



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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25th October 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 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– The Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 25th October
9.00am Morning Worship at the Gateway, Dale
10.45am Morning Worship at Stanton with JAM Club (livestreamed)
4.00pm Risley@4 with JAM Club
Passage: Revelation 17: 1-17 (*page 1245 in the pew bibles*)
Talk: Light at the end of the tunnel #18: The Woman who is Babylon

Next week: 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

This week's news

1.Church Office

The church office will be **CLOSED**, Mon to Thurs. **OPEN**, Fri. 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 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 as well.

7. Joint PCC Meeting

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

8. Bags of Hope

Bags of Hope containing a 'Book of Hope' (distributed via United Christian Broadcasters and One Hope) are available at the back of each church if you would like to take some and give them out to children who come to your house trick or treating on 31st October. By all means add some sweets or chocolate or any other treat of your choice to the bag.

9. Availability

Please note that Phil is away from his desk until Saturday 31st October.

10. 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.

11. Befriending Volunteer -Sight Support Derbyshire

Sight Support Derbyshire are looking for a volunteer near Ilkeston who could befriend and support an elderly woman who is partially sighted and isolated. If you think this is something you can help with, please email: fiona.bateman@sightsupportderbyshire.org.uk

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: Canaan Trust

Please pray for M – a young former resident of Aspire House. M successfully moved on into her own tenancy last week. M is due to have her baby this week by elective caesarean. Pray for a former resident Sean Barker who died in London last week. Sean had a challenging life but he always remained close to the Lord seeking to serve Him at all times. Pray for a young resident from JH who has successfully moved into his own tenancy this week. He has made great positive progress during his time at the Trust. He is vulnerable. Pray that he will have the fortitude to put into practice the principles which he has learnt while in JH and that he will have the strength to make his new tenancy his own secure home. Pray for a returning resident to Aspire House. She has gone through a lot since she was among our first residents. She has had a spell in a psychiatric unit coming back to the Trust facing complex issues and needs. Pray that she will settle in the familiar surroundings of Aspire House so that trust and care can be built. Pray for a number of our residents, both in JH and Aspire, that they may be successful in being offered their own tenancies soon. Pray that they will use this time to stay positive and to continue their progress re-building their lives as they prepare for independent living. Pray for a young and very immature resident in Aspire House. Pray that the support staff may be able to enable and empower her to engage in all that life has to offer her and that she takes control of her life. Pray for those who are lonely, lost, unloved and who turn to self-harm in their moments of despair and hurt.

Street Prayers: Pray for businesses and residents on Pepper Lane, Second Avenue and Arbour Hill.

Contact Information:

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Safeguarding Team: 01332 388678

Comforting Words

If you were to open up a newspaper, if you are of the minority that appears to buy one toady, or scroll through social media, or watch the news, it probably wouldn't take long to feel completely overwhelmed by what you see and the consequences of it. You could look at political instability, like a policy flip in America, to rioting in France, to the recent shooting of a Police Officer on the streets of Nottingham. All these cultural shifts, economic pressures, and rising hostility toward Christian values, can make it easy to feel quite small and insignificant. It's easy to feel like the church is on the back foot, and the world is an unstoppable, consuming machine, and that we are just trying to survive, or is that just me? When we feel that way, as believers, we can often turn to the Book of Revelation, to look at what comes next, but if we are honest, Revelation can sometimes feel just as scary as the news headlines.

But here's a secret I want to let you into: **Revelation was never written to scare us. It was written to comfort us.** But, to understand what God is saying to us today, and locate that comfort that we all probably need, we have to step into the sandals of the people who first opened this letter and see it in the context that it was written.

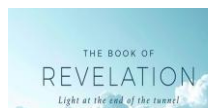
That's what we will be doing this week at our three church services as we unpack the text of Revelation 17.

Remember a context without a text is just a con!

Hope to see you there

Blessings

Garry



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!
