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Stretton Parish

News for weekend beginning Friday 24th September 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 26th September, 17th Sunday after Trinity.

Readings Psalm 124, James 5.13-end *Please book into the services in the church buildings via the website if you can.*

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion
	9.30	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Morning Worship with Communion, with 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

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

Coffee at St Laurence's on Sundays: Due to the spike in Covid cases locally, we have reluctantly decided it is wise to cancel coffee on Sundays at St Laurence's until further notice. We plan to reintroduce this again when it looks safe to do so.

Consecration of All Saints Church, Little Stretton, Monday 4th October. The church in Little Stretton was built in 1903 and dedicated to All Saints in that year. However, it has recently come to light that All Saints Church was never formally consecrated. Although this does not impact its operation as a church in that all its services have been under the auspices of the CofE, it has some legal implications and puts it in a different position to the other two churches of the Parish, St Michael's & All Angels in All Stretton, and St Laurence's, Church Stretton, both of which are consecrated. Therefore, to remove this anomaly, All Saints will be formally consecrated in a special service presided by the Bishop of Hereford and attended by Archdeacon Fiona Gibson in the evening of Monday 4th October 2021. Attendance will inevitably be limited with the All Saints congregation having priority. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for All Saints and to look forward to its continuing Christian witness in Little Stretton. If you would like to attend, please email or call Jo during the week. Thank you.



Parish Weekend at Home, has been postponed It is with sadness that we need to postpone the Parish Weekend (planned for the 16th/17th October). With the increased incidence of Covid in the Strettons we are faced with potentially either reducing numbers of those who can come or knowing that people may not want to attend as they feel wary of exposing themselves to infection. However..... we have a new date for your diaries – the 12th/13th February 2022 which comes just before the start of Lent. We can then use Lent as an opportunity to develop our thoughts/plans on our vision through our Life Groups and our Sunday services. Please accept our apologies for this change but I am sure you will understand that we want to do the right thing to protect our community but we also want to ensure that as many as possible of us can meet together.

Parish Prayer Meeting: Our monthly Parish prayer meeting will be on Wednesday 29th September at 8pm on Zoom. To receive the Zoom link for the prayer meeting, please book in via the website.



This week's Diary:

Monday 27th September

10.30am—Funeral of Gwendoline Mason, St Laurence's

Tuesday 28th

7.00pm—Bellringing practice, St Laurence's

Wednesday 29th

10.30am—Holy Communion, St Laurence's

8pm—Parish Prayer Meeting on Zoom

Thursday 30th

10.00am—Parents and Toddlers, Parish Centre

Friday 1st October

8.30am—Prayer meeting, St Michael's

5.00pm—Choir practice, St Laurence's

Saturday 2nd

9.30am—1pm—Living in Love and Faith workshop for PCC and Ministry Team, St Laurence's

Sunday 3rd - Harvest

Services for Sunday 3rd October, 18th Sunday after Trinity. Readings: Psalm 8, Colossians 1.15-20

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion
	9.30	Holy Communion
	11.15	All Age Worship
	2.30	Baptism of Orla Roberts
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship
All Saints	3.00	Harvest Celebration
Online Service	10.00	Online via website, or by phone 01694 631066

Harvest—We will be celebrating Harvest at all our services on Sunday 3rd October with a climate-focused service to explore and pray for our care of God's creation and its climate. Our financial offerings that day will go to Tearfund's Vaccine Alliance for 3rd World Countries. Fresh produce will be taken to the South Shropshire Women's Project and tinned/dried goods will be donated to the Food Bank. Please bring items to the services on the 3rd.

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

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.



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) quoting St Laurence.

Many thanks for the encouraging response in ordering **Children's Society Christmas cards**. If you would still like to have a look at what is available, brochures and order forms are available from the Parish office.

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.

For our prayers:

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the family and friends 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 Caradoc House.

Prayer Chain: Prayer requests for the prayer chain should be sent to Jo at office@strettonparish.org.uk

This month John and Helga Holden celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. They have written this prayer of thanksgiving which they would like to share:

Loving Father, Helga and John praise and thank you for your gift of marriage,
and for keeping them in your love for sixty years.

They thank you Father:

- For your Holy Spirit which led them to hear Jesus' invitation to surrender their lives to follow him,
confessing him as Lord and Saviour
- For enabling them to share together in your call to ministry, including 22 years here in the Strettons.
 - That you have watched over them in times of danger, especially during their time in Uganda.

Thank you Father for the gift to them of two daughters, Ann and Catherine,
and seeing them grow up to know Jesus.

Praise the Lord O my soul..

Today, Helga and John commit themselves afresh to each other in your service.
Amen.

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