



# PRAYER DIARY

The Parish of St Laurence's, Church Stretton with  
St Michael & All Angels LEP, All Stretton and  
All Saints, Little Stretton

*'Growing in Faith, Hope & Love; Sharing the  
Good News of Jesus with all.'*



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*'Now this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything  
according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we  
ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of him.'*

1 John 5.14,15 (NKJV)



I hope that this prayer diary will be of help to you  
as, together, we seek to grow in knowledge of Je-  
sus, and share that knowledge with others.

The late Brother Roger (Taizé) said. 'When the  
church becomes a house of prayer, the people will  
come running!' \* May we all dedicate ourselves to  
prayer, individually and corporately, so that others  
will see in us the love of God – and come running.

I have adopted the style of the previous prayer di-  
ary i.e. weeks 1-4, so that the date doesn't matter.  
You can start at any time. The prayer diary is  
meant as an 'aide memoir' and does not purport to  
cover everything. Please don't feel that you must  
pray for everything I suggest!

Although the topics involve petitionary prayer, let  
us remember to offer praise and thanksgiving to  
our faithful Father, whose promises exceed all that  
we can desire.

\* Brother Roger of Taize as cited in 'Praying through Life',  
Stephen Cotterill, 2003.

**SUNDAY**

<b>Week 1</b>	<p><b>Pray for all our Sunday services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The services held in other churches</li> <li>• All those unable to attend due to illness/infirmity</li> <li>• For those who serve in so many different ways</li> <li>• For each person to become mature in Christ and</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	<p><b>Pray for our Rector Richard Hill and his wife Elaine in their ministry.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For our associate ministers, John Hughes &amp; Nancy Cleaton</li> <li>• For our curate, Suzan Williams</li> <li>• For visitors to the town who worship with us</li> <li>• For all those taking part in the services today</li> <li>• For good contacts over coffee</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	<p><b>Pray for those who lead our children's and young people's work.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's &amp; Families Worker—Sarah Robinson</li> <li>• Youth Worker—Sarah Wildblood</li> <li>• For the young people that they may grow in faith</li> <li>• For the helpers in the crèche, Kidzone, Youthzone and for those who plan the All-Age Services</li> </ul>
<b>Week 4</b>	<p><b>Pray for the Leadership Team as they plan and direct important issues of church life.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For all the retired clergy</li> <li>• For the PCC</li> </ul>

**Monday**

<b>Week 1</b>	<p><b>Pray for your neighbours, family and friends and for your witness to them.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ministry team who plan our worship</li> <li>• Members of the banner group and the inspirational work they do</li> <li>• Our workplaces</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	<p><b>Pray for the witness of the church in All Stretton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the Assistant Warden Tony Way</li> <li>• Pray for village life and businesses in All Stretton</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	<p><b>Pray for the Outreach worker, Sally Cooke as she explores ways of sharing the Good News of Jesus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That we might be bold and faithful in our witness</li> <li>• Pray for Simon Cleaton in the production &amp; updating of our parish website and for those who visit it.</li> <li>• For Alpha &amp; other outreach events</li> </ul>
<b>Week 4</b>	<p>Pray for Douglas Grounds, House Group Coordinator and for the leaders and members of the House Groups, that together they would grow in faith.</p>

**TUESDAY**

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Pray for</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jo Aze in her role as Rector's Secretary/PA</li> <li>• Mervyn Williams, our verger, and for his ministry in the Craven Arms group of parishes</li> <li>• All who use our facilities and look after them</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Pray for those involved in the production of Church Matters.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the Parent &amp; Toddler Group</li> <li>• For all those involved in administering Home Communions</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Pray for the work of the Pastoral Team and for its leaders Nancy Cleaton and Sue Davies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Sheila James &amp; Rhoda Underhill (CJ Wilson Visitors) and all who visit the elderly and infirm</li> <li>• For the residents and staff at Southview, Sandford Nursing Home, Field House and Caradoc House, and Stretton Hall Nursing Home</li> </ul>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Pray for the disabled, chronically sick, and lonely people.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the residents and staff at the South Shropshire Women's Refuge</li> <li>• For the work of Mayfair and the residents of Windsor Place</li> </ul>

**Wednesday**

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Pray for The World Mission Group and its leader Adele Grounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organisations we support as 'home' mission partners:-</li> <li>• The Church Pastoral Aid Society</li> <li>• Ruth Hassall</li> <li>• The Bible Society</li> <li>• The Church Army—Ralph Upton</li> <li>• The Prison Fellowship</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Pray for the witness of All Saints Church in Little Stretton</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Assistant Warden, Janet Poundford</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Pray for the work of our 'foreign' mission partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our CMS link, Anne Lapage</li> <li>• Tear Fund</li> <li>• CORD, especially for Nathaniel &amp; Ruth Mejico at the Shepherd of the Hills Home in the Philippines</li> </ul> <p>(up-to-date information on the Church Noticeboards)</p>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Pray for the outreach of Garage Praise.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For those who do so much for the life of the churches—often unseen</li> <li>• For the bereaved (see Contact) and those leading funeral services</li> </ul>

**THURSDAY****Friday**

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Focus on Young People</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elev8</li> <li>- School Assemblies</li> <li>- 3.16 Club</li> <li>- Christian Union</li> <li>- JAM</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Pray for those responsible for preaching and sharing God's word in the parish.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the Men's Group</li> <li>• For the Ladies' Bible Study</li> <li>• For the work of the Mothers' Union</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Pray for the work of the Building in Faith (BinF) Group as they seek to follow God's leading in Phase 2 of St Lawrence's Church.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Architects, Jeremy Bell &amp; Kelvin Sampson</li> <li>• For the builders</li> <li>• For finance (Phil. 4.19)</li> </ul>
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Pray for our Churchwarden at St Lawrence's, Jm Davies.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Treasurer &amp; team</li> <li>• For the work &amp; witness of the Women's Fellowship</li> </ul>

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Pray for church members serving overseas and for our former Mission Partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adrian Cullis and Cathy Watson, Ben and Annie in Addis Ababa with Livestock Emergency Guidelines &amp; Standards and the Food &amp; Agriculture Organisation of the UN</li> <li>• Ed &amp; Marie Brice now with CMS in Paraguay, involved in church building</li> <li>• Linda Dyson in her work supporting Albanian Christians</li> <li>• Fane Conant working as an evangelist with Luis Palau mission</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Pray for</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valerie McCalla, Music Director</li> <li>• Members of the choir and music groups</li> <li>• All who contribute to the musical aspect of our worship.</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	Pray for the Sunday services Pray for the healing ministry of the church
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Pray for Richard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For those mentioned in Contact who are ill</li> <li>• For those involved in hospital visiting and ministry.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Week 1</b></p>	<p>Pray for those who worship in our churches who live outside the parish—Cardington, Hope Bowdler etc.</p> <p>For those of us at work as we represent Christ in our workplaces: in education, healthcare, business, retail etc.</p>
<p><b>Week 2</b></p>	<p><b>Pray for Bishop Alistair and Bishop Anthony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the Deanery Synod</li> <li>• The work of Churches Together in the Strettons</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 3</b></p>	<p><b>Pray for those who plan and provide services in the town</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who work today to provide business in Church Stretton</li> <li>• The members of the emergency services</li> <li>• Our local councils and MP</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 4</b></p>	<p><b>Pray that our congregations may become people of prayer.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The members of the Prayer Chain</li> <li>• The Prayer Ministry Team who regularly pray during the services with those in need</li> <li>• The Church Prayer meeting—that it might grow in faith, hope and love.</li> </ul>

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