

# Stanground & Farcet c of E Churches



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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These have been postponed during the current crisis and will take place at a time to be decided but prior to October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020. Until these take place, all PCC members remain in place as do all those holding particular roles.

Dear friends,

It seems that it has been a huge amount of time since we met collectively as a church, the body of Christ, and that it is a world pandemic that has closed our buildings. But it is only our buildings that are closed – we as the body of Christ are still open for business!

Life still goes on and through situations like the one we are all in, our faith can grow and be deepened.

So how can we do this?

We have more time on our hands as we have been given the opportunity not to go out but stay indoors – however frustrating that may be. I know that more people are using this time to do things they may not have done if they hadn't had this time. I know that some are using this time to read more and to pray more. Prayer is a powerful weapon and we can all be involved in it.

So how do we pray? Isn't that a question Jesus disciples asked of him? There are many, many, structured patterns of prayer, and in our daily prayer at 9, 12, 6 and 9 we follow the Church of England's Daily Prayer pattern as well as the Franciscan pattern for midday prayer. Currently we have people from all over the country join us in this time of corporate prayer via the internet. Others I know are dedicating specific times in their own homes, by themselves, to pray – to pray for the world situation, to pray for miraculous healings, for pray for wisdom of those in authority and to pray for our community and churches.

When we pray together, wherever we are and whoever we are with, we have the strength that we are not alone and we join in with the whole body of Christ in prayer.

If you are unsure of how to pray or what to pray, pray about how you feel today:

**Lord God, you are always with me.**

**You are with me in the day and in the night.**

**You are with me when I am happy and when I am sad.**

**You are with me when I am healthy and when I am ill.**

**You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.**

**Today I feel (name how you are feeling) because (and explain why you feel this way).**

**Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.**

**Amen.**

This coming Sunday, we are having a service of Holy Communion over the internet. Not everyone is able to join us for whatever reason. If you can't join us online you can join us at 11.00, in prayer and in the sharing of bread and wine. On Sunday in homes of our congregations, people will have their own bread and own wine (or any liquid) and will join in with the whole company of God in welcoming Christ into our homes and lives. As we share together, we may remember that:

This bread and wine becomes for us

The living presence of Jesus.



The light of God to lead us  
The power of God to hold us  
The joy of God to heal us  
The grace of God to caress us  
The love of God to bless us  
Amen

### For Our Prayers:

Please pray for those who are sick and their families:  
Mick Lock, David Hodgson, Carole Highe, Bev  
Kitchen, Jack Cumberworth, Colin Wise, Joy North



Please pray for those who have died and  
their families:  
Frank Davis, Karen Cowne, Wieslaw  
Zielenow and Joyce Jankovskis, Joy  
North (Val Wards Mother)

**The Parish Nurse is available on a Monday. She can not do home visits but is certainly able to offer support over the phone for those who need it. She can be contacted on 07748 974087 or email: [stangroundparishnurse@gmail.com](mailto:stangroundparishnurse@gmail.com)**



Parish Nursing  
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### Staying connected...

Please see below some simple ideas for families who are now home schooling, couples who are self-isolating or Grandparents and those of our older congregation who have been asked to keep indoors to stay safe. These ideas might help us all as we try to weave prayer and bible readings into our new daily routines throughout these difficult days.

1. Keep a regular routine of prayer. Good times to pray together are those times you do something regularly, eating together, going to bed or washing your hands! Or Light a candle and Pray the same family prayer at the same time each day.
2. Read a bible story at bedtime or watch one online with them during the day.
3. With the ongoing situation, it can be difficult adjusting to not seeing family and friends in person, however, you can still pray for them together daily. Write them a letter or send them a picture saying that you thinking and praying for them
4. Choose one of the following family fun prayer ideas –[Bright prayer ideas for families at home!](#)
5. There are lots of bible apps online. But this one has some lovely daily devotional ideas for families, children and adults [The Bible App - YouVersion](#)
6. The Church of England Website has lots of resources for Worship and daily prayer  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>
7. This will give you a direct link to the daily prayers:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Carol is praying 4 times a day using this framework. She can be joined live on zoom or you may just wish to these at home at the same times. These are 9 am, Midday, 6 pm and 9 pm

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Instagram



Twitter



Website





## MATTHEW 21:1-11 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

### JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AS KING

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion,

‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna<sup>[b]</sup> to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[c]</sup>

“Hosanna<sup>[d]</sup> in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

### ***Collect:***

True and humble king,

hailed by the crowd as Messiah:

grant us the faith to know you and love you,

that we may be found beside you

on the way of the cross,

which is the path of glory.