

Stanground & Farcet c of E Churches



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Readings for Sunday 10th May, 2020

Acts 7: 55 to end

Psalms 31: 1 – 5, 15-16 (or 31: 1 – 5)

1 Peter 2: 2 – 10

John 14: 1 – 14

Jesus Comforts his Disciples

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms: if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the way to the father

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me: or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Good News this week! Whilst the church buildings remain closed for services, and this is likely to be the case for some time, with effect from now we may enter the churches to pray the Daily Offices and to celebrate the Eucharist and to ring the bell to indicate we are doing so. We may also ring the bell to mark events like Clap for carers and VE day etc. However, there are some restrictions on who can do so.

At a meeting with the Churchwardens and deputies this week it was agreed that Jackie Jenkins is nominated as the person to go into St John’s and Carol and Andrew would go to St Mary’s and St Michael’s.

Over 100 people in Farcet (through Facebook) have expressed delight that the bell will ring again.

Keeping Contact

It is a joy to be able to spend time on the telephone talking to people from our congregations who don’t have the technology to be part of our Zoom services. Thank you to those who call to check up on Carol and me – and I know that there are many phone calls happening every day. Please keep on keeping in touch – a few minutes makes all the difference. Prayer and Care Partnerships are there to encourage us all to pray for and to care for each other.





Thy Kingdom Come:

The national church initiative TKC is coming up soon; 21st – 31st May, and our plans this year have been changed. This is the 5th year TKC has been running. Look out for detail's next week as to how we all can be involved in this national initiative to pray, Thy Kingdom Come.

Parish Pantry

We are delivering food parcels to a number of people within our community who have difficulties for whatever reason in getting their own supplies. We are extremely grateful for everyone who has provided food and/or money to support those in need and it is a joy to find random bags left on our doorstep. Love them or hate them Frey Bentos pies are very popular – and we have now run out, so if you are thinking of buying an extra tin for the Parish Pantry these pies go down well!

Not only are we supplying basic food provisions we are demonstrating the love of God in action. Some of you may have heard Carol or myself talking about Mary's Child – a charity that we set up in Kent and now have extended to include Peterborough. (Carol will write more about Mary's Child at a later date). As a recognised charity we are able to find financial support that is not available to churches and faith groups, even though all that we do is unashamedly showing Christian love. Please continue to pray for this ministry that many of our own congregation are now getting involved. With every blessing. Carol



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

This is a new resource launched from the Church of England. It is a **FREE** national phoneline called DAILY HOPE. It is aimed particularly at the over 75's who don't have access to the internet. The phoneline will be available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options including Prayer which is daily updated, Common Worship and a recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service. There is a section called Hymn Line which will also offer callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. Already in the first 48 hours of this phone line going live they had over 6,000 calls.

As I've phoned people this week, I have felt humbled to hear of the challenges people have faced both with their health problems and the difficulties that lockdown has caused them. Despite having so much to cope with I have heard time and again people say that things could be worse, that there are others worse off than them and that they have so much to be thankful for. It has made me wonder whether I would be so gracious and positive in such difficult circumstances. Where does this strength come from? There is a great deal in scripture about strength coming from the Lord. Again, my faith has grown by seeing that the Lord really is giving people the strength they need to face each day.

If anyone would like to talk to me, then do contact me. I am available on a Monday. I can't do home visits but is certainly able to offer support over the phone for those who need it.

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Please pray for the following who are sick and their families: Mick Lock, David Hodgson, Carole Highe, Bev Kitchen, Jack Cumberworth, Colin Wise, Marie Le-Hair, Lorraine Highe and Jean Everett.

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

Patricia & Walter Ringham and Lynne Hillier.



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