



## Stretton Parish

News for weekend beginning Friday 17th September 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 19th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity.

Readings Jeremiah 11.18-20, James 3.13-4.3,7,8 *Please book into the services in the church buildings via the website if you can.*

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

At the end of the 11.15am service on 19th September, the congregation will gather in the churchyard to welcome the baptismal party with some words of welcome, led by Robin Trew. Please do stay for this if you can.

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

**Newcomers' Lunch:** We are hosting a lunch for all newcomers' on Sunday 26th September in the Parish Centre. If you haven't received an invitation and would like to come, please ask one of the clergy or welcomers for an invitation card.

**CAMEO** will be restarting on the first Wednesday of each month, at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cheerful afternoon of friendship, sharing and encouragement, often with a speaker, followed by tea and cakes. At the meeting on 6th October, Christine Williams will be sharing a memory with us: do bring one of your own if you like. To book transport, please ring Rhoda on 01694 724197.



**Parish Weekend at Home, Saturday 16th October, in the Parish Centre.** We are looking forward to spending a day together, with worship led by the worship band from Telford Minister, and our teaching led by Archdeacon Fiona. There will be a program of children's work running alongside the adult's program. Please put this date in your diaries and look out for further details on our website.

A reminder that samples of **Children's Society Christmas cards and Advent calendars** can be seen and ordered at coffee after 9.30 and before 11.15 this Sunday morning.

## This week's Diary:

### Tuesday 21st September

7.00pm—Bellringing practice, St Laurence's

7.30pm—PCC meeting at All Saints

### Wednesday 22nd

10.30am—Holy Communion, St Laurence's

10.00am—Banner Group, Parish Centre

12.30pm—Funeral of Alan Tipper, St Laurence's

7.30pm— Meeting for Life Group Co-ordinators, Parish Centre

### Thursday 23rd

10.00am—Parents and Toddlers, Parish Centre

### Friday 24th

8.30am—Prayer meeting, St Michael's

5.00pm—Choir practice, St Laurence's

### Saturday 25th

7.30pm—Shropshire Chamber Orchestra, St Laurence's. See notice below.

### Sunday 26th

12.30pm—Newcomers' lunch, Parish Centre.

**Services for Sunday 26th September, 17th Sunday after Trinity.** Readings: Psalm 124, James 5.13-end

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion
	9.30	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Morning Worship, with Communion and children's groups in the Parish Centre.
St. Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion, URC
All Saints	11.00	Morning Prayer
Online Service	10.00	Online via website, or by phone 01694 631066

**Taize Worship:** For the first time in 18 months, there will be in-person Stretton Taize at St Milburga's Church, on Sunday 19th September at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come. The service usually lasts about 40 minutes with singing, readings, prayers and a time of quiet reflection.



If you would prefer to join in from home, a live-stream is available on the St Milburga's website. Go to [www.stmilburgas.org](http://www.stmilburgas.org) and click on the link "Live-stream Mass". Stretton Taize is associated with Churches Together in the Strettons.

**Shropshire Chamber Orchestra** conducted by Paul Kelly returns to St Laurence's for a concert on Saturday September 25th at 7:30pm. The programme includes concertos by Handel, Vivaldi and Bach, the Dvorak Serenade for Strings and a new work by Paul Henley. All proceeds go to Team Cleo, a brain tumour charity. Tickets £10 payable on entry.

**New Wine** - 23 - 28th July 2022 - Peterborough Showground.

We're off to New Wine again next year attending Week A which is 23 - 28th July. Our speaker will be Jon Tyson who is Pastor of a church in New York. In addition our children and young people are brilliantly catered for in their own groups. Why not join us for a wonderful time of teaching, fun and fellowship? Suitable for all ages and all stages, come on your own, as a family or a group. Bring your own tent/caravan or stay in local B & B's. Booking's by Phone (Tel 02085 676717) or on-line ([new-wine.org](http://new-wine.org)) quoting St Laurence.

**Thanksgiving service for George Jones:** A thanksgiving service for the life of George will be held in St Laurence's Church on Saturday 23rd October at 1.30pm. It will be followed by a party with refreshments at the Parish Centre from 2pm-4pm. George's family would love it if all George's friends, supports, carers and rescuers could join them to swap some yarns!



### Eyeore's eco tips

Enjoy picking blackberries for crumbles, pies, cakes and jam making. Give thanks to God's providence while you pick.

**Getting ready for our Harvest All-Age Service, 3rd October:** The All-Age team have asked those planning to come to the 11.15am service to find a photo of something they are thankful for. It could be something local, food, people, a holiday. Something that makes them stop and think "Thank you God for that!" Please send photos to Jo at [office@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@strettonparish.org.uk)  
 Donations for fresh, tinned and dried foods can be brought to St Laurence's on 3rd October, and will be taken to the South Shropshire Women's Project. Thank you.

**Would you like to help in the services?** We will be putting rotas together for the services in St Laurence's for October through to December. If you would like to help in any way, Jo would be delighted to hear from you! Could you offer to lead the intercessions, do a reading, be a welcomer, or perhaps be trained in how to operate the sound desk or laptop? If you are new to the church, or would like to help in any of these areas for the first time, please do give Jo a ring in the week, or speak to one of the clergy. Thank you in anticipation! We still need further volunteers at St Laurence's, to help set up and serve coffee, wash up and clear away on a Sunday. Please offer if you enjoying meeting over a cup of coffee.

**Brass Cleaning:** We are looking for some volunteers to clean the brass in St Laurence's. If you could offer to do this on a rota-basis, please contact Jo. Many thanks.

 **Illuminate Christian bookshop in Shrewsbury** are seeking applicants for the paid position of deputy business manager. Role description and application form are available online at <https://illuminatebooks.org.uk/>.

If you think you are a close fit but there are concerns arising from the role description, please feel free to call Christine Tuesday-Friday to discuss with her.

Here's a reminder of Steve's sermon on the taming the tongue last Sunday:

## For our prayers:

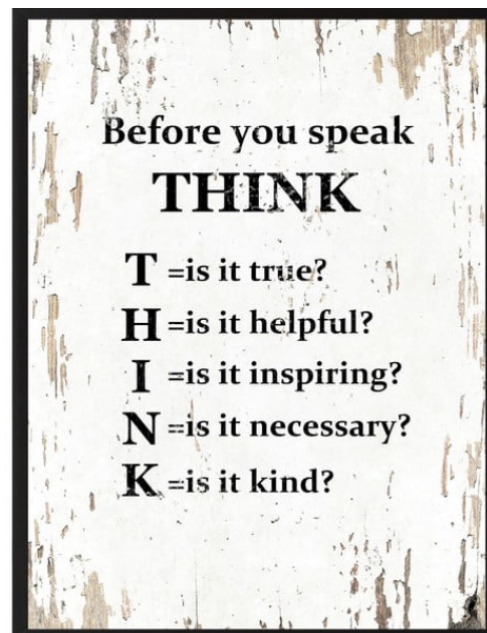
**We pray for Jaxson Pearson**, brought to St Laurence's for baptism this Sunday, 19th September.

**We pray for those who mourn**, particularly the family and friends of Alan Tipper, whose funeral is 12.30pm on Wednesday 22nd September at St Laurence's and Gwen Mason whose funeral is at 10.30am on Monday 27th September at St Laurence's Church.

**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 Sandford Nursing Home.

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



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