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Stretton Parish PCC for 2022/23

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There may be some change in the membership of the PCC, DCCs and ECCS after our APCM in April. Look out for new names in Contact.



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Prayer Diary 2023

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:37-38



Our purpose as a Parish is to Make Jesus Known

We are enabled to do this by our dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
prayer and the Scriptures.

And we bring all of our gifts and skills together as individual members
of the Church to be used to Make Jesus Known.

Our purpose is achieved by doing three things:



Growing community

Intentional mission
This means that we seek to be a visible presence in the Strettons community, building relationships with those who live and work here and offering everyone the opportunity to belong and to believe.



Walking with God

Intentional discipleship
This means that we help each other to become faithful followers of Jesus seeking to live out our faith amidst the challenges of our daily lives.

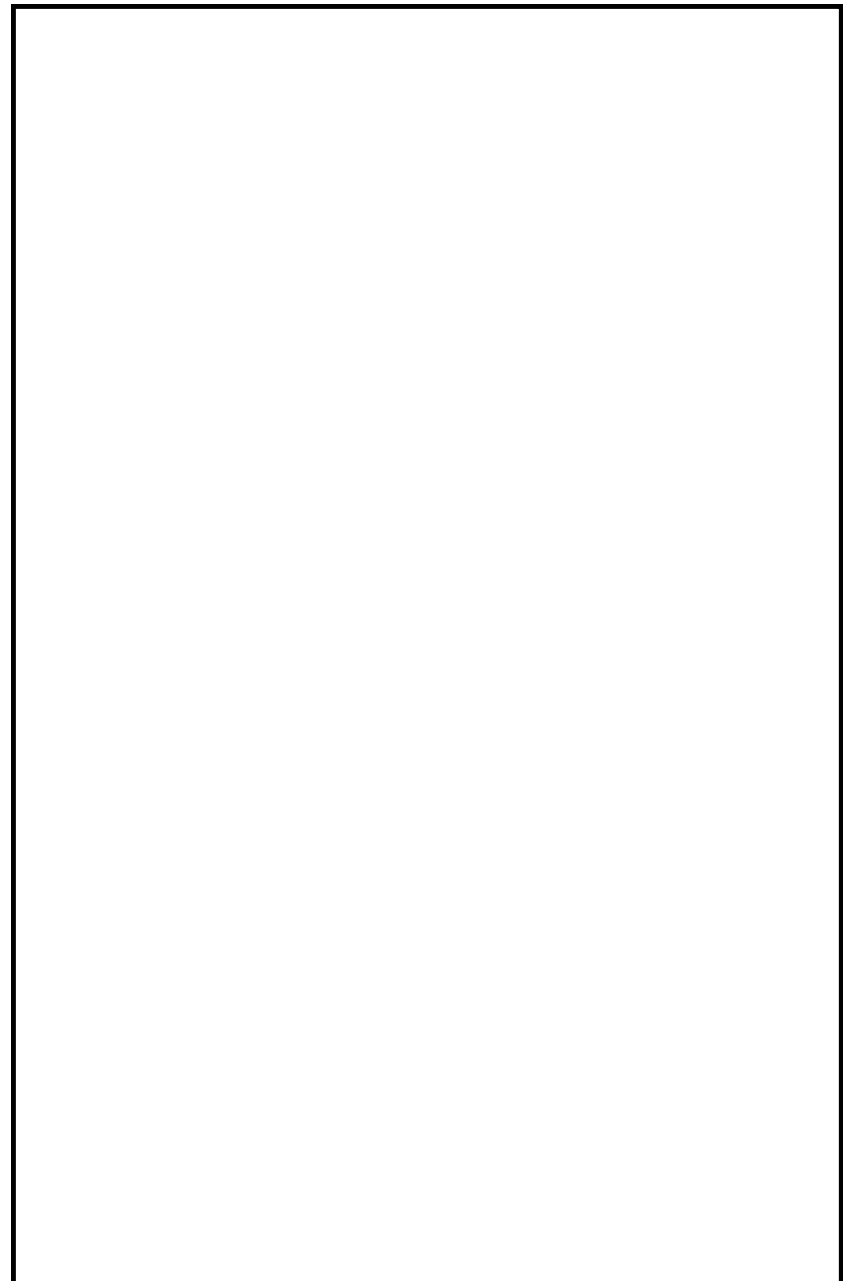


Serving the Strettons & beyond

Intentional service
This means that we seek to 'love our neighbours' by walking alongside them through the 'ups' and 'downs' of life and looking out for their needs.



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SATURDAY

	<p>Growing Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for all those carers and volunteers who support the elderly ◆ For visitors who come to our town and villages ◆ Pray for the ambulance, fire and police services ◆ Pray for All Stretton village
	<p>Walking with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for Kidzone, our children's work on Sundays ◆ We give thanks for those who plan the music in our churches ◆ We give thanks for the flower arrangers and those who wash linen, change altar frontals and clean the brass at each of our churches ◆ We pray for our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Chrissie and those who help her ◆ We give thanks for all the volunteers who serve the churches in so many ways
	<p>Serving the Strettons and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ For the URC West Midlands Synod ◆ For the residents and staff of the local nursing homes ◆ Pray for our PCC, DCCs and St Michael's ECC ◆ For refugees fleeing their homes and those who seek to help them, particularly those living in our community

SUNDAY

	<p>Growing Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Our neighbours, friends and family and for our witness to them ◆ For those who visit residents in the local nursing homes ◆ All those who work or attend schools in our town and local villages ◆ Give thanks for the work of the Mayor and Town Council
	<p>Walking with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for your week ahead, that you'd serve God and grow deeper in your relationship with him ◆ Pray for our Rector, Steve ◆ Pray for our services across the Parish today ◆ Pray for our choir and musicians ◆ Give thanks for those who work to make our churchyards lovely places to rest
	<p>Serving the Strettons and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Our pastoral team headed up by Tricia, as they support those in need ◆ Pray for those who have been bereaved ◆ All those persecuted for their faith, may God give them strength ◆ We pray for those unable to come to church today and for those who join with our online service ◆ We pray for training courses we are undertaking this year



MONDAY

	<p>Walking With God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for our Life Groups and Neil our Life Group Co-ordinator ◆ Give thanks for all those who serve in unseen ways in our churches ◆ Pray for our Associate Minister, Chris ◆ Pray for the Deeper services ◆ Give thanks for our 5-Year plan, and pray for the Ministry Team and PCC as they discern ways to implement it
	<p>Serving the Strettons and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ For those involved in administering Home Communion ◆ Pray for those putting on events to raise money for charities ◆ Pray for aid agencies, including Christian Aid and Tearfund ◆ We pray for the work of Hereford Diocese and the wider Church of England
	<p>Growing Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Our local shops and businesses ◆ St Lawrence Primary School, giving thanks for the two assemblies our parish is invited to lead each week ◆ Pray for our Children and Families Worker, Sally, and all who assist her ◆ We pray for Conover Deanery and the Rural Dean and Deanery Synod




FRIDAY



	<p>Serving the Strettons and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for those who come to the Stretton Foodbank on Fridays ◆ Pray for those who work with our young people ◆ Pray for our local councillors ◆ Those needing day-to-day care and their carers ◆ We give thanks for those providing "Warm Welcome" in the Strettons in this time of
	<p>Growing Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ That we might be bold and faithful in our witness ◆ For those coming to our churches for marriage ◆ We pray for our Deputy Churchwardens, in each of our churches ◆ Pray for the Rector's PA, Jo
	<p>Walking With God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for Archdeacon Fiona ◆ Pray for the Youth Life Group which meets on Sunday evenings ◆ We give thanks for all those who clean, care for and maintain our buildings ◆ We pray for our MPs in particular those representing our local area ◆ As we read through the Bible in One Year, give thanks for the Scriptures and pray that we'll grow in our relationship with God






THURSDAY

	<p>Walking With God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for Bishop Richard ◆ We give thanks for the creativity of the Banner Group whose work enhances our worship ◆ Pray for those who work with the audio visuals in our churches ◆ We pray for the other churches in our town and their leaders and for all those who seek to find the way ahead for Churches Together in the Strettons
	<p>Serving the Strettons and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Our CMS mission partners, Chris and Anna Hembury and family, living and working in Hull. You'll find their most recent prayer letter in our churches ◆ Our local Mothers' Union branch ◆ Pray for Christians in local and national government ◆ We pray for those in the world who don't have food and shelter ◆ Pray for our bellringers at St Laurence's
	<p>Growing Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We pray for those families who come to Messy Church ◆ We pray for those families who come to Parents and Toddlers ◆ For those coming to our church for baptism ◆ Pray for our Rector, Steve as he leads us ◆ We give thanks for all those who volunteer in the community

TUESDAY



	<p>Serving the Strettons and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Those known to us who are sick ◆ Our CMS mission partners, Lea and Petra Williams and their children, living and working in the Czech Republic. You'll find their most recent prayer letter in our churches ◆ For those working for peace in war torn countries ◆ Give thanks for the Bethel programme and pray for the team working on this ◆ Pray for Foodbank leaders, Richard and Lorraine and all who assist them
	<p>Growing Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Eco church, that we will do our best to care for the environment. ◆ We pray for the students and staff at Church Stretton secondary school ◆ We pray for those who have recently moved into the Strettons and joined us in worship ◆ Pray for Little Stretton village
	<p>Walking With God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for our weekly Parish prayer meeting ◆ For those preparing sermons this week ◆ Pray for our curate, David ◆ Pray for our treasurer, Graham and those who assist him ◆ Pray for the young people in our churches



	<p>Growing Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ We give thanks for our local doctors, and pray for all who work in healthcare ◆ Pray for our Parish Churchwardens ◆ We ask for wisdom for the Ministry Team as they seek God's will ◆ The work of Mayfair Community Centre ◆ Pray for Church Stretton
	<p>Walking with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pray for Alpha and other outreach events ◆ Pray for our Reader, Gillian ◆ Pray for Hazel, our URC LEP Minister at St Michael's ◆ Please pray that income will increase, both for regular and one-off giving across the Parish to meet the increasing levels of expenditure, and that funds will always be provided to enable us to conduct the ministries God has called us to do
	<p>Serving the Strettons and Beyond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ CAMEO group, who share fellowship, worship and a cup of tea monthly on Wednesdays ◆ Our clergy who take Communion to those in nursing homes ◆ We pray for our local funeral directors, A.S. Morris and Sons ◆ We pray for our King and the royal family ◆ We pray for our local hospice