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Stretton Parish

News for weekend beginning Friday 5th November 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 7th November, 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

We are no longer asking people to book in to services—just come along!



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.

We would like to invite you to our first "Café Church" on Sunday 7th November at 11.15am in the Parish Centre, which has the title "Come, Follow me". Everyone welcome.

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

Life Groups

We currently have 17 Life Groups across the Parish which are a great way to make friends and support each other. We pray and explore the Bible together, ask questions about our faith and grapple with what it might mean in our daily lives. We would encourage everyone to sign up to join a Life Group.

Information about the Life Groups in the Parish is now available on the [parish website](http://www.strettonparish.org.uk) under the Church Life tab on the home page. Do take a look, and if you are interested in trying one, sign up via the form, and the coordinator will be in touch with you.

Youth Life Group: We're excited to tell you that we're about to launch a new Life Group for young people here in Stretton Parish. The new group will meet on Sundays during school term time at the Parish Centre between 5.00pm and 6.30pm. We'll be looking at issues in the world today which are particularly relevant and challenging for our young people – issues such as identity, prejudice and social justice and explore these issues from a Christian perspective. We aim to provide a safe space for everyone to be able to talk about these big issues and we hope to foster a curiosity about the Christian faith in an open and transparent manner. Refreshments provided! If you are interested in coming along, please contact Revd David david.andrews@strettonparish.org.uk – 01694 721355.

Leadership Team time away: The Leadership Team are having two days away together on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November. Please remember them in your prayers as they look at different areas of our vision and discern a way to take this forward. The Parish Office will be closed on these two days.

Diary:

Tuesday 9th November

2.30pm—Mothers' Union, Hall, Parish Centre

7.00pm—Bellringing practice, St Laurence's

Wednesday 10th

10.00am—Banner Group, Children's Room, Parish Centre

10.30am—Holy Communion, St Laurence's

Thursday 11th

10.00am—Parents & Toddlers, Parish Centre

10.30am—Remembrance Service at Sandford Nursing Home

3.30pm—Messy Church, Parish Centre

Friday 12th

8.30am—Prayer meeting, St Michael's

2.00pm—The Well, Children's Room, Parish Centre

5.00pm—Choir practice, St Laurence's

Sunday 14th —Remembrance Sunday

As the leadership team are away on Monday/Tuesday there will be no prayer meeting in the church on Tuesday. However the church will be open as usual, so feel free to come along and prayer if you would like to.

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion, Order 2
	9.45	Remembrance Service
Parish Centre	9.45	All Age Remembrance Service
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



The Mothers' Union meeting on 9th November welcome Rev'd Tim Bryan as their speaker, who will be talking about Prison Chaplain work. Mothers' Union Christmas cards will be on sale. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Messy Church: This month we will be having a range of activities based from a group table. Families will be able to choose to join others to form a group. There will be a central 'hub of activities' to choose from as well as opportunities to join in games and a food craft. We will have a short Celebration Time followed by a Jacket Potato Tea! We look forward to seeing you there!



The Well: The next meeting is on **Friday 12th November**, 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.



Bishop Richard's listening event: The diocesan strategy was launched in 2015 following an extensive listening and engagement process adopting the strapline, "Proclaiming Christ, Growing Disciples." As the first five years of the strategy draw to a close, Bishop Richard has started to review how effective the plan was, to look at ways in which we need to change and what we still need to do. Bishop Richard will host a number of listening events across the diocese starting in November and running to early December. The feedback from these listening events will be used to build strategy objectives and plans for the next diocesan five year plan.

Bishop Richard will be visiting the **Parish Centre, Church Stretton on Saturday 27 November at 2pm-3.30pm**. You are warmly invited to attend this event, please [register online](#). If you are unable to attend this event, please do join any of the other listening events or complete the online survey. Details can be found on the diocesan website: www.hereford.anglican.org

Thank you from Save the Children: Many thanks to everyone who came to the Save the Children 'Soup and Puddings' lunch on 2 November and kindly accepted the new booking arrangements made necessary by Covid precautions. You helped to raise £667.00 which was sent to the Save the Children. *Church Stretton Save the Children Branch*

Stretton Cancer Support Group wishes to thank everyone who helped us to raise the grand sum of £741.29 at our Autumn Fayre on Saturday 30 October in the Parish Centre. We think this an excellent result especially when the many repercussions of Covid are still very much with us.

Very many thanks for the excellent support given to The Children's Society through the purchase of Christmas cards. The total is 75p short of £500! That will mean £250+ in profit for the society's work. Further support comes every year from our box-holders – and it is time for those to be opened. If you are a box-holder can you bring your box to St.Laurence's on either November 7th or 21st? Otherwise delivery to Becheacre would be appreciated, but failing either of these, please ring 722017 (Adele Grounds) to arrange for its collection.

For our prayers:

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the family and friends of Sheila Smith who died on Friday 29th October. A service of Remembrance will be held on Thursday 18th November at 2pm in St Laurence's, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. The family hope all who knew Sheila will join them.

We also pray for the family and friends of David Maddocks who died this week, particularly remembering Elizabeth in our prayers.

On Saturday 6th November at 11.30am there is a memorial service at All Saints for Hilary Bullock who died in April this year. Hilary's son would like to invite the congregation to the service and afterwards to the Ragleth Inn.

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

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

Memorial Book: We give thanks for the lives of those in our memorial book in November: Gladys Duke, Rita Wakefield, Daphne Wall, Patricia Davidson, Raymond Tipton, Kate Boyers, Mary Cooke, Frederick Coad, Kieran Harris, Elcena Mare, Margaret Fryer, Quenton Pryde, Derek Bolton, Ernest Phillips, Doris Powell, Ilse Forster, Peter Thomas, Cyril Sumpter, Percy (Bill) Gatter, Derek Pyle, George Dickenson, Ethel Joyce, Marian Dyke, Leslie Penny, Leslie Cockcroft, Arthur Coleshaw, Cyril (Syd) Leather, Eileen Tipton and Joan Keenan.

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

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

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