



Welcome

Stratton Team Ministry

***Seeking, Sharing and Serving
God Together***

**St. Margaret's, Stratton
Coleview**

St. Mary Magdalene, South Marston

St. Leonard's, Stanton Fitzwarren

PRIEST IN CHARGE: Reverend. Elveen Mead

Church Prayer

The Lord be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us.
Help us to be a blessing to each other
and our communities that your ways
may be known among us.
Let all the people praise you, O God
let all the people praise you,
Amen



This is Sunday

10th of March The Fourth Sunday of Lent
And Mothering Sunday

All Welcome to Our Services at : -

St Margaret's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	St Leonard's Church
9:30am	9:30am	11am
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service	Family Service Mothering Sunday

The Collect of The Third Sunday of Lent

God of Love
Passionate and strong,
Tender and careful:
Watch over us and hold us
All the days of our life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings of Mothering Sunday

2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.33-35 or John 19. 25b-27

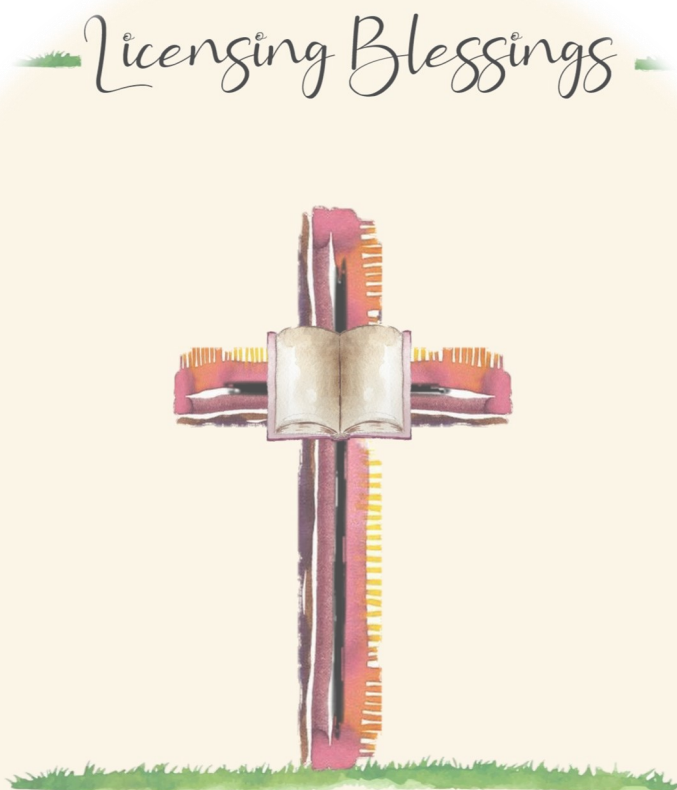
what is happening on the 21st

Dear Church Family

I want to personally invite you all to the licensing service on 21 March at 7pm. However I know that I just won't be able to get to every one of you in time. It is a big deal for me and for you. You might not know this but the 'suspension' was put in place during the early 2000's this enables Diocese to move church benefice boundaries and group churches together as part of what is called Pastoral Reordering. This 'suspension' takes away some of the privileges of churches to enable the Diocese to respond to the changing times. The 'suspension' also means that the Parish Priest's role is as a Priest in Charge. Lifting the 'suspension' means that I will now be your Rector and there is no longer a fixed term of my engagement. When I took this role on it was for 6 years and having already served over 3 and a half years time has flown by! Being Rector gives me and my family more security but more importantly it means I get to stay with you all and continue to serve you and our parishes. It continues to be a great privilege to be part of this wonderful church family here at Stratton Team Ministry and I feel so very blessed. I do hope as many of you as possible can come and we can celebrate together this important milestone in our church life.

Blessings

Elveen



Grow In The Grace And The Knowledge Of The Lord
2 Peter 3 v 18

**The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils
of the Parishes of
Stratton St Margaret,
South Marston and
Stanton Fitzwarren.**

**With Coleview
Request the pleasure of your company**

For a Celebration of Ministry
with the Institution
and Induction

of
The Revd Elveen Mead
as Rector

Led by the Bishop of Swindon
the Rt Revd Neil Warwick
on

Thursday 21st March at 7pm,
at

St Margaret's Church,
Stratton St Margaret, Swindon SN3 4NY

R.S.V.P. to the Church Office email:
stmchurchoffice020@gmail.com
by 10th March.

Car park, at the St Margaret's Centre, on Kenwin Close

Clergy and Readers wishing to robe, please arrive by 6:30pm
changing area available in
St Margaret's Centre.

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments and a
light buffet after the service at St Margaret's Centre.

March



3 rd March		Third Sunday of Lent	
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	
9:30am	9:30am	10am	
Holy Communion Service	Sunday Morning Worship	All Age Worship	
10 th March		Mothering Sunday & Forth Sunday of Lent	
St Margaret's Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	St Leonard's Church	
9:30am	9:30am	11am	
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service	Family Service Mothering Sunday	
17 th March		Fifth Sunday of Lent	
St Margaret's Church	10am	Team Worship	
24 th March		Palm Sunday	
St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	Coleview Community Centre	
9:30am	9:30am	11am	
Sunday Morning Worship	Holy Communion Service	Holy Communion Service	
31 st March		Easter Sunday	
St Mary Magdalene Church	St Margaret's Church	St Leonard's Church	
8am	9:30am	11am	
Holy Communion Service	Holy Communion Service	Holy Communion Service	

Please see our website for the most up to date information www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

We will endeavor to give as much notice as possible to any changes but that may not always be possible.

EASTER



Palm Sunday March 24th

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Sunday Morning Worship

9:30am St Leonards Church

Holy Communion Service

11am Coleview Community Centre

Holy Communion Service



Maundy Thursday March 28th

7pm St Margaret's Church

Holy Communion Service followed by a

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Good Friday March 29th

10am St Margaret's Church

Good Friday Service

2pm St Leonard's Church

Hour at the Cross



Easter Sunday March 31st

8am St Mary Magdalene Church

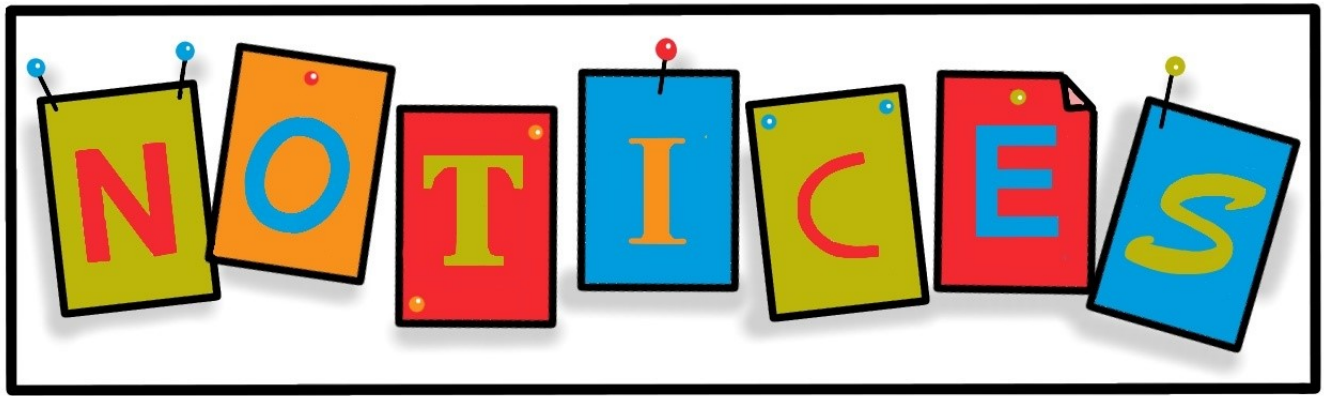
Holy Communion Service

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Holy Communion Service

11am St Leonards Church

Holy Communion Service



ECO Church

We will start to roll out information as we look to achieve awards as a Church in supporting our Diocese's efforts towards reaching net zero carbon impact by 2030. Please see the latest update on what is happening and feel free to engage.

Further information at [Environment and climate justice - Diocese of Bristol \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/environment-and-climate-justice)

Or scan the QR code above



APCM

It is that time of year again for all who have been involved in Church events or groups to please submit a report.

Reports to be submitted to the Church office by the 1st of April.

- ☞ APCM meeting will be on 23rd April for St Margaret's & St Mary Magdalene PCC.
- ☞ APCM meeting will be on 28th April after the 9:30am service for St Leonard's PCC.

Reports will be available on the websites, if you or someone requires a hard copy please contact the office.

REVIEW OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Each year before the APCM there has to be a formal review of the Church Electoral Roll, to be sure it is up to date. Notices will be displayed in the church porches but basically, if you want to be on the roll and are not, ask your wardens for the application form and get it to Andrew Martin, please, by Tuesday 2nd April. If you are not sure if you are on the present roll, please check the existing list which is in the porches now (a yellow sheet).

If you are not on the roll you may not vote at the APCM, and, as they say at other elections, "If you don't vote you can't grumble."

(This is for St Margaret's and St Mary Magdalene. St Leonard's will make similar announcements for their PCC).

(Andrew Martin, 36 Yiewsley Crescent. andrewmartin3643@gmail.com)



ST MARGARET'S QUIZ Mon 13 May

A note for your diaries, our next fun Quiz evening will be on Mon 13 May.

More details to follow but basically we will follow the usual format, an early evening start finishing around 9:30pm.

There will be a meal, soft drinks and we plan a raffle.

If you have any decent items, unwanted Christmas gifts maybe?,

or know a business that might like to support us with a prize,

these would be gratefully received. Liaise with Russ.

Come and
join us for:

Activities

Songs

Food

Messy
CHURCH

Crafts

Games

Stories

SATURDAY SCENE

At St Margaret's Centre

(Kenwin Close, off Ermin street, Stratton St. Margaret)

Saturday 9th March @ 4pm

Messy
CHURCH

I AM
THE
Resurrection
AND
THE
life

JOHN 11:25a

for more information Please contact us at

✉ stmchurchoffice020@gmail.com

☎ 01793 826505

www.facebook.com/stmsaturdayscene



FREE!

St Leonards Family Service

**Invite you on the
10th March at 11am
Mothering Sunday**



for a lively Family Service designed to involve children
and appeal to adults.

The Theme this Sunday

Mary Mother of Jesus



What Wondrous Love is this ?

**In our Team Service on March 17th,
we invite you to join us on a multi-sensory
journey from the Gates of Jerusalem to
Cross of Calvary.**

Witness:

The Excitement of the Triumphal Entry.

The Raw Anger of Christ in the temple.

The Emotion of Christ's anointing at Bethany.

The Tastes of the Last Supper.

The Fear in the Garden.

The Pain of the Cross.

March 17th, 10:00 St Margaret's Church

The service will include several Bible readings, as well as reflections from the Iona Community, and so we need readers (and actors).

If you would like to take part in these please email Robert & Angela at breakspears@sky.com, and we'll be in touch.

St Margaret's Church Stratton



at

St Margaret's Centre

Every Thursday

9:30am - 11:30am

Sundays after Church Services

Tea also available



ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH SOUTH MARSTON

Welcomes you to a Community Coffee Morning



Just drop in

Come and Join Us for Refreshments
(including bacon butties and delicious cakes)
In the Village Hall

10 - 12

Every third Saturday in the month
Next date 16th March

Enquiries or for table reservations please call

01793 824339



St Leonard's Church Stanton

Hosts Coffee Morning now at
Stanton House Hotel

10:15am - noon

On Wednesday

20th of March 2024

Everyone Welcome



STRATTON

COMMUNITY

FETE



SAVE THE DATE

14th

September

**FREE
ENTRY**

2024

STRATTON ST MARGARET PARISH COUNCIL



Stratton St Margaret
Parish Council

MOTHER'S DAY

REMEMBRANCE EVENT

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024
10:00AM - 12:00PM

ST MARGARETS CENTRE, KENWIN CLOSE
SN3 4NY

COME ALONG TO COLLECT A FLOWER AND LAY AT ST
MARGARETS CEMETERY
TEA AND COFFEE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

Connections

A warm, safe space to meet, dementia friendly.

Come along and make friends, enjoy refreshments and a chat, or join in some fun activities designed to promote wellbeing and creativity.

Everyone is welcome!

At Stratton Methodist Church

1.00pm – 3.00pm every 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of the month.

www.strattonmethodist.org.uk

Great British Classics Charity Night.

**Monday
15th April**

From 7.00pm
(last orders 9.30pm)

**Price £9.00
per main course**

• Raffle

**At
The Crown Inn
Stratton, Swindon
SN3 4NL,**

(To book a table call
01793-827530

email:

thecrownstratton@gmail.com)

Moonrakers

www.moonrakers.net

Harp Cello Mandola Guitar Vocals Flutes Harmonium



Celtic traditional and contemporary songs and tunes. Music from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales. *"...mesmerising harp and cello...wonderful gentle harmonies....an uplifting journey."* (BBC).

Sat 23rd March

Christ Church, Swindon,
Doors 7pm for 7:30pm
Bar available (cash or card)

Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door

<https://cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets>

Enquiries: 01793 617237



OUT OF THE ASHES

JAZZ & BLUES WITH GOSPEL ROOTS

Chasing Away The Winter Blues

Community Centre @ Christ Church,

Cricklade Street, Swindon, SN1 3HB

Saturday 9th March, doors open at 7:00pm

Tickets £10 through website : <https://ccccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets> or £12 on the door

Bar available, Enquiries - **01793 617237**



SCAN for Tickets



DOTA Showmail

www.outoftheashesmusic.uk

oota_music

youtube.com/c/outoftheashes

AMBASSADORS FOR:  **Compassion**



Warm and **Welcome** Space

Stratton Team Ministry

**Providing spaces with respect,
warmth & accessibility.**

**At St Margaret's Centre
Every Thursday
9:30 - 14:00**

This Warm and Welcome Space can be used as a place to spend time, stay warm and feel safe.

You do not have to pay to attend, tell people why you're here or participate in activities.

Recycling @ St Margaret's Centre



IMPORTANT

- ❁ Please ensure you sort the correct items in the correct boxes
- ❁ Please **do not** leave outer packaging
- ❁ Only Milk bottle tops **NO** other types are accepted
- ❁ We have volunteers who **kindly** take these to various places for recycling
- ❁ They do not have time to sort **IT**



Any brand of **EMPTY** medicine blister packets



5th Swindon Boy's Brigade

- . Do you enjoy meeting friends?
- . Do you enjoy playing sports and games ?
- . Learning new skills ?
- . Making crafts ?
- . Taking part in events and competitions ?

We have vacancies for Boys aged 5 - 11 years.

Based at St. Margaret's Church Centre,
for nearly 50 years.

For more information

contact:- T. Daglish
5swindonbb@gmail.com

<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/join/>



**THE BOYS'
BRIGADE** 
-the adventure begins here

Bumps & Babes

ARE YOU A NEW
OR EXPECTANT PARENT?

Register Now

forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7

Come and join Stratton Team Ministry for our Bumps and Babes group on Tuesdays.

Bumps & Babes is a place for expectant parents and parents with babies (up to one year old*) to meet and chat over a coffee – sharing in the experiences of pregnancy and the joys and challenges of the early months of parenthood.

Mats and toys are available for you to play with your babies, as well as time for a few songs!

We are joined by guests each a month to share with us about subjects from weaning to breastfeeding; faith to reusable nappies!

Register for your place now via the link or complete a form on arrival – we look forward to welcoming you!

When: Tuesdays 11.15-12.15
(term time only)

Where: St Margaret's Centre,
Kenwin Close, SN3 4NY

Cost: Free

Contact Us & Useful Links



Bumpsandbabes9@gmail.com



www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/explore/kids-and-youth/bumps-babes/



Register for your place now
<https://forms.gle/fM4NesmSPYWTNuiC7>



Bumps and Babes St Margaret's Swindon

*Bumps and Babes aims to provide a safe place for younger babies to explore, therefore the group is only open to babies up to a year old or until they are very mobile - you will be responsible for your child at all times. A babies and toddlers group runs in the St Margaret's Centre on a Wednesday and Friday where there are more age-appropriate toys for toddlers. Please contact us if you have a special request.

*Our Mission: To reduce the impact of food poverty
on people in crisis in the Swindon and district area.*



THANK YOU TO

STRATTON TEAM MINISTRY

WHO PARTICIPATED IN HARVEST 2023

YOU DONATED 173.1 Kgs.

**THIS WILL HELP US GREATLY, AS WE CONTINUE HELPING PEOPLE IN
SWINDON AND SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE IN FOOD CRISIS.**

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

DONATIONS - WHAT WE NEED MOST

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

***" Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta
Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea; Small Bags of Sugar; Biscuits;
1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo &
Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"***

**PLEASE NOTE: We have plentiful supplies of pasta, baked beans and
shower gel so none are needed.**



*Scan this
QR Code
for the
Swindon
WOW Guide
webpage.*



Swindon WOW Guide is a listing of groups and activities suited to older people. It includes details of local social and support groups, lunch clubs, memory cafes and much more.

The WOW Guide is produced by Home Instead Swindon Home Care Services.

www.homeinstead.co.uk/swindon/swindon-wow-guide/



Lent reflections start next week

The 2024 Watch and Pray daily reflections start on Ash Wednesday (14 February) and end on Easter Sunday. We hope you join us!

Watch and Pray invites us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places this Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.

You are already signed up to receive the reflections via email. There are other ways to read or listen to the reflections:

- The [Watch and Pray app](#)
- Alexa: tell your smart speaker to "Ask the Church of England for today's Lent reflection"
- The [Watch and Pray reflection booklets](#), available from Church House Publishing

Daily Prayer

Daily Prayer is the official app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer, wherever you are.

For every day of the year, it presents the three services in full and include Bible readings (NRSV translation), psalms, canticles and seasonal variations.

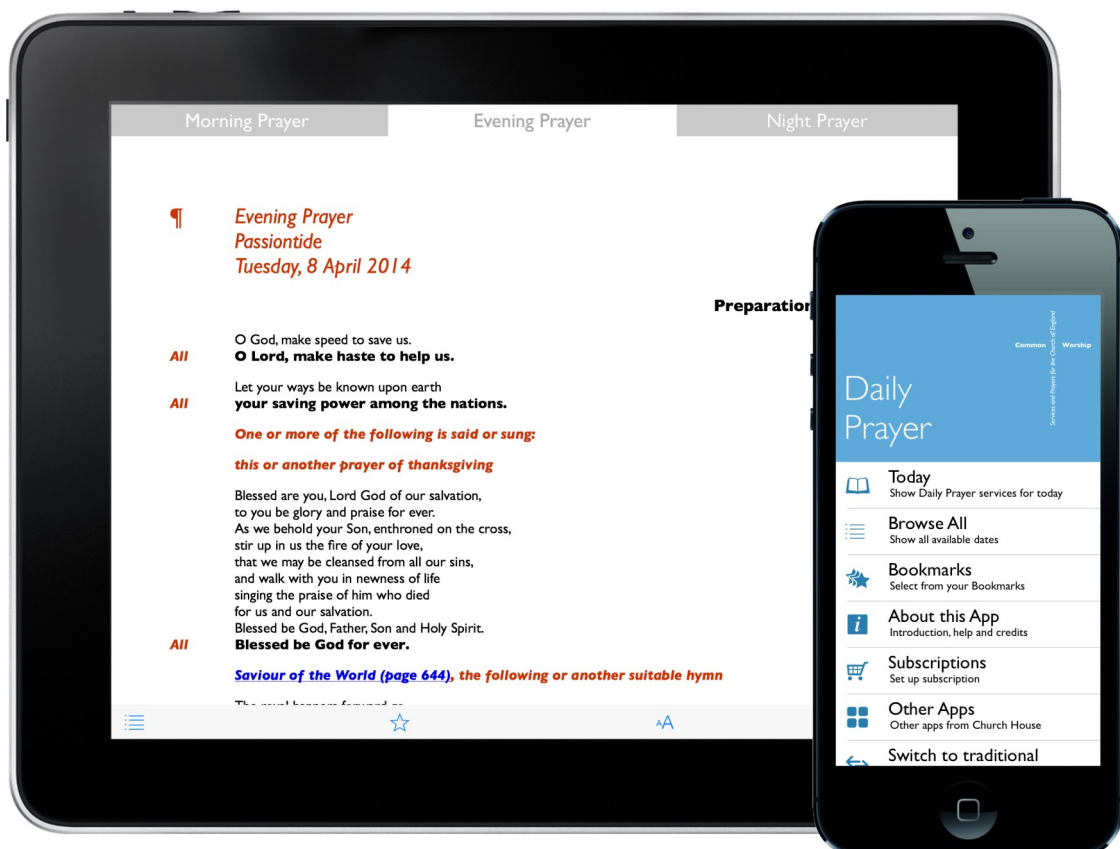
It allows you to:

- Access Morning, Evening and Night Prayer for yesterday, today and a month ahead
- Listen to full audio of Morning and Evening Prayer (Contemporary Services)
- Switch between Contemporary and Traditional formats with one click
- Find details of Feast Days, Festivals and Commemorations from the Common Worship Calendar
- Read Bible passages in full (NRSV translation) without the need for a separate Bible app

The app is compatible with smartphones and tablets (iPhone/iPad iOS 9.0+ and Android 5.1.1+).

Join the Church of England in a service of Daily Prayer

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



Keeping in touch



'Daily Hope' is the free phone line (0800 804 8044) that you can call each day to hear an introduction, listen to a hymn followed by a reflection and prayer.



Daily Pray Find complete services for Morning, Evening and Night Prayer from the Church of England with this official Daily Prayer app. This can be found in your app store and downloaded for free.



Great News! You can now sign up to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) online. There is a link for this on the Giving page of our website:



<https://www.strattonteamministry.co.uk/giving/>

PGS is a great way to give to the work and mission of St Margaret's Church. Donations given through PGS come straight to the Church, there are no admin fees or bank charges for us to pay. 41 people have now signed up to do this - Thank you.

**PARISH
GIVING
SCHEME**

 Stratton Team Ministry is pleased to welcome you back for Private Prayer:

St Margaret's Church will be open by appointment please call the office on 01793 826505 or email stmchurchoffice020@gmail.com.

St Mary Magdalene's Church will be open everyday from early morning till early evening.

St Leonard's Church will be available for private prayer by phoning Roger and Liz Hillman on 01793 762935, they will arrange with you for the building to be open at a time that can be quiet and safe.

 **Please Note** up to date guidance from the Government and Church of England

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www.southmarstonchurch.wordpress.com
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