

STANGROUND & FARCET C OF E CHURCHES
NEWSLETTER

April 14th 2024



**READINGS FOR
SUNDAY**

14TH APRIL

Acts 3: 12 - 19

1 John 3: 1 - 7

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24: 36 - 48

Homily by Carol Avery

I hope that you have all had a very happy and blessed Easter!

As churches, we journeyed through Holy Week together reflecting on the suffering and abandonment of Jesus. His amazing sacrifice was made for us all on the cross and then we celebrated his wonderful resurrection with our Dawn service which was followed by celebrations in all our churches. It was a lovely day full of Joy!

We stay in the Easter season now until Pentecost and so continue to celebrate all that Jesus did for us when he died on the cross for us and then rose again for us.

As Christians, we are called to live a Resurrection life -for whatever may happen to us personally, or happens around us, or in the world, we know that Jesus is alive and that he lives in us and for us, and his love for us is unconditional and everlasting. We can live our lives in the knowledge that Jesus chose to die for each one of us – his love for us is personal and amazing.

It's very hard to comprehend the depth of love that Jesus has for each one of us as in the world that we live in love is often so conditional - as human beings we tend to love people who 'fit' our norms and culture, who we feel comfortable with and who don't challenge us or our understanding too much. And yet Jesus chooses to love us all, despite our flaws, our past, our fears and our failings, and every day we have a fresh start and new life – how amazing!

I sometimes wonder how Peter felt when he denied Jesus three times when Jesus really needed his friends. He must surely have felt so guilty and sad, and perhaps ashamed. And yet Jesus loved him just as much as ever.

And so Jesus loves us - for we are God's children - chosen and wonderfully loved, and our reading from the letter of John this weekend says this –

'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!'

How amazing to know that the God who created the universe and all that is in it, who brought life to the world, could call us His children!

And that he chooses to lavish his love on us. Lavish means extravagant, luxurious, sumptuous, generous, profuse, unstinted..... We probably can't even begin to imagine how much God loves us.

I know I often say it, but I will continue to remind us all that we are indeed incredibly and lavishly loved by God and always will be! We need to remind ourselves of that each morning as we wake up and live our lives fully as lavishly loved children of God.

Amazing!

For our Prayers this Week

Those who are sick:

Rita Rush, Dennis Chappel,
Carol Highe, Brian Highe,
Marie Le-Hair, Karen Quinn,
Jean Davies & Kath Davies

Emmaus Course

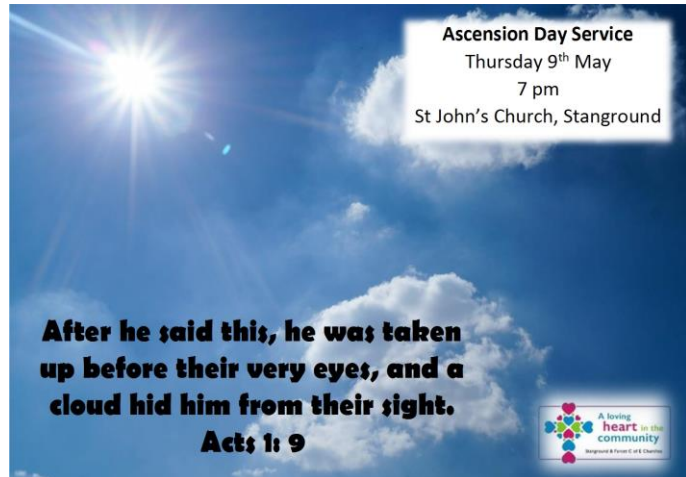
The Emmaus Course runs on a Monday evening from 7 until 9 pm at St Michael's Church. We would love to see you join us. You do NOT need a degree in Theology to attend – it is a course that will help everyone to explore the Christian Faith, whether you are simply exploring Christianity, new to the faith or have been a Christian a long time. Each session will be interactive involving some teaching, some discussion and some reflection and of course will involve coffee & Cake!



**Stanground Churches
Coffee Morning
Saturday 4th May
10 – 12 noon**
St Michael's Church Hall, Mace
Road, Stanground PE2 8RQ




**Refreshments,
Raffle & more
£2 Entrance Fee**



Ascension Day Service
Thursday 9th May
7 pm
St John's Church, Stanground

**After he said this, he was taken
up before their very eyes, and a
cloud hid him from their sight.**
Acts 1: 9




**St Mary's Church
Coffee Morning
Saturday 18th May
10 – 12 noon**
St Michael's Church Hall,
Mace Road, Stanground PE2 8RQ



**Money raised
towards the
St Mary's
Church toilet
fund**

Entrance Fee £2
**Inc Refreshments & 2 strips for
the raffle**

**Cake stall, Raffle,
Card stall,
Tombola & more**

A.P.C.M
Our A.P.C.M meeting will be held on
Wednesday 1st May at
7.30 pm at St Michael's Church,
Stanground. If you would like to stand
for PCC please see one of the
Churchwardens for a nomination

**Come and join us as we journey together for 12 weeks
in a non-judgemental and confidential group.
We will explore how to maintain positive mental and
emotional wellbeing in our busy lives.**

The group starts on Tuesday 16th April @ 7:30pm in
St Michael's Church, Mace Road, Stanground.

To book a place or for more information please contact the church office:
stangroundchurch@gmail.com or call 07552 060078, or speak to the
group leaders Kevin Fitzgibbon, Ian Cullingford or Kate Ferris.



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