



ST DENYS
STANFORD IN THE VALE



Friday Fellowship News 25th April 2025

Sunday 27th April 2025 Easter 2

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

6.00 pm Holy Communion Service at St Georges, Hatford

Readings for 10.15 service

Psalms 118: 14-end

Acts 5: 27-32

John 20: 19-end

Hymns:

1 Christ The Lord is Risen Again SF233

2 I Danced in the Morning SF195

3 In Christ Alone SF1346

4 My Jesus I Love Thee YT

5 The Day of Resurrection YT

Psalms 118: 14-end Page 589

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defence he has become my salvation.¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may

enter.²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up^l to the horns of the altar.²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever

Acts 5: 27-32 Page 1036

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!" ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

John 20: 19-end Page 1029

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: For our families and friends to come to faith in the risen Christ

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

Monday: God, we pray for countries experiencing the turmoil of conflict and political instability. We ask for peace to be restored. Please grant wisdom

and integrity to world leaders so that they will work for the good of the people they govern and serve.

Tuesday: Dear God, we pray that within the business of this, and all days, you will be at the heart of all we do and say, the focus of our lives

Wednesday: Loving Lord, we lift to you those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. So many people are facing all kinds of trials due to ill health, conflict, poverty and injustice. Please comfort those who are in despair and help your followers be moved with compassion to share your love

Thursday: 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.

Friday: For guidance and fellowship for the people of Stanford, Hatford and Goosey.

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 Diana Axford, Maurice Hull, who was the oldest Stanford born person, Jean Hall and Gordon Campbell.

Electoral Roll

The new Church Electoral Roll will be available in all 3 Churches. Please check your details and let me know if they are not correct. Do contact Janet Warren – 01367 710789 – if any queries.

Do have a look at the church web site – search for Stdenys.org stanford in the vale with goosey and hatford - where you can find a lot of information about all the churches.

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