



Stretton Parish

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News for weekend beginning Friday 26th June 2026

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The next Contact will be issued on Friday 3rd July 2026



Thank you to all of you who prayed for this event. We had a beautiful evening with perfect temperatures and were joined by 33 young people. Al, from Arthog Outreach, did an amazing job instructing, encouraging and enthusing the young people as they climbed up the wall and also provided good lengths of time on the wall for each person so they were able to attempt multiple climbs and challenge themselves. When they were not climbing young people enjoyed 'lawn games' and spent time chatting. There was a great, relaxed atmosphere and it was good to continue to build relationships as we saw many of the young people from previous events and, as they are gaining confidence, they are inviting other

friends to join them. Huge thanks to Richard & Lorraine for a tasty barbeque (nothing burnt!!) and Marion, Rob, Sarah, Alan & Sally P for all the support with everything else!

As this area of ministry grows and we hear from young people that they would like more opportunities to meet together, please pray for the appointment of a Youth Worker.



Help required

On Saturday 4th July Stretton Parish will be having a couple of gazebos at the **Stretton Fun Day**. We will offer some Messy Church type activities, advertise events that we hold and talk to people. If you are able to offer a couple of hours on the day to help set up (8:30am-10am) or take down (4pm-5pm) gazebos and equipment, or be there during the event (10am-4pm) to help with activities or engage in conversation with people, please do let me know. This really is a wonderful opportunity to be part of our community and Make Jesus Known.

Thank you

Sally Clilverd

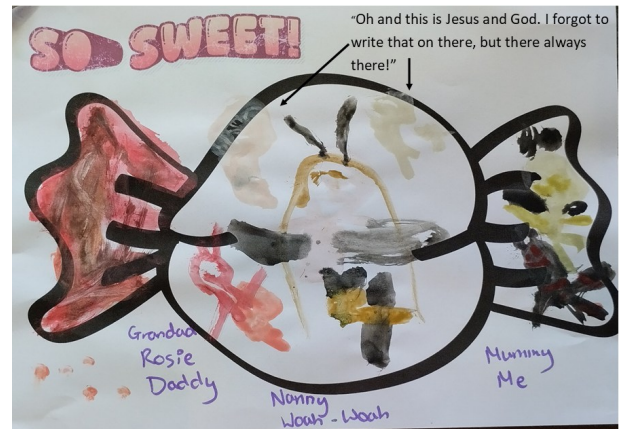
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What a blessed time we had together as we explored the theme of 'Thankful, Grateful, Blessed' on 11th June. We made grateful garlands, had a quiz to discover how much we knew about wild animals, made flower sandwiches, fruit kebabs and painted pictures of special people who leave a sweet taste in our mouth! It was one of those special sessions where the volunteers came away as blessed as the attendees, as a child simply said 'I love Jesus' and another told their mum they would like to come to church on Sunday as well, with

the mum reminiscing about her church attendance as a child. Please pray for them and all our other families, as they journey with Jesus.



Teas to Please 2026

All Saints Church, Little Stretton

Sunday 30th and Monday 31st August from 2pm to 5pm

Thank you so much to all those who have donated mugs for Teas to Please. We are happy to report that we now have sufficient to be able to cater for everyone on the day.

With Teas to Please only a matter of weeks away, we are now turning our thoughts to the various stalls and what is required, and we are relying once again on your generosity.

So, if you are able to donate any of the following, please contact Liz Bourke (01694 722910)

- Cakes
- Jams and preserves
- Bric-a-brac
- Tombola prizes
- Books
- Jigsaws



Eeyore's eco tips

Develop part of your lawn as a wild meadow. Allow it to grow long during the summer months and enjoy the butterflies and bugs. You can mow a path through it. In early autumn give a high cut and then mow as usual.

NOTICE BOARD

Parish Picnic

Sunday 28th June at 1pm
All Saints Church Garden



Do come along with your picnic to enjoy the beautiful garden and each other's company!



All Saints' Church
Little Stretton



Choral Evensong

with the Stretton Parish Choir

Sunday June 28th at 3pm
with refreshments to follow



CAMEO Garden Party at the Rectory

Wednesday 1st July, 2.15pm-4pm

CAMEO are delighted to have been invited to the Rectory for their annual Garden Party.

To book transport with Ring and Ride, please ring Rhoda on 01694 724197.

Help is needed on the morning of Wednesday 1st July to transport tables from the Parish Centre to the Rectory. It would need large cars or a van or trailer. If you can offer to help please phone Maggie Cameron on 07837 011404.

Help is also needed to put up gazebos in the Rectory garden. If you can help, please offer to Maggie, Jo or Steve.

Thank you.



Café Church

Sunday 5th July

Join us for a more relaxed style of worship in All Stretton Village Hall at 10.30am, where we meet for Café Church. There will be time to peruse the newspapers and chat over coffee and pastries before joining together in praise and thanksgiving.

There will be no service in St. Michael's Church on that day.



Do you attend the 8.30am Communion Service at St Laurence?

Numbers at the Sunday 8.30am service at St Laurence are growing and we could do with some extra help. If you attend this service and would like to help with welcoming, setting up for the service, assisting with Communion or reading, please [contact Jo](#)

God gave His all for us: can you give a book for His children?

In May, Sally and I (Richard) went to Uganda to look at the work of a Christian charity called Watoto, which was set up 1984. Watoto runs many churches in Uganda, and works with orphaned children and destitute women. All of their work is impressive and brings God's love to those with little or nothing. They work with the women in 'neighbourhoods': they work with the children in 'villages'. Watoto runs three villages (one just outside Kampala, one outside Gulu and one at Birah), where they lovingly raise hundreds of children in 'families' and educate them to vocational and university level. At the heart of all they do is God's love.

I was able to spend time helping with the babies and toddlers. It was wonderful, however such work will always have needs. One way you could help is to spare one or more books for children (especially for the babies and toddlers). Second hand is good, provided they are in excellent condition. Perhaps you have some still at home or in the family, or you could search the second hand shops. All such books would be gratefully received and can be placed in a box at the back of St Laurence Church. Baby clothes that are in excellent condition would also be welcomed. This is one small way in which you could share in helping to bring God's love to His children in Uganda.

Thank you.

Sally and Richard Shephard



PRAYER FOCUS

- We pray for those who are sick, particularly in our church family, David and Valerie M. Sylvia L and Michael F.
- We pray for all our residential homes, particularly remembering the Sandford Nursing Home.
- Please pray that the posts of Youth Worker, Operations Manager and Book keeper will be filled.
- Please pray for our Mission Partners, [Anna and Chris Hembury](#) in Hull and [Lea and Petra Williams](#) in Czech Republic.
- Please pray for the DCC/ECC meetings taking place this week.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

1 Timothy 2.1-6a



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



DIARY

Sunday 28th June, Readings Genesis 22,1-14, Matthew 10.40-end

St. Laurence's 8.30am Holy Communion, Order 1
 10.30am Altogether
 St Michael's 10.30am Holy Communion—URC
 All Saints 3pm Evensong
 Parish Centre 5pm Young People's Life Group
 Online Service 10.00am Online Service

Monday 29th

7.00pm ECC, St Michael's

Tuesday 30th

9.15am Parish Prayer meeting, St Laurence
 7.30pm St Laurence DCC

Wednesday 1st July

9.30am All Saints DCC
 2.15pm CAMEO Garden Party, The Rectory
 7.30pm Bible Society Romans Course, Parish Centre

Thursday 2nd

10.00am Parents and Toddlers, Silvester Horne Institute
 10.30am Holy Communion, Order 1, St Laurence

Friday 3rd

9.00am Prayer Meeting, St Michael's
 5.00pm Choir Practice, St Laurence

Sunday 5th July, Readings Genesis 9,8-17, Matthew 26.26-29

St. Laurence's 8.30am Holy Communion, Order 2
 10.30am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Deeper
 St Michael's 10.30am Café Church, All Stretton Village Hall
 All Saints 10.30am Holy Communion, Order 2
 Parish Centre 5pm Young People's Life Group
 Online Service 10.00am Online Service

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