



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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19th April 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 Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 forever. Amen

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#### This Sunday: Sunday 19th April

9.00am Morning Worship, the Gateway, Dale Abbey

10.45am Communion with JAM Club, Stanton (livestreamed)

4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club, Risley

Passages: 2 Chronicles 36:15-23 & Ezra 1 (pages 471 & 472 in the pew bibles)

Talk: The faithfulness of God and the rebuilding of the temple 1

#### Next week: Sunday 26th April

9.00am Communion, Dale Abbey

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

4.00pm Risley@4 Communion with JAM Club, Risley

Passage: Ezra 2 (page 472 in the pew bibles)

Talk: The faithfulness of God and the rebuilding of the temple 2

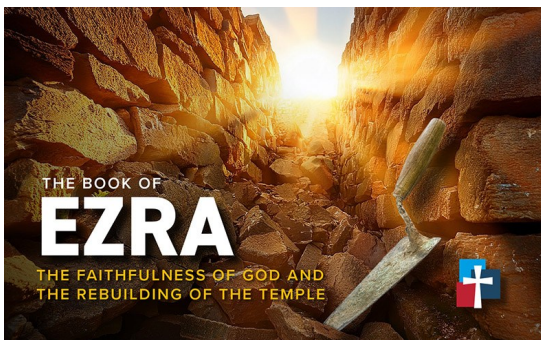
### **Do you like a good rebuild project?**

There seem to be loads of rebuild projects on the TV don't there? Following a project to bring something back to it's former glory seems to be appealing. In our new sermon series, we are looking at the Old Testament book of Ezra, which details all the amazing twists and turns that take place regarding the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem.

As we look through the book we'll see, through all the twists and turns of history, how God is always faithful to ALL of his promises. We'll also see how God is Sovereign over all too—how he can work through world events and leaders to bring about his purposes.

The book of Ezra is a great encouragement about who God is and how He acts. It is also a great challenge for us as New Testament believers about what it means to take God at his word and to follow him wholeheartedly. So, strap in, and come and join us for the ride.

For this rebuild project, you won't need your hammer and screwdriver, but you will need to be willing to open your heart to all that God has in store for us! I hope to see you at church! Every blessing, *Phil*



## **You are invited to our Annual Parochial Church Meetings!**



### **8. Annual Parochial Church Meeting Report Booklet—2025 & APCM Meeting**

Our APCM Report Booklets which outline the events and life of our benefice during 2025 are now available for you to collect a copy from church. The booklet is issued before our APCM meetings each year. **Please come to our joint Annual Parochial Church Meetings on Wednesday May 6th, 7:15pm at The Old School, Stanton by Dale.** We'll be appointing Church Wardens, PCC members and various role holders, praying for our churches, looking back over the past year, and looking forward to the challenges and opportunities for this year. It's a really important time in the life of our church, so do plan to come. We will also use this opportunity to prayer for one another, our wider communities and world events.

## **This week's news**

### **1. Church Office**

The plan is for the church office to be open as from tomorrow (Monday 20th April) but initially as a phased opening with no set times. The church office can be contacted via: [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](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. DISCOVER Course**

If you are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith and the true story behind the first Easter, then come along to DISCOVER. Our next 5-week course continues on **Tuesday 21st 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 5th, 12th and 19th May). Although the first session was last week, please note that it is not too late to join!

### **4. Tea & Company**

Tea & Company will meet again on Friday 24th April, 3.30pm to 5.00pm at the Gateway, Dale Abbey. Everyone is welcome!

### **5. 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*

### **6. Church Family Prayer Diary and Directory**

The Church Family Prayer Diary and Directory is now ready for distribution (sorry for the delay!). Phil will be giving copies out to those people who requested for their names and/or details to be included. Please don't leave your copy lying around where it can be easily accessed as the personal information included in them is for those directory participants only. Thank you for your co-operation. If you're not included, and don't know about this, but would like to find out more, please do chat to Phil!

### **7. Ascension Day**

We will be holding an Ascension Day service at All Saints Church, Risley on Thursday 14th May at 7.00pm.

## Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

**Friday 24th April— 3.30pm Tea & Company, the Gateway, Dale Abbey**

**Wednesday 6th May—7.15pm APCM at the Old School, Stanton with our All Together Prayer Meeting**

**Thursday 14th May—7.00pm Ascension Day Service, Risley**

*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 your 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**

Please join MEM in praying for three of their team members who live in three different Gulf countries. They have been affected by the conflict in Iran but are continuing their work—social media pages for women in the Gulf and Iraq who are searching for Jesus.

**Praise God for:** The team's perseverance and for three women (Isteer, Mariam and Hoda) who came to faith last month through the Facebook and Instagram pages.

**Ask for:** Physical protection for them and their families (including small children) and for spiritual and emotional encouragement, that they would feel held by God.

Libya is almost entirely unreached with the Gospel, so please pray also for this Libyan media ministry. Please pray for perseverance amid persecution; That God would bless them and a new audio Bible (in Libyan (Tripoli) dialect); And pray for more Libyans to come to faith.

**Street Prayers** Pray for businesses and residents on Seven Oaks Road, The Moor and Derby Road.

**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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