



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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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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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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This week: Sunday 26th October

9.00am Morning Worship, *the Gateway*, Dale Abbey

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

4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club (Risley)

Passage: Revelation 3: 1-13 (*page 1235 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Light at the end of the tunnel #5:

Letters to Sardis and Philadelphia

Next week: Sunday 2nd November

10.30am Joint Benefice service Morning Worship with Baptism and JAM Club, Risley

Passage: Revelation 3: 14-22 (*page 1236 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Light at the end of the tunnel #6:

Letter to Laodicea and the end of the first vision

No services at Dale or Stanton and no afternoon

Letter writing...a dying art ??

I wonder, when was the last time you sat down and wrote a letter...not an email using a keyboard or a text from your phone, but a proper letter using paper and ink ?

I must admit I don't write many letters using paper and ink, but I always do to my wonderful 90-year-old godmother after my birthday and Christmas. After a few failed attempts she does not participate in 21st century technology. So, instead I phone her on her landline and I send her a postcard from our holidays. And quite often I will get a letter back thanking me for the postcard.

My godmother's letters are always full of interesting things and often include comments about some cricket or rugby match she has watched, and perhaps about a classical music concert she has listened to on the radio. So, very different to the 2 letters we are looking at on Sunday as we continue our sermon series on the Book of Revelation.

And so this week we are looking at the letter that John wrote to the church in Sardis and to the church in Philadelphia. (Revelation chapter 3 verse 1-13) But they are two quite different letters – one to a dead church and the second to a faithful church.

"A dead church?" you might be thinking...well it certainly appears to be that way seems that way as John writes "I know your deeds, you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead". Goodness, you might be thinking...that sounds a bit harsh.

And you would be right, for John is writing with great concern that the church in Sardis appears from the outside to be alive, but in reality, they are spiritually dead.

Intrigued ?? Want to know more ?

Do come along to one of our 3 services in the benefice this Sunday (Dale Abbey in The Gateway Centre) 9am, Stanton by Dale Church 10.45am or Risley church at 4pm. You are assured of a warm welcome (and yummy refreshments following each service !!) Look forward to seeing you at one of our services.

Rachel Hobbs



11. Sight Support Derbyshire—Befriending Volunteers Required (flyers are available in church)

Sight Support Derbyshire are asking for volunteers to help people in the community who need help in reading the local paper, help going on walks and socialising, shopping etc because they are either blind or partially sighted. If you have 1-2 hours a week to spare, enjoy visiting people for a chat and are willing to help, please call 01332 292262 or visit the Sight Support Derbyshire website for further information: www.sightsupportderbyshire.org.uk

12. Service on Sunday 2nd November

10.30am Joint Benefice service of Morning Worship with Baptism and JAM Club, Risley

No services at Dale or Stanton and no afternoon service at Risley on that day

13. The Willoughby Fund (flyers are available in church)

The Willoughby Fund exists to support those connected with All Saints Church, Risley or those who live in Risley, who are in financial hardship. If you know of any one who is in need, please contact (in confidence) either the Rector, a Church Warden or Parochial Church Council member. Alternatively you can email: admin@sdrchueches.org.uk

All requests are considered carefully and sensitively.

This week's news

1.Church Office

The office will be open Mon, Tues, Thurs Fri 9.30am to 2.30pm. CLOSED on Weds. 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. How to Handle the Bible

The next session will be on Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm for drinks, 7.45pm start, finishing by 9.00pm (at the Rectory).

4. Midlands Men's Convention—Flyers are available in church

Please book online for the men's convention on Saturday 15th November, at the Cornerstone Church, Nottingham, NG7 1JG. Email: midlandsmensconvention.org.uk

5. Bonfire Party

All of the church family are invited to come along (with See & Know, JAM Club, Heroes, Impact, Ignite and families), to a bonfire party on Thursday 6th November, 6pm to 7pm. Come along to the Rectory for drinks, cakes, marshmallows and sparklers! Wrap up warm and bring a torch!



6. PCC Meeting

The next joint PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 18th November, 7.15pm at the Old School, Stanton.

7. Refreshments at Stanton

If anyone is able to make the tea/coffee for after the services at Stanton on 16th and 23rd Nov as Pete is away those two days, can you please let Phil, Elaine or a warden know. Thank you.

8. Bags of Hope

As in previous years, Bags of Hope containing a 'SuperBook—Book of Hope' (distributed via United Christian Broadcasters and One Hope) are available at the back of each church if you would like to take some and give them out to children who come to your house trick or treating on 31st October. By all means add some sweets or chocolate or any other treat of your choice to the bag.

9. Bell Foundry Visit

Roger Jones has booked for anyone who wanted to visit, a tour of John Taylor & Co Bellfoundry on Monday 17th November at 1.30pm. The address is Freehold Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 1AR. Can you please email Roger for the relevant information needed for the visit and to confirm that you are going. Thank you. Email: roger.jones@sdrchurches.org.uk

10. Sunday 9th November, Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday services will run concurrently at Stanton, Dale and Risley starting at 10.15am. Each service will end with an Act of Remembrance at the respective war memorials at 11.00am (no other services that day)



Availability

Please note that Phil is away from his desk until Sunday 2nd November. Please contact either the church office, a lay reader or church warden if you need help with anything this week.

Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

Wednesday 29th October—10.30am funeral service of Margaret Wain, Bramcote Crematorium

Thursday 6th November—6.00pm Church Bonfire

Friday 7th November—1.00pm Wedding of Imogen Moon and Jordan Graham, Stanton

Saturday 15th November—Midlands Men's Convention

Monday 17th November—1.30pm Bellfoundry visit

Tuesday 18th November—7.15pm Joint PCC Meeting, Old School, Stanton

Friday 21st November—3.30pm Tea & Company, the Gateway, Dale Abbey

Friday 28th November—REAL Lives Men's Group, Stanhope Arms, details TBA—Food Night!

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) - (6.00pm—7.30pm) 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—Middle East Media

We have wonderful news to share. Thanks to your generous support, Middle East Media has officially launched a brand-new video studio in North Africa! For years, our teams have faced the challenge of finding safe and suitable places to film interviews, live-action productions and short social media videos. Now, with this dedicated space, we can create content that boldly shares the message of Jesus Christ across the Middle East. Already, our staff are brimming with ideas and plans to use this studio, which has multiple rooms, to its fullest potential. This new professional space is far more than just lights and cameras – it's a place of safety, creativity and bold witness. It will allow us to produce content that speaks honestly to the questions Middle Easterners are asking, all while proclaiming the unstoppable hope of Jesus Christ. And this is only possible because of you. Thank you for praying, giving and walking with us. You are part of every film shoot recorded here and every life impacted by these videos.

Please Continue to Pray with Us:

- That the new studio will remain a safe and secure place for our teams to create life-transforming content.
- That our apologetics videos will cut through confusion online, bringing truth and clarity.
- That everyone who watches will draw closer to Jesus Christ, sparking momentum as many in the Middle East encounter the freedom found in Jesus.

Together, we are shining a light where it is most needed. Thank you for helping us turn on the cameras and declare the hope of Christ!

Street Prayers Pray for businesses and residents on Stanhope Street, Cross Lea and Risley Lane.

The Sick Jane Geary, Ian Hill, Ian Howarth, Audrey Sims, Marion Barnstall, Beryl Gilliver and Alastair Dundas.

Bereaved Families and friends of: Vivien Wallace, Michael Walker, Roger Allen, John Hill, Colin Lawson and Margaret Wain.

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