



Welcome

Stratton Team Ministry

Seeking, Sharing and Serving God Together

Coleview

St. Margaret's, Stratton

St. Leonard's, Stanton Fitzwarren

St. Mary Magdalene, South Marston

RECTOR: 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





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

- ☞ St Leonard's PCC APCM meeting will be on **19th April** after the 10am service Reports needed by **27th March**
- ☞ St Margaret's & St Mary Magdalene PCC APCM meeting will be on **21st April** Reports needed by **27th March**

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



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

FREE EVENT
REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

Easter Egg Hunt



EASTER IN THE CHURCHYARD

SATURDAY MARCH 28th 2026

10:30AM | ST MARGARET'S CHURCHYARD, SN3 4NY

Further details can be found online at

strattonteamministry.co.uk



[strattonteamministry](https://www.facebook.com/strattonteamministry)





ANNUAL REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL (SOUTH MARSTON and STRATTON ST MARGARET)

Before the APCM we have to revise the Electoral Roll in stages throughout March and April. (Stanton will do the same with slightly different dates).

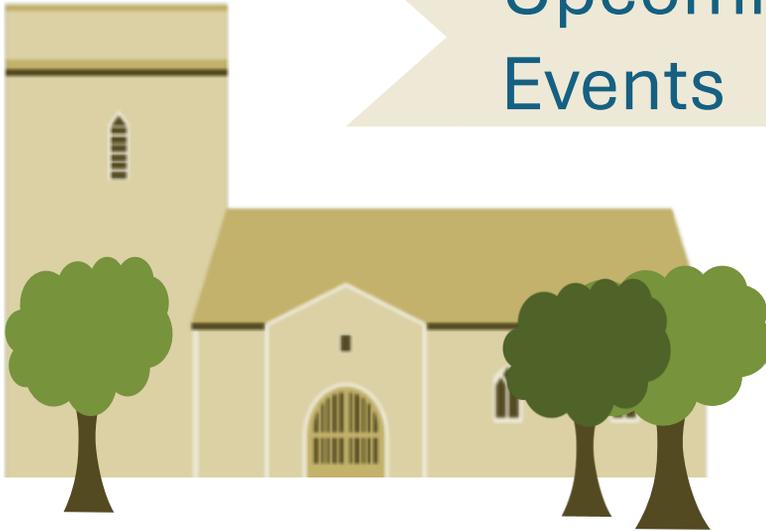
We will be using the “new” roll created last year so this present notice is only for anyone who wants to be on the roll and was not included last year. (If you are not sure, the present roll is on notices inside the church porches - look for the *yellow* coloured sheet.)

To have your name added to the roll, you can do it online with the form at <https://stratton-team-ministry.myknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/TkFyd0pLWUhjeELZbm9vc0FEOGRmYlhRekQ3aW5NeG5SMHdkY3NNVlxPZE9hcUtNVlp5aVhzb0c4a1hS>

Or you can collect a paper form from church and return it to the wardens or the Office or to Andrew Martin.

Remember, if you do not vote you should not grumble.

Upcoming Events



 Quiz night

10th
April

 Summer Garden Party

5th
July

 Beer Festival

11th-12th
September

 1920's Murder Mystery

30th
October

 Thamesdown Choir

10th
December

For More Information keep a watch on our Website, Facebook or sign up for our weekly notice sheet.



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Websites: www.strattonteamministry.co.uk



Facebook: @StrattonTeamMinistry



QUIZ NIGHT

Raising Funds for South Marston
Church Bells

Quiz with a Ploughman's Supper

A fund raising quiz with a ploughman's supper
of bread, cheese, pate, celery, tomatoes,
pickles, chutney and butter

Saturday 28th March 2026
South Marston Village Hall
SN3 4SH

7pm doors open for 7:30pm
start

6 Players per
team

£12 Per Person

Bring your
own drinks

Teas and coffees served

Prizes for winning team

Raffle £1 a ticket

Contact Rachel; 07545 923021



March

1st March

**St Margaret's
Church**

9:30am

Holy Communion
Service

**St Leonard's
Church**

9:30am

Sunday Morning
Worship

**St Mary Magdalene
Church**

10am

All Age Worship

8th March

**St Margaret's
Church**

9:30am

Sunday Morning
Worship

**St Mary Magdalene
Church**

9:30am

Holy Communion
Service

**St Leonard's
Church**

11am

Family Service

15th March

St Mary Magdalene Church

10am

Team Worship

22nd March

**St Margaret's
Church**

9:30am

Sunday Morning
Worship

St Leonard's Church

9:30am

Holy
Communion
Service

6pm

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Service

**Coleview
Community Centre**

11am

Holy Communion
Service

29th March

St Margaret's Church

10am

Team Worship

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 29th

10am St Margaret's Church
Team Worship



Maundy Thursday April 2nd

7pm St Margaret's Church
Holy Communion Service



Good Friday April 3rd

10am St Margaret's Church
Good Friday Service
2pm St Leonard's Church
Hour at the Cross



Easter Sunday April 5th

8am St Mary Magdalene Church

Holy Communion Service

9:30am St Margaret's Church

Holy Communion Service

11:30am St Leonards Church

Holy Communion Service

Quiz night

A date for your diaries, our next Fun Quiz Night

Friday, 10 April 6:45pm for a 7pm sharp start.

We will have the usual excellent choice of beef or veggie chilli with rice plus a few nibbles and some soft drinks.

Please put the date in your diaries, tickets £12 per head, teams max 6 players, food, soft drink and your first drink on the night are included in the price. We will have a selection of alcoholic drinks available on the night, your first included drink.

More details to follow but please start sorting out your teams for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and a bit of much needed fund raising towards the church roof fund.

ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS??

We will be holding a raffle at our next quiz night on 10 April and if you have any unwanted gifts you would like to donate towards our fund-raising efforts, please could you give them to Russ, ideally ahead of the event to save overdoing it on the night, with grateful thanks in anticipation.

Russ 07789250121



Everyone
Welcome

**St Margaret's Church Stratton
Hosts Coffee Morning**

at

St Margaret's Centre

Every Thursday

9:30am - 11:30am

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 21st March

Enquiries or for tabletop sales please call

01793 824339



St Leonard's Church Stanton

Hosts Coffee Morning now at

Stanton House Hotel

10:15am - noon

On the 3rd Wednesday

Of the month

Everyone Welcome



18th March

Rev. Sally Robertson

The Camino de Santiago and our
pilgrimage through life



Carbon Fast

for Lent



Climate Stewards



JOIN THE CLIMATE STEWARDS CARBON FAST 2026!

40 DAYS OF CLIMATE ACTION CHALLENGES

WANT TO TAKE PRACTICAL ACTION THIS LENT TO CARE FOR CREATION AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

WHAT IS A CARBON FAST?

GIVING UP UNSUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION PRACTICES TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT—AND IN DOING SO, LEARNING TO LIVE LIGHTLY ON GOD’S EARTH.

SCAN QR CODE TO JOIN



WHY DO THIS?

BY STARTING TO REDUCE OUR CONSUMPTION AT LENT, AND CONTINUING WITH THOUGHTFUL LIVING THROUGH THE YEAR, WE ARE CARING FOR CREATION, A RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED TO US BY GOD.



FAST TO HELP PEOPLE AND PLANET TO FLOURISH

WEEKLY THEMES:

- WEEK 1: CREATION CARE
- WEEK 2: CONSUMERISM / SHOPPING
- WEEK 3: MONEY / INVESTMENTS
- WEEK 4: FOOD WASTE / MEAT & DAIRY
- WEEK 5: TRANSPORT / DRIVING
- WEEK 6: ENERGY / ELECTRICITY / GAS
- WEEK 7: SOCIAL MEDIA

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- 7 TOPICS WITH 3 CHALLENGE LEVELS
- WEEKLY REFLECTION ON CREATION CARE
- SHARE YOUR PROGRESS WITH US - EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

TO JOIN - SIGN UP VIA QR CODE FOR WEEKLY EMAIL AND TIPS!

Covid-19 Memorial Service - Sunday 8th March 2026

You are warmly invited to attend a commemorative service to mark Covid-19 Memorial Day on **Sunday 8 March 2026** at **Lydiard Park**.

The service will take place at the Covid-19 Memorial Sculpture (behind the Coach House Tea Rooms and next to the Walled Garden) and will begin at **3:00pm**. It will provide an opportunity for our community to come together to remember those who lost their lives during the pandemic, reflect on the impact on families and communities, and acknowledge the dedication and resilience shown across Swindon.

Covid-19 affected all of Swindon's diverse communities in different ways. Bringing loss, isolation and hardship, but also compassion, solidarity and extraordinary acts of service. This event is a chance for us to stand together in remembrance and unity.

The programme will include readings from the Mayor's Chaplain, along with contributions from invited guests and community leaders. As part of the service, attendees will be invited to tie yellow ribbons on the Sculpture as a simple, symbolic act of remembrance and hope.

A sheltered area will be available, and light refreshments will be provided following the service.

If you would like to say a few words as part of the service, please do let me know and we would be very pleased to include you in the programme.

Your presence would be greatly valued as we come together in remembrance and solidarity.

Celebrating 200 years of Methodism in Stratton

St Margaret

24th April – 26th April 2026

at Stratton Methodist Church, Ermin Street



- History display (open Friday evening, Saturday all day).
- Beetle Drive Friday 24th April @ 7pm- fun for all the family.

Refreshments will be served.

- Saturday 25th April 10am - midday. Craft workshops for all the family, with refreshments. Come and try something new!
- Saturday 25th April 4-5.30pm. Cream Teas accompanied by organ music with Christopher and Berkley Hill.
- Saturday 25th April 6.30pm. Celebration Concert with Good Afternoon Choir, The Big Sing Thing and more organ music.
- Sunday 26th April 10.30am. Morning worship with our friends from St Margaret's Parish Church and celebrating our heritage.

There will be no charge for any events.

Donations will be taken for the work of the church.

To book a table for cream tea please call Jane on 07787528448

ADLENT CALENDER



Lent for the year 2026 starts on February 18th and ends on 2nd April, with evening mass on Holy Thursday.

During Lent why not gather items to help those less fortunate than yourselves and create a donation for the **Swindon Food Collective**, a charity helping to feed almost 9,000 people, of which 31% are children.

You do not have to be a practising Christian to take part in the ADLENT CALENDER event – you just need goodwill in your heart.

Here are some donation suggestions:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Tin of Baked Beans	Bottle of Washing Up Liquid	Tin of Spaghetti Hoops	Tin of Corned Beef	Tin of Corned Beef
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Tin of Custard	Jar of Coffee	Tin of Potatoes	Tin of tomatoes	Bar of soap
Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
Packet of long grain rice	Packet of cereal	Tin of fruit	Carton of long life juice	Tinned fry bentsos pie
Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Tin of peas	Tube of toothpaste	Packet of pasta	Tin or packet of soup	Packet of jelly cubes
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25
Carton of long life milk	Tin of ravioli	Tin of carrots	Bottle of shower gel	Jar of pasta sauce
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30
Tin of hot dogs	Tin of rice pudding	Packet of teabags	Tin of sweetcorn	Tin of spam
Day 31	Day 32	Day 33	Day 34	Day 35
2in1 Shampoo/conditioner	Tin of tuna	Laundry pods	Packet of biscuits	Bottle of squash
Day 36	Day 37	Day 38	Day 39	Day 40
Tin of ham	Tin of mixed vegetables	Tin of shaving foam	Tin of sardines	An easter egg

Thankyou.

Registered charity no. 1180603

**Great British Classics
Charity Night.**

**MONDAY
2nd MARCH 2026**

From 7.00pm
(last orders 8.30pm)

**Price £10
per main course**

- **Raffle**

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

(To book a table call 01793-827530
email: thecrownstratton@gmail.com)



Quiet Garden Movement.

sharing outdoor space for the inner journey

The Patchwork Garden.

Open Days 2025 10am – 4pm.

18th April,

25th April,

23rd May,

6th June,

27 Dunbar Road, SN4 9DS.

The garden is wheelchair accessible.

We are again opening our garden through the “Quiet Garden Movement”. We have several quiet seating areas, each with resources to allow you to “come by your self and know God”, through using your five senses in nature. Seating is both in full sun and shade. Drinks will be available, and you are welcome to bring a picnic.

We can also put the resources out for your small groups to come for their summer event in July. There is plenty of space for a group activity, and as individuals three or four people will have enough places to move around freely.

Recycling at St Margaret's Centre

Please bring clean and dry:

-  Bread Bags
-  Milk Bottle Tops
-  Blister Packets
-  Ink Cartridges
-  Stamps

These help support Charities such:



Supporting
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

 **RSPCA**
Oak and Furrows

 Campaign Against
Living Mismemable
CALM

IMPORTANT

Please ensure these are all sorted into correct bins.

They are taken by various volunteers



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