



**ST DENYS**  
STANFORD IN THE VALE



# Friday Fellowship News 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

***First Sunday after Trinity***

**Gospel & Kingdom 4**

**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**

**6.00pm Evensong at St George, Hatford**

**Hymns:**

**Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation SF1199**

**As The Deer YT**

**To Him We Come SF1569**

**Give Thanks YT**

**Go Forth and Tell SF738**

**Bible Readings for 10.15 am Service**

**Psalm 22: 19-28**

**Galatians 3: 23-end**

**John 3: 1-17**

**Psalm 22: 19-28**

<sup>19</sup> But you, LORD, do not be far from me, You are my strength; come quickly to help me.<sup>20</sup> Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.<sup>21</sup> Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.<sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honour him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of

the afflicted one ;he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. <sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you<sup>26</sup> I will fulfil my vows. <sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,<sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations

**Galatians 3: 23-end**

**Children of God**

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith,<sup>24</sup> we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**John 3: 1-17**

**Jesus Teaches Nicodemus**

**3** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday:** We pray for one another, for our church families, our communities, and our loved ones. Pray for Ian and Kimberley getting married today.

**Sunday:** Pray for Paul, Yvette and Veronica leading today’s services.

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

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

**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:**

Lord, you have given us this world and all that is in it. Help us to use its resources wisely by reducing waste and pollution and conserving our natural resources.

**Friday:** Dear Father Almighty, help us to be still and know that You are God.

### *Those who are ill or recovering.*

Mavis, Paul’s Mother, Val Alsop, John Travis and all having tests, plus anyone else you may know

### *Bereaved*

Please pray for the family and friends of Wendy Gibbard and Majorie Gooding.

## Stanford Summer Festival

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Books/CDs/Puzzles for Stanford Festival Please**

Last year we had a great selection of new books at the **Stanford Festival**, raising lots of money!

Please can you have a late Spring/early Summer ‘Clear Out’ and see if you can donate any Books/CDs/Puzzles you no longer need?

Please drop off to church from **1-22 June**, putting them in the pew (against the wall) to the **LEFT** of the Welcome Desk just inside church?

We’ll take from there, sort and have ready for the Festival Weekend (12/13 July). We’re asking villagers to donate various things/stages leading up the festival to help logistics/sorting, so if you could help with this early request, we’d be hugely grateful. If you need help bringing stuff to church, do let me know.

Many thanks. Paul

## **Church Web Site;**

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