



ST DENYS
STANFORD IN THE VALE



Friday Fellowship News 19th September 2025

Sunday 21st September – Trinity 14

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@4

Bible readings for 10.15 am service:

Psalm 113, Romans 14: 1-18, Luke 16: 1-13

Hymns/Songs:

Jesus is Lord SF200

I Lift my hands to the coming King (YT)

The head that once was crowned with thorns SF531

For This I have Jesus (YT)

Let all the world in every corner SF879

Psalm 113 Page 587

1 Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants; praise the name of the LORD. **2** Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and for evermore **3** From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. **4** The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens. **5** Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, **6** who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? **7** He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; **8** he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people. **9** He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD.

Romans 14: 1-18 Page 1076

The Weak and the Strong

1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. **2** One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. **3** The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. **4** Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. **5** One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.

6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. **7** For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. **8** If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. **9** For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. **10** You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. **11** It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.' " **12** So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. **13** Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. **14** I am convinced,

being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean.

15 If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. **16** Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. **17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, **18** because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.

Luke 16: 1-13 Page 991

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

1 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. **2** So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' **3** "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— **4** I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' **5** "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' **6** " 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' **7** "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' **8** "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. **9** I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. **10** "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? **13** "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or

you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: We pray for one another, for our church families, our communities, and our loved ones. Pray for all enjoying Open House.

Sunday: Pray for and bless all who serve in ministry, from vicars to volunteers. Pray for Paul and Yvette leading today's services.

Monday: We pray for those who are old and lonely, those who are isolated because of ill health, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted. Show us all what we can do to help and teach us to be good neighbours and true friends.

Tuesday: Pray for the Open the Book team and all at Stanford in the Vale Primary School

Wednesday: Pray for all working in our emergency services including First Responders; Paramedics; Police and Fire Services.

Thursday: Pray for Christians suffering for their faith across the Globe, Strengthen and protect those who face persecution. Fill them with courage and faith as they stand firm in You.

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

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

Bereaved

Please pray for the family and friends of Geoffrey Somerset, David Keeble and John Neal.

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.

NEW LIFE/HOME GROUP STARTING!

A NEW HOME GROUP/Life Group is starting, for just 5 sessions, on **Tuesday 23 September, 730-9pm at 10 Glebe Road**, home of Nick and Libby Boden. We shall be discussing the questions raised each Sunday during our second part Kingdom of God series.

At the start of the year, 17 of the 1015am congregation said in the anonymous survey that they like to be in a new homegroup, so this is a great chance to dip your toe in, with no commitment after. Once we've met for the 5 evenings there will be a break, then there will be another opportunity for Advent to gather so that people can opt in when they want, rather than sign up for every week.

Two existing HGs will also be looking at the Kingdom series but this is for those not yet in a group. I am away next week, but on my return really need to firm up numbers. We currently have around 8 people, so PLEASE, can you drop me a quick email vicar@stdenys.org if you'd like to come. Many thanks. Paul

Next week St Denys will be celebrating our Harvest Festival.

HARVEST FOOD BANK

DONATION of tins and pre-packed goods can be brought to church next Sunday. They shall be added to goods donated by the school and sent to the Faringdon Foodbank. Thank you.



Harvest Festival Shared Lunch Sunday 28th September 12.30pm in Stanford Village Hall

Everyone is welcome

**We will provide jacket potatoes and bread
Please bring something savoury or sweet
To share with everyone
Tea and coffee provided.**

**Anything else to drink bring yourself.
To give us an idea of numbers
Please sign the list in Church**

Friday 17th October

St Denys invite you to

An Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall All welcome and bring a friend.

Any time between 2.30-4.30pm

St Denys Village Voices present

A SUPPER CONCERT

HANDS ACROSS THE WORLD

**In the Village Hall - Saturday, 18th October –
7pm for 7.30**

Bar and Raffle – Cash Only

Profit to be donated to St Denys Church

Tickets (in advance) £10 Cash

available from Stanford Coffee shop

On sale next week.

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