

# **THE KING'S STANLEY AND LEONARD STANLEY WITH SELSLEY MAGAZINE**



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## **CHURCH SERVICES**

### Sunday 6th September

|         |                |                     |
|---------|----------------|---------------------|
| 11.15am | Holy Communion | St George's, K/S    |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion | All Saints, Selsley |

### Sunday 13th September

|         |                 |                     |
|---------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion  | St George's, K/S    |
| 9.30am  | Holy Communion  | St Swithun's, L/S   |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | All Saints, Selsley |

### Sunday 20th September

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| 8.30am | Holy Communion                             | All Saints, Selsley |
| 3pm    | Confirmation Service<br>with Bishop Rachel | St George's, K/S    |

### Sunday 27th September

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|--------|----------------|---------------------|
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St Swithun's, L/S   |
| 3pm    | Evening Prayer | All Saints, Selsley |

### **Midweek Services**

|            |                |                   |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Tues 10 am | Morning Prayer | St George's, K/S  |
| Weds 10am  |                | St Swithun's, L/S |
|            | 1st & 3rd week | Holy Communion    |
|            | 2nd & 4th week | Lay led           |

## **KING'S STANLEY BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES**

The Church in the Village Hall Sundays 10.30am

|                              |                                                       |                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Sunday 6th September</u>  | Communion Service                                     | Rev David Sutcliffe |
| <u>Sunday 13th September</u> | Morning Worship                                       | Rev David Sutcliffe |
| <u>Sunday 20th September</u> | All Age Worship<br>(last service prior to retirement) | Rev David Sutcliffe |
| <u>Sunday 27th september</u> | Morning Worship                                       | Rev Robert Draycott |

Everyone is welcome to any of our services

For information please telephone 01453 827439 or 07745971991



Our website [www.stroudwaterchurches.org.uk](http://www.stroudwaterchurches.org.uk) includes lots of useful information about the Team, including our clergy, churches, contact details, enquiry forms for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, groups, calendar and the newsletter.

To keep up to date and for more details of services email [officestroudwater@gmail.com](mailto:officestroudwater@gmail.com) to receive a weekly pew sheet.

A reminder also that if you can't get to church, the service at St Mary's, Frampton on Severn is live streamed on their facebook page. Daily prayer at 9am and 9pm is usually live streamed on Stroudwater Team Facebook page on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays . This has had a summer break but will resume on 8th September.

## STONEHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

Elm Road GL10 2DW

Our Minister is Revd Jimmy Cullingford and our Sunday services are at 10.30am. You will receive a warm welcome - Refreshments are served afterwards to continue fellowship.

Our monthly Community Lunches at 12.30pm are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 24th September , 22nd October and 26th November.

Other Community Events:

Sunday 27th September—Harvest Festival Service at 10.30am led by Rev Jimmy Cullingford followed by a light lunch.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Our popular Quiz with Fish & Chip Supper returns! Tickets £10—please book in advance from Ginny Young on 07870695179 or Chris Gummer 07989155645 to guarantee your place.

Saturday 17th October 10am-12noon Coffee Morning for Benard, our sponsored child with Action Aid

Saturday 21st November—Autumn Bazaar 12-2.30pm— save the date!

Our garden is open for everyone to come and sit on one of our newly restored benches. Spend some quiet time enjoying a rest and nature.

Everyone is Welcome!

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## A TIME FOR CHANGE

I began as the minister of King's Stanley Baptist Church three years ago and I've been blessed in responding to this calling. Our little 'church in the village hall' has grown in various ways, and I've also loved being involved in the community, and especially in King's Stanley Primary School.

Yesterday I projected some photos during our worship, and one showed Penn Wood. We reflected on how, centuries ago, the first Baptists in King's Stanley had to meet there in secret, as non-conformist worship was illegal. And now the fellowship meets in the village hall every Sunday at 10:30am. Church for us is more about the people than the building. And, like all things on this earth, a living church is always changing.

Anyway, it's time for me to move on. I'm retiring at the end of September. Whilst I will look back on this time with much affection, I know it's time for me to develop other areas of my life. So, what of the church in the village hall? Well I'm delighted to share that a new minister begins her work as I step down. From the 1st October, the Baptist Minister at King's Stanley will be Revd Helen Alderton. She brings a wealth of talent and experience, and has recently completed her ministerial training at Bristol Baptist College. I know you will all make her very welcome.

In his novel *The Leopard*, Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampe wrote: *If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change*. The Bible famously tells us that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever*.

God's mercy is everlasting and his love endures forever, but if we want to continue to worship the unchanging God, that requires change. Language, culture, communication and technology are rapidly evolving. Christians must adapt their worship and activities to ensure that the eternal message of God's amazing grace can be understood and tasted by people who live in very different worlds as the years roll by. I look forward to seeing how Helen brings positive change to our little church so that the unchanging gospel may resound with ever more clarity.

*Revd David Sutcliffe, Minister, King's Stanley Baptist Church*

## Shared Threads: A Weekend of Stories, Community and Faith

As autumn arrives and we celebrate the harvest, the Stroudwater Team of Churches is looking forward to a special weekend from **9th–11th October 2026**, when we welcome Bishop Robert and a group of curates (trainee vicars) from across the diocese.

The theme for the weekend is **“Shared Threads: Stories that Weave Us Together”**—an invitation to explore the stories, people and places that make up our communities, and the ways in which faith connects with everyday life.

Across the three days there will be a real variety of opportunities to join in. There will be **school and care-home visits, cafés and craft activities, performances & talks, guided walks, conversations, music, food and informal gatherings**. Some events will explore local history and community stories, while others will offer space to share our own experiences and discover what connects us.

The weekend will also include a number of opportunities for **worship and prayer**, leading into Sunday’s theme of *“This Time Yesterday, This Time Tomorrow”*, which will bring together the stories that connect us.

The weekend will finish with, **Songs of Praise** and a **Harvest Festival celebration**, providing a fitting opportunity to celebrate not only the harvest but also the people and communities of which we are part.

There really is something for everyone, whether you are a regular churchgoer, someone who only occasionally comes to church, or simply curious to find out more. **You absolutely don't have to be a church member to join in—just come along, meet people, hear some stories and perhaps discover a few new connections.**

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the weekend together.

You can find the full programme and venues by scanning the QR code below





# Family Events

## in the Stroudwater Team of Churches

*You are invited to join us for :*

### **Experience Advent Messy Church**

Sunday 15 November | 3–5pm  
*St Michael and All Angel's Church, Eastington*

### **Epiphany Family Fun**

Saturday 9 January | 3–5pm  
*St Peter's Church, Framilode*

### **Valentines Family Fun**

Monday 15 February | 10.30–12.30pm  
*St George's Church, Kings Stanley*

### **Easter Family Fun**

Thursday 8 April | 10.30–12.30pm  
*St Peter's Church, Framilode*

*Refreshments provided!  
All welcome! – no charge to come.*

*For more information please contact:  
[churchwardenframilode@gmail.com](mailto:churchwardenframilode@gmail.com)*



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## NEWS FROM ST GEORGE'S

August started with a very successful Cream Tea Afternoon. It was a pleasure to welcome everyone to an afternoon of food, a chance to sing your favourite hymn and also challenge yourself to how many Nursery Rhymes you remembered. There was also a Churchyard Trail for the children.

Thank you to all who donated cakes and scones, We made over £300 so we are very grateful to you all.

At the Morning Service that day we welcomed Harry Palmer and his family for his baptism, we wish him God's Blessing in his life ahead.

Our next fund raiser is a Quiz Night at the Fresh Standard Brewery on 27th August at 7pm. It may well have happened by the time you read this but I hope all those who participated had a good evening.

As part of the Bishop's Mission Weekend on Sunday 11th October, St George's are organising a Songs of Praise at The Rest in the afternoon. Further details in next months magazine.

Advance Notice. We have been approached by the Stuart Singers from Minchinhampton as a venue for a concert on 3rd April 2027 in St George's Church. Further details will be available in the New Year.

A reminder that any students living in the parish and going to university or starting an apprenticeship can apply for a book grant by writing before 12th September 2026 to: The Trustees, School House Trust, Oxleaze House, The Nursery, Kings Stanley GL10 3HY.

From the records

Interment of Ashes Willian Smith on 13th August

Burial Donald Jones

Sue Page

## Ringling News

It is not that common today to see young people in our Churches, but one aspect of Church activity which has attracted some young people's attention has been bell ringing.

This was particularly obvious when 278 young ringers from 43 teams, representing Churches throughout the country, gathered in Nottingham on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to compete against one another in teams of 6 or 8.

At St Swithun's we have three young people who have joined us. Ollie who has come along with his parents, both of whom are experienced ringers, Isis who has come several times with them and has now started ringing, and Elizabeth who has come to learn as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award course.

Ollie who has been ringing for quite a while longer is now about to undertake his first major goal of ringing in a quarter peal. On 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm he will ring the 14 cwt tenor, (711 kgs) for about 50 minutes to 1260 changes, alongside his Mum and Dad and three others, so listen out.

Meanwhile Elizabeth who has only been ringing for about 6 weeks has rapidly progressed, and has reached her first mile stone of controlling a bell completely un-aided. Isis is also progressing well but has only been ringing for about a month. Long may they all progress and ring with us.

If you are a young person or know of one who would like to learn to ring please contact Richard Page, email [thepages1973@outlook.com](mailto:thepages1973@outlook.com) or telephone 01453 826410

You will be most welcome, and importantly, not be the only teenager amongst the old fogies.

### **KINGS STANLEY SCHOOL HOUSE TRUST BOOK GRANTS 2026**

Grants are available to anyone resident within the ecclesiastical parish boundary (this does not include Selsley) for grants for tertiary education. Tertiary education includes apprenticeships so the grants could cover expenditure on books, tools or computer software. We do not usually fund PhDs or MAs. The grants depend on the number of applicants.

Please apply before 12th September 2026 to: The Trustees, School House Trust, Oxleaze House, The Nursery, Kings Stanley GL10 3HY.



## NEWS FROM ST. SWITHUN'S

Hello Everyone,

August has passed in a heat haze and worries about budget deficit, dodgy roof, windows needing cleaning, plaster repairs, all lost their urgency. We did get to grips with an outbreak of woodworm in the nave chairs. The clue was little heaps of fine orangey dust on the floor. A small task force found the infestation and treated it by injecting the holes with suitable liquid. In addition, the churchyard wall has finally been repaired. Several other coping stones need attention to prevent water penetration, the main cause of instability in stone walls. Another call on our depleted funds.

Weddings are not frequent here in St Swithun's but two are soon happening and another in October. The church is a lovely place for weddings, atmospheric and scenic, music from organ or grand piano or bring your own live musicians.

We are getting ready for the Mission Weekend, led by Bishop Rachel. More details appear elsewhere but do come to church on October 9th to meet Bishop Rachel and her team for conversation, drinks, and stories of people's journeys into ministry. On Saturday October 10th at 2pm, there will be a farmers' focus, with one farmer speaking about faith and becoming a priest. There is also a celebratory Morning Service on Sunday 11th at 9.30. The weekend hopes to be interesting, enjoyable, and offer fresh thoughts about faith.

A surprise August visitor was a hedgehog, perhaps seeking a cool spot or, judging by the silver snail trails, supper.

We would love St Swithun's to be easier for everyone to visit, and we are very sorry that it has had to remain locked for so long. Sadly, occasional vandalism and theft have made us cautious, as there are several items inside that could be vulnerable. Whilst it has been locked, anyone wishing to visit has been able to contact us using the details on the noticeboard by the lych gate or in the magazine, we have usually been able to meet them at the church door quite quickly. We know that this is far from ideal. Our aim is to create secure storage inside the church so that items at risk can be safely kept away and the door need not remain locked. Because St Swithun's is a Grade I listed building, any storage must be suitable and properly approved so, tempting though it might be, we cannot simply pop to B&Q for a quick fix. So we hope to raise funds for an appropriate sound system cabinet and a secure chest or cupboard for electrical items. Once these are in place, we will be able to meet our responsibility for the safe care of the church while making it easier for people to come in and enjoy it. If anyone in the village feels able to help with these aims, whether financially, practically, or by pointing us towards suitable advice or materials, we would be very grateful.

Pat and Julia churchwardens

**We're getting Quizzical Again**

**St Swithun's Church  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
September  
7.30pm**



**Doors open 7.00pm**

Once again this aims to be a relaxed, enjoyable event so come along and test your knowledge. Our brilliant Quizmaster, Dave has the categories and questions ready.

**Tickets £8.00 – Includes Ploughman's platter  
Cheese kindly sponsored by Godsell's Cheese  
Bring your own drinks & Cash for the Raffle!!**

**Maximum of 6 per team**

**Don't miss out - book your team now for this popular event**

**To book or enquiries phone:**

**Julia 01453 828372 or email [julia@michalb.co.uk](mailto:julia@michalb.co.uk)**

**APPLE DAY**  
**Saturday 3rd October**  
**12.00—4.00**  
**St Swithun's Church Leonard**  
**Stanley**



**Community Apple Pressing Event—Volunteers still needed**

Apple day has been a village tradition for many years taking place at various locations. More recently, it has been held in the churchyard at St Swithun's. It gives you the opportunity to come along and try your hand at making your own apple juice. Apples are provided from Leonard Stanley Community Orchard (did you know this existed) however you can also bring your own if you prefer. This experience is completely free.

You will be guided through the whole experience of prepping the fruit which will then be put into the press and crushed ready for you to take home and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Bring a large container ( a good way to recycle plastic milk containers) if possible, although there will be some available.

**The Tower will be open ( weather permitting) 2.00—4.00 £2**

Accompanied children under 16 free

**Fun Stalls for all the family + Raffle and  
Delicious Refreshments**



**Can you help make this event happen this year?????**

Apple Day is a popular community event enjoyed by all ages. Sadly, it did not take place last year because there were not enough helpers.

**Could you spare an hour or two before, after or during the afternoon?**

We need strong helpers to assist with setting up/dismantling the press, help with the pressing, people to staff the apple-pressing stations and others willing to lend a hand with various jobs on the day. For further information or to volunteer please contact

Julia—07754 717 152 or email [julia@michalb.co.uk](mailto:julia@michalb.co.uk)

Thank you

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Website [www.kingsstanleyvillageinn.co.uk](http://www.kingsstanleyvillageinn.co.uk)

Our socials are—

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## CLASSES FOR OVER 60's



### KING'S STANLEY VILLAGE HALL

| DAY       | TIME            | CLASS                |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Monday    | 9.30 -10.20am   | Dance Fitness        |
| Monday    | 10.30 - 11.30am | Fitness Pilates      |
| Tuesday   | 9.30 - 10.30am  | Keep Fit             |
| Tuesday   | 10.45 - 11.45am | Keep Fit             |
| Wednesday | 10.00 – 10.55am | Stretch and Mobility |
| Friday    | 9.20 - 10.20am  | Fitness Pilates      |
| Friday    | 10.30 - 11.30am | Fitness Pilates      |

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## SELSLEY COMMUNITY GROUP MONTHLY WALK

Wednesday 16th September - Arlingham, Barrow Hill,  
Fretherne church

Meet Bell 10am, transfer to Arlingham public car park, start 10.30am

Walk 2.5 hrs, 5 miles

Mainly flat plus Barrow Hill. Dog friendly.

Any questions, please contact Bev Daniels - [danielsunited@gmail.com](mailto:danielsunited@gmail.com)

## LEONARD STANLEY FILM CLUB

The film for 19th September is a fictional story where a working stuntman has to track down a missing mega star to save his ex girlfriend's directorial debut. Its a 2024 action comedy starring amongst others - Ryan Gosling, Emily Blunt, Lee Majors and Hannah Waddingham.

Existing members - please come along or if you are unable contact me directly as to whether you will be rejoining again. It is seriously getting to the point that if we do not have a firm commitment of at least 20 odd people to pay an annual subscription of £22 at the September film, we will be unable to keep afloat and this will be the last film shown. The price for the film licence has increased dramatically, and the films themselves. Do remember that this is for a film every month of the year, including a shared Christmas lunch in December.

Those that do come, enjoy a cup of coffee prior to the film and a chat. It's an ideal way to spend a Saturday morning away from gardening, household chores etc in pleasant company for a few hours. Where else can you see 12 films every month of the year for that price - also free car parking etc. If you are new to the area, or lonely and want to meet people - please come along. We start coffee at 9.30am with the film starting at 10.0 am. Hope to see you there when you will be made most welcome.

Chris Phillips - Tel. 01453 826510 Mobile: 07716 321426

## DIARY PAGES

| CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (all term time only) |                             |                  |                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Baby Massage                                 | Mon 11.15am & 1.45pm        | L/S Village Hall | beatrizblakeman@gmail.com                              |
| Brownies                                     | Tues 6pm                    | K/S Village Hall | Anita Nelmes 823115                                    |
| Sally Prout School of Dance                  | Fri 4—8.15pm                | L/S Village Hall | Louise 07749554392                                     |
| Selsley Beavers                              | Mon 6-7.15pm                | Selsley Scout HQ | Steve Jackson 07747037467<br>thejackson5@tiscali.co.uk |
| Selsley Cubs                                 | Tues 6pm                    | Selsley Scout HQ | Andy Wasley 07813 886189                               |
| Selsley Scouts                               | Thurs & Fri 7-8.45pm        | Selsley Scout HQ | Steve Jackson 827962                                   |
| Stanley's Cubs                               | Tues 6.30pm                 | L/S Scout Hut    | Robbie Gardiner 07854218179<br>Stanleycubs@outlook.com |
| Supastrikers (pre school football)           | Thurs 2-3pm<br>Fri 1-4.30pm | K/S Village Hall | superstrikerscaz@gmail.com                             |
| Baby & Toddler Group                         | Weds 10 am                  | L/S Village Hall | Lily 07717795134                                       |

### SOCIAL/COFFEE CLUBS

|                    |                                  |                                   |                                         |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Coffee Morning     | 1st Sat 10.15—12                 | L/S Village Hall<br>(Social Club) | Pat Hearne 823728<br>pat.hearne@sky.com |
| Coffee Pot         | 1st & 3rd Tues 10am<br>(not Jan) | St Swithun’s Church, L/S          |                                         |
| Coffee Shop        | Mon, Weds & Fri<br>9am—2pm       | King’s Stanley Sports Club        |                                         |
| Friendship Group   | 2nd Mon 2.15 pm                  | L/S Village Hall                  | Pat Hearne 823728                       |
| Knit & Knatter     | Mon 9.45—12                      | King’s Stanley Social Club        | D.Harris 827622                         |
| Women’s Fellowship | Tues 2.30pm<br>(2nd & 4th Tues)  | 1, Church Rd, Leonard<br>Stanley  | Ann Vale 822435                         |

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| HEALTH & FITNESS   |                                                            |                  |                                                         |
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| Circuit Training   | Mon 7pm                                                    | K/S Village Hall | Sam Smethan 07954018001                                 |
| Dance Fitness      | Mon 9.30 -10.20 am                                         | K/S Village Hall | alisonholding@hotmail.com<br>07583633782<br>See page 15 |
| Fitness Pilates    | Mon 10.30 -11.30am<br>Fri 9.20 -10.20am &<br>10.30—11.30am |                  |                                                         |
| Keep Fit           | Tues 9.30—10.30am<br>&10.45—11.45am                        |                  |                                                         |
| Stretch & Mobility | Weds 10—10.55am                                            |                  |                                                         |
| Short Mat Bowls    | 1st & 3rd Weds 7pm                                         | K/s Village Hall | Martin Stockwell 762795                                 |
|                    | Weds 9.30-12                                               | L/S Scout Hut    | James Morgan 07776706160                                |
| Slimming World     | Thurs 9.30am                                               | K/S Village Hall | Vicky Dunn 07973315324                                  |
| Pilates            | Thurs 7-8am                                                | L/S Village Hall | Jeremy Bingham<br>fitbing@hotmail.com                   |
| Tai Chi            | Tues 7.30—8.30pm                                           | K/S Village Hall | Joe Dymond 07814371463<br>Zuanshi.info@gmail.com        |

| YOGA         |                                                        |                                |                                                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Yoga         | Tues 9.30—10.30am Fri<br>9.30—11.30am<br>Weds 8—9.15pm | L/S Village Hall<br>L/S School | Carol Maguire 791484<br>0781434102<br>See page 17 |
| Yoga         | Mon 5.30—6.30pm                                        | K/S Village Hall               | Amy West 07472191278                              |
| Yoga Flow    | Mon 9.30—10.30am<br>Tues 6-7pm                         | L/S Village Hall               | Juanitazoe@hotmail.com                            |
| Chair Yoga   | Tues 11.15—12.15am                                     | L/S Village Hall               | Juanitazoe@hotmail.com                            |
| Joy of Yoga  | Thurs 10am                                             | Selsley Scout Hut              | Amanda 753635                                     |
| Kishori Yoga | Fri 10am                                               | Selsley Scout Hut              | Elles 07815552952                                 |

| AND MORE...                |                           |                    |                                                      |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Five Valley's Dog Training | Mon, Weds & Fri 5 -8.15pm | L/S Village Hall   | Julie Cull 07487710767                               |
| Selsley Gardening Club     | 1st Thurs 2-4pm           | Selsley Scout HQ   | Janet Buist<br>janetbuist53@gmail.com<br>07746821338 |
| Stonehouse History         | 2nd Weds                  | Park Junior School | Vicki Walker 826334                                  |
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| Wine Circle                | Last Weds 7.30pm          | L/S Village Hall   | Phil Bischler 828206                                 |

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| Cotswold Area<br>Music makers      | Weds 7.30pm                                   | Selsley Scout HQ                      | Karina & Kath Wyndow 750603<br>CotswoldAreaMusicMakers.org.uk |
| Film Club                          | 3rd Sat 9.45am                                | L/S Village Hall                      | Chris Phillips 826510                                         |
| Frome Valley<br>Handbell Ringers   | Tues 7.30pm                                   | The Nursery,<br>King's Stanley        | Sue Page 826410                                               |
| Stanley Players                    | Thurs 8pm                                     | K/S Village Hall                      | Bill Parry 07774496913<br>Alan King 07594944245               |
| Stanley Singers                    | Mon 7.30pm                                    | Stonehouse Bethal<br>Church           | M.Donavan 759448                                              |
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| County Councillor for L/S & Frocester             | Wendy.Thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk                     | 07570931816                  |
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### **About Us**

Our volunteer Trustees have helped look after the playing field in King's Stanley for the recreational use of the village since 1922 when the Close was donated to the village. Trustees are covered by our liability insurance, so no personal risk is involved.

### **What You Will Do**

- Take clear notes at our bi-monthly meetings.
- Write and send meeting dates and papers.
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### **About You**

- Good basic computer skills (email, Word, or Google Docs).
- Clear writing and speaking style.
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- Be a King's Stanley Parish resident or have local knowledge of the village.

### **Time and Place**

- Time needed:** About 2 hours each week – varies depending on incoming correspondence.
- Meetings:** Every 2 months on a Wednesday evening in the village hall.

### **What You Will Gain**

- Learn how charities run behind the scenes.
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Contact [Secretary@marlingtrust.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@marlingtrust.org.uk) for more info.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

It may seem far too early to think about Christmas as most of us like to cling onto summer for as long as possible – but the wonderful people at Teams4U are already working hard to launch their annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal and they need our support!

**Teams4U** is a charity which was set up over 25 years ago. It operates around the world supporting community initiatives aiming to improve the lives of children through education, healthcare, training, financial assistance, and delivering shoeboxes.

We can support this appeal by filling a shoebox with a few small gifts and practical supplies – and then taking it to a collection point where it will be taken to a warehouse in Evesham, checked and then loaded onto lorries and distributed in time for Christmas. The shoeboxes will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. The charity aims that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children. Last December I had the great joy of being able to join the distribution team in Oradea in Romania and take part in distributing the boxes. The excitement and joy that the shoeboxes brought to the children brought a lump to my throat, it was an unforgettable experience.

This year the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. The charity works with in country partners like the Red Cross to help find children that are most in need.

If this is something that you would like to do this Christmas then you can find all the information you need on the web site <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/> Leaflets about the appeal are available and if you would like one then please just email [thejackson5@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thejackson5@tiscali.co.uk).

**If you would like to support this appeal but don't feel able to fill a shoebox yourself then you can still get involved by donating items to go into the boxes.** This is what the children at Leonard Stanley School will be doing and the Worship Team will be packing the items into shoeboxes. If you would like to help then these are the sort of things they are collecting:

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**Please note that items like small soft toys or toy cars do not have to be new – just in good condition.**

Completed boxes or any donations can be dropped off at school until **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

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## GARDENING IN SEPTEMBER

Without doubt we are now in a period of climate change. This summer we have had 5 heat waves according to the BBC weather website. Inevitably, this has had an impact on our gardens whether it's your lawn that has gone brown or just keeping your borders, pots and vegetables alive has become a nightly routine of watering. Maybe it's now time for us to reassess our gardens, what we grow and how we can save water.

### HANDY HINTS AND TIPS FOR YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

#### Ornamental plants in beds and borders

Take a long look around your garden to see which plants have continued to look good despite the heat of the summer and which have struggled. Rethink what you grow and replace thirsty plants with those that require less water. Especially if in future years our area is subject to a hosepipe ban. September and into October are good months to replant as the weather is cooler, the soil warm and hopefully, we will get some rain.

But looking ahead to the spring now is the time to choose which bulbs to plant in your garden or pots and to collect seed from your favourite annuals and perennials which have formed seed heads. Store in paper bags and sow in the spring.

If you took cuttings of tender perennials such as salvias and pelargoniums back in the summer pot up into small pots those that have rooted. They will need to be kept in a greenhouse or on a windowsill over winter.

#### Fruit, vegetables and herbs

Harvesting apples and pears begins in earnest this month. Plums and autumn fruiting raspberries are also ready now to be picked. The old canes of the summer fruiting raspberries can be pruned back to the ground and the new canes tied into wire supports. Well-rotted manure or compost applied along the rows will help to feed the new canes.

If you grow vegetables and salads to overwinter now is the time to sow winter lettuces, kale and land cress. Young plants of spring cabbage can be planted out but protect with netting from hungry pigeons.

Pot up some herbs such as parsley, mint and chives to keep on the windowsill for picking over winter.

#### Wildlife

Continue to provide shallow dishes of water outside for wildlife, especially birds and hedgehogs. Place the dish in the shade near trees and shrubs but away from hedges where cats can hide! Replace the water regularly and keep the dish clean.

### Lawns and hedges

This is the best month to trim hedges before the winter. The main nesting season for birds is over, and active summer growth is slowing down. A cut now will prevent long heavy branches catching high winds and splitting or becoming wind damaged in winter.

If you have a new lawn to sow or just a few bare patches to repair, this month is ideal for sowing grass seed especially if we get some rain.

### Plant of the month

*Gaura lindheimeri* (now classified as *Oenothera lindheimeri*) is a graceful perennial which produces 60-90cm tall airy spikes of white star shaped flowers in late summer. It thrives in full sun and well drained soil. Previously thought frost tender it is now due to our changing climate firmly established as hardy. And will self-seed in the border. Ideal for drought tolerant cottage style borders. It can be easily grown from seed.



### Garden of the month

Badminton House Open Gardens. These private gardens are open to the public three times a year and the final date for this year is Sunday 6th September from 10am – 4pm. The gardens are filled with late summer flowers, dahlias, roses, cosmos, geraniums and agapanthus. This is a good opportunity to make note of what plants are looking good and so are more resilient to climate change and which are becoming more difficult to grow.

Full information including cost of tickets is on the Badminton estate website.

Janet Buist

### **SELSLEY GARDENING CLUB**

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The original purpose of the Trust was to make grants to needy individuals and families who live in the parishes of St George's King's Stanley and All Saints Selsley. We have made numerous grants to individuals and charities in the parishes who need financial help. However, over the last few years we find that our grants to individuals have not matched our income. Therefore, we have been reaching out to other charities who are active in our parishes, and where they have helped people resident here, we make a contribution to the grants that they make, so that they are able to broaden their work. Recent examples are The Food Bank, The Door, P3 and Homestart.

We also make grants for specific items which help local organisations, such as Kings Stanley Primary School, Selsley Scout Group and Kings Stanley Brownies.

**Grants to individual applicants are always in strictest confidence. The Trustees make their decision without knowing the identity of the applicant (s) The identity of the applicant(s) is known only to our clerk and those dealing directly with payment of the grant.** Recently we have helped a family with mobility assistance for a disabled child, people whose domestic appliances break down, and help with building repairs. These are people who would find making ends meet impossible when an emergency arises, and there is no other source of funds. Generally grants to individuals are one-off rather than ongoing income support.

**Whilst grant applications are confidential, should you wish to discuss any of the activities of the trust with the chair of the trustees, please contact Lawrie Hall on 07891 231738.**

*If you work with a charity which helps people in our parishes, we would like to hear from you.*

**Please note the new email address for the trust, [clerk@ksst.uk](mailto:clerk@ksst.uk) at the top of this article. The Trust's website is [www.ksst.uk](http://www.ksst.uk), which includes a grant application form.**

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**Cobalt Christmas Cards are available online, at Linton House and later on in the year at normal Cobalt Card stockists.**

**Sunday 6 December – Reindeer Run** Join us at **Reeves Field, Cheltenham**, on **Sunday 6 December 2026 at 10:30am** for a festive, family-friendly 2.5K fun run. Run, jog or walk at your own pace and get into the Christmas spirit together. Book online for early bird tickets.

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The magazine is printed for sale at 50p from Yew Tree Stores in King's Stanley. Articles should be sent to the editors by email: [stanselmag@btinternet.com](mailto:stanselmag@btinternet.com), our deadline is usually the 21st. Please note that articles do not represent the opinions of the editors only that of the writer. Anonymous items will not be included. All are included at the discretion of the editors. We try to ensure that information is correct before going to print but details can change. Advertising for village organisation's and charity fundraising events is free of charge.

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This service provides transport for all, especially the elderly, frail, disabled and rurally isolated persons in and around the Stroud area. They provide minibuses and a voluntary car service. There is a minimum charge of £5 which includes the first 3 miles, additional miles are charged at 50p per mile. There is also an annual registration fee of £10 which is added to the first journey.

## RECYCLING SITE AT HORSLEY

Open 9am– 5pm, closed Wednesdays

Prebooked visits only

[www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs/car-and-van-bookings-for-hrc-visits/](http://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs/car-and-van-bookings-for-hrc-visits/)

## **Who's Who in the Churches**

|                         |                   |                                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Stroudwater Team Rector | Revd. Liz Palin   | rectorstroudwater@gmail.com<br>01452 903720 |
| Stroudwater Team Vicar  | Revd. Dave Bishop | tv2stroudwater@gmail.com<br>01453 822332    |
| Stroudwater Team Curate | Revd Leah Collins | curatestroudwater@gmail.com<br>07516678567  |

### **St Swithun's, Leonard Stanley**

|                                      |                                   |                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Churchwardens                        | Pat Savage<br>Julia Bogdiuliewicz | 822996<br>828372 |
| Treasurer                            | John Hale                         | 822693           |
| Organist                             |                                   |                  |
| Leonard Stanley CE<br>Primary School | Andrew Milner                     | 823265           |

### **St George's, King's Stanley**

|                                     |                    |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Churchwarden                        | Sue Page           | 826410 |
| Treasurer                           | Richard Chubb      | 822827 |
| Organist                            |                    |        |
| King's Stanley CE Primary<br>School | Derk van den Broek | 22868  |

### **All Saints Selsley**

|                  |                  |        |
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| Churchwarden     | vacant           |        |
| Verger           | Marion Charlwood | 350669 |
| Deanery Synod    | David Groom      |        |
| Treasurer        | vacant           |        |
| Organist         | Nigel Baldwin    | 821350 |
| Flowers          | Nancy Selwyn     |        |
| Social Committee | Marion Charlwood | 350669 |
| PCC Secretary    | Nigel Baldwin    | 821350 |

### **Baptist Church**

|                             |                      |             |
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| King's Stanley Village Hall | Revd David Sutcliffe | 07852320432 |
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### **St Joseph's RC Church**

|            |                         |        |
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| Stonehouse | Father Gary Brassington | 762442 |
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### **Stonehouse Methodist Church**

|                       |             |
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| Rev Jimmy Cullingford | 07831406437 |
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