

Stanground & Farcet C of E Churches



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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What a wonderful Christmas – well over a 1,000 Christingles, nearly as many mince pies, carols sung and presents opened, with family and friends visited. But it wasn't a wonderful Christmas for everyone, so as we see out 2019 and welcome in 2020 we pray for a peaceful and blessed New Year and we hold in our prayers our families and friends who at this time need the comfort, joy and peace of God's love.



Carol and Andrew would like to thank everyone who has helped us settle into Stanground and Farcet in our first ten weeks. We would also like to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make our first Christmas so enjoyable – the Christingle services, the crib service, the carols and choir.

And as we approach 2020 and look forward to a New Year with new challenges and new opportunities we continue to pray for God's mission in our community and continue to look for ways in which we can join in. Whilst some may see changes on the horizon, we prefer to think about additions. One simple addition is the new service pattern for our Benefice, which we hope will be something for everyone.

During the next year we hope to create more opportunities for prayer and bible study, for community engagement and to look for the coming of God's Kingdom into Stanground and Farcet.

With our love and best wishes for 2020

Thank you

Thanks to all who contributed to the Reverse Advent Calendar this advent. We were able to take food parcels and presents to a number of local vulnerable families and they were most grateful. From now we will have 'Parish Pantries' in each of our churches with basic food and toiletries to help any person/family that finds themselves with problems. Just as Jesus relied on the generosity of strangers when he was born, so as churches it is important that we also respond in love and generosity to support those who live around us in our parishes. We will of course also support the local Foodbanks but are mindful that they have short opening hours and need transport to reach them.

Please pray that we may be able to help our community in more ways this year.



Thank you

Thank you so much to everyone who sang in our Community Christmas Choir. It was such a joy to sing in the community and wonderful to have choirs in the churches for our major Christmas services.

We hope to form a new choir at St John's and also it would be lovely to have a music group again at St Michael's – please come and talk to Andrew and Carol if you are interested in joining either of these.

Also, we would love to have a choir to sing in our community. As with the Christmas Community Choir all that is needed is a love of singing! Again speak to Carol and Andrew if you are interested.



This week's Bible Readings:

St John's

1st Reading

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

2nd Reading

Romans 13: 11 - end

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24: 36 - 44

St Mary's

1st Reading

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

2nd Reading

Romans 13: 11 - end

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24: 36 - 44

St Michael's

Reading

John 1: 1 - 5



What's on this week in our Churches:

Monday	6 th January	08.30	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
		10.00	Little Angels	St Michael's Church
		17.30	Evening Prayer	St Mary's Church
Tuesday	7 th January	08.30	Morning Prayer	St Michael's Church
		17.30	Evening Prayer	St Michael's Church
Wednesday	8 th January	08.30	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
		10.00	Wednesday Café	St Michael's Church
		17.30	Evening Prayer	St John's Church
Thursday	9 th January	08.30	Morning Prayer	St John's Church
		10.30	Church Service	Kingfisher Court
		17.30	Evening Prayer	St John's Church
		18.30	Bell Ringing Practice	St John's Church
		19.30	Home Group	37 South Street
Friday	10 th January	09.45	Morning Prayer	St Michael's Church
Saturday	11 th January	08.30	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
Sunday	12 th January	09.30	Holy Communion	St John's Church
		10.30	Service of the word	St Mary's Church
		11.15	Holy Communion	St Michael's Church
		18.00	Healing and Communion	St John's Church

For Our Prayers:

Please pray for those who are sick and their families:
Bryan Jeffery, Rodney Cullingford, June Swingler,
Mick Lock, Ray Bass, David Hodgson, Carole Highe,
Joan Preston and Bev Kitchen



Please pray for those who have died
and their families:
Tim Bird

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for being the light of the world. Humbly you came, born of a gentle maiden. Your life showed us the power of forgiveness and you declared that the Kingdom of God has come to hand. May we share your good news through our daily kindness. Amen

Prayer Request: We would love to pray for you and encourage you to complete a Prayer Request form. Please write down your Prayer and place it in the prayer box at the back of Church. Please make best use of this opportunity and allow us to serve you in this way.

Enjoy your worship time with us and God bless you!

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