



# Stretton Parish

## CONTACT

News for weekend beginning Friday 16th July 2021  
The Parish of St. Laurence's, Church Stretton with  
St. Michael's & All Angels LEP, All Stretton & All Saints, Little Stretton.  
Parish Website: [www.strettonparish.org.uk](http://www.strettonparish.org.uk)  
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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 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, with children's groups gathering in the Parish Centre before the service starts
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

As soon as revised guidance for places of worship is published by the government and the Church of England, we will review the procedures for our worship. Until then we must continue to maintain distancing and use of face masks inside church. So please continue to 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 21st 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.*

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HOME WELCOME CHURCH LIFE COMMUNITY GIVING

## Stretton Parish is making Jesus known

### Serving the Strettons and beyond

Join us for worship online at 10am on Sundays or book into one of our in person services in the parish.

**BOOK IN**

We are excited that our new **Stretton Parish website** will be going live in the next few days. Do have a click around and read all the information there. You can book into services and events by clicking on the Book In button and then clicking on the event you wish to attend, and complete the booking form exactly as you have been for the last few months.

[www.strettonparish.org.uk](http://www.strettonparish.org.uk)

**Home Groups:** We have emailed a letter to everyone on the electoral roll about changes happening to home groups. Those not on email have had a letter posted. The email has been sent via ChurchSuite, which is some new software we are using (more about that soon!). If you haven't seen the email, please check your Spam/Junk/Promotions folders and if the email is in there mark it up as "Not junk" to improve future deliverability to your inbox.

## New sermon series on the Pastoral Principles

The subject of this week's sermon is "Talking about openness and speaking into silence", based on the reading Luke 8.43-48. Here are some questions to consider at home or in your home group:

Think back to your family when you were growing up.

- Were there subjects that you never talked about?

Now think about your church family.

- What areas of life are rarely spoken about?
- What are some of the reasons you have been silent or have known others to be silent in church when it would have been better so speak?
- What can we do to enable ourselves and others to speak in such situations?



**Help needed:** Sally would still like to hear from anyone who would be willing to help with the children's work on a Sunday morning or Messy Church during the week. 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.

**Sarah's retirement:** Next Sunday, 25th July we will 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. There is still time to contribute towards a gift by 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.** If you would like to put a message in the card, please email a message for Sarah to [sally@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:sally@strettonparish.org.uk) and this will then be included.

**We are hoping to be able to have a bring-your-own-picnic** (sorry, definitely no sharing allowed!) on Rectory Field after the service to say a more informal farewell to Sarah, but are waiting to see how the Covid guidance develops. Please check the website for an update.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 19th July.

## For our prayers:

**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 Field House.

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

**Mission Intercessions:** As we here in the UK are able to move cautiously forward into a less restricted way of life it seems right that we pause and pray for countries and peoples who don't yet have this option. Here are some concerns for our prayers which were recently shared by CMS ( Church Mission Society).

### India: a new epidemic

After India's devastating second COVID wave, the country is now grappling with tens of thousands of cases of a rare fungal infection called mucormycosis among recovering and recovered COVID-19 patients. The disease, which is far more deadly than COVID-19, has been declared an epidemic in the nation. Please pray for all those suffering from this and for those treating it, as well as protection for those at risk.

### Nepal: second wave of COVID-19

The deadly second wave has seen numbers of cases and deaths growing exponentially. Hospitals have been overwhelmed and many people are struggling to access or afford the healthcare they need, both in cities and remote rural areas. People living in the poorest communities are struggling to feed their families due to lockdowns.

### Uganda: COVID-19 spreading

Fear is rising in Uganda as the virus spreads across the country, including to rural areas. Hospitals are becoming full and overwhelmed, and in Kampala a football stadium has been pressed into use for treatment of the sick. Pray for strength for tired healthcare staff and wisdom for those making decisions about who to prioritise if and when resources are in short supply.

### Brazil: ongoing COVID-19 crisis

After passing 500,000 COVID-19 deaths Brazil continues to see high numbers of cases although the numbers of deaths do appear to be reducing slowly. The country's vaccination programme is being hampered by vaccine acquisition problems and slow uptake in some areas. Pray for vaccines to reach the people who need them and for people to accept them.

## Services for Sunday 25th July, 8th Sunday after Trinity. Reading: Matthew 7.1-5

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

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