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Stretton Parish

News for weekend beginning Friday 1st October 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 3rd October, 18th Sunday after Trinity, Harvest & Climate Sunday

Readings Psalm 8, Colossians 1.15-20 *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	All Age Worship
	2.30	Baptism of Orla Roberts, St Laurence's
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

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

Following positive feedback from lots of people who came to the August combined services in St Laurence's, the fifth Sunday in the month will be a combined service at 10.30am at St Laurence's for the 9.30am and 11.15am congregations. The first of these will be on Sunday 31st October, All Saints Day.



We celebrate Harvest at all our services on 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.

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. 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 book via the website. Thank you.

This week's Diary:

Monday 4th October

7.00pm—Consecration of All Saints, Little Stretton

Tuesday 5th

7.00pm—Bellringing practice, St Laurence's

Wednesday 6th

10.30am—Holy Communion, St Laurence's

2.30pm—CAMEO, Parish Centre

Thursday 7th

10.00am—Parents and Toddlers, Parish Centre

Friday 8th

8.30am—Prayer meeting, St Michael's

5.00pm—Choir practice, St Laurence's

Sunday 10th, 19th Sunday after Trinity, Readings Job 23.1-9, 16-end, Mark 10.17-31

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion, Order 2
	9.30	Holy Communion
	11.15	Informal Worship, with children's groups in the Parish Centre, followed by baptism at 12.20pm
St. Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion, Order 2
Online Service	10.00	Online via website, or by phone 01694 631066

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.



The Well: The next meeting is now on **Friday 15th October**, 2-4pm in the upstairs room in the Parish Centre. This is an informal meeting for the ladies of Stretton Parish. Do come along and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake.

New Foodbank Coordinator: At the start of the first lockdown Graham Vince took over as temporary coordinator from Peter Hammersley, long-time coordinator of The Strettons Foodbank. Graham and Linda have served in this role for the past 18 months, but now is the time for them to hand over the reins. In answer to prayer, Richard and Lorraine McCrohan, members of St Laurence's, have been appointed as joint coordinators for Stretton Foodbank by Churches Together in The Strettons.

The Stretton Community owes a debt of gratitude to Peter Hammersley for his devoted service over many years, as well as to Graham and Linda Vince for carrying on this increasingly important work throughout the pandemic. With demand for support from Foodbank remaining at a high level, we thank God for sustaining the Foodbank volunteers and for providing new coordinators with the energy and passion to continue this service to our community. Please pray for Richard and Lorraine as they take up this role.

Thank you for your continued support of Foodbank. Details of what food to donate or how to make a monetary donation are on our website.

Bible reading notes: We currently provide an order, collect and deliver service for quarterly Bible reading notes to members of the parish who want to use it. I've been doing this now for a number of years and would like to hand over the role to someone else. If anyone would be willing to do this then please would you drop me an email or give me a call (07549 943853); I can then explain what's involved and you can decide if this is something you could offer to do. Romaine

'Final Call' for ordering **Children's Society Christmas Cards**. Please collect a brochure from the Parish office and return any orders a.s.a.p. Thank you.

Sponsored Cycle Ride - Holyhead to Cardiff

John Hughes (one of our retired clergy), son Philip and his Granddaughter Maddy are attempting to cycle from Holyhead to Cardiff, a total of over 254 miles in 6 days, beginning October 9th. John has (foolishly?) agreed to join them on the first leg, a total of around 45 miles. It's all in aid of the charity Open Doors who support persecuted Christians throughout the world.

If you would like to support them, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/opendoorbikeride>
With Many Thanks. John Hughes

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 are sick or are unable to leave their homes:

Margot, Paul, David, Ewan, Rosemary, Eileen, Jeannie, Margaret, Margaret, Doreen, Sue, Di, Lena, Roger, Ray, Dorothy and Laura.

Residential Homes: We pray for all our nursing homes, particularly remembering Field House.

We give thanks for the lives of those in our memorial book in October: Laura Proctor, Cyril Evans, George Jennings, Gwenneth Williamson, Kenneth Wheale, Charles (Dim) Cattermole, Sylvia Bentley, Edna Jones, Barbara Forsyth, John Evans, Henry (Ted) Hallam, Anne Murton, Linda Riley, Alma Harrell, Barry Soden, George Williamson, Reginald Lloyd, Douglas Haunch, Gordon Jones, Lilly Powell, Edith Tanner, Frank Phillips, Percy Illsley, David Parker,

We pray for Orla Roberts and she is brought for baptism by her parents Owen and Helen this morning.

We pray for Fane Conant who is leaving for a mission in the Constanta area of Romania on Thursday 7th October.

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

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Rector's Day Off	Fridays	Church office hours: 9am-12.30pm Monday to Friday	