

STANGROUND & FARCET C OF E CHURCHES
NEWSLETTER

24th July 2022



**READINGS FOR
SUNDAY**

24TH JULY

Genesis 18: 20 - 32

Colossians 2: 6 - 15

Gospel Reading:

Luke 11: 1 - 13

A HOMILY FROM THE REVEREND CAROL AVERY

I am writing these words whilst trying to keep cool on the hottest day ever recorded in this country and feeling very sorry for all those having to work outside, or drive in cars without air conditioning, or who live in very tiny high-rise flats that are like ovens.

And I am very aware that some vulnerable people living in caravans or even on the streets in this heat must be really suffering (one of the families we are supporting through 'Mary's Child' is in a small caravan despite suffering serious illness as they wait to be rehoused). So, I feel most grateful for the

relative coolness of a modern insulated house with a fridge and a fan.

But if ever you have had any doubts about the reality of climate change, I think you can only now agree that it is real. The climbing temperatures, the droughts, the fires we see in Europe, and saw last year in Australia, are all a result of us not taking care of our planet. Instead of treating our beautiful earth with care, humankind has plundered it for profit, chopping down rainforests and using its resources as if it doesn't matter. Using the earth without a care. Without some serious change there will be no future for the generations that follow us.

We can pray to God for a change in how we treat our planet

What can we do you might say? How can we make a difference?

Well, we can all make small changes to how we personally behave, and if we all do that it will make a difference. And we can lobby MP's and others to make our opinions known. As a Church we can also make changes and encourage others to do so. We hope to start a journey to become an ECO-Church – more about that soon. But very importantly we can pray – pray for change!

Our gospel reading this week tells of Jesus teaching the disciples how to pray and Jesus gives them the words of the prayer we call The Lord's Prayer. This is a prayer we should say every day, but we also need to pray to God for individuals, for communities and for the needs of the world – and praying to God for a change in how we treat our planet is much needed at the moment!

So, a prayer for creation for us all to pray from Tearfund...

'Lord, make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint and compassion. And teach us to partner you in protecting this precious world and the lives of our most vulnerable global neighbours.

Amen

**ON SUNDAY 31ST JULY WE HAVE A BENEFICE SERVICE AT
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, FLETTON AT 10.30 am.**

There will be no Services at St John's, St Michael's or St Mary's on this Sunday.

For our Prayers this week

Those who are sick

Carol Highe, Marie Le-Hair,
Joan Pawlak, Kath Davies,
Karen Quinn, Doreen Spires &
Victoria Puar

For the families of those who have died

Sheila Hurstwaite, Delia
Wilson, Paula Piergianni & Roy
Smith

Memorial Service for BRENDA WHITE

There will be a special service to remember Brenda White on Saturday 6th August at 2 pm at St Michael's Church, Mace Road. We will bless a memorial bench in Brenda's memory, and this will be followed by an afternoon tea. Please let us know if you want to stay for the tea, for catering purposes.

This coming week's events:

Monday 25th July

11 am Food & Fun
St Michael's Church & Hall
7.30pm Ladies Bible Study
St Michael's Church

Wednesday 27th July

9 – 2 pm Community Café
St Michael's Church

Saturday 30th July

St John's Church will be open until
2 pm. Rev Carol & Rev Andrew will
be there from 12 – 2pm.

Sunday 31st July

10.30 am Benefice Service at St
Margaret's Church, Fletton

St Michael's 50th Anniversary Celebration

St Michael's on Mace Road will be celebrating 50 years in September since it was dedicated. It was built a couple of years earlier as part of the construction of the Oakdale estate. Whilst we now have some photos from the early 1970's, has anyone got any photo's of events in the Church and grounds from the 70s to the present day that they would be willing to share with us please?

Please also put the weekend of 24/25th September in your diaries. We are beginning to plan events and activities to celebrate this dedication. More details to follow.

FREE **Holiday**
FOOD
& **FUN!**

Mondays 11 – 1 pm
25th July & 1st, 8th & 15th August
St Michael's Church, Stanground
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

To book a place & Register contact the
Church Office on 07552 060078
or Email stangroundchurch@gmail.com



Confirmation Service

We will be holding a Confirmation Service with Bishop Dagmar on Sunday 2nd October at 6 pm at St John's Church. Further details including dates of confirmation classes to follow.

Please put this date in your diary as it will be a lovely celebration with those who have completed the confirmation classes.