



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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9th March 2025

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 First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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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or find us on: facebook.com/SDRChurches or YouTube youtube.com/@SDRChurches

This week: : 9th March

9.00am Communion, Dale

10.45am Morning Worship with JAM Club,
Stanton (livestreamed)

4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club

Passage: Matthew 6: 5-15 (*page 970 in the pew
bibles*)

Talk: How to Pray

Next week: 16th March

9.00am Morning Worship, *the Gateway*,
Dale

10.45am Communion with JAM Club,
Stanton (livestreamed)

4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club

Passage: Psalm 19 (STC) (*page 552 in the pew
bibles*)

Talk: How to read the Bible

Back to basics – How to Pray

Today we are beginning a Lent series of 4 Spiritual disciplines, which are key to being a Christian. Today we begin by looking at prayer, and in particular How to pray. Over 3 more Sundays during Lent we will be considering “How to come to church”, “How to read the bible” and “How to live for Jesus in the world”.

It is recognised that prayer and praying is part of many different religious traditions, and that most people pray sometimes. The bible has much to say about prayer and praying, including in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 6 verse 5-15, today’s bible passage which speaks of Jesus teaching his disciples how to pray, using the very familiar prayer, we call The Lord’s Prayer. Today it remains a really good framework to use when praying, and we will be saying it as part of our services in the benefice as we do every week.

John Calvin a 16th century French theologian understood prayer to be vital in the Christian life and viewed it as the “chief exercise of faith” and saw prayer as an intimate communion with the living God.

But if we are honest, most of us know we ought to pray, but we are not quite sure how. So, as well as looking at “What is prayer”, we will also be considering some practical aspects of prayer “When to pray”, “Where to pray” and “What to pray”.

Even though I have been a Christian for many years, and pray daily, I still recognise that prayer is a mystery, even a puzzle.

If that’s you... you are warmly invited to come to one of our services on Sunday (Dale Abbey 9am, Stanton 10-45am and Risley 4pm) and find out more about this mystery. And if you are unable to come, why not listen later via our www.sdrchurches.org.uk website.

Rachel Hobbs

Easter Events and Service Dates

Heroes and Impact Easter Party 27th March: (for whole families), 6:00pm, The Old School, Stanton-by-Dale

See and Know Easter Egg Hunt 1st April: 9:30-11:00am, The Old School, Stanton-by-Dale.

Stanton Tea and Company Easter Special 1st April: 2:30pm, The Old School Stanton-by-Dale.

Dale Tea and Company Easter Special 11th April: 3:30pm, The Gateway, Dale Abbey.

Joe Egan Trio JAM Session 11th April: 7:00pm, at Stanton-by-Dale.

Palm Sunday Benefice Service 13th April: 10:45am, at Stanton-by-Dale. Palm Sunday Benefice lunch, from 12:15pm at The Old School, Stanton-by-Dale.

Maundy Thursday Service 17th April: 7:45pm, at The Gateway, Dale Abbey.

Good Friday Hour at the Cross 18th April: 2:00-3:00pm, All Saints, Risley. With children’s crafts in Harrison’s Cottage.

Easter Morning Dawn Service 20th April: 6:30am – The Arch, Dale Abbey, followed by refreshments at The Gateway.

Easter Sunday All Age Celebration 20th April: 9:00am, All Saints Risley with Communion.

Benefice All Age Easter Celebration 20th April: 10:45am – Stanton-by-Dale, with Communion, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Rectory Field.

Derby Bible Week (flyers available at the back of church) - Date for your Diary

This years Derby Bible week is on Mon 28th April—Thurs 1st May 7.30pm at Woodlands Church, Blenheim Parade, Allestree, DE22 2GP (parking available at Portway Junior School). Theme: Jesus’ Heart for Unlikely People (from Mark’s Gospel); Speaker: Mark Ellis, leader of the Keswick Ministries team. For further information, visit:

www.derbybibleweek.org.uk

The talks can be watched live and on catch up at: youtube.derbybibleweek.org.uk

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 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. Lent Courses 2025—How to share your faith

Flyers are available in church (and below) giving the details of a new series of Lent Courses for 2025. The flyers give the dates, times, location and focus of each session, but primarily the sessions will help to enable you to share your faith with others. Do please speak to Phil if you would like anymore information. Everyone is welcome!

12th March Principles for sharing your faith Including our *Benefice Prayer Meeting* - we'll pray for our families, friends, neighbours and colleagues 7:45pm The Gateway, Dale Abbey

19th March Don't be lost for words A simple gospel outline using 'the 4 points' 7:45pm The Old School, Stanton by Dale

26th March How to share your story Tips for sharing your testimony—your unique story of knowing Jesus! 7:45pm All Saints, Risley

2nd April How to answer difficult questions Including our *Benefice Prayer Meeting* - we'll pray for our families, friends, neighbours and colleagues, and for our Easter outreach 7:45pm The Gateway, Dale Abbey

9th April A toolkit for sharing your faith Sharing some simple ideas to help 7:45pm The Old School, Stanton by Dale

4. Joint PCC Meeting

The next Joint PCC Meeting is on tomorrow, Monday 10th March, 7.15pm at the Old School, Stanton.

5. Middle East Media—50 & Beyond A Summer Celebration

MEM turn 50 this year and are holding an event in London (exact location TBA on enquiry) to help mark the occasion on Saturday 7th June, 10.30am to 3.30pm. The event will include live music, middle eastern food, auction prizes, a Spoken Word performance and guest speakers Rev'd Carolyn and Katie Madanat, an unstoppable mother-daughter duo who will share first-hand stories of God's power and hope in the Middle East. If you are interested in a trip to London to attend and be representatives of our benefice there, then do please speak to Phil.

6. Easter Magazine

The Easter Magazine is ready for distribution. Do please speak to Phil or Elaine if you're able to help deliver some and they will put you in contact with those organizing the deliveries. Don't forget to pick a copy up for yourself from church when they're available, and why not take some for your neighbours, if you live outside the benefice, and some for your family and friends.

Dates for your diary in the coming weeks: (Easter dates are on the s2nd page of this news sheet)

Monday 10th March—1.00pm Funeral service of Vivien Wallace, Risley; 7.15pm Joint PCC Meeting, Old School, Stanton

Wednesday 12th March- 7:45pm The Gateway, Dale Abbey— Lent course including our Benefice Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 9th March— 7:45pm The Old School, Stanton by Dale—Lent course

Wednesday 26th March— 7:45pm All Saints, Risley— Lent course

Saturday 29th March—12.30 pm Wedding of Helen Holwell and Scott Webb, Stanton

Sunday 30th March—1.00am BST starts. Clocks go forward 1 hour

Wednesday 2nd April—7:45pm The Gateway, Dale Abbey— Lent course including our Benefice Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 9th April - 7:45pm The Old School, Stanton by Dale—Lent course

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 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— Canaan Trust

2025 sees the Canaan Trust achieve 30 years of meeting the needs of the homeless and those threatened with the impact of becoming homeless. Please pray that the opening of Aspire House, the new dedicated house providing 24/7 supported accommodation for 9 homeless women will happen in good time later this year. Please also pray for the women who are having to wait to live there because of recent delays in the work schedule. Please pray for the new staff team for Aspire House as they complete the training for their new roles. Please pray for any residents who move into their own accommodation, that their moves into independent living will be successful. Please pray for the continuing success of the Canaan Trust Sleep Out, taking place this year on Friday 25th April at the Market Place in Long Eaton, Fri 8pm to Sat 7am. 45% of the funding the Trust needs to deliver its services are raised through charitable fund-raising and donations with the Sleep Out being a big part of this percentage. Please pray for two new trustees recently appointed, that they will quickly settle into their role and feel confident to share their views and ideas.

Street Prayers Pray for businesses and residents on Main Street, The Village and Derby Road.

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

Bereaved Families and friends of: Frederick Perry, Barry Cross, Philip Brown, Jean Chamberlain, Mo Tolson, Rita Yates and Vivien Wallace.

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