



# Stretton Parish

## CONTACT

News for weekend beginning Friday 9th July 2021  
The Parish of St. Laurence's, Church Stretton with  
St. Michael's & All Angels LEP, All Stretton & All Saints, Little Stretton.  
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### Our verse for the year:

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15.13*

Services for Sunday 11th July, 6th Sunday after Trinity. Reading: John 4.5-30, 39-42

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion, Order 2, traditional
	9.30	Holy Communion
	11.15	Morning Worship; with children's groups gathering in the Parish Centre before the service starts
St. Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion
Online Service	10.00	Online via website, or by phone 01694 631066

To allow for distancing, numbers in the churches must be limited at the moment, so please book a seat via the website [www.strettonparish.org.uk](http://www.strettonparish.org.uk) or by phoning the office on 01694 724224

The mid-week Communion Service is on Wednesday 14th July at 10.30am in St Laurence's.

*All three churches are open for private prayer on Wednesdays, All Saints, and St Laurence's from 10am -4pm, St Michael's from 10am-2pm.*

**Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday** announcing the lifting of Covid restrictions from July 19<sup>th</sup>, The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England's Covid Recovery Group, has paid tribute to the sacrifices of many amid the pandemic. She said:

"As Christians, called to love our neighbour as ourselves, we must also exercise collective responsibility and continue to take appropriate precautions to protect others. Over the past 18 months we have mourned the tens of thousands who have died from Covid-19. We have also all made sacrifices and seen previously unimaginable changes to our way of life as we sought to protect one another and especially those who are most vulnerable. In churches that has meant unprecedented restrictions on the way we practise our faith itself, affecting our ability to meet together, to sing together and to celebrate the sacraments together, all of which are at the heart of our worship.

We have also seen particular restrictions on the way we marked major events in our lives through baptisms, weddings and funerals; sadly many were denied the basic comforts of sharing moments of joy and pain with others. I've been inspired by the way churches have risen to the challenge, finding new ways of gathering to worship God, reach out and serve their neighbours in these difficult times.

We will await the new Government advice for places of worship and adapt our guidance to churches accordingly."

*Do pray for the Leadership as we pray through and work through this guidance once it arrives and we will of course, communicate the changes through Contact.*



**David's ordination:** If you would like to watch the service from Hereford Cathedral, where David was ordained last Sunday, you can do so here:

<https://www.herefordcathedral.org/live-streamed-services> It is the service called Ordination of Deacons.

Please pray for David as he is on a camp with the London University Officer Training Corps as the final part of his placement as Chaplain Cadet.

**New sermon series on the Pastoral Principles.** The subject of this week's sermon is **Prejudice**, based on the reading **John 4,5-30, 39-42**. Here are some questions to consider at home or in your home group:

- What prejudices are at work in this passage?
- How does the woman respond to prejudice? What about the disciples? And Jesus himself?
- What might it mean for the church to mirror Jesus' response to the woman?
- Name some of the prejudices prevalent in our society.
  - ⇒ What are some stereotypes that prejudices give rise to?
  - ⇒ How have you experienced prejudice or being stereotyped?
- Reflect about the prejudices you might have and how they affect your behaviour and attitudes.
- What about your church community? Might there be people who would experience prejudice in your life together?
- How can we be more active in helping each other to recognise, acknowledge and overcome prejudice?

**Help needed:** As we start to look to the new academic year we are hopeful that things may start returning to a bit more normality. We are planning to restart three children's groups on a Sunday morning; 2-5 years, 5 - 9 years and 10+ years. If this is an area of ministry God is calling you to please get in touch with me either by email at [sally@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:sally@strettonparish.org.uk) or pop over to the Parish Centre on a Sunday morning after either the 9:30 or 11:15 services, so we can have a chat.



**We are also hoping to restart Messy Church** and I would again ask you to have a chat with me if you feel able to help - there are a wide range of roles needing to be filled!! Please also let me know which afternoons you would be able to help. *Sally Clilverd*

**Sarah's retirement:** On 25th July we are planning to present a gift to Sarah at the end of the 11:15am service to thank her for her 10 years of service to the children and families of Stretton Parish. If you would like to contribute towards a gift please do so using one of the following methods:

1. By credit or debit card via the Donate button on the home page of the parish website [www.strettonparish.org.uk](http://www.strettonparish.org.uk) . Use the drop-down menu under "Fund" there is an option labelled 'Gift for Sarah'.
2. By cash or cheque - place your gift in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Sarah Robinson gift", on the offering plate" - cheques payable to "Church Stretton PCC".
3. Give direct from your bank account, using reference "Gift-S Robinson" - for bank details go to the [Giving page](#) on our website.

Please **DO NOT** put gifts though the Parish Office letterbox. We are also planning a card and would ask that you email a message for Sarah to [sally@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:sally@strettonparish.org.uk) and this will then be included.

**Church Stretton Arts Festival**—We are delighted to be hosting the following concerts in our churches, which are all free to attend:

**Six free morning concerts in St Laurence's Church at 10:15am:**

**Monday 26th July** Music for soprano, trumpet and piano presented by Catherine Rooney, Wendy Jones and Richard Walker

**Tuesday 27th July** Dohnanyi's Sextet for piano, violin, viola, cello, clarinet and horn

**Wednesday 28th July** Music for 5 horns presented by French Horn ConneXion

**Thursday 29th July** Baritone Paul Mocroft with pianist John Jenkin

**Friday 30th July** Gill Styles & Richard Walker play piano duets, including Czerny's Grande Sonate Brillante

**Saturday 31st July** Chameleon – Jazz funk

At this stage the Festival has established a booking system for the Morning Concerts with TicketSource. The details of how to obtain tickets are fully described on the festival website [www.strettonfestival.org.uk](http://www.strettonfestival.org.uk) where bookings can be made.

**The following week sees three free organ recitals at noon. Booking is not required for these:**

**Monday 2nd August** at All Saints Church, Little Stretton;

**Wednesday 4th August** at St James' Church, Cardington

**Friday 6th August** at St Laurence's Church, Church Stretton

## For our prayers:

**We pray for those who mourn**, particularly the family and friends of Anne Tipper whose funeral is on Thursday 15th July.

**We pray for those who are sick or are unable to leave their homes:** Margot, Barbara, Paul, David, Trevor, Anne, Ewan, Rosemary, Eileen, Jeannie, Margaret, Margaret, Doreen, Sue, Di, Lena, Roger, Ray, Brian, Dorothy and Laura.

**Residential Homes:** We pray for all our nursing homes, this week particularly remembering Caradoc House.

**Prayer Chain:** Prayer requests for the prayer chain should be sent to Jo at [office@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@strettonparish.org.uk)

**Services for Sunday 18th July, 7th Sunday after Trinity. Reading: Luke 8.43-48**

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion Order 2, traditional
	9.30	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Morning Worship with Communion
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Prayer
All Saints	11.00	Morning Prayer
Online Service	10.00	Online via website, or by phone 01694 631066

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