

CONTACT



Stretton Parish

News for weekend beginning Friday 15th 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

Sunday 17th October, 20th Sunday after Trinity, Readings Job 38.1-7, Mark 10.35-45

Please book into the services in the church buildings via the website if you can.

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion, Order 2
	9.30	Holy Communion
	11.15	Informal Worship with Communion, with children's groups in the Parish Centre,
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship
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 October at 10.30am in St Laurence's.



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Living in Love and Faith, Saturday 6th November, 9.30am

St Laurence's Church: Along with all Parishes in the Church of England, here at Stretton Parish we are invited to participate in the Living in Love Faith consultation, this church-wide learning together, where we listen to one another, and listen to God is part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

As a Parish we studied the sermon series 'Pastoral Principals' in the summer, the PCC have already met in October and now as Stretton Parish we invite you to gather together on Saturday 6th November in St Laurence Church to listen to each other and God as well as discern together. Our prayer is that it will be a day to mutual learning as we seek to 'Make Jesus Known'.

As this is a consultation, there will be no decisions made, as our reflections will be shared with the Diocese after which they will then be part of the wider General Synod debate.

Do please make every effort to come along and be part of this consultation. It would be helpful to know how many are coming along, so please do [sign up](#) via the Parish website.

Weekly prayer meetings. It was with joy that a group from across the Parish met together for prayer in person last Wednesday. Please do join us for our weekly prayer meetings in St Laurence's, on Tuesdays from 9.15am to 10am if you can.

Coffee on Sunday, Parish Centre: Starting this Sunday, 24th, we will be serving coffee in the Parish Centre at 10.30am, so do come along either after the 9.30am service, or before the 11.15am to meet one another over a cup of coffee. Out of consideration for others and with regard to the numbers of people using the Parish Centre, please wear a face mask when not actually drinking.

This week's Diary:

Tuesday 19th October

9.15am– Prayer meeting, St Laurence's

7.00pm—Bellringing practice, St Laurence's

Wednesday 20th

10.30am—Holy Communion, St Laurence's

Thursday 21st

10.00am—Parents and Toddlers, Parish Centre

Friday 22nd

8.30am—Prayer meeting, St Michael's

5.00pm—Choir practice, St Laurence's

Saturday 23rd

1.30pm—Thanksgiving service for the life of George Jones, St Laurence's church, all welcome.

Sunday 24th, Bible Sunday, Readings Psalm 19.7-end, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion, Order 2
	9.30	Morning Worship
	11.15	Informal Worship with children's groups in the Parish Centre,
St. Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion (URC)
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion, Order 1
Online Service	10.00	Online via website, or by phone 01694 631066

Services at St Laurence's, 31st October: The combined services held in August were well-received, bringing congregations together. Therefore, on Sunday 31st October there will be a combined service for the 9.30am and 11.15am congregations, which will be at **10.30am**. This will be followed by coffee in the Parish Centre. Please do come and join us.

Closure of Church Street, Sunday 24th October: Due to the Church Stretton 10K race, Church Street will be closed to traffic between 9.50am-10.10am and 10.35-11.40am on Sunday 24th October. Please park on nearby streets or in the Coop car park if you are coming to St Laurence's that day.

Charity Christmas card sale: URC hall on Saturday 23rd October between 10am-12noon.

Save the Children: A Soup and Puddings lunch in aid of Save the Children will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 2nd November from 12 noon until 1.30pm. The cost is £7 which includes tea or coffee. Please pay at the door. This year, as a Covid precaution, it will be necessary to book a table with your friends in advance (minimum of four per table), by ringing Grahame Hurst on 07817 939708. Thank you very much.

Sponsored Cycle Ride - Holyhead to Cardiff. **Thank you** to all those who so generously sponsored our cycle ride from Holyhead to Cardiff. The cycle trail took us through the most beautiful Welsh countryside and it was all in a good cause, the charity Open Doors who support persecuted Christians. It is not too late to donate if you would like to, just go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/opendoorbikeride> We hope to raise £2550 which will be £10 for every mile cycled. With very many thanks. John Hughes.



Eyeore's eco tips

Wear, buy or knit some warm woolly jumpers when the weather gets cold - and turn the thermostat down a degree.

For our prayers:

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the family and friends of Elizabeth Davies, whose funeral is on Monday 25th October at 12 noon in St Laurence's.

We pray for those who are sick or are unable to leave their homes:

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

Residential Homes: We pray for all our nursing homes, particularly remembering Stretton Hall Nursing Home.

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

Praying for COP26

The United Nations climate summit COP26 begins in Glasgow on 31st October for two weeks. This is a key 'make or break' moment as the nations of the world gather together to agree on international action to limit global warming. As Christians we are deeply aware of the significance of this summit and the urgency of responding to climate change. We will be praying for negotiators and politicians - that minds will soften, that resolve for urgent action will build.



Churches Together in the Strettons are holding a prayer walk and vigil on the eve of the summit – on **Saturday 30th October**. We will gather at St Michael's, All Stretton, SY6 6LB at 9.30 am and then set out, praying at intervals while we walk to the Methodist Church, Church Stretton, SY6 7BG where there will be a prayer vigil from **11 to 12am**. Then we will set out again, prayer walking and ending up at **All Saints Church, Little Stretton for a simple lunch at 1.15**.

There will be a further opportunity to join together in prayer for COP26 at a **prayer vigil in St Laurence's Church, Church Stretton on Wednesday 3rd November between 12-2pm** (slip in or out if you are unable to remain for the whole time).

All are very welcome to join in these prayer events. Please come equipped with good walking shoes and a waterproof if walking. People are welcome to attend the vigil and lunch if unable to join the walk. Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to join us and have a simple lunch. Prayer leaflets will also be available in our churches to use during the two weeks of COP 26.

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