



CONTACT

Stretton Parish

News for weekend beginning Friday 30th 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 1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity. Reading: Luke 15.11-32

8am Holy Communion Order 2, traditional, St Laurence's

10am Online service via website, or by phone 01694 631066.

11am The first of our outdoor services this summer is at the cricket pavilion, Russell's Meadow, after coffee and pastries served from 10.30am. Flyers are in all the churches so please take some to use to invite your friends and neighbours. This service is for everyone, not just families, so please come along to Make Jesus Known to our community.

There will be a mid-week Communion Service every Wednesday in August at 10.30am in St Laurence's.



Sunday 1st August 2021

Join us at the

The Cricket Pavilion, Church Stretton

10.30am

Coffee and Mr Bun the Baker pastries

From 11.00am

'The Big Spender'

Rector Steve's insights from the story for today

Hymns under the Hills

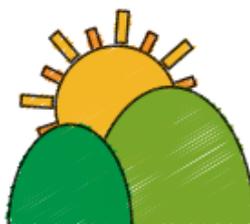
chat, eat.....enjoy!

Bring:

- a chair
- a broly or a sun hat
- a reusable mug for your coffee
- a picnic for your lunch



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Open Art Exhibition

St Laurence Parish Church,
Church Stretton



Come inside
the church
and see

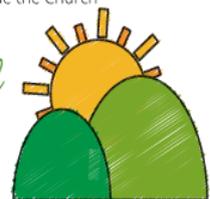
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creative artwork ;
paintings, photographs,
books and banners
all inspired by the
creator's journey of faith

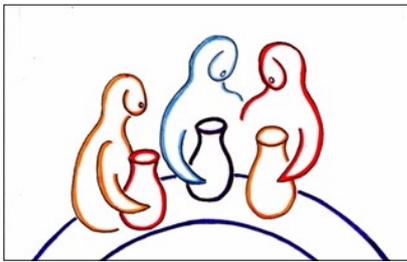


For opening times during August:
check the board outside the Church



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The Well: For several months now a group of ladies have been meeting via Zoom for an hour – to share a virtual cup of something and get to know one another, just as the women at the well would have done in Jesus' time. We have learnt a little bit about each other and our lives and we have, been there to support one another. We are now going to commence the next chapter of this group by meeting face to face. We will be meeting on the second Friday of each month between 2 and 4 upstairs in the Parish Centre for a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake. Our first meeting of this new format will be on

Friday 13th August when the host will be Chris Hargraves. It would be helpful if you could sign up as usual using the link in the Featured Events section on the home page of the website so that we know who to expect. Look forward to seeing "old" friends and welcoming some new ones.

Teas to Please, 2021, at All Saints' Church, Little Stretton Sunday 29th and Monday 30th August, 2pm to 5pm

We are planning for "Teas to Please", with the usual stall and attractions to take place again over the August Bank Holiday this year (unless further Covid restrictions are imposed). But it will be a bit different this time.

- ◆ On the Sunday the Shropshire Strummers will be playing, and the Parish Festival service based on 'The Lost Sheep' led by Messy Church will take place at 3pm, suitable for all ages..
- ◆ On the Monday the Accordion Band will play.

On the Saturday there will be a Dog Show in the Manor Grounds beginning at 2pm, organized by Mrs Barbara Walker. (Refreshments will be served in the Church grounds by the Teas to Please team.)

The Manor House gardens will be open on all three days.

The proceeds of the Dog Show and Teas to Please will all be given to the following good causes:
50% to All Saints' Church 25% to the People's Vaccine Alliance for Covid vaccinations in the Third World (via Tearfund) 25% to Shrewsbury Hospital's League of Friends.

If you would like to volunteer to help, to provide a cake or give a donation to the Tombola or the Sales table, please contact Mike Bourke (01694 722910)



Flower Festival, St Michael's Church. 14th-22nd August. Please check the board outside the church for opening times. Come inside and see decorative floral displays all linked with our Festival Stories.

Thank you from Sarah: Thank you all so much for such a generous gift for my leaving present. The rose I will treasure and hopefully keep alive! The rose named 'Grace' was very thoughtful. The bouquets from various people from Parents and Toddlers and the primary school have filled windows beautifully. I had a Cake & Crisps party given to me by Parents and Toddlers group and I was so moved to see mums and children from past and present who made me feel so loved and appreciated.

I have much to be grateful for with the care and support I have received from all of you at Church in prayer, interest and action. Marion Shuttleworth's speech blessed me when she said that the seeds of faith we have sown will one day take fruition. I have felt privileged to see the heart response to Jesus from several children over the years. I will continue to pray for the children's commitment to grow.

I believe that parents make the biggest impact on their children's faith so let's all pray for them to be able to share their everyday faith with their children positively.

I am very pleased that Sally continues the work. She will need lots of help so please consider offering your services to her.

Alan and I have a busy August running our Airbnb. We look forward to a holiday and rest in September.

Sarah x

Services across Stretton Parish this August

Please book into the services in the church buildings via the website if you can. www.strettonparish.org.uk

Services for Sunday 8th August, Reading: Matthew 13.1-23

8am Holy Communion Order 2, traditional, St Laurence's

10am Holy Communion, St Laurence's

10.30am Holy Communion, St Michael's

11am Holy Communion, All Saints

10am Online service via website, or by phone 01694 631066.



Sunday 15th August 2021

**St Laurence's Churchyard
Church Stretton**

Join us at 1.15 for
Lunch
amongst the Wildflowers

From 2.30pm
'The Kind Stranger'
Festival Trail in the churchyard
Stories, drama, art, music
and fun activities for all ages

Chat, eat.....enjoy!

Bring:
-a brolly or a sun hat!
-a reusable mug for your coffee

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Services for Sunday 15th August, Reading: Luke 10.25-37

8am Holy Communion Order 2, traditional, St Laurence's

10am Online service via website, or by phone 01694 631066.

2.30pm The second of our outdoor services this summer is at St Laurence's Churchyard—see left. Flyers are in all the churches so please take some to use to invite your friends and neighbours. This service is for everyone, not just families, so please come along to Make Jesus Known to our community.

Services for Sunday 22nd August Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

8am Holy Communion Order 2, traditional, St Laurence's

10am Holy Communion, St Laurence's

10.30am Holy Communion (URC), St Michael's

11am Holy Communion, All Saints

10am Online service via website, or by phone 01694 631066.

Services for Sunday 29th August

Reading: Matthew 18.10-14

8am Holy Communion Order 2, traditional, St Laurence's

10am Online service via website, or by phone 01694 631066.

3pm The last of our outdoor services this summer is in All Saints Garden St Laurence's Churchyard—see right. Flyers are in all the churches so please take some to use to invite your friends and neighbours. This service is for everyone, not just families, so please come along to Make Jesus Known to our community.



**Sunday 29th August
2021**

Join us at
**All Saints,
Little
Stretton**
2.00 - 5.00pm

'Teas to Please'
Tea, cake, pastries, stalls, games and musical entertainment
so chat, eat.....enjoy!

From 3.00pm
**'The Lost Sheep'
& The Shepherd's Trail**

Come and see us in the
Messy Church Tent

Bring:
-a brolly or a sun hat!

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For our prayers:

We pray for those who are sick or are unable to leave their homes: Margot, Barbara, Paul, David, 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, particularly remembering Stretton Hall Nursing Home.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As I mentioned at the APCM earlier this year, here is an update on our financial situation. In all three churches our current income is significantly lower than our day-to-day expenditure, principally due to reduced collections during lockdown and, in the case of St Laurence, significant reduction in fees from hire of the Hall and life events such as funerals. And unlike previous years, fewer large oneoff donations have been received.

For the whole of 2021: **St Laurence's** is predicted to have a shortfall of about £20,000; **All Saints** about £4,000 and **St Michael's** about £2,000.

With little opportunity for cutting costs any shortfalls for 2021 will have to be funded from reserves. As a Parish we are fortunate to have some reserves to fall back on, which are mainly earmarked for "rainy day" expenditure (unexpected maintenance costs); to offset reductions in income (as now); and provision for ongoing regular maintenance of our church buildings. However, it is not prudent to rely on these reserves to cover day-to-day costs.

Please consider whether you are able to contribute towards offsetting some of these shortfalls in income. There are various ways to do so:

- a. starting or increasing your standing-order
- b. make a one-off gift, either by cheque, bank transfer or by card

All the details of how to give can be found on the church website – www.strettonparish.org.uk – and clicking on the *GIVING* link – please then choose to which of the three churches you wish to give. Alternatively, please talk to your church's treasurer.

Graham Vince, Treasurer



In order to support the Food Bank with a greater variety of healthy foods, a patch of ground in Leebotwood is growing vegetables primarily for this purpose. At times in the season there is a surplus so if anyone is interested in some locally produced veg in return for a donation then please call Mike Pepler on 07977047491.

Please note, the Parish Office will close on Thursday 29th July and reopen on Monday 16th August. The contact during this time is Marion Shuttleworth, details below. The next Contact will be for Sunday 22nd August. Please see website for all events.

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