



ST DENYS
STANFORD IN THE VALE



Friday Fellowship News 29th August 2025

Sunday 31st August 2025 - Trinity II

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

Canon Dr Chris Sugden Leading, Preaching, Presiding

Bible readings for 10.15am service:

Psalms 112, Hebrews 13: 1 - 16, Luke 14: 1-14

Hymns/Songs:

For The Healing of the Nations SG1235

Beauty for Brokenness (YT)

Just as I am SF316

Meekness and majesty (YT)

Tell Out My Soul SF510

Psalms 112 Page

¹Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

²Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.⁴Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

⁵Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.⁷They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.⁸Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. ⁹They have freely scattered their gifts to the

poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honour.¹⁰The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Hebrews 13: 1 – 16 Page Concluding Exhortations

¹³Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

⁶So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹²And so Jesus also

suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Luke 14: 1-14 Page

Jesus at a Pharisee's House

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ²There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. ³Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. So, taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

⁵Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child^[a] or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" ⁶And they had nothing to say.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: Pray for Rachel and Sam getting married today and blessings on their marriage.

Sunday: Pray for wisdom and guidance for those in authority. Pray for Canon Chris Sugden leading today's services.

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

Tuesday: 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.

Wednesday: Pray for peace.

Thursday: Pray for Christians suffering for their faith across the Globe may know they are remembered in prayer.

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 Sue Godwin and Shirley Smith.

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.

PAUL'S BREAK

Paul is taking holiday time off from 21 August to 2 September, inclusive, to rest and prepare for Rachel's

Wedding to Sam Baker at St Barts Church, Bath, on Saturday 30 August, 1130am.

Paul be back to work on Wednesday 3 September. If you have church-related issues or questions during his absence, please contact the churchwardens: CWMaz@stdenys.org or CWMichelle@stdenys.org

AREA DEAN

Bishop Gavin announced this week that he has appointed the Revd Maria Jukes as Area Dean of the Vale of the White Horse Deanery for the next term of four years.

Please remember Maria in your prayers. The deanery is facing several challenges in the coming years in relation to finance, services, and clergy deployment. As some have asked, I was approached and asked if I would be interested in being appointed, like last time, but declined. I support Maria's appointment and have assured her of my support as the longest serving incumbent in the deanery! Paul

Stanford in the Vale History Society **A THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY @** **ST DENYS**

Speaker Dr David Ashby, University of Winchester

An illustrated, in-situ talk on the development of the church building from Saxon times until today

Saturday 13th September at 4:00 pm
In St Denys Church, Stanford in the Vale
All visitors welcome (Non-Members £5.00)

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride will be taking place on **Saturday 13th September.**

Why not earmark the date and join a group to cycle around some of the Vale churches and raise money for the church? 50% of the sponsorship money goes towards our own church, the rest goes to OHCT. You can travel as far or as little as you can manage.

Volunteer cyclists are needed to raise money for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, which has given us grants in the past. Jeanette Gill has the forms and information although she is not sure whether she will personally be doing it

Harvest Festival Shared Lunch

Everyone is welcome

Sunday 28th September
12.30pm in Stanford Village Hall



We will provide jacket potatoes and some salads
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.

KEY DATES 2025

Saturday 13 September, 4pm

History Talk in Church on History of Stanford & Church by Dr David Ashby) Time tbc

Sunday 14th September

Goosey Harvest Service, 6pm

Thurs 18 September (for prayer)

Open the Book Regional Training Day in *Buck* - all our team attending

Sunday 21st September

1015 – Kingdom of God Preaching Series starts (6-10)

Monday 22 or Wednesday 24 September

730pm PCC Meeting in church (tbc)

Tuesday 23 September

730 LIFE Group (new) starts on Kingdom of God series – venue tbc

Friday 26 September

2.30pm School Harvest Service, St Denys

Sunday 28th September

Harvest Service – St Denys

Harvest Shared Lunch – Village Hall

Hatford Harvest Service, 6pm

Friday 17th October - Afternoon Tea

Sunday 19 October

1015 Bowlby Baptism (Joint service with Denys@4)

Sunday 26 October – Bible Sunday**Sunday 2 November**

1015am All Souls Service (focus on those who have died in the parish in recent years)

Sunday 9 November

1015 Remembrance Service with Uniformed Groups

Tuesday 11 November

1045am Village Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

Saturday 15th November - Women's Breakfast (Village Hall)**Tuesday 18 November**

7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church

Saturday 22nd November - Church Christmas Bazaar**Saturday 29 November**

5pm Lighting of Church and Christmas Tree and Carols on Green

Sunday 30 November

Start of Advent (LIFE Group/HG and Daily United Prayer Focus)

Tuesday 2 December

730 LIFE Group (Advent) starts – venue tbc

Thursday 4 December

2 & 5pm Yr 3,4,5 Christmas Play in Church

Sunday 7 December

4pm Denys@4 Christmas Meal at Primary School

Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 December

2 & 530pm F & KS1 Christmas Play in Church

Saturday 13 December

4pm Goosey Carls by Candlelight

Sunday 14 December

6pm Hatford Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21 December

6pm St Denys Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 24 December

4pm Crib service at St Denys

10pm HC at St Denys

Thursday 25 December

1015am Family Holy Communion, St Denys

Sunday 28 December

1015 MW/HC at St Denys

4pm Denys@4 End of 2025 Walk, returning for refreshments in church (all welcome)

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