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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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 taxpayer, 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– All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love 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

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This Sunday: Sunday 1st November
9.00am Traditional Communion, Risley
10.45am Morning Worship at Stanton with JAM Club (livestreamed)
4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club
Passage: Revelation 18: 1-24 *(page 1246 in the pew bibles)*
Talk: Light at the end of the tunnel #19: The Fall of Babylon
No service in Dale Abbey

Next week: Sunday 8th November
Remembrance Sunday
Our services at Dale, Stanton and Risley will be All Age Remembrance Services and will begin at 10.15am
Passage: Psalm 23 *(page 555 in the pew bibles)*
Talk: The Lord is My Shepherd
No other services on 8th Nov

This week's news

1.Church Office

The church office will be open Mon to Fri (times may vary). Contact: 0115 9440609 or 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 Men's Convention

Booking for the Midlands Men's Convention on 14th November at the Redeemer Church, Old Town Hall, 29 Foster Ave, Nottingham, NG9 1AE is still open. 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.

4. Church Bonfire- (see the information also on the opposite page)

Our children's and youth bonfire get together evening (all the church family are invited!) will take place on Thursday 5th November on the Rectory field in Stanton, 6pm to 7pm.

5. Men's Social

The next Men's Social will be held on Friday 4th December 7.00pm at the Stanhope Arms pub in Stanton by Dale for PIE NIGHT! Details TBA.

6. Remembrance Sunday

Our All-Age Remembrance Sunday services are on 8th November (next Sunday) and will begin at 10.15am simultaneously at each of our three churches. Wooden crosses will be available in church for each child to decorate one, and after the poppy wreaths are laid at the respective war memorials at 11.00am, the children will be invited to lay their crosses.

7. Joint PCC Meeting

The next Joint PCC Meeting is on Tuesday 10th November 7.15pm at the Old School, Stanton

8. All Together Prayer Meeting

The All Together Prayer Meeting is on Weds 11th Nov, 7.45pm at the Old School, Stanton.

9. Canaan Trust Christmas Appeal – Flyers are available in church

The Canaan Trust have launched their Christmas 2026 Appeal. This year they are collecting very specific items for their Christmas Goody Bags to be given out at their Christmas lunch on 8th December. If you would like to give any donations, they would need to be in church by Sunday 29th November at the latest, to give us the opportunity to deliver them in good time. The items requested are, Biscuits, Sweets, Socks, Tights, Toiletries, Shaving foam, Razors, Shampo, Shower gel, Underwear (men's pants/ladies knickers). It's a short and very manageable request list, so please donate if you can. Thank you.

10. Fellowship of Word and Spirit Conference – Flyers with details and information are available in church

Bookings for the 2027 FWS Conference are now open until 31st December 2026. The conference will be held at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, from 1st-3rd February. The theme of the conference is 'Conscience' and the talks will be led by The Rt Revd Dr Rob Munro, the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Dr Ros Clarke, Associate Director of Church Society, Revd Chris Kilgour, Vicar of Northaw and Cuffley and Revd Glyn Lucas now Vicar of St John's, Woking, formally Rector of our benefice. Residential and day bookings are available. Some funding may be available towards the cost. Please speak to Phil or Elaine for further details and bookings.

Dates for your diary in the coming weeks:

Thursday 5th November- 6pm to 7pm Bonfire Party, Rectory Field, Stanton
Sunday 8th November – 10.15am Remembrance Sunday services at all three churches
Tuesday 10th November – 7.15am Joint PCC Meeting, Old School, Stanton
Wednesday 11th November -7.45am All Together Prayer Meeting, Old School, Stanton
Saturday 14th November—Midlands Men's Convention, Redeemer Church, Nottingham
Friday 20th November- 3.30pm to 5.00pm Tea & Company, The Gateway, Dale Abbey
Friday 4th December -7.00pm Men's Social at the Stanhope Arms…Pie Night! Details TBA
Sunday 21st March 2027 – Palm Sunday Baptism and Confirmation service with the Bishop of

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, 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: Compassion

Please pray for the success of the Compassion Christmas Appeal 2026 as they hope to increase the amount of monetary donations they receive.
The 2026 Christmas Appeal: -
Christmas is all about Jesus, the greatest gift of all.
At Christmas, being remembered matters. Your gift helps children living in poverty experience the joy of Christmas through their local church with thoughtful gifts, delicious food and the life-changing message of Jesus. Together, we can share God's love with more than 2.4 million children around the world.
Thank you from**: Joanna, age 11** ***"At my Compassion project, they teach us that Christmas is a time to share the love of Jesus - it's about remembering the birth of our Saviour and that thanks to His love, we can all be saved. We're each given a Christmas present, too! It makes me so happy. I love that I get to play with all my friends; we stay up late having so much fun."***
Please visit: https://www.compassionuk.org/Christmas/ to donate or send a Christmas greeting.

Street Prayers: Pray for businesses and residents on Lows Lane, Derby Road and Hagg Lane.

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Babylon or Glory?

This week, as we look at Revelation 18 and the first part of Revelation 19, we are left with a stark choice. Do we want to remain in Babylon – a city which represents all kind of rebellion against God, and life without Him? Or do we want to follow the Lamb who was slain?

Babylon promises wealth and 'excessive luxuries' (Rev 18:3), but her promises are all empty lies. As we read these chapters we see how Babylon will ultimately fall. Babylon promises riches and wealth to her inhabitants. But shockingly, we read how Babylon would even consume her own to protect herself. It's all lies (which isn't a surprise as they come from the Devil). It is a serious warning. But things won't be like that forever. Revelation is a book of ***hope***!

The encouragement is to flee from Babylon and run to the Lamb who was slain – because ultimately, He triumphs over Babylon. Revelation 19 begins with songs of a great multitude praising God and honouring him for his ultimate victory. And it is a glorious picture which is true and will last for eternity! We'd love to welcome you to church this Sunday to find out more. Why not come along and say hello?

Hope to see you soon, *Phil*

See and Know, JAM Club, Heroes, Impact and Ignite Bonfire Party
All from the church family are welcome 😊

Where?	The Rectory, Stanhope Street, Stanton by Dale, DE7 4QA
When?	6-7pm, Thursday November 5th
Who?	All members of See and Know, JAM Club, Heroes, Impact, Ignite ***AND*** their families. Please make sure you come with a grown up!
What?	There will be a big bonfire, drinks, cakes, marshmallow toasting, and sparklers.

Wrap up warm and bring a torch!