

CONTACT



Stretton Parish

News for weekend beginning Friday 22nd 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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The next Contact will be for week beginning Friday 5th November

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 24th October, Last Sunday after Trinity, Readings Psalm 19.7-end, 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5
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	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

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

We have two different services at St Laurence's coming up:

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. Please remember, the clocks go back one hour early on the morning of the 31st!

We would like to invite you to our first "Café Church" on Sunday 7th November at 11.15am in the Parish Centre. So what is Café Church? Well, it is a time where the whole Church Family can come together to look at the Gospel in a different way. Our theme for our first Café Church is "Come, Follow me" and we will be sharing with one another how we might do this. We will be looking at what is happening in our world to demonstrate this (or maybe the reverse) and we will pray and worship together. Refreshments will be served and we do hope that you will join with us to experience being God's family in a different way.



Life Groups: The information about the new Life Groups will be on the website very soon, under the Church Life tab at the top of the home page. We'd hoped to get this up and running before now, so please bear with us and watch this space!

CAMEO: At our October meeting we had a full house and a happy afternoon and everyone was glad to be together again. On Wednesday 3rd November we look forward to welcoming Ann Jolley as our speaker. If you need help getting to CAMEO, please ring Rhoda on 01694 724197.

Living in Love and Faith, Saturday 6th November, 9.30am St Laurence's



Church: If you haven't already booked in, please do think about coming along to this discussion morning, where we listen to one another, and listen to God as part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Our prayer is that it will be a day of 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.

Diary:

Monday 25th October

12.00pm—Funeral of Elizabeth Davies, St Laurence's

Tuesday 26th

9.15am—Prayer meeting, St Laurence's

7.00pm—Bellingringing practice, St Laurence's

Wednesday 27th

10.30am—Holy Communion, St Laurence's

Friday 29th

8.30am—Prayer meeting, St Michael's

5.00pm—Choir practice, St Laurence's

Saturday 30th

9.30am—Prayer walk and vigil ahead of COP26—see notice overleaf

Sunday 31st, All Saints Day Readings Isaiah 25.6-9, John 11.32-44

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

Tuesday 2nd November

9.15am—Prayer meeting, St Laurence's

7.00pm—Bellingringing practice, St Laurence's

Wednesday 3rd

10.30am—Holy Communion, St Laurence's

12pm-2pm—Prayer ahead of COP26, St Laurence's—see notice overleaf

2.30pm—CAMEO, Parish Centre

Thursday 4th

10.00am—Parents and Toddlers, Parish Centre

Friday 5th

8.30am—Prayer meeting, St Michael's

5.00pm—Choir practice, St Laurence's

Saturday 6th

9.30am—Living in Love and Faith discussion morning, St Laurence's—see notice overleaf

Sunday 7th 3rd Sunday before Advent. Readings Jonah 3.1-5,10 Mark 1.14-20

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion, Order 2
	9.30	Holy Communion
Parish Centre	11.15	Café Church
St Laurence's	4.00	The God of All Comfort - a service to remember those whom we love but no longer see
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship
All Saints	3.00	Evensong
Online Service	10.00	Online via website, or by phone 01694 631066

The God of All Comfort: a service to remember those whom we love but no longer see. Sunday 7th November at 4pm in St Laurence's: At this special service we remember before God those who have died in the past year and prayers are offered for those who mourn. You will be very welcome to join us.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 24th to Friday 29th October. This Contact is for the next two weeks.

Stretton Cancer Support Group is holding its only annual fund raiser on Saturday 30th October from 10am to 12noon in The Parish Centre. As 2 years ago it will take the form of an Autumn Craft & Gift Fayre & any donations of cakes/produce, books, bottles of any kind for the Tombola or unwanted gifts will be happily collected by Jackie Banfield. Tel: 723402. Please do come along & join us, enjoy the fun & refreshments on the day!

Children's Society Christmas cards It is possible/probable that the cards ordered by church members will have arrived in time for them to be available for collection at coffee on Sunday, October 24th. (I have to send a second order, so there will also be brochures available for anyone wishing to make a late – and speedy! – order). If you cannot collect your cards then, please telephone (722017) to arrange delivery/collection. NB There will also be freshly-made 3-Fruit Marmalade available to purchase! If cards are not here for this Sunday, they will be available on October 31st. Please telephone if you need your cards prior to this date.

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.

For our prayers:

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the family and friends of Elizabeth Davies, whose funeral is on Monday 25th October in St Laurence's and John Davies, whose funeral is at 3.30pm on Friday 29th October at the crematorium.

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

Sheila S, Malcolm L, Rob H, Margot, Paul J, David M, Ewan, Rosemary F, Eileen B, Jeannie, Margaret B, Margaret E, Doreen H, Sue H-M, Di P, Roger W, Ray E.

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

Praying for COP26

The United Nations climate summit COP26 begins in Glasgow on 31st October for two weeks. 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 1.15pm**.

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

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