



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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24th May 2026
Day of Pentecost

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– Day of Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 24th May

Day of Pentecost

9.00am Communion, the Gateway, Dale Abbey

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

4.00pm Risley@4 Communion with JAM Club

Passage: Ezra 6 (page 477 in the pew bibles)

Talk: The faithfulness of God and the rebuilding of the temple 6

Next week: Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

9.00am Morning Worship, Dale Abbey

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

4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club

Passage: Ezra 7 (page 478 in the pew bibles)

Talk: The faithfulness of God and the rebuilding of the temple 7

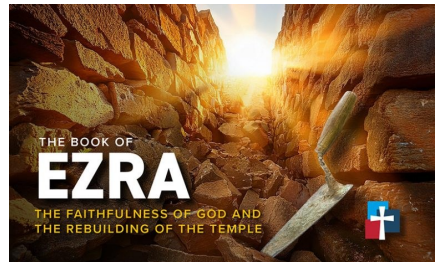
Are you a fan of VAR?

A relatively recent development in the world of football has been the use of the 'Video Assistant Referee', or VAR for short. Some people love it, a lot of people hate it! The aim of VAR is to get decisions correct, but sometimes this can take a long time, and not all of the decisions are correct. Often, the checks on VAR take place whilst the game is carrying on.

In Ezra 6, there's an Old Testament equivalent of a VAR Check! God's people have been challenged to get the rebuilding of the temple back on track, but as they do so, they are asked 'Who gave you permission to do this?' They are allowed to continue the rebuild until the VAR check is complete...or, more accurately, King Darius has got enough information to either allow the rebuild to continue, or to put a stop to it.

What will happen? We find out in Ezra 6—so do come along and join us. Like last week, we see the influence of God's word, and the impact of God's power. We will see that defeat for God's people is never permanent. And, we'll see that the highlight for the people is not the completed temple, but the fact that they can worship. There really is a lot for us to learn. I hope to see you on Sunday so that we can worship together! Every blessing,

Phil



9. MEM Week

Middle East Media are our focus for the Mission Partner prayers this week. You will find the prayer points on the back page of the notice sheet and you will see that the focus centres around their now annual MEM Week which is running from 8th to the 14th June. One of the events is being led over Zoom by our very own Ruth and Phil Selby! If you would like to attend one of the events either in person or on Zoom (depending on the type of event it is) then please visit: <https://mem.org> (if you click on the heading that says Stay Connected and then scroll down to Events-MEM Week) where you will find a more detailed description on what is happening and how to get your tickets.



This week's news

1. Church Office

The office will be closed on Monday (Bank Holiday). Open Tues to Fri (times will vary). The church office can be contacted via: 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. Risley with Hopwell's Communiity Big Lunch– Event Update

Please note that the Community Big Lunch that was planned to take place on Friday 5th June has now been CANCELLED. The Parish Council are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

4. Church Family Outdoor Service and BBQ

Date for your diary—do come and join us for our next Benefice Service, altogether on Sunday June 14th—10:30am on the Rectory Field. Followed by a BBQ at the Rectory. All are welcome! **Please email Elaine to book your place at the BBQ** (Email on: elaine.warren@sdrchurches.org.uk) **no later than Wednesday 10th June.**



5. Summer Songs of Praise

Please join us on Tuesday 23rd June (time to be confirmed but either at 2.00pm or 2.30pm) at Woodhall Park Nursing Home in Risley, as we join with the residents and staff to sing ' Summer Songs of Praise'. Everyone is welcome!

6. Joint PCC

The next Joint PCC meeting is on Tuesday 2nd June, 7.15pm at the Old School, Stanton.

7. All Together Prayer Meeting

Our next All Together Prayer Meeting is on Wednesday 10th June, 7.45pm at Risley Church. Everyone is welcome.

8. Availability

Please note that Phil will be away from his desk from Monday 25th May to Sunday 31st May, inclusive. He will be back at his desk on Monday 1st June.

A reminder of our verse for 2026:

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9



Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

Tuesday 2nd June— 7.15pm Joint PCC Meeting, Old School, Stanton

Wednesday 10th June—7.45pm All Together Prayer Meeting, Risley

Sunday 14th June—10.30am Benefice Service at Stanton followed by a church family BBQ on the Rectory field.

Tuesday 23rd June—2pm, Summer Songs of Praise, Woodhall Park Nursing Home, Risley;

Thursday 25th June -Warden's Visitation, St Mary's, Ilkeston (starting at 7:30pm)

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

Please pray for the upcoming MEM Week, due to take place on the 8th to 14th June.

From the first ever live recording of the MEM podcast to praying together and hearing about MEM on Premier Christian Radio (another first!), it will be a week packed with stories, conversations, and encouragement from the Middle East. Please pray in particular for Dr Grace Alzoughbi from Palestine and Rev Michael Arteen from Egypt as they are involved in the live podcast recording on the theme of 'Faith Under Pressure: What Middle Eastern Christians Can Teach the Global Church' (on Monday 8th June, 7.30pm at St Mark's Coventry); Phil and Ruth Selby leading a conversation via Zoom on the subject of 'Your Prayers are Powerful: Bringing to God Those We Are Reaching' on Wednesday 10th June at 7.30am and James Baldock, Senior Communications Manager at MEM who will be in conversation on Premier Christian Radio on Wednesday 10th June at 10.00am. Please pray for all the events taking place as the week hopes to give an insight into the unique work of MEM.

Street Prayers	Pray for businesses and residents on Stanton Gate, Woodpecker Hill and Risley outlying farms.
The Sick	Jane Geary, Ian Hill, Ian Howarth, Audrey Sims and Alastair Dundas.
Bereaved	Families and friends of: Dilys Paul and Marion Barnstall.

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