



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



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15th & 22nd February 2026

## 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 Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 Sunday: Sunday 15th February**  
9.00am Morning Worship, *the Gateway*, Dale  
10.45am Morning Worship with JAM Club, Stanton (livestreamed)  
4.00pm Risley@4 All Age  
Passage: Matthew 4: 12-25 (page 968 in the pew bibles)  
Talk: Reaching the Nations and Proclaiming the Kingdom

**Next week: Sunday 22nd February**  
10.30am Joint Benefice Morning Worship service with JAM Club, and Dan from Open Doors at Risley, followed by a bring your own picnic lunch at the Old School, Stanton  
Passage: Matthew 5: 10-16 (page 968 in the pew bibles)  
Talk: Blessed are the persecuted

*Please read all 4 sides of this news sheet. It contains a lot of information!*

## Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

That's what the Psalmist says in Psalm 119 verse 105, and over the years many thousands of people have found that to be true. God's Word the bible can help in many areas of life, and show the way to Eternal life. In Jesus own words that's him. He is the way the truth and the life. Just a question do you enjoy curling up in a comfy chair and reading a good book, a novel, a biography, or non-fiction?

Perhaps you have a daily newspaper these days even on line, or magazine. I include audio books and kindle in this list. How many hours do you think you spend on this activity per week/month/year?

If you don't already have you ever considered reading the Bible, which is really a whole library of 66 books, all linked to the wonderful story of Salvation.

There is something for everyone, murders, love stories, treachery, and spies. Battles, history, etc using different authors from Kings to shepherds all inspired by God. **WARNING. This book can be life changing** (For the better I add hastily) In this country we are free to read the Bible. However in some

counties around the world if you are caught reading it you can lose your job, your family or even your life and many people need our prayers. But about us? What's the expression if you don't use it you lose it! If you are reading this on February 15<sup>th</sup> then please join us as we continue to look at Matthew's Gospel. However if you are reading this on 22<sup>nd</sup> please join with us at Risley as we welcome back Dan who is the Regional lead in the Midlands and the North, for Open Doors. I am sure he will bring us up to date news from around the suffering Church.

God Bless

Ralph

### Service Pattern for Sunday 1st March: (No service at Dale)

9.00am Traditional Communion, Risley; 10.45am Communion with JAM Club, Stanton; 4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club; Passage: Revelation 8: 6-9; 20; Talk; Light at the end of the tunnel #11: The Trumpets

### Collect for Sunday 22nd February, 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

### 13. Lent Devotional Book

Copies of our Lent devotional book, 'In Quietness & Trust' by Matt Searles (a Bible teacher and songwriter based in Cumbria), are now available in church. This book contains 40 devotions with a daily reading and short reflection that will guide you through the beatitudes Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount. Do please pick yourself up a copy. If you are able to contribute any money towards your copy, then please leave it on the church giving plate (£ 2 or £3 would be ideal), but if you aren't able to, please don't worry. Please take a copy anyway as we would prefer you to have the book than not.



### 14. REAL LIVES Men's Event

Our next Real Lives Men's Event (scheduled for March 27th) has been postponed. We will share a new date with you as soon as possible. Instead of Real Lives that day we are hosting a 'Game On' event at the Old School—open to all aged 15+

**GAME ON**  
FAITH IN ACTION

The Old School, Stanton by Dale  
March 27th, 7:30-9:30pm

For age 15+

# This week's news

## 1. Church Office

The office will be open \*Mon, Tues and Weds 9.30am to 2.30pm. To contact the office, call 0115 9440609 or email: elaine.warren@sdrchurches.org.uk (\*closed on Mon but working from home). Please note that the Church Office will be **CLOSED** Thursday 19th February to Monday 6th April **INCLUSIVE**. Emails to the church office will be checked periodically by Phil and Elaine but please note that there may be a delay in answering them. Payment of any invoices sent through will be done by Elaine, as and when they can be. Answerphone messages left will be checked by Phil, but again, there may be a delay in answering any queries.

## 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](http://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. Availability

Please note that Phil is away from his desk until Sunday 22nd February.

## 4. M & M Holiday

Bookings are now open for the 2026 M & M Holiday for children and young adults aged 9 to 18. If your child or young adult would like to go, we are looking to send a group for Week 1 which runs from Saturday 25th July to Saturday 1st August. Please speak to Phil for more information.

## 5. Ash Wednesday

A service for Ash Wednesday will take place on 18th February, 7.30pm at Risley Church.

## 6. Tea & Company

Tea & Company will meet again on Friday 20th February, 3.30pm to 5.00pm at the Gateway, Dale Abbey. Everyone is welcome. The next meeting after that will be on Friday 20th March, same time, same place.

## 7. Benefice Service

Our next joint benefice service will be at Risley on Sunday 22nd February starting at 10.30am. JAM Club will be on and we will be joined by Dan from Open Doors during the service. Afterwards, you are all invited back to the Old School in Stanton to join in with a Bring Your Own Picnic lunch. Hot drinks will be provided at the Old School, not in Risley Church.

## 8. Joint PCC Meeting

The next Joint PCC Meeting is on Tuesday 17th March, 7.15am at the Old School, Stanton

## 9. Palm Sunday 29th March

A date for your diary. We will be holding a joint benefice service at Stanton on Palm Sunday followed by a Bring and Share lunch at the Old School. Charlotte has very kindly offered to head the lunch up, so do please offer any help that you can give her. Thank you.

## 10. Easter Programme

A list of our church services and events for the Easter period are now available in church.

## 11. Women's World Day of Prayer service

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1-30pm at St Giles Sandiacre. "I will give you rest, Come" is the title of this years' service written by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria. The service shares the stories of 4 Nigerian women who will encourage and inspire us to work towards a world without injustice, insecurity, religious persecution, poverty and despair. For more details, or to ask for a lift to the service, please contact Rachel Hobbs (07932 609106).

## 12. Easter Magazine

If not out already, our Easter Magazine will soon be ready for delivery to the houses and business in our benefice. Do please offer your help to deliver them and don't forget to take a copy for yourself, your neighbours, friends and relatives!

## **Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:**

**Friday 6th March— Women's World Day of Prayer**

**Sunday 15th March—Mothering Sunday services**

**Tuesday 17th March—7.15pm Joint PCC Meeting, Old School, Stanton**

**Friday 27th March—7.30pm Men's Real Lives Group, Stanhope Arms, Stanton, Game On!**

**Sunday 29th March— Palm Sunday, Benefice service at Stanton followed by a Bring and Share lunch at the Old School.**

**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— Open Doors**

Christians are especially threatened by the growing unrest in Sudan, which rose by one place in the latest World Watch List rankings. In March 2025, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom reported that the civil war was 'particularly impacting vulnerable religious populations' Lord Jesus, we pray for peace and stability in Sudan, and that the church will continue to be salt and light. Protect our brothers and sisters, provide for their every need, and strengthen their hope in You. Encourage and empower church leaders. Heal all those hurt and wearied by conflict and persecution. Bring an end to the humanitarian crisis that has brought devastation to so many. We pray that Christians will not be seen as a threat by society and warring factions, but as a blessing in their communities. May the coming year once again bring good news for our family. Amen.

The Canaan Trust is holding its AGM on 18th March at Trinity Methodist Church in Long Eaton, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. The Board want to hold an open event to showcase the Aspire House development, the Trust's work in the community and celebrate the many donors and supporters. Do please come along if you can and speak to Alison Stacey for any further information.

**Street Prayers** Pray for businesses and residents on Pepper Lane, No Mans Lane and Potato Pit Lane.

**The Sick** Jane Geary, Ian Hill, Ian Howarth, Audrey Sims, Alastair Dundas and Gary Dundas.

**Bereaved** Families and friends of: Roger Allen, John Hill, Colin Lawson, Margaret Wain, Dilys Paul and Marion Barnstall.

**Street Prayers for Sunday 22nd February:** Lows Lane, Furnace Pond and Yew Tree and Primrose Cottages (Risley Hall Estate) **Mission Partner for Sunday 22nd February** will be the Canaan Trust. Prayer points will be supplied by Meryl. To the person leading the prayers.

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