



**ST DENYS**  
STANFORD IN THE VALE



# Friday Fellowship News 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### *Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

**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

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

#### Readings for 10.15 am Service

**Psalm, 138, Colossians 2: 6-19, Luke 11: 1-13**

#### Hymns/Songs for Main Service:

Such Love SF304

Jesus Stand Among Us (YT)

God Forgave My Sin (YT)

Make Me A Channel SF301

All Creatures of our God SF645

#### **Psalm, 138 Page 599**

##### **Of David.**

<sup>1</sup>I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise.<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.<sup>4</sup>May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.<sup>5</sup>May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

<sup>6</sup>Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger

of my foes; with your right hand you save me.<sup>8</sup>The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.

#### **Colossians 2: 6-19 Page 1118**

##### **Spiritual Fullness in Christ**

<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,<sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces<sup>[a]</sup> of this world rather than on Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,<sup>10</sup>and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self-ruled by the flesh<sup>[b]</sup> was put off when you were circumcised by<sup>[c]</sup> Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.<sup>13</sup>When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you<sup>[d]</sup> alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup>having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

## Freedom From Human Rules

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. <sup>19</sup> They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

### Luke 11: 1-13 Page 984

#### Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

**11** One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:

""Father,<sup>1</sup> hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.<sup>1</sup> And lead us not into temptation.<sup>1</sup>"

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity<sup>[e]</sup> he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for<sup>[f]</sup> a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

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

**Sunday:** Pray for Paul and Veronica leading today's services. Lord, we ask for Your healing touch this Sunday morning. Heal us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Restore us to wholeness and let Your name be praised.

**Monday:** As families prepare for the adventures of these school holidays, help them to trust in your protective hands. Bless their travels with safety and security, whether journeying near or far.

**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. May we reflect your light and truth to the world.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 including granola, berries, yoghurt, croissants etc along with plenty of tea and freshly brewed coffee. 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.