

Welcome

Stratton Team Ministry

See*king, Sharing and Serving*
God Together

St. Margaret's, Stratton

Coleview

St. Mary Magdalene, South Marston

St. Leonard's, Stanton Fitzwarren

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

Transforming Church important please read

On 2 February, the Feast of Candlemas, we move our perspective from looking backwards to the birth of Jesus to looking outwards to his ministry on earth, and to considering our part in his ongoing ministry. We will launch, as planned, a wide-ranging engagement and listening exercise, 'Transforming Church. Together' This process will, we pray, help us to understand what we do well, what we can change for the better and how we can create a positive way forward together in the way of Christ.

Bishop Viv is committed to listening to voices that aren't often heard and opinions that challenge the status quo – and that remains a hallmark of the way in which the listening exercise has been designed. Thank you to those of you who have already written and who have thought deeply about the current questions for our church.

In the weeks ahead, there will be many more opportunities to get involved, to contribute ideas and to share what you long for, for God's Church and for the communities you serve. I want to encourage you to seize this opportunity wholeheartedly and to share openly, frankly and confidently.

The team, led by our Archdeacons Christopher Bryan and Neil Warwick, have been working hard to ensure that the process is joyful, incisive and life-giving – and all done safely on Zoom! Please pray for the groups that will gather and for those who will facilitate them, that with listening ears and open hearts we may truly discern God's Spirit moving among us. The listening exercise will continue from February to Eastertide – and you will be hearing from Christopher and Neil in a matter of days detailing how to get involved.

Then, during May and June, as we live through Pentecost, we will articulate a vision and some priority themes based on a thorough analysis of the results. Following this, we will move to the development of a new mission plan and a funding application to the Church Commissioners in Advent. The process will be iterative throughout, including as many people as possible in the development of the vision and mission plan.

Bishop Viv States “Like you, I long to see God’s love in Christ known and in action in new ways up and down our Diocese, transforming lives and changing communities. My hope is that in the years to come we will look back at this moment and see that the engagement and listening process we are about to begin marked a crucial step towards that future.”

+ Viv

A note from Rev Elveen

This is a chance for us all to have a voice in the shaping of our dioceses. Please do the individual questionnaire it may take some time to do but it will be so worth while if we continue the necessary changes that will ensure we have a Christian presence in the world now and for future generations to come. Please do encourage your non church going friends to fill this question too as it is vital, we hear from those outside the church community.

[Diocese of Bristol | Join the conversation \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org)

As churches we will be continuing to respond to this question, information on this to follow as available.

Stratton Treasure Trail

This treasure trail around Lower Stratton can be done as part of your daily exercise. It'll take you around our local treasures - our historic buildings and areas of interest. Answer the questions as you go and if you complete the trail by 7th March you can enter a draw to win a lockdown hamper of goodies including 3 DVDs, hot chocolate, crisps, popcorn, chocolates and biscuits.

We ask for a minimum donation of £2.50 to purchase your treasure trail instruction sheet. Please email us at FOGSStrattonTrail@gmail.com and we will let you know how to pay. The trail instruction sheet will be emailed to you. (If you don't have email please contact our Facebook page and we can see what we can do!). Trail sheets are available.

Sunday Coffee 9:30am

All welcome to join us Sunday morning for a Zoom chat, let's be together.

Please follow the link click/tap on it or copy into your web browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87164109183?pwd=Vm05VnNOOW1pSTd4VzB6T3lQb2lydz09>

Meeting ID: 871 6410 9183

Passcode: 458797

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God's Story Our Story

Live Lent home groups this year will be via Zoom. If you would like to join please let the office know an email will be required to send you a link. It is NOT too late you are welcome to join through out Lent.

This year to care for the environment we will not be purchasing the booklets as there are so many other free resources. Such as a free app, daily emails can be subscribed to and the daily hope call line 08008048044.

The theme is: God's story, our story. We hope this will be a way for us to join with each other across the Benefice using zoom.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who hasn't been in a group before to try out the experience. In the groups we can learn together and encourage and support each other in our faith journey.

[#LiveLent 2021 church resources: God's Story, Our Story | The Church of England](#)

This Weeks Worship

Monday 22nd February

9am - Morning Prayer Online Via strattonteamministry
Psalm 11, Jeremiah 4: 19 - end and John 5: 1 - 18

Tuesday 23rd February

9am - Morning Prayer Online Via strattonteamministry
Psalm 44, Jeremiah 5: 1 - 19 and John 5: 19 - 29
9pm - Compline Online Via strattonteamministry

Wednesday 24th February - Ash Wednesday

9am - Morning Prayer Online Via strattonteamministry
Psalm 6, Jeremiah 5: 20 - end and John 5: 30 - end
7pm - Live Lent Home Group Via Zoom (email office for invite)

Thursday 25th February

9am - Morning Prayer Online Via strattonteamministry
Psalm 42, Jeremiah 6: 9 - 21 and John 6: 1 - 15
9pm - Compline Online Via strattonteamministry

Friday 26th February

9am - Morning Prayer Online Via strattonteamministry
Psalm 22, Jeremiah 6: 22 - end and John 6: 16 - 27

Saturday 27th February

9am - Morning Prayer Online Via strattonteamministry
Psalm 63 or 76, Jeremiah 7: 1 - 20 and John 6: 27 - 40

Sunday 28th February

9:30am - Coffee & Chat Via Zoom
10am - Sunday Service Online Via Stratton Team Ministry

Online services via strattonteamministry don't need to have a Facebook account to access this but it helps.

The Morning Prayer & Sunday Services will all be available after on our website www.strattonteamministry.co.uk

Sunday 28th February
Second Sunday of Lent
Principal Service Readings



Romans 4: verses 13 - end



Mark 8: verses 31 - end

Please be Alert!!

Across the Church of England, including our Diocese, there has been an increase recently in a particular type of 'phishing' (or scam) emails.

These emails often 'piggyback' on existing email addresses, so you may think they are genuine as a result.

The scammers usually pose as people you will be familiar with, such as Bishops, Archdeacons, other clergy, parish officers or Diocesan staff.

Typically, the emails ask the recipient to reply, not to call and then to purchase online gift cards (eg from Amazon) often as a 'thankyou' for a member of the church community.

Some of the scam emails give the impression of being from an email address you may trust, but on closer examination there will be some subtle differences to the email address that would indicate it's not genuine. (Try 'hovering' your cursor/pointer over the address as this may reveal the real sender.)

Other 'tell-tale' signs include spelling mistakes and a tone pressuring for urgent action or negative consequences.

Please always know you are welcome to call and check any email you receive from us, with any of us. Call the office on 01793 826505.

If you have a bogus email, police are advising recipients to call 101. You can also report suspicious emails you receive directly to HM Revenue and Customs via a dedicated email for investigating scams: phishing@hmrc.gov.uk or Report@phishing.gov.uk.

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

St Margaret's Church will be open by appointment please call the office on 01793 826505 or email stmargaretsoffice2@btconnect.com.

St Mary Magdalene's Church will be open on Sunday afternoons until 5pm, and from 9am until 5pm every Wednesday

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.



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