

STANGROUND & FARCET C OF E CHURCHES
NEWSLETTER

23rd January 2021



**READINGS FOR
SUNDAY**

23RD JANUARY

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6,
8 - 10

1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31

Gospel Reading:

Luke 4: 14 - 21

A HOMILY FROM THE REVEREND ANDREW AVERY

As many people know I am a great fan of all things transport and love classical vehicles, and according to Revd Carol that makes me a bit odd.

I bought my first of five, Morris Minors when I had just passed my driving test and loved to take it to bits and put it all back together again. They were very straightforward unlike the modern car of today with all its electronics, computers and software etc. Did you know that there are 19,587 separate components in one Morris Minor – each having their own function in making

the whole work and run smoothly.

We all have different gifts and talents... We should compliment each other in how we use our gifts.

Our New Testament reading this morning, from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, talks about us all being united in the Body of Christ (I am quite sure, had the internal combustion engine been around in AD50 Paul would have likened the Church to that) each with its own part to play and different from each other.

So, here's a technical question: is a big-end bearing more important than a Carburettor? I guess some are asking what these things are, but my point is this, each is important and plays a significant role in the functioning of the engine – without either the engine would not function. * In Paul's analogy of the body he describes conversations between the head and the feet, and the eye and the hand about each not needing the other but concludes that each and all are important and necessary despite their apparent insignificance.

In a Church there are many roles and functions carried out by many different people and each is complimentary to the other. One of my pet hates is when people tell me they, 'only do this or only do that'. This week has been the week of prayer for Christian Unity, with a coming together of Christians from all denominations. There are many different Christian Churches and denominations, but all have the same basic calling – to worship God, to share the good news about Jesus Christ and to work for the good of all people. We all have gifts and talents, and we exercise them differently because not only do our gifts complement each other, but we should also compliment each other in how we use our gifts.

Let us pray together that in 2022 we can be a united Church where we recognise and acknowledge the gifts and talents each has and build one another up in the love of God – after all we are one body in Christ.

*FYI

Big-end bearing: they are babbitt bearings that are made in two semi-circular pieces connecting the crankshaft to the connecting rod.

Carburettor: A device that mixes air and fuel for internal combustion engines.

There will be a special Candlemas Holy Communion Service at St John's Church on
Wednesday 2nd February at 7 pm

For our Prayers this Week

Those who are sick:

Carol Highe, Marie Le Hair, Mary Ames, Joan Pawlak, Kath Davies, John Mullen, Karen Quinn, Sue Taylor & Doreen Spires

For the families of those who have died:

Margery Harrison, Roy Moulds, Jack Cumberworth & Arthur Davy

This coming week's Events:

Monday 24th January

9.30am Little Angels

St Michael's Church

7 pm Choir Practise

St John's Church

Tuesday 25th January

9.30 am Free to be me!

St Michael's Church

Wednesday 26th January

9 – 2 pm Community Café

St Michael's Church

Friday 28th January

11 am Craft4smiles papercraft

St Michael's Church

Sunday 30th January

9.30 am St John's Church

11 am St Mary's Church

11.15 am St Michael's Church



COMMUNITY CAFE

The Community Café will be open every Wednesday from 9 am until 2 pm and we would love to welcome those from our congregations and community. We serve breakfast until 1 pm and our lunch menu is available from 12 noon. We offer fresh cakes, cheese and fruit scones every week. Along with sausage or bacon rolls or a full cooked breakfast. Through January we are trialling a hot cooked lunch along with our popular soup and Jacket potatoes options. Please remember that all our staff are volunteers, we appreciate your patience and kindness as we learn how to serve the community effectively.

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a choir practice at St John's Church at 7 pm on Monday 24th January. New members are always welcome!



1st Communion

We are running preparation classes for people to receive communion prior to confirmation. These will be on 21st, 28th February 7th & 21st March. They will run from 4 – 5 pm at St Michael's Church. If you would like to join these sessions, please book with Rev Andrew.



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