. "Cancer and Faith". Elaine, born in Yorkshire, studied preclinical medicine in Oxford where, in the Christian Union, she met her husband Chris who was training to become ordained into the Church of England. Together they went to India for 6 years with 2 children and returned with three. Most of her subsequent medical career has been in cancer (oncology) with adults and children. After retirement she was asked by a colleague of her husband to contribute to a multi-authored book 'Talking about Dying' and it's associated web site. She was able to draw on her experience of patients faced with their own mortality as well as using information from extensive reading of all the issues involved.

She has served as a school governor, a PCC and Deanery Synod member and in autumn 2024 helped to run a 6 session course at her church: 'Caring for One Another as Years Go By'.

As always, we will be serving a "continental" style breakfast Please do let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Seats are limited, so in order to save your place and to assist our catering, sign up in St Denys' or leave a message on 07880655102.

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Vicar's Day Off

From Friday 8 August onwards, Paul's sabbath 'day off' each week will be FRIDAY, and not Wednesday. This is a permanent change. Thank you.