



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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A three week edition!

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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

This Sunday: 26th July

10.30am All Age Benefice Service of Morning Worship, Risley

Passage: Psalm 121 (*page 622 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Summer in the Psalms #2: Help

No services at Dale or Stanton and no afternoon service at Risley

Next week: 2nd August

10.30am Joint Benefice service of Communion with JAM Club, Stanton

Passage: Psalm 51 (*page 573 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Summer in the Psalms #3: Repentance

No services at Dale or Risley

Sunday 9th August:

10.30am Joint All Age Benefice service of Morning Worship, Dale Abbey

Passage: Psalm 67 (*page 581 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Summer in the Psalms #4: Mission

No services at Stanton or Risley

Sunday 16th August:

10.30am Joint Benefice service of Communion (with JAM Club), Risley

Passage: Psalm 13 (*page 548 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Summer in the Psalms #5: Lament

No services at Dale or Stanton

Summer in the Psalms

Recently Julie and I had the pleasure of visiting the Winsters Open Gardens Day. As well as the display of God's creation in various formats within ingenious garden designs, there were other events going on as well.

One of these was a Choir, and a friend of Julie was singing in it. The Choir was assembled in the grandest garden location overlooking the valleys and peaks that surround Winsters. As we moved on later around the village visiting other gardens, we could still hear the Choir singing from their vantage point.

I think it was not only the location of the Choir and their good singing voices, but it was the positive presentation they did backed up by a good song selection chosen by the choir leader. As I reflected on the visit, it reminded me of how the Book of Psalms, a book of songs and poems, was written to enthuse the nation of Israel whilst they were in exile. If you remember from our introduction to the book of Psalms, the book was written as a virtual Prayer Book or prayer guide for use on all and every occasion.

Over the next few weeks, the Choir Leader in this case, our Rector Phil, has chosen some really good Psalms to enthuse us all, and has worked really hard to gather together some dynamic guest speakers. I can't promise dramatic backdrops for these events, however there will be positive presentations by our assembled orators!.

The themes will be

Sunday 26th July - **Help**; Sunday 2nd August - **Repentance**; Sunday 9th August - **Mission**

These are going to be Benefice joint services, so check the news sheet for location and time.

I will be starting this week at Risley, with Psalm 121 A Song of Ascents, but more about that on Sunday. Hope to see you there.

Blessings

Garry

Summer Service List—Dates for your Diary (and please see service information on the front of the news sheet)

Sunday 23rd August: 10.30am Benefice service of Morning Worship with JAM Club, Stanton

Sunday 30th August: 10.30am Outdoor Benefice service of All Age Morning Worship at the Arch, Dale Abbey (please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and please wear suitable clothing in relation to the weather!)

Sunday 6th September: 9.00am Traditional Communion, Risley; 10.45am Morning Worship with JAM Club, Stanton; 4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club (No service at Dale)

!!!Please note that Phil is away from his desk, Sunday 26th July until Saturday 1st August and 11th/12th/13th August!!!

Collect for 2nd August: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 (*street prayers and Mission Partner prayers are on the back page of the news sheet*)

Collect for 9th August: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 (*street prayers are on the back of the news sheet and Ralph will supply the Mission Partner prayer points*)

This week's news

1.Church Office

The office will be open at various times over the next three weeks but CLOSED 10th to 13th August. 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. Diocesan Lay Ministry conference – “ Generous Faith” Sat 12th Sept 2026, Cliff College, Calver.

This free day conference is open to all those in lay ministry roles, not only Readers/Licensed Lay Ministers. It is an opportunity to celebrate lay ministry, be encouraged, worship together, and have a good time. Speakers include Bishop Sophie Jelley, Diocesan Bishop of Coventry, who is the national episcopal lead for Lay Ministries; Carrie Myers (national head of lay ministry), John Allister on Neurodiverse Church, and Bob Goody on Rural Mission. Please speak/contact Rachel Hobbs (rachel.hobbs@sdrchurches.org / 07932609106) for more details and website link to book.

4. Stirling Bomber Crash Remembrance Service—Baker's requested for refreshments

This year, the remembrance service for the crew of the Stirling Bomber who died during active service when their aircraft crashed near Stanton by Dale on 31st August 1944 will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 30th August 2026. This will be held at the memorial site on Dale Road (a field has been secured for parking for the service). Everyone is welcome. After the service we would like to offer refreshments at the Gateway in Dale Abbey. If anyone is able to bake a few cakes to have with tea and coffee, or you are able to help with serving the refreshments, can you please let Phil or Elaine know as soon as possible. Thank you.

5. Midlands Women's Convention

Bookings are now open for MMC East which is being held on Sat 3rd October at the Cornerstone Church, Castle Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 1JG. Doors open at 9.15am with the first session starting at 10.00am. The convention will finish at 3.30pm. Tickets are £18 pp (concessions £15). Kirsten Guthrie (Assistant Director of Women's Ministry at The Proclamation Trust) will be speaking from the book of Ephesians, considering the glorious reality of a church strong in Christ and how we live in that strength, together as his church. Book online at: midlandswomensconvention.org.uk

6. All Together Prayer Meeting– Everyone is welcome.

The next All Together Prayer Meeting is on Weds 12th August, 7.45pm at the Gateway, Dale Abbey.

7. JAM Club—Stanton

When we get to the last hymn, could the person on the welcome team (or someone that you have asked to do this on your behalf) please phone the Church Office on 0115 9440609 for 3 rings to alert JAM Club that it's time to return to church. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated!

8. See & Know—Help needed in the kitchen

Help is needed on Tuesday during Derbyshire school term time to help out in the kitchen at See & Know. The session starts at 9.30am and finishes at 11.00am but some help may be needed before and after those times to set up and clear away. If you think this is something that you would like to help with on a regular or rota basis, then please speak to Phil as soon as possible. Thank you.

9. What's on at/Welcome Cards

At the back of each church, there will soon be a 'What's on at' leaflet with a welcome card (the welcome cards are specific to each church and village) that will be able to be posted through the door of anyone who has moved into that village (Stanton by Dale, Dale Abbey or Risley). The leaflets and cards contain useful local information about the church and community (and an up to date news sheet can be included). It would be good to have a nominated person from each church to do this, so that we don't end up posting a multitude to one household! We have someone who has offered to do this in Stanton and it would be helpful to have someone from Dale Abbey and Risley. Please speak to Elaine or Phil if you can help. Thank you.

Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

Sunday 30th August—3.00pm Stirling Bomber Remembrance Service, memorial site, Dale Road

Wednesday 9th September— 7.45pm All Together Prayer Meeting, Risley

Saturday 12th September—'Generous Faith', Cliff College, Calver

Tuesday 15th September —7.15pm Joint PCC Meeting, Old School, Stanton with Steve Johnson

Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th September—ReNew Conference, Trent Conference Centre, Nottingham

Saturday 3rd October –Doors open 9.15am to 3.30pm Midlands Women's Convention, Cornerstone Church, Nottingham

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—Crosslinks (26th July)

Prayers for the Clark family in Belgium:

Pray that the Lord would provide for all their needs, and for strength for summer camp and rest afterwards.

For the nation of Belgium, please pray:

For true reconciliation and unity between Flemish and Walloon peoples

For immigrants and foreigners to be embraced in vibrant Christian community

For Brussels to be a key city for spiritual revival where people are drawn to Christ.

Mission Partner Prayers—Middle East Media (2nd August)

Pray for the MEM team from North Africa who are working in northern Iraq as they continue to train members of a church in using media for evangelism and discipleship. Despite a nearby church being hit by missiles coming from Iran back in February, the church members they have been training didn't want to stop and so far the pastor and 7 others are equipped in using media skills for evangelism. Unfortunately 4 members had to drop out of the training but the church currently has 30-50 members so there is still more potential. The church in particular wants to reach the Kurdish community with the gospel.

Street Prayers (26th July) Pray for businesses and residents on Main Street, Cat & Fiddle Lane and Derby Road.
(2nd August) The Orchard, The Moor and Breaston Lane.

(9th August) Quarry Hill Road, The Village and Woodhall Park Nursing Home.

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