



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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13th September 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

This Sunday: 13th September

9.00am Communion, Dale Abbey

10.45am Communion with JAM Club, Stanton (livestreamed)

4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club

Passage: Revelation 13: 1-18 (*page 1242 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Light at the end of the Tunnel 15: The Two Beasts

Next week: 20th September

9.00am Morning Worship, the Gateway, Dale

10.45am Morning Worship with the baptism of Theodora Lyse Davidson-Egan with JAM Club, Stanton (livestreamed)

4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club

Passage: Revelation 14: 1-20 (or up to 15:4 TBA) (*page 1243 in the pew bibles*)

Talk: Light at the end of the Tunnel 16: The Redeemed and the Lost

Beware the Devil's schemes!

Back in the 1800s, a luxury passenger ship named the Queen of the West was navigating a treacherous fog. The lookout suddenly spotted a bright, warm light ahead. The crew assumed it was a friendly lighthouse or another ship guiding them toward a safe, calm harbor. Following the light, they steered directly toward it, only to crash violently into a hidden reef. The light belonged to "wreckers"—land pirates who intentionally lit fires on jagged shores to trick ships into crashing so they could plunder the cargo.



Why do I tell this story? Well, in our passage this weekend from Revelation 13 we see how, just like those 'wreckers' who hid their evil plans behind something 'good', so the Devil disguises his cunning plans, making them look like something good (or even God) to trap people and bring them to their death.

The challenge is, not every bright light or open path is guided by God. The enemy loves to light "false fires" to make a dangerous path look like a safe harbor, leading us straight into a wreck.

Revelation 13 reminds us to be wary and aware of the devil's schemes, and to patiently endure, waiting for Christ's return, where His ultimate victory will be seen by all. Do come along on Sunday to find out more, we'd love to see you!

Phil

Our Mission Partner, Middle East Media are hosting a Christmas Soirée on Thursday 26th November, 6.00pm to 9.00pm at King's House, 242 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9JY (very near to King's Cross and St Pancras stations). There will be live music, entertainment, a guest speaker, festive drinks and Middle Eastern canapés). Dress code is festive! If you would like to attend, contact MEM on <https://mem.org> and follow the link from Stay Connected to Events. The Christmas Soirée information is there. Tickets cost £12.00 each.

8. Gloria Loakes– Funeral Service

Gloria was a very dear member of our Risley Church Family. Her funeral service will take place on Friday 2nd October at 1.30pm in Risley Church followed by a burial in the churchyard afterwards. Church family are very welcome to attend and the family would prefer bright coloured clothes rather than people wearing black.

This week's news

1. Church Office

The office will be closed until at least 16th September. Elaine will be checking emails from home and will get in contact when she is able. Contact: 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. 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

4. Joint PCC Meeting

The next Joint PCC meeting is on Tuesday 15th September, 7.15pm at the Old School, Stanton. We will be joined by Steve Johnson, the Living Generously Advisor for Derby Diocese.

5. Tea & Company—Everyone is welcome!

Tea & Company will meet again on Friday 18th September, 3.30pm to 5.00pm at the Gateway.

6. Midlands Men's Convention (please note a change of venue from where this has usually been held)

Booking for the Midlands Men's Convention on 14th November at the Redeemer Church, Old Town Hall, 29 Foster Ave, Nottingham, NG9 1AE is now open. This is a slightly smaller venue than has been used before so book your tickets early! The theme is 'Living & Active, building your life on the word of God'. The speaker is Andrew Sach. Please visit midlandsmensconvention.org.uk for more information and bookings.

7. Harvest Magazines

The Harvest Magazines will be back from the printers imminently (if not already!) and will be ready for distribution. Please speak to Phil if you are able to help deliver a bundle in either of our three villages. Thank you.

Sunday October 4th

Join us for an All Age Harvest Celebration at Stanton by Dale, followed by our 'Harvest Lunch for Canaan'

The Harvest Lunch will be a simple 'Soup and a cob' with a simple desert, and hot drinks and squash. Church will provide the food, and we are asking for donations (the cost of what you might usually spend on food for this meal) to go towards the vital work of The Canaan Trust in this area.

We will also be collecting food for the Kings Cupboard food bank as part of this service.

To book your place for the lunch, or to offer help organizing, setting up etc., please email Phil on: phil.selby@sdrchurches.org.uk



Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

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

Friday 18th September—3.30pm Tea & Company, the Gateway, Dale Abbey

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

Friday 2nd October—1.30pm Funeral service for Gloria Loakes, Risley Church

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

Sunday 4th October—Harvest Lunch for the Canaan Trust after the morning service at The Old School

Saturday 18th October –9.30am to 12noon Risley churchyard works party

Saturday 14th November—Midlands Men’s Convention, Redeemer 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— Open Doors

Pastor B’Kun is a leader of a small, unregistered house church in Vietnam and has come under government fire in recent years for organising gatherings of tribal believers.

Pastor B’Kun has been sentenced to seven years and six months in prison, followed by four years of probation, for accusations of ‘undermining the national unity policy’

Please pray that the Lord would grant Pastor B’Kun and his family peace, strength and comfort during this difficult season, and for the health and safety of the pastor in prison.

For God’s protection over unregistered house churches in Vietnam – pray that God would strengthen believers to remain united, loving and steadfast in their faith in every circumstance.

That the authorities will act with justice and discernment regarding religious freedom in Vietnam.

Street Prayers: Pray for businesses and residents on Park Close, Potato Pit Lane and Yew Tree and Primrose Cottages on the Risley Hall Estate.

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