



ST DENYS
STANFORD IN THE VALE



Friday Fellowship News 4th April 2025

Sunday 6th April 2025

Lent 5

We welcome Canon Chris Sugden

10.00 am Just Praise – 3 songs will be played for you to quietly listen to or join in, whilst the congregation arrive.

10.15 am Holy Communion

4.00 pm Denys@4

Readings for 10.15am Service

Psalms 126

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

Hymns:

How deep the fathers love for us SF780

All heavens declare (YT)

To Him we come SF1569

You are my hiding place (YT)

In Christ Alone SF1346

Psalm 126

A song of ascents.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. ²Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. ⁴Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.⁵Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying

seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Philippians 3: 4b-14

⁴ If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

John 12: 1-8

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.^[b]" ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me."



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: Pray for all working and those supporting the Women's Breakfast this morning,

Sunday: Pray for Chris and Yvette leading today's services.

Monday: Give thanks that we are never alone, that wherever we go, God is with us

Tuesday: Pray for all involved in Open the Book.

Wednesday: 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.

Thursday: Pray for all worshipping and enjoying the Lent lunch.

Friday: For peace in our hearts

Those who are ill or recovering.

Mavis, Paul's Mother, after her operation, Val Alsop, John Travis and all having tests, plus anyone else you may know.

Lent Lunches - homemade soup lunch every Thursday in church at 12.30, for the next 2 weeks of Lent. Everyone welcome.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every 6 years, the Church of England nationally asks parishes to revise the Electoral Roll, those who have worshipped in church for more than six months, are over 16 and are baptized. The ER is the closest thing the CofE has to a Membership List and all parish numbers are then collated the number of regular worshippers in a parish, deanery, diocese and across the CofE are known, and are then published.

Paper copies of the forms are available in all 3 Churches and have been sent out electronically with the Friday Fellowship. Filled in forms can be let in the basket in Church.

WE NEED YOUR FORMS. Please fill them in as soon as possible. Do contact Janet Warren – 01367 710789 – if any queries. I need all the forms by **Friday 18th April**. I cannot add people after that date.

New Web Site – We want to use the photo of the Church congregation taken on the weekend of King Charles's Coronation – Please let Janet know if you would not be happy having your photo shown.