

# Stanground & Farcet c of E Churches



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WED 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY**

## Thoughts from Revd Andrew and Revd Carol

Last Sunday we reflected on heaven and earth coming together through the Baptism of Jesus. What does that mean to you? Through the power of the Holy Spirit we can experience those moments where heaven and earth meet as we see Jesus at work in the life of his church. So, let us all pray that the power and gentleness of his dove may rest on each one of us.

## A word from Sarah



Parish Nursing  
Ministries UK

Over the last few months it has been so heart-warming to see how the Church family has been supporting those in times of need both practically and emotionally. It encourages me to see the lengths people go to, to support others.

If you are aware of anyone who would like a visit or phone call, please do let me know. Your prayers are much appreciated as we look ahead to 2020.



## Prayer Care Partners

I am sure that you pray for, and care for people in our churches. I am sure that you have a chat with people after our services over a coffee, but does that prayer and care continue throughout the week? A letter is being given to every member of our churches to explain the purpose of Prayer and Care Partners. Please take a careful look at this new initiative. It is a way of making everyone in our churches feel cared for and being prayed for every week. It is also a way of extending the prayer and care life of the church. If you have any queries, please speak to Revd Carol or Revd Andrew.

## New Group

Revd Andrew and Revd Carol will be hosting a new group which is in addition to the current home groups that are running. These will be on alternate Monday evenings Starting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.30pm at the Vicarage in Farcet. All are welcome and our group will offer reflective bible study, prayer and fellowship. We look forward to learning and praying with others in our parishes.

## Lent Course

Revd Andrew and Revd Carol will be running a 6 week Lent Course based on the TV series 'Broken' starring Sean Bean as a Roman Catholic priest in Liverpool.

Each week we will watch an episode of the series and theologically reflect on the theme of that episode. There will be plenty of time for discussion and each week will focus on a particular bible passage.

The course covers several real-life and sometimes disturbing story lines. At times in the video there is swearing and themes of death, suicide, abuse and violence. The TV series was given a 15 rating, indicating the seriousness of the content.

The Lent course will start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at the Vicarage in Farcet. It will begin with refreshments at 7pm and will conclude during Holy Week.

For further information please speak to Revd Andrew or Revd Carol



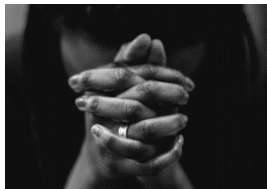
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Our Parish Nurse Sarah Dunn works every Monday. Her contact details are as follows

Mobile: 07748 974087 Email [stangroundparishnurse@gmail.com](mailto:stangroundparishnurse@gmail.com).

## Experiencing the Healing and Communion Service – June Swingler

I've never been to a healing and communion service before so wasn't sure what to expect. It was a very intimate service, quiet and contemplative with well chosen hymns. During the service each one of us there was invited to come forward and Revd Andrew and Revd Carol asked us whom we wished them to pray for, ourselves or someone else. They both prayed over us and Revd Carol anointed us. At that point I really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. A sense of calm and peace came over me and my worries and pain eased. It was a very moving experience and I'm sure others will have felt it too. This was followed by Holy Communion which made it all the more special. Whether you've been to a healing service or not, I would urge you to go along and experience it for yourself. Thank you, Revd Andrew and Revd Carol. I will certainly go again.



### Morning Prayers

Please note the following changes to the Morning & Evening Prayers.

Tuesday morning and evening prayers have now moved from St Michael's Church to St Mary's Church. Saturday morning prayers has now moved from St Mary's Church to the Vicarage.

There will be no morning prayers at the Vicarage on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

### This week's Bible Readings:

#### St John's

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 49: 1 – 7

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9

##### Gospel Reading

John 1: 29 - 42

#### St Mary's

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 49: 1 – 7

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9

##### Gospel Reading

John 1: 29 - 42

#### St Michael's

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 49: 1 – 7

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9

##### Gospel Reading

John 1: 29 - 42



**If you wish to know what is happening this week please have a look on the Website or contact the church office.**

### For Our Prayers:

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



Please pray for those who have died  
and their families:  
Tim Bird, Brian Callen and Ray Bass

*Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have made each one of us a child of God. May we remember daily how special you make us and let your love and light shine forth from us into the world. 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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