



The Churches of  
**STANTON-BY-DALE** with  
**DALE ABBEY & RISLEY**

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**31st May 2026**  
**Trinity 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– Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 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

#### Next week: Sunday 7th June

9.00am Traditional Communion, Risley  
10.45am Morning Worship with JAM  
Club, Stanton (livestreamed)  
4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club

Passage: Ezra 8 (*page 479 in the pew bibles*)

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*No service at Dale*

## Are you available?

All through history God has called people to his service.

There are many examples throughout the Old Testament, sometimes people who were perhaps the last that you would have chosen. Moses for example a murderer and one who in his own words said “Pardon Lord but I have never been eloquent, I am slow of speech and tongue. Please send someone else” however he led his people out from captivity. Then there was Gideon who said, “Pardon me Lord, how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the weakest in my family.” However with God’s help he defeated the Midianites. Not forgetting Joseph called a dreamer by his family, sold into slavery by his brothers, but prospered and was in the right place at the right time to save his people. I could list David, Esther, Rahab etc. All people used by God.

In the New Testament God used uneducated fishermen, a tax collector and others. Even a murderer and persecutor like Paul (Saul). Throughout history he called people like John Wesley, William Booth and others to spread the Good news that changed people’s lives.

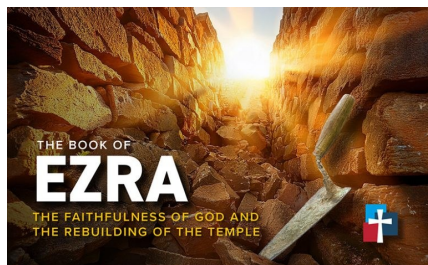
Have you ever heard the name of the Rev Mordecai Ham? No? Well it was his preaching which was used by God to cause Billy Graham to give his life to Christ.

We are continuing our series in the book of Ezra and this week for the first time Ezra himself appears in chapter 7 and the rest of the book is about what he did.

We will see over the coming weeks that **his** devotion to God led him to be a teacher, a leader, an administrator, an intercessor, but above all an **example** with what God can do with someone who is **available**.

Are you?

God Bless  
Ralph



## 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 Mon to Fri (times will vary). 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](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. 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](mailto: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.



#### **A reminder of our verse for 2026:**

<sup>9</sup> 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**

***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.***

## 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](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 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

### Prayers for Iran

For children who are afraid and confused, that God would be their Comforter and protect their hearts and minds

For those injured, both physically and psychologically, to receive divine healing and emotional restoration

For Christians in Iran to remain vessels of hope, faith and light to their neighbours

For leaders and decision-makers worldwide to act justly and wisely

For Christian converts in detention, and for all believers held in custody, that they would be protected from any harm and released swiftly

For courage and hope among Iranian Christians, that even in loss and fear, they would know that they're not forgotten and not alone. Pray that they will rely on God during this difficult time.

<b>Street Prayers</b>	Pray for businesses and residents on Twelve Houses, Potato Pit Lane and No Mans Lane.
<b>The Sick</b>	Jane Geary, Ian Hill, Ian Howarth, Audrey Sims and Alastair Dundas.
<b>Bereaved</b>	Families and friends of: Dilys Paul and Marion Barnstall.

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