



**Stretton Parish**

## CONTACT

News for weekend beginning Friday 12th June 2026

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The next Contact will be issued on Friday 26th June 2026

## Introducing our new Churchwarden, Carolyn Gray

Hello everyone,

My name is Carolyn, and I am delighted and grateful to be stepping into the role of Churchwarden at Stretton Parish as Julie Lawton moves on.

My husband, Philip, and I moved to Church Stretton from Cambridge last April. Since arriving, we have worshipped at St Laurence's, helped with Messy Church, valued our new Life Group and I have enjoyed singing in the church choir. In a relatively short time, this community and its fellowship have become a treasured home for us.

I look forward to supporting our Rector, helping to care for our beautiful and historic church buildings, and serving the parish community. Please do come and say hello if you see me on a Sunday—my door (and ear) is always open!

I would like to thank everyone who has already offered their prayers, encouragement, and support as I begin this new chapter of service within the parish.

With every blessing,

Carolyn Gray

Churchwarden

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### Please pray for our next youth event:

- For wisdom and guidance as the final planning takes place
- That we would be blessed with good weather
- For the safety of all participants and those preparing the barbeque
- Good conversations and building of relationships

If you know any young people in school years 6-11 please do invite them along .

Thank you

Sally Clilverd, Children's and Families Worker

## CLIMBING WALL & BARBEQUE

on Rectory Field

CHURCH STRETTON

**SATURDAY**  
**20 JUNE 2026**  
7 - 9PM

BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
VIA THE QR CODE OR  
[WWW.STRETTONPARISH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.STRETTONPARISH.ORG.UK)



FREE  
EVENT  
YR 6-11

BBQ food  
& snacks  
available  
to buy



Stretton Parish



# NOTICE BOARD

## St Laurence Working Party

Saturday 20th June, 9.30am-12.30pm

Please do come along even if it's just for an hour to help—many hands make light work! Please bring gardening gloves and any small tools. Thank you!

## Parish Picnic

Sunday 28th June at 1pm  
All Saints Church Garden

**A team is needed to put up gazebos on the Saturday afternoon.**

If you can offer, please contact  
Jo on 01694 724224  
jo.aze@strettonparish.org.uk

Evensong, led by the Parish Choir will be at 3pm, so why not come along to both?



## Explore the letter to the Romans

Stretton Parish



The Romans Course



Wednesdays, 27 May- 29 July 2026

7:30pm

Childrens Room, Parish Centre, Church Stretton  
sign up via [strettonparish.org.uk](http://strettonparish.org.uk) or use the QR code



## Could you be our new Operations Manager?

Working closely with the Rector, Ministry Team, PCC and the Parish Administrator you will organise and manage resources, both human and physical, to support our various ministries across the Parish at this exciting time of growth.

25 hours per week (may include evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays)

£14.15 per hour

Fixed term for 2 years, initially

The role description, person specification and application form are on [the website](#). For a paper copy, please contact Jo Aze by email

[office@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:office@strettonparish.org.uk) or by telephone 01694 724224.

Closing date: 12 noon on Friday 26th June 2026

Interviews to be held week commencing 6th July.

## Charity Sky Dive - 27th June

Matt Hustwayte and his son Ollie are doing a skydive later this month to raise funds for CPAS Venture Holidays (the Patrons of Stretton Parish and the charity Matt works for). Venture holidays bring life-changing adventures to children and young people enabling more young lives to explore faith and fun.

Matt is new to St Laurence Church and is married to Sam, the new Archdeacon of Ludlow.

Any donation big or small is hugely appreciated.

To donate, please go to his [Just Giving page](#) or scan the QR code.



Thank you!!



## Mugs, and More Mugs!

If you have any unwanted mugs that you could donate to Teas to Please, please bring them to the office, or St Laurence or All Saints Church. Thank you.

# YOUTH WORKER

The PCC are stepping out in faith to recruit for a new youth worker for the Parish. We are at an exciting time of growth and flourishing ministry across Stretton Parish and are beginning to see our young people grow in their faith and encounter Jesus. We are also beginning to reach out into the community attracting young people to activities and events. As we begin advertising and step out, we need to raise funds to cover the salary and other expenses. Please can you consider whether you can give towards this very important work.

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GIVE BOTH REGULARLY AND ONE-OFF.

- a) **To give using your debit or credit card –**  
click here- [Youth Worker - Stretton Parish · ChurchSuite Donate](#) – there is an option to Gift Aid your gift if you want to. There is also the option to give regularly, using your debit or credit card.  
Or, use the card readers in the churches.
- b) **To give by direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme –**  
use this link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/18B618334>
- c) **To give direct into the Parish bank account –** use these bank details:  
Bank: CAF Bank Ltd,  
Account name: Stretton Parish  
Sort code: 40-52-40  
Account number: 00090571  
Reference: Youth Worker  
**Please can you make sure that you quote the reference above,** so that I can clearly see that your gift is for the Youth Worker fund.  
  
If you wish to give regularly by standing-order then please set up using your banking software, using the above bank details and, again, **please use the reference "Youth Worker"**. Alternatively, please ask me for a standing-order form.  
If you have already completed a Gift Aid declaration I will reclaim Gift Aid on your gift(s) unless you tell me not to do so.
- d) **To make a gift by cheque or cash –** please make your cheque payable to "*Stretton Parish*" – please put your cheque or cash in an envelope clearly marked "Youth Worker" and give the envelope to the Parish Office or put in the donations box or offertory plate in your church. If you have already completed a Gift Aid declaration, I will reclaim Gift Aid on your gift unless you tell me not to do so.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me—email [graham.vince@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:graham.vince@strettonparish.org.uk) or by phone—07455-917082.

Thank you.

*Graham Vince, Parish Treasurer*

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## Book-Keeper (voluntary)

We are looking for a volunteer book-keeper. This role involves making payments, entering transactions into the ledger, processing the bank statements, banking cash and cheques, producing reports etc.

The work can be done from home, using our online computerised accounting software, and would take on average about 2-3 hours per week. Book-keeping knowledge is needed but no formal qualifications are required. Computer skills are required, with a good working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheets.

The post involves working with the Parish Treasurer and full training will be given. If you are interested in this role, please contact Graham Vince at [graham.vince@strettonparish.org.uk](mailto:graham.vince@strettonparish.org.uk) or 07455-917082.



# PRAYER FOCUS

## Pray for our Parish

- \* Please pray for the youth event we're holding on Rectory Field on 20th June, with a barbeque and climbing wall. Pray that everyone will have a great time, and particularly for safety.
- \* Please continue to pray for the three young people who are leading a Youth Alpha Group at the secondary school.
- \* Please pray that the repairs and refurbishment of the Parish Centre can go ahead soon.
- \* Please pray that we will be able to fill the posts of Youth Worker and Operations Manager.
- \* We pray that the flat that the church owns and which is now on the market may sell quickly.
- \* We pray for those who are getting married in our Parish this year, that God will be with them in their preparations and bless them in their marriage.

## Pray for the world

### A prayer from [Open Doors](#):

Heavenly Father,  
we join with our brothers and sisters in Iran and the Middle East region in calling for peace and protection over citizens in those countries. Please strengthen our church family to be salt and light in the midst of crisis, and may Your kindness and mercy be powerfully present. Give wisdom and restraint to all decision-makers and let hope, love and freedom reign in Iran.  
Amen.

### A prayer for countries in turmoil:

O God, we pray for countries experiencing the turmoil of conflict and political instability.  
We ask for peace to be restored.  
Please grant wisdom and integrity to world leaders so that they will work for the good of the people they govern and serve.  
We pray that citizens everywhere would have their rights preserved, so they can live peacefully, free from fear.  
Amen.

**We pray for those who mourn**, particularly the family and friends of Stephen Fisher whose funeral is at 12 noon on Friday 26th June at St Laurence Church.

We have heard that Cami Aston, former churchwarden at St Laurence for many years has passed away this week. We remember her family in our prayers.

### **We pray for those who are sick,**

particularly remembering Valerie and David M.  
Sylvia L, Michael F

### **Residential Homes**

We pray for all our residential homes, this month particularly remembering Stretton Hall Nursing Home.

### **Memorial Book**

#### **We give thanks for the lives of those in our memorial book in June:**

Joan Scott, Mildred Rolph, Lillian Benton, Francis Williams, Joyce Downes, Edith Flynn, Ian McCalla, Charles Hamilton, James Robinson, David Evans, Anne Rimmer, Ronald Williams, Douglas Grounds, David Pepper, Pauline Haycock, Frances Downes, James Gibson, Anne Young, Patricia Willis, Constance Illsley, Terry Davies

## "Safeguarding—It's not just policy, it's personal"

The phrase above is part of a campaign the Church of England has been running in early June to remind us that safeguarding is about protecting and caring for people (as well as needing the structures of safeguarding policies and procedures). It highlights the circumstances when we may need to consider reporting a concern and what we should do about it.

It follows 4 'Rs' – *Recognise – Respond – Record – Refer*.

We have added some helpful documents to our [Safeguarding page](#) on our Parish website which talks about these [four steps](#) and a page of '[Frequently Asked Questions](#)'. So do look at these, if you aren't sure about something, they can be a helpful aid. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Chrissie Pepler, is always happy to support if anyone has a concern ([chrissie.pepler@strettonparish.co.uk](mailto:chrissie.pepler@strettonparish.co.uk)).

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (ICE)

Several of us attended a First Aid course on 1st June and gathered much very valuable information. Something which is extremely useful and would be of benefit for everyone is to make sure that your emergency contacts are set up on your mobile phone. Then, even if your phone is locked and needs fingerprint/face recognition or a password, the emergency services will still be able to access necessary information about you, including who you are, details of your medical needs and the names of people to contact on your behalf. If you're not sure how to do this, then here is a brief guide:

**ANDROID PHONE** - this may vary depending on your type of phone

1. Go to Settings
2. Scroll down and go to Emergency Information—this may be under "About Phone"
3. Tap Medical info and then the pen icon in the top right corner to add any details you need people to know, such as allergies, blood type and any medication you take
4. Go back to the previous page and tap Emergency contacts. Select people from your phonebook contacts whom you would wish to be contacted in an emergency
5. Make sure that Show on Lock screen is turned on

### iPHONE

1. Go to Settings
2. Scroll down and go to Health
3. Tap Health Details and tap Edit in the top right corner to add any details you need people to know
4. Go back to the previous page and tap on Medical ID. Tap Edit to add further information and to add Emergency Contacts
5. Make sure that Show When Locked is turned on

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

# DIARY

**Sunday 14th June**, Readings Genesis 18.1-15, Matthew 9.35-10.8

St. Laurence's      8.30am Holy Communion, Order 1  
                                 10.30am Morning Worship  
St Michael's      10.30am Holy Communion  
All Saints      10.30am Morning Prayer (Common Worship)  
Parish Centre      5pm Young People's Life Group  
Online Service      10.00am Online Service

## Tuesday 16th

9.15am Parish Prayer meeting, St Laurence

## Wednesday 17th

7.30pm Bible Society Romans Course, Parish Centre

## Thursday 18th

10.00am Parents and Toddlers, Silvester Horne Institute

10.30am Holy Communion, Order 1, St Laurence

## Friday 19th

9.00am Prayer Meeting, St Michael's

5.00pm Choir Practice, St Laurence

## Saturday 20th

9.30am St Laurence Working Party

7.00pm Youth event on Rectory Field

**Sunday 21st June**, Readings Genesis 21.8-21, Matthew 10.24-39

St. Laurence's      8.30am Holy Communion, Order 2

                                 10.30am Holy Communion

                                 6.30pm Deeper

St Michael's      10.30am Morning Worship

All Saints      10.30am Holy Communion, Order 1

Parish Centre      5pm Young People's Life Group

Online Service      10.00am Online Service

## Tuesday 23rd

9.15am Parish Prayer Meeting, St Laurence

## Wednesday 24th

7.30pm Bible Society Romans Course, Parish Centre

## Thursday 25th

10.00am Parents and Toddlers, Silvester Horne Institute

10.30am Holy Communion, Order 2, St Laurence

## Friday 26th

9.00am Prayer Meeting, St Michael's

12.00pm Funeral of Stephen Fisher, St Laurence

5.00pm Choir practice, St Laurence



## Our verses for 2026

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:23-25

