



The Churches of
**STANTON-BY-DALE with
DALE ABBEY & RISLEY**

Saint Michael & All Angels, Stanton-by-Dale | All Saints, Dale Abbey | All Saints, Risley



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19th November 2023

Welcome to our service today, especially if you are a visitor

- Crèche facilities are available throughout the Benefice. Please ask one of the church wardens or welcomers where these can be found. Please also feel no embarrassment if your little ones make noise—we are a church family of all ages!
- There is no collection taken during the service but you are welcome to give towards the work of the church on the plate at the back or through the bank (bank details are on the back of this news sheet). If you do wish to give and are a tax payer please think about completing a Gift Aid declaration which are in the pew or next to the offertory plate at the back.
- If you know of anyone sick or in any sort of need, please pass the details on to one of the church wardens or clergy.
- Refreshments are served after our services. Please do join us for a chat; we are also happy to pray with you after any service.
- JAM Club (Jesus and Me) for children aged 3 to 11, takes place during our services (not All Age Services) at Stanton and Risley. Details will be given during the service.

Special prayer or collect - The Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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This Sunday:

Sunday 19th November:

9.00am Morning Worship, Dale
10.45am Communion with JAM Club,
Stanton (livestreamed)
4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club
Passage: Jonah 4
Talk: Jonah: Grace through the storm—
Lesson learned?

Next week:

Sunday 26th November:

9.00am Communion, *the Gateway*, Dale
10.45am Morning Worship with JAM Club,
Stanton (livestreamed)
4.00pm Risley@4 Communion with JAM
Club
Passage: Matthew 12: 38-42
Talk: Jonah: Grace through the storm—
Jonah and Jesus

Thinking about Reading the Bible

“Read your Bible, pray every day and you’ll grow, grow, grow...”

I don’t know if you every sang the children’s song that line’s from, but it’s one that’s stuck in my memory since childhood. We probably all recognise it’s a good thing to be reading the Bible more – but it’s not always so easy, is it? Life is busy and full of distractions, but there’s great blessing to be found in getting into the Bible regularly.

As we read the Bible, we’re reading God’s message to humanity – a message that tells us who we are, what we’re here for, how God rescues us, how to live for him in this world and what will happen in the future!

So how can we make the most of this opportunity? Thankfully there are more resources available to help us with this than ever before! Here’s a few:

Explore – a daily Bible-reading guide, with helpful notes to explain things, questions to think about and apply to our lives—each book comes with 3 months of readings.

Bible in a Year – the whole Bible in a year?! It sounds ambitious – but with a guided reading plan, it breaks it down into much more manageable chunks each day.

If you’d like to chat more about reading the Bible, please do talk to me or Phil – we’d love to encourage you in this, as we’re convinced it’ll be a real blessing to you!

James

8. NEW CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

Please note that Phil has a new contact mobile phone number for work: please now use 07768 095270.

9. Canaan Trust Christmas Appeal

ADVENT CALENDAR—COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

This Christmas the Canaan Trust is preparing to support the largest number of families and individuals in its history, supplying Food parcels and Toilet/Hygiene Packs.

Between now and December 10th, would you be able to collect one item each day, or however you are able, creating a Reverse Advent Calendar, to be delivered into one of our churches by Sunday 10th December at the latest? (Blue carrier bags are available in each church for you to take one or two and fill them with some of the items as listed below).

Suggested Items:

Tins of chili, spaghetti hoops, tuna, carrots, peas, sweetcorn, beans, ham, corned beef, chicken, meat pies, rice pudding, fruit cocktail, custard.

Packets of cereal, dried rice, dried spaghetti, biscuits.

Jars of bolognaise sauce, curry sauce, jam.

Bars of chocolate and sweets.

Toiletries such as razors, shaving foam, toothpaste, tooth-brushes, bars of soap, men’s and ladies deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, sanitary products.

Men’s socks, ladies winter tights, men’s pants, ladies knickers, warm gloves and warm hats.

This week's news

1.Church Office

The office is open Mon to Fri 9.30am to 1.30pm. To contact the office, call 0115 9440609 or email: elaine.warren@sdrchurches.org.uk

2. SDR Churches Livestream - Stanton services

Our YouTube page can be accessed by clicking on the YouTube logo on our website or simply visit www.youtube.com/@sdrchurches and you'll be there!

3. Discover

The Discover course continues on Wednesday 22nd November, 7.30pm to 8.30pm at The Gateway in Dale Abbey.

The Christmas Magazine will be ready for distribution during next week. Please look out for a bundle o deliver!

4. Joint PCC Meeting

The next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 28th November, 7.15pm at the Old School, Stanton.

5. All Together Christmas/Advent Bring and Share Lunch

We are holding an All Together Bring and Share Christmas/Advent Lunch at the Old School, Stanton on Sunday 3rd December starting at 12.15pm. As from TODAY sign up sheets will be available for you to tell us if you're able to come and also for you to put your name against a couple of food items to Bring and Share. **Prizes awarded for the best Christmas headgear. Children's craft table and a quiz. Drinks will be provided. Please make sure you label any food that you bring if it contains nuts and any other potential allergens. The Old School will be open from 10.15am on Sunday 3rd Dec for you to start dropping off your food. Any food that needs slicing, can you please do this before you bring it. If you are available from 11.00am onwards for an hour or so on Sat 2nd Dec to help set up the Old School ready, can you please let Elaine know. Thank you.**

6. Christmas Devotional Dippers

Advent is just a few weeks away now - and we'd love to encourage families to take time over Advent to look forward to Christmas together. One great resource to help with that are 'Christmas Devotional Dippers' from 10ofthose.com. They're fun, quick, simple ways to look forward to Christmas together - ideal for a mealtime or at bedtime. Each 'dipper' includes a name/title of Jesus, a Bible verse, a question to think about & a prayer (see 10ofthose.com for more details). We'll order in a batch of them to get a bulk discount - if you'd like a set for just £5 (for yourself or to give to friends), please email James at james.lee@sdrchurches.org.uk by **TODAY at the latest**. Any questions, just ask!

7. The COMING of the KING—J C Ryle

For Advent this year, we are offering you a book by J C Ryle called 'The COMING of the KING, 25 Readings for Advent'. These readings, all from Ryle's *Expository Thoughts from the Gospels*, contrast Jesus' first coming with his second and lead us to consider both "Advents" of the Lord Jesus. Copies are available at the back of each church as from TODAY. They cost £1 each, so if you are able to give a donation towards the copy you take by leaving some money on the church plate, that would be great. But please take one, we'd rather you had one than not!

Don't forget to look at the Dates for your Diary section on the back page and for other notices



Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

Tuesday 28th November—7.15pm Joint PCC, Old School, Stanton

Saturday 2nd December—9.00am Dads and Kids Christmas Special, Old School, Stanton
11.00am Setting up the Old School for Christmas lunch
5.00pm Stanton Christmas Lights switch on

Sunday 3rd December—12.15pm Bring and Share Christmas/Advent lunch, Old School

Monday 4th December—6.00pm Risley Christmas Lights switch on

Tuesday 5th December—2.30pm Tea and Company Christmas Tea, Old School, Stanton

Wednesday 6th December—6.30pm Dale Abbey Christmas Lights Switch on

Tuesday 12th December—2.30pm Carol singing at Woodhall Park

Friday 15th December—3.30pm Tea and Company Christmas Tea, Gateway, Dale Abbey

Friday 22nd December—7.30pm Salvation Army at Middlemore Cottages, Stanton

HOME GROUPS are an important part of our ministry. They run in various places around the Benefice—please speak to Phil or James to find out more, we would love for you to be included.

Engagement Many congratulations to Helen Holwell and Scott Webb on the recent announcement of their engagement.



Messiah Charlotte Holwell and Zoe Leleux are going to see the Messiah on Sat 2nd Dec in Nottingham. If anyone would like to join them, please let either Charlotte or Zoe know .

Do you need someone to chat to, or pray with? If so, get in touch, we'd love to help!

Email: elaine.warren@sdrchurches.org.uk

See and Know - Tues mornings during term time, starting at 9.30am, The Old School, Stanton.

Heroes (6-7pm) and **Impact** (7-8:15pm) on Thursdays, both at The Old School, Stanton.

Ignite (7.30pm to 9.00pm) Sunday evenings. Please speak to Phil or James for further details.

Bank Details

Giving: Thank you to all who continue to support the gospel work and ministry of the Benefice financially, your support is *much appreciated*. If you would like to consider giving your donation direct to a church bank account, or passing on a cheque to either Phil, James or the church office, the account details are below:

Risley: Bank: NatWest; Sort code: 60 13 23; Account number: 96350199; Account name: PCC All Saints Risley (please make cheques payable to the account name)

Stanton: Bank: NatWest; Sort code: 60 11 37; Account number: 96512067; Account name: Stanton by Dale PCC (please make cheques payable to the account name)

Dale: Bank: NatWest; Sort code: 60 11 37; Account number: 96529903; Account name: Dale Abbey Church

Street Prayers Pray for businesses and residents on Park Close, Potato Pit Lane and Yew Tree Cottages.

The Sick Jane and Ken Geary, Ian Hill, Ian Howarth, Cherry Huckle, Audrey Sims, and Marion Barnstall.

Bereaved Families and friends of: Nancy Roper, Michael Ato, Dot Barber, Joan Stapleton, Eileen Futter, Brenda Parsons, Fred Wilson and Michael Farnsworth and Valery Kritsova

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