



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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11th & 18th May 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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This week: 11th May

10.30am Benefice service of Communion with JAM Club, Stanton, (livestreamed) with Alan Purser as our guest speaker, followed by a benefice lunch at 12.00pm at the Old School
Passage: 1 Timothy 2: 8-15 (page 1191 in the pew bibles)
Talk: God's household the church- a blueprint #4 : Men and Women in God's Household
(No services at Risley or Dale today)

Next week: 18th May

9.00am Morning Worship, the Gateway, Dale Abbey
10.45am Communion with JAM Club, Stanton (livestreamed)
4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club
Passage: 1 Timothy 3: 1-13 (page 1192 in the pew bibles)
Talk: God's household –a blueprint #5: Managing God's Household part 1

A year in review, and looking to the future...

Wednesday 7th May saw our Annual Meetings for the Benefice, all held jointly at All Saints Risley. Our Annual meetings, as well as all of the important legal business, always provide an opportunity for us to look back with thanks, and look forward with hope. In everything we do we seek to 'Know Jesus and Make Him known'. Through the past year we have seen many answers to prayer as we have sought to do just that: new folks have joined us, God has supported us through many trials and challenges, and by God's grace, he's enabled us to get going with a wide and adventurous programme across our 3 churches. We're so thankful! Looking forward, there continue to be many opportunities for us to continue in our mission of *Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known*. To support us in this, I'm pleased to share that the following people have been elected to these various positions:

Stanton by Dale Church Wardens: Jonathan Sherwood and Andy Farnsworth

Stanton Deputy Wardens: Adam Bradley, Ed Holwell and Sydney Leleux

Dale Abby Church Warden: Dave Cousins

Risley Church Warden: Ian Clayton

Risley Deputy Wardens: Holly Goodrich and Roger Jones

Joining the PCCs in Stanton by Dale with Dale Abbey are: Karen Dale, Adam Bradley, Andy Farnsworth and Nick Jackson.

Joining the PCCs in Risley are: Stewart Cliff, Roger Jones and Tina Housley.

Our **Parish Safeguarding Officers** for this coming year are Jess Davidson-Egan and Karen Dale.

Our **PCC Secretaries** are: Chris Holwell (for Stanton by Dale with Dale Abbey) and Helen Groome (for Risley).

Our **Readers** continue to be: Garry Sherwood, Rachel Hobbs and Ralph Homer.

Electoral Roll officers are Sylvia Homer for Stanton and Dale, and Rachel Hobbs for Risley.

Our **Treasurers** are Glynn Warren (Stanton), Ralph Homer (Dale) and Tina Housley (Risley).

Do please be praying for all who are serving in many and various ways. Thanks for your continuing support, and do join us as we continue in our exciting mission of Knowing Jesus and Making Him known! *Phil*

10. Thank you

A big thank you to those people (church and village members) who have been busy planting flowers in the borders and mowing and strimming the grass in the churchyard in Stanton. It all looks wonderful!

Collect for Sunday 18th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Services on Sunday 25th May:

9.00am Communion, Dale

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

4.00pm Risley@4 Communion with JAM Club, Risley

Passage: 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (page 1192 in the pew bibles)

Talk: God's household –a blueprint #6: Managing God's Household part 2

Don't forget to look at the 'Dates for your Diary' section on the back page of the newssheet!

This week's news

1.Church Office

The office is closed on Monday to Friday. To contact the office, call 0115 9440609 or email: elaine.warren@sdrchurches.org.uk (the office re-opens Mon 19th May at 9.30am).

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 Course

The DISCOVER course will continue on Tues 13th May and Tues 20th May, at 7.00pm to 8.00pm in the church office (Stanton). Please speak to Phil if you are thinking of coming along to discover the answers to some of life's BIG questions! It's not too late to join on the 13th.

4. TODAY—our Benefice Lunch with teaching from 1 Timothy 2

Today, we'll be looking at 1 Timothy 2 with a guest preacher, Rev Alan Purser, in our Benefice Service (10:30am at Stanton by Dale) and following it with a Benefice Lunch (if you have pre-booked) and then there will be some extra teaching in the Old School afterwards (where a children's film will be provided). *Tea and coffee will be served up at the Old School after the service (not in church).*

5. Coming Soon—REAL LIVES—Men's Social Evening

WHEN: **Friday May 23rd** and Friday July 11th.

WHERE: Stanhope Arms Function Room, Stanton by Dale at 8.00pm

WHAT: A social evening for the men of the church to get together, get to know each other better, and enjoy each other's company. We'll also from time to time be hearing people's real-life stories of what it's like to live for Jesus.



6. An Evening of Worship and Prayer

CARE (Christian Action Research & Education) are hosting an evening of worship and prayer for our nation on Tuesday 24th June, 6.30pm arrival (for tea, coffee and pastries) at the Village Hotel, Brailsford Way, Beeston, Notts, NG9 6DL. Celia and Lyndon Bowring will be hosting the evening with Graham Kendrick leading the worship, Dr RT Kendall will bring a specially recorded message and James Mildred will share CARE updates. To RSVP please visit: care.org.uk/events or ring 020 7233 0455 (flyers are available in church)

7. Book in a Day

Midlands Gospel Partnership and holding two Book In A Day events (one on 4th June in Birmingham) and one on the book of Isaiah (with George Diwakar) at Stapleford Baptist Church, NG9 8DB on Thursday 12th June, 10.00am to 4.00pm. (£20 pp) (MMTC Students have access for free). The Book In A Day events provide an introduction to one Bible book during just one day! The day is open to visitors to allow anyone to benefit from the MMTC training on offer. To book your place, visit: MMTC@midlandsgospel.org.uk

8. WWII 80th Anniversary Gospel of John, Commemorative Edition

There are copies of this book available in each of our churches for you to take (one per family please). This edition of the Gospel also features four powerful stories of Christians whose faith guided them through the events and challenges of WWII.

9. Tea and Company

Tea and Company will meet next on Friday 16th May, 3.30pm to 5.00pm at The Gateway, Dale Abbey. Everyone welcome!

Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

Friday 16th May—3.30pm Tea and Company, the Gateway, Dale

Friday 23rd May—8.00pm Men's social, the Stanhope Arms, Stanton

Thursday 29th May—7.00pm Ascension Day Service, Risley

Wednesday 4th June—7.45pm All Together Prayer Meeting, Old School, Stanton

Tuesday 10th June—7.15pm Joint PCC Meeting, Old School, Stanton

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— Open Doors

Two years after ethnoreligious violence erupted in Manipur, India, the devastating effects are still being felt by many. Christians in the community were disproportionately targeted by both sides. The violence in Manipur State between the tribal Kuki-Zo and the majority Meitei community broke out on 3rd May 2023, leaving thousands displaced, hundreds of dead, villages and houses destroyed, and hundreds of churches looted and burned. Please pray especially for Lalboi and his family, also Neinu and her family, both Christian believers who at this anniversary, are still suffering the impact of that night and still unable to return to their homes.

Mission Partner Prayers for 18th May—Canaan Trust

Give thanks that the Aspire House for women is very near completion. Please pray that the remaining snagging issues, relating to the construction works, are resolved as quickly as possible.

Please continue to pray for the new staff for Aspire House undergoing training in Jordan House and pray for patience for all staff working in an overcrowded environment.

Please continue to pray for the board of Trustees who need to ensure that the Trust is led in a way that will ensure it delivers hope and help to people in need, remaining true to its founding principles whilst coping with the doubling of staffing and assistance levels.

Please pray for the success of Canaan Trust's on-going fund raising activities.

Street Prayers	Pray for businesses and residents on Ladywood Road, Twelve Houses and Maple Cottages.
The Sick	Jane Geary, Ian Hill, Ian Howarth, Audrey Sims, Marion Barnstall, Beryl Gilliver, Anita Stephens and Alastair Dundas.
Bereaved	Families and friends of: Jean Chamberlain, Mo Tolson, Rita Yates, Vivien Wallace, Michael Walker and Roger Allen.

Street Prayers for Sunday 18th May: Dale outlying Farms, Hixons Lane and Bridge Cottages (Woodhall Park).

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