

STANGROUND & FARCET C OF E CHURCHES  
**NEWSLETTER**

21<sup>st</sup> November 2021



**READINGS FOR  
SUNDAY**

**21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 - 14

Revelation 1: 4 - 8

Gospel Reading:

John 18: 33 - 37

***A HOMILY FROM THE REVEREND KEVIN FITZGIBBON***

**This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the New Testament reading tells us that Jesus is the ruler of all the kings of the earth. Wow!** That makes Jesus pretty important and if we give our allegiance, it must be to him above all else. The reading states that he has made us a kingdom of priests to serve God. Jesus gives us our true identity, our status and our purpose, and he has very high expectations of our obedient and responsive service to his commands and mission enterprise.

I was quite unwell this week with a severe flareup of diverticulitis, unfortunately my GP surgery could not see me or help with the antibiotic prescription that I needed to combat this potentially serious infection. I could not get through to the 111 service, the IBD helpline was on answerphone with a message saying they would try and get back to you in 24 to 48 hours. So, I headed off to the Walk in Centre, now at the City Hospital with A & E. They obviously decided I needed to be processed through A & E despite me telling everyone I saw exactly what my problem was and that I needed a prescription for antibiotics, they insisted on a whole raft of blood tests, X-Rays and an ultrasound scan, six and a half hours later they finally came to the conclusion that I had told them from the start and gave me a prescription for antibiotics.

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Next day I received a text message from the hospital asking me to rate their performance from 1 very good to 5 very poor. I didn't really know how to respond. They were all friendly and caring, and obviously doing their best with a high volume of patients to see. But they made a number of mistakes in my assessment tests and it didn't seem to occur to anyone to ring the gastroenterology department who have been treating my conditions for a number of years. So how did they do? At best OK, but it flagged up for me just how broken our NHS system is despite so many super people working flat out.

I tell you all this because on the feast of Christ the King we read the start of this message, revealed to John, where King Jesus gives his feedback to the seven Churches of Asia Minor and it is not good. Only two out of seven Churches are serving him as they should, the other five come in for some stinging rebukes and dire warnings to change their ways back to what the king wants or else!

King Jesus has assessed our Churches, so what score would your Church get do you think? Would it be a 1, it's tough for you but you are doing well keep it up, or might it be a 5, you are not behaving like I told you to, I am going to spit you out of my mouth if you don't change your ways? Remember Jesus is the King of Kings, I think it's time to shape up and radically obey him.

## Collect for today

God the Father

Help us to hear the call of

Christ the King

and to follow in his service,

whose kingdom has no end;

for he reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

We are so excited to announce that Mary's Child is in the customer vote for a Tesco Community Grant! It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. Starting on 1st October

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during October, November & up to 31st December can cast a vote using a token, to decide how much funding we get, so please support us next time you shop at Tesco!

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## For our prayers this week

**Those who are sick:** Carol Highe, Mary Ames, Marie Le-Hair, Karen Quinn, Joan Pawlak, Kath Davies, Carmen Chapman, John Mullen and Doreen Spires

**For the families of those who have died:** Beryl Perry, Gwendolin Briers and Helen Mahon



### Community Café

We have loved welcoming some of you over the last 4 weeks into our Community Café on Wednesday mornings. We will be officially opening the Café this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and would love you to come along if you can spare an hour or so at any point. We will be open from 9 – 2 pm and have the Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy officially opening the kitchen for us around 10.30 am.

Please let people know about our café as it's there to serve our community, reduce loneliness and isolation and bring people together.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported us on Thursday night, and in our preparation for our Licensing at Fletton. It was such a lovely joyful evening and we look forward to the future in

our journey together. Here is to New hope and New opportunity.

### Marys Child

We have been supporting a lot of families over the last 2 weeks and have been very busy. We are short on cereals and protein. If anyone wishes to donate we are in need of tinned meat, hot dogs, tinned stews, Tuna, tinned mince etc. As we start to think about Christmas we are also in need of boxes of biscuits and chocolates. More on this next week.

Thank you for all your support



The next Choir practise is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at St John's Church. We will start at 7 pm and we would love to welcome you if you enjoy singing. If you do not wish to be part of the choir but would like to be involved with carol singing please be in touch with Carol.



Celebration of Angels  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
St John's Church  
10 – 2 pm

We will be putting up  
Angels that were made

last week, there will be more angel craft for those who missed the fun yesterday 20<sup>th</sup> November, we will be decorating angel biscuits. Anyone who wishes is welcome to dress up as an angel, there are prizes for the angel costumes, we will be face painting and more. Do come along and join in the fun



**Little Angels**



Parent & Toddler Group

**We support, we love, we care**

Stanground & Farset C of E Churches in  
partnership with Mary's child

## Little Angels

We have loved being together with old families and new as we opened the doors of Little Angels. If you know anyone with a little one that would appreciate this kind of support do tell them about it. We are open every Monday from 9.30 am until 11 am.

Please pray for the team as we continue to build relationships with these families who have such tiny children, many of whom were born just before or during the pandemic.

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