

# Friday Fellowship News 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Trinity Sunday – Father's Day Gospel & Kingdom 3 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

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy SF183 Give Thanks YT My Jesus, My Saviour SF363 The Splendour of The King YT There Is A Redeemer SF544

Bible Readings for 10.15 am Service Psalm 8 Romans 5 1-5 Matthew 13:31–33, 44–46

### Psalm 8 Page 525

1.LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.<sup>2</sup> Through the praise of children and infants you have established stronghold against your enemies ,to silence the foe and the avenger.<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens the work of your fingers ,the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? <sup>5</sup>You have made them<sup>[d]</sup> a little lower than the angels and crowned them<sup>[f]</sup> with glory and honor.<sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their<sup>[g]</sup> feet:<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.<sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### Romans 5 1-5 Page 1068 Peace and Hope

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we<sup>[b]</sup> boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we<sup>[c]</sup> also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

### Matthew 13:31–33, 44–46 Page 926 The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

<sup>31</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup> Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

<sup>33</sup> He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds<sup>[a]</sup> of flour until it worked all through the dough."

**The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl** <sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.



### **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday:** We pray for all members of our joint congregations, for all who lead worship, for those who work unseen keeping our churches functioning, for young people and children, for frail and elderly members and those who visit them.

## **Sunday**: Pray for Paul, Yvette and Veronica leading today's services. Pray for dad's everywhere.

**Monday**: We remember before you all who live in fear, the persecuted, the homeless, the addicted and drug dependent, for single parents struggling to feed their children, for those living in abusive relationships and for those who will face redundancy. Pour out your Holy Spirit and shine your

light on all those in various kinds of need.

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

**Wednesday:** Lord, you have given us this world and all that is in it. Help us to use its resources wisely by reducing waste and pollution and conserving our natural resources.

**Thursday**: Lord of life, we pray for all those entering into darkness or sickness, that in their weakness they may know your strength. We pray too for those who care for the suffering, that their compassion, patience and understanding may be constantly renewed.

**Friday**: Dear Father Almighty, help us to be still and know that You are God.

### 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 Jonathan Davis. Jonathan became a parent governor in 2021 and contributed immensely to the governing body's green initiatives, including running the Solar PV installation and LED upgrades at Stanford School.

## INVITATION – to a SINGING WORKSHOP

with Village Voices and Anna Shackleton

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00 – 9.00 in the church. Anna is a professional singer, specialising in classical repertoire, oratorio and jazz, She teaches individuals and also works with groups of all ages, abilities and experience. After her visit last year, we invited her to come again to inspire us and remind us what fun it is to sing together. If you think you can't sing Anna will soon assure you that you can! Be assured that we will work as a group throughout the session.

If you would like to join us, please let me know beforehand. I can tell you more about it and answer your question as well as making sure we put enough chairs out. *Margaret Williams. Tel: 01367 710254* 

### **Stanford Summer Festival**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**Books/CDs/Puzzles for Stanford Festival Please** Last year we had a great selection of new books at the **Stanford Festival**, raising lots of money!

Please can you have a late Spring/early Summer 'Clear Out' and see if you can donate any Books/CDs/Puzzles you no longer need?

Please drop off to church from **1-22 June**, putting them in the pew (against the wall) to the LEFT of the Welcome Desk just inside church?

We'll take from there, sort and have ready for the Festival Weekend (12/13 July). We're asking villagers to donate various things/stages leading up the festival to help logistics/sorting, so if you could help with this early request, we'd be hugely grateful. If you need help bringing stuff to church, do let me know. Many thanks. Paul

### Church Web Site;

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