



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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**29th March 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**

## 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– Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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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**This Sunday: Sunday 29th March**

***Palm Sunday***

**10.30am Benefice Communion Service  
with JAM Club, Stanton (livestreamed)  
followed by a Bring and Share lunch at the  
Old School**

**Passage: John 12: 12-19** *(page 1079 in the pew  
bibles)*

**Talk: Jesus comes to Jerusalem as King**

**No services at Dale or Risley**

**Next week: Sunday 5th April**

***Easter Day***

**6.30am Sunrise Service, the Arch, Dale  
Abbey**

**9.00am All Age Communion, Risley**

**10.45am All Age Communion, Stanton  
(livestreamed) followed by an Easter Egg Hunt**

**Passage: John 20: 1-23** *(page 1089 in the pew  
bibles)*

**Talk: Jesus is Alive!**

## Choices

I don't know if you have ever considered how many choices we make in our lives. You made a choice to read this for example. To come to Church, or perhaps not to. What breakfast we eat, what clothes we put on.

When we have an accident either in the car, or break some precious household treasure. We say "If **only** I hadn't gone that way this morning, or been in such a hurry when I dropped that vase."

All Choices.

They are too numerous to count when we look back over our lives, and each one could have been so important.

The friends we chose, the place we live. The career opportunities we took. If we think about it perhaps if we hadn't have gone to that dance or party we may never have bumped into our Wife/ Husband/Soulmate to be.

In the Old Testament Joshua was given a choice, God said, "Choose this day who you will serve" Joshua replied "As for me and my household we will serve the Lord"

Good choice Josh.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday we can remember that although Jesus was divine he was human too, and felt real pain. As prophesied many years before, he made that choice and entered Jerusalem that day knowing that he faced a horrific death on a cross. To give **us** life.

Who will you choose to follow today?

God Bless, *Ralph*

### 9. All Together Prayer Meeting

The next All Together Benefice Prayer Meeting is on Wednesday 15th April, 7.45pm at the Gateway in Dale Abbey. Everyone is welcome.

### 10. DISCOVER Course

If you are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith and the true story behind the first Christmas, then come along to DISCOVER. Our next 5-week course starts on Tues 14th April 2026, 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the church office, Stanton by Dale. For more information please speak to Phil or email: [phil.selby@sdrchurches.org.uk](mailto:phil.selby@sdrchurches.org.uk) (other course dates are 21st April; 5th, 12th and 19th May).

### 11. Book Aid

Nick and Ali Jackson work with a charity called book aid: [www.book-aid.org](http://www.book-aid.org) Book Aid's aim is to make Bibles and Christian Literature available at locally affordable prices for those who long to strengthen their faith through reading the Bible and other Christian literature. To this end, we send books globally to our partner bookshops as well as sell books in the UK. So if you want to have a clear out and let us have any literature so that we can pass it on, we will put boxes at the back of each church labelled BookAid over the month of April. Thank you. *Nick and Ali*

## **This week's news**

### **1. Church Office**

The church office is closed until Monday 20th April. Elaine can be contacted on: [elaine.warren@sdrchurches.org.uk](mailto: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](https://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. Palm Sunday 29th March**

After the service today, we are holding a Bring and Share lunch at the Old School at 12.15pm. *Refreshments won't be served in church after the service but tea, coffee and other drinks will be available at the Old School.*

### **4. Maundy Thursday**

A Maundy Thursday service will be held on 2nd April, 7.45pm at the Gateway in Dale Abbey. Everyone is welcome.

### **5. Good Friday**

We will be holding an Hour at the Cross service starting at 2.00pm at Risley Church, on Friday 3rd April. There will be children's crafts available for them to do in Harrison's Cottage. Everyone is welcome.

### **6. Derby Bible Week**

Derby Bible Week is a great opportunity to hear 4 days of great Bible teaching—this year on the book of Haggai. Flyers are available at the back of church. The dates are Monday 13th-Thursday 16th April, 2026, at Woodlands Church in Allestree, from 7:30pm.

### **7. Electoral Roll Update**

Notice is being given that in readiness for the Joint Annual Parish Church Meeting taking place on Wednesday 6th May, the Electoral Rolls for Stanton by Dale with Dale Abbey and Risley are required to be revised.

The revision will take place between Monday 30th March and Tuesday 7th April. Please speak to Sylvia Homer (Stanton by Dale and Dale Abbey Electoral Roll Officer) or Rachel Hobbs, (Risley Electoral Roll Officer) for more information about joining your church Electoral Roll and for an application form (application forms are available from this Sunday).

You can join the electoral roll if you have been regularly attending one of our 3 churches over the last 6 months, are over the age of 16 and are baptised. This will then enable you to have a vote (if needed) at our Joint Annual Meeting.

### **8. Sleep Out**

The Canaan Trust are holding their big annual fundraiser, the Sleep Out, on Friday 10th April at Long Eaton Market Place. If you would like to join in with the fundraiser and would like some more information, please message the Canaan Trust via Facebook or email: [office@canaan-trust.co.uk](mailto:office@canaan-trust.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

Thursday 2nd April—Maundy Thursday, 7.45pm service at the Gateway, Dale Abbey

Friday 3rd April—Good Friday, 2.00pm An Hour at the Cross, Risley with children's crafts in Harrison's Cottage

Sunday 5th April—Easter Day, 6.30am Sunrise service, the Arch, Dale Abbey

Monday 13th April—start of Derby Bible Week

Tuesday 14th April—7.30pm DISCOVER Course, Church Office, Stanton

Wednesday 15th April— 7.45pm All Together Prayer Meeting, the Gateway, Dale Abbey

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](mailto: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 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

Please pray for the people the Trust supports who have physical and mental health issues and particularly those with suicidal thoughts.

Please pray for residents who accept their own tenancy in the community, that the move would go smoothly and that they can grow in confidence to live independently.

Please pray that all the staff continue to work well together, developing their knowledge and confidence in supporting each other and those in their care

Please pray for staff, who are managing their own health conditions and who are also managing heavy workloads.

Please pray for any residents who have suffered relationship breakdowns particularly with their children.

**Street Prayers** Pray for businesses and residents on Main Street, Arbour Hill and Rushy Lane.

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

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

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