



ST DENYS
STANFORD IN THE VALE



Friday Fellowship News 26th September 2025

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15 Harvest Festival

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

6.00 pm Evening Harvest Service at St George, Hatford

Bible readings for 10.15am Service

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 18:18-30

Hymns/Songs:

All Creatures of our God and King SF645

For the Highest of Heights

For the fruits of his creation SF1234

Like a mighty river flowing (YT)

Come Ye Thankful people Come SF75

Psalm 146 Page 603

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. ⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates

the ways of the wicked.¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Page 1129

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Final Charge to Timothy

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁹ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.”²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother.’”²¹ “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”²⁸ Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

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 07808726780 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.

Goosey Harvest Lunch

Thanks to everyone in Goosey for helping to raise £532.80 for the Goosey Building Fund at the village Harvest Lunch.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: Lord of the Harvest, thank you for your generosity to us. For all the good things that you have given to us. From the plants that grow, to the foods we eat, and those who sit alongside us. Help us to share what we have, being generous as you are generous to us.

Sunday: Pray for and bless all who serve in ministry, from vicars to volunteers. Pray for Paul and all enjoying lunch together.

Monday: 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.

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

Wednesday; Pray for all working in our emergency services including First Responders; Paramedics; Police and Fire Services.

Thursday: Pray for Christians suffering for their faith across the Globe, Strengthen and protect those who face persecution. Fill them with courage and faith as they stand firm in You.

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. Jenny Howard Jones and all having tests, plus anyone else you may know

Bereaved

Please pray for the family and friends of Geoffrey Somerset, David Keeble and John Neal.

Geoffrey Somerset – Funeral Service

There will be a service to give thanks for Geoffrey's life at St Denys Church on Wednesday 8 October, 1pm. To aid us and the family in planning, if you can attend, please email belindaboyd@2020pr.com with your name, and the names of any others attending with you **by 30th September**.

Harvest Festival Shared Lunch
After the service on Sunday.
12.30pm in Stanford Village Hall
Everyone is welcome

Church Web Site; stdenys.org *Stanford in the Vale*

Friday 17th October

St Denys invite you to

An Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall

Come for a free, delicious **Afternoon Tea** in the
Village Hall All welcome and bring a friend.

Any time between 2.30-4.30pm

St Denys Village Voices present

A SUPPER CONCERT

JOIN HANDS AND SING

In the Village Hall - Saturday, **18th October** –
7pm for 7.30

Bar and Raffle – Cash Only

Profit to be donated to St Denys Church

Tickets (in advance) £10 Cash

available from Stanford Coffee shop