



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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24th November 2024

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 Sunday next before Advent– Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who 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 week: 24th November

9.00am Morning Worship, *The Gateway*, Dale Abbey
10.45am Communion with JAM Club, Stanton (livestreamed)
4.00pm Risley@4 Communion with JAM Club
Passages: Revelation 21: 1-8 and 21: 22-22:5
Talk: God's Big Picture #8

Next week: 1st December

9.00am Traditional Communion, Risley
10.45am All Age Morning Worship, Stanton (livestreamed)
4.00pm Risley@4 All Age
Passage: Isaiah 40: 1-5
Talk: Advent in Isaiah #1
No service at Dale

Are we nearly there yet?!

Have you ever heard that question during a long journey? If you've not heard it, you've probably asked it! This week marks week 8, and final week of our Bible Overview: God's Big Picture, and the question 'are we nearly there yet?' is a good one to ask. Are we nearly at the end of the Bible overview? Yes! And what a lot we have learned—you can catch up here if you've missed any: <https://sdrchurches.org.uk/gods-big-picturesermon-series-autumn-2024/>

But there's more levels to the question...are we nearly there regarding the Lord Jesus' return? That's a good question to ask—especially as we approach advent (next week is the first Advent Sunday, the start of a new church year!). This week we're looking in the book of Revelation at what things will be like when the Lord returns. Will he return? The Bible has a definite answer—Yes! When will he return? We don't know exactly, but we do know that we need to be ready. And when Jesus returns, the Bible is clear, God's people will live in God's place, under God's rule and will experience all of his blessings perfectly and abundantly! Come along this Sunday and find out more, even if you've missed previous weeks, it'll still make sense and you'd be very welcome. Hope to see you soon, *Phil*

Canaan Trust 2024 Advent Wish List

Our three churches and Risley Lower Grammar School are going to be supporting the Canaan Trust's Advent Food Bank Appeal again this year. From now until Sunday 15th December, we will be collecting priority donations that are itemized on the flyers that you can find at the back of church, the Gateway and our other church buildings. The items listed include food, toiletries and clothing. Please do take a flyer and considering supporting this local charity. You can bring your donations to any of our church services and leave them there ready for collection (including the Gateway). The Canaan Trust will look to be distributing the donations from 21st December so we will need to get our collections to them by Friday 20th December. Thank you.

9. Church Decorating—Stanton



It's that time again folks!!

On Sat 30th Nov we plan to decorate St Michaels and All Angels, Stanton, for Christmas I will plan to be there from 9:30am to start moving and get things set up. We would be grateful for any help with this, including if you aren't able to come until a little later. Hopefully we'll be finished for 11:15ish if we are able to get a collection of us 😊

Please reply to me by the end of today (Sunday 24th) if you are able to help

jono.sherwood@sdrchurches.org.uk

Many thanks, Jonathan

10. Carol Singing at the Stanhope Arms

Please let Phil or Elaine know either today or during the week if you think you will be able to come along and help lead some carol singing at the Stanhope Arms pub in Stanton at 3.00pm on Saturday 30th November, during the Christmas Fair being held there 11.00am to 4.00pm.

This week's news

1. Church Office

The office will be **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 visit www.youtube.com/@sdrchurches – click the 'Live' tab for livestreamed services. Remember, you won't see the livestream until we start streaming (at 10.45am).

3. DISCOVER

The DISCOVER Course continues on Tuesday 26th November, 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Gateway in Dale Abbey.

4. Prayer Meeting—Save the date!

Our next All Together prayer meeting is on Weds Dec 11th, starting at 7.45pm, and it will be online. We'll be welcoming James Clark, our mission partner in Belgium with Crosslinks at this meeting. The Zoom code for this will be shared nearer the time.

5. Benefice Christmas Lunch

We are hosting a Benefice Bring and Share Christmas Lunch at the Old School on Sunday 8th December, starting at 12.15pm. Julie Sherwood has very kindly offered to organize the details and as from TODAY, lists will be in our churches for food items and names/numbers of people. Seasonal attire to be worn is encouraged!

6. Comfort & Joy—Advent Devotions from Isaiah 40-55

This year's Advent Devotional book offering, 'Comfort & Joy' by Matt Searles is available in each of our churches. The 25 devotions, with a daily reading and short reflection, will take you through Isaiah 40-55.

This advent, join with Simeon in meditating on Isaiah's 'book of comfort'. Do please help yourself to one of these books, and if you are able to leave a donation of £1.00 on the collection plate to help cover some of the cost we would be grateful. If you are unable to, please don't worry. We would much rather you had a book than not!



7. Christmas Tea and Company

Tea and Company will meet next on Tuesday 3rd December, 2.30pm to 4.00pm at the Old School, Stanton. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a Christmas tea!

8. Date for your Diary (also on the back of the news sheet)

Sat 30th Nov—9.30am Stanton Church Christmas decorating works party**

11.00am to 4.00pm Stanhope Arms Christmas Fair* with Carol singing led by SDR

Churches at 3.00pm**

Sun 1st Dec—6.00pm Stanton by Dale Lights Switch On*

Tues 3rd Dec—2.30pm Christmas Tea & Company, Old School, Stanton

****6.45pm Dale Abbey Lights Switch On***

Thurs 5th Dec—6.00pm Heroes and Impact Christmas Party, Old School, Stanton

Sat 7th Dec—Risley Lights Switch On and Christmas Fair (with the Salvation Army), Risley Memorial Village Hall*

Sun 8th December—12.15pm Joint Benefice Lunch, Old School, Stanton

6.30pm Advent Carols, Gateway, Dale Abbey

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2.30pm Carol Singing at Woodhall Park Nursing Home, Risley

***Events not run by church but do please go along and support them**

**** Events added or time change since previously advertised**

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

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 (Toddlers) - Tues mornings during term time, starting at 9.30am, The Old School, Stanton.

Heroes (7-11s) (6-7pm) and **Impact (11-16s)** (7-8:15pm) on Thursdays, both at The Old School, Stanton.

Ignite (14-18s) - (6.30pm-8.00pm) Sunday evenings. Speak to Phil, Nick, Ali or Holly 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 (please make cheques payable to the account name)

Mission Partner Prayers— Compassion

From Compassion—Thank you for your loving and faithful support of Josiah (Uganda). We have heard from our colleagues in Uganda that he has moved as he is now living with a different family member. Josiah has been able to transfer to a Compassion project in his new community. At his new project, Mmembe Baptist Church, Josiah will continue to receive love, care and protection from dedicated staff, as well as vital teaching to help him grow and develop. Just like in the UK, moving to a new place can be unsettling. Whilst so much is changing for Josiah, the support he receives from the Stanton, Risley and Dale churches is especially important. Thank you so much.

Do please pick up a copy of Josiah's latest letter from the back of church!

Street Prayers Pray for businesses and residents on Seven Oaks Road, The Moor and Derby Road.

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

Bereaved Families and friends of: Anne Evans (Zena's mother in law), Hilda Naylor, John Cresswell, Ted Alsop, Derek Gregory, Frederick Perry, Barry Cross, Wendy Roome, Jean Chamberlain and Philip Brown.

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