

St Lawrence, Stratford sub Castle Parish Magazine July 2026

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The Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, the acting Bishop of Salisbury and her chaplain, Sarah Wood-Roe, until recently our priest in Stratford, arriving at a special service in the footprint of the old cathedral at Old Sarum. Read why this took place in our report on p14



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Church duties for July

Flower Rota

5th Judy Villiers 12th
Judy Villiers 19th
Carolyn Cardus
26th Carolyn Cardus

Church Opening

5th Bob Winson
12th Guy Hockley
19th Nigel Afford
26th Jacky Webb

Church Cleaning Rota

1st half: Jo Harrison & Tricia Redshaw
2nd half: Sue Thomson & Carolyn Cardus

Coffee/Tea Rota

5th Jenny Stone & Chris Lush
12th Carrie & John Walsh
19th Judy Villiers & Carole Long
26th Glenys Westmacott

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Dates for your July Diaries

- 1st Mobile Library, Castle Keep, 11.00 - 11.25
- 5th 50's & Beyond, Wessex Folk Orchestra, Arundells garden, 12.00-13.30, see p23
- 5th Stratford Summer Café, 14.30 - 16.30 Reading Room, see p16
- 9th Ladies Together - at 4 Victoria Rd, SP1 3NG, see p17
- 12th National Gardens Open Day, Little Durnford Manor 2 - 4pm, see p7
- 15th Mobile Library, Castle Keep, 11.00 - 11.25
- 29th Mobile Library, Castle Keep, 11.00-11.25

Did you know,

The church has its own website - see www.saintlawrence.org.uk

Defibrillator

In case you need to access the defibrillator urgently, please use the code C123X

The Revd Suzie Allen writes:

I have the privilege of taking weddings. To stand with two people as they make their vows is an honour — as indeed are funerals, though in a very different way. Marriage is a life-long commitment, brought into being through words spoken with loved ones gathered around. In the service, what is said and meant here on earth is bound in heaven.

For some, the journey towards marriage is straightforward; for others, it can be long or difficult. Sometimes it is a hope fulfilled later in life. But whenever it happens, it is always special — and the joy of it ripples outward, touching the lives of family and friends.

If you have a partner, perhaps these summer months offer a moment to pause and remember what you share — to reconnect if you feel you've drifted apart — and to be thankful.

For those who have loved and lost, my heart goes out to you. To have known deep love is a gift, and I hope you carry many memories that continue to bless you.

For those who long for someone special, may you be encouraged: love is worth the wait.

And for those who feel called to be single and content, may you know the richness of love expressed through friendship, family, and community.

I sometimes share this poem at weddings. It always makes me smile. I wonder — what would your recipe for a good marriage be?

Recipe for a Happy Marriage 4

1 cup of Love

2 cups of Loyalty

Dash of Faith

3 cups of Kindness

4 cups of Understanding

1 cup of Friendship

5 spoonfuls of Hope

1 barrel of Laughter

Pinch of Forgiveness (no substitutions)

Dash of Thoughtfulness (not optional)

Take love and loyalty and mix thoroughly with faith.

Blend in kindness and understanding; add friendship and hope.

Sprinkle abundantly with laughter.

Garnish with forgiveness and thoughtfulness.

Bake with sunshine and serve daily with generous helpings.

Revd Suzie

July Services at St Lawrence

5th Trinity 5

10.00 Parish Communion

Streamed

Readings: Romans

7: 15-25a

(Sue Thomson)

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25 to end

(Barry Goldsmith)

Intercessions: Jo Harrison

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd

Sandra Williams

*Streamed services are only available to those who have requested a link. If you would like to attend a service online please contact
Jim Platt
stlawstreaming@gmail.com*

19th Trinity 7

10.00 Parish Communion

Streamed

Readings:

Romans: 8:12-25

(Chris Lush)

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

(Sarah Wilson) Intercessions:

Carrie Walsh Celebrant and

Preacher: Revd Sandra

Williams

A reminder that the church is open for core hours from 10am to 4pm. You may find it open outside these hours, depending on the opener.

12th Trinity 6

10.00 Together in Worship

Reading:

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

(Gwynneth James)

Intercessions: Jane Miller

Officiant & Preacher:

Revd Suzie Allen

18.00 Evensong

Readings:

2 Samuel 7: 18-end Psalm 60

(Jeff Long)

Luke 20: 1-8

(Officiant)

Intercessions: Officiant

Officiant:

Mr Peter Westmacott

26th Trinity 8

08.00 BCP Holy Communion

Readings: Romans

8: 12-17 Matthew

7: 15-21 (Ted Uren)

Celebrant:

Revd Suzie Allen

26th Trinity 8

10.00 Matins

Streamed

Readings:

Song of Solomon 2, Psalm 77

(Heather Balston)

1 Peter 4: 7-14

(Joy James)

Officiant:

Mr Peter Westmacott



**No Morning prayer
in July**

Evensong



**All are welcome at St Lawrence Church
for our Evensong Service
Sunday 12th July at 18.00**



The BCP Communion Service

All are welcome at this traditional reflective service
at 08.00 on Sunday 26th July
in the St Lawrence Chancel

Forthcoming Weddings at St Lawrence



22 nd August	Sarah Hannaford & Joseph Pasquier	13.30
28 th August	Laura Vokins & Scott Ragley	14.00
12 th September	Lucy Moors & Philip Ireland	13.00
12 th December	Sarah Bates & Grahame Dalley	TBC

Please pray for these wedding couples as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Lay Pastoral Assistant is available for pastoral care
Jenny Stone - 07511 226828

Celtic Spirituality



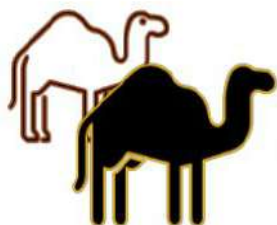
At St Francis Church the next Evening Communion service from the Iona Community will be on

Sunday 26th July at 7pm.

There will be singing, silence and symbols to express our faith in a simple and short service. All are very welcome to attend.

“Many questing young people and stressed older people nowadays seek relaxation through meditation. They look for it in Hindu, Buddhist and other Eastern religions. They are often surprised to learn that there is such a way within the Christian tradition, a way that is known as contemplation.”

Ray Simpson, Exploring Celtic Spirituality



**The Camel Cafe
needs your help!
Sunday 12th July 1-4pm**



Last year we raised £698 for Church Funds running the Camel Cafe at little Durnford Manor on the National Garden Open Day. Lady Chichester has asked us to do it again and has kindly said we can keep the money for our Church. It's a great opportunity.

We will need cake providers, cafe helpers, washers up and help with set up and strike down.



Can you make a cake, or spare an hour or two to help please between 1pm and 4pm? Details are on the sign-up sheets in Church or email me

Carrie
carolynblanch@me.com 07970 284629

St Lawrence Church Calendar - 2026

School Leavers Service	22 nd July 13.15
Patronal Festival	9 th August 10.00
Wedding of Sarah Hannaford & Jospheh Pasquier	2 nd August 13.30
Wedding of Laura Vokins & Scott Ragley	28 th August 14.00
Wedding of Lucy Moors & Philip Ireland	12 th September 13.00
Ride and Stride day	12 th September all day
Juba School 20 th Anniversary service St Francis	27 th September 10.30
Harvest Festival	11 th October 11.00
Remembrance Sunday Service	8 th November 10.00
Wedding of Sarah Bates & Grahame Dalley	12 th December TBC
School Christmas Service	17 th December 14.15

NGS Open Gardens at Little Durnford Manor SP4 6AH

Sunday 12th July 2pm - 5pm. Extensive grounds and wildflower meadows, walled gardens, vegetable garden, water garden, lake with islands, river walks, labyrinth walk, terraces. Plant sale. (*House not open.*)

See the animals including camels, alpacas, llamas, pigs, pygmy goats, donkeys, horses, ponies and sheep - all grazing next to the gardens.

Home-made teas in cricket pavilion - in aid of St Lawrence Church.

Admission £5, children free.



JUBA DIOCESAN MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL
"Building a brighter future"

JDMSS 20th Anniversary Service

Sunday 27th September at 10.30

at St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury SP1 3PN

To be followed by a light sandwich lunch *

** Please let Jenny JDMSS Sponsorship Assistant know if you plan to stay for lunch/have any allergies. Tel: 07765 952854*

St Lawrence Church Porch Giving Basket

There is always a box in the porch of St Lawrence Church. Please feel free to add donations for both the **Foodbank** and **Alabaré** at any time. They will be collected and delivered to the appropriate charity.



Thank you so much for your latest donations to the Foodbank which amounted to 60 kg and were gratefully received.

The following items have been requested this month:

Long Life Fruit Juice	Chocolate
Biscuits	Tinned vegetables
Jam	Coffee
Tinned Fruit	Shower gel
Tinned Meat/Meals	Deodorant
Tinned Potatoes	

Heather Platt

Alabaré thank you

I delivered three heavy bags of gifts to Alabaré in June, for which they are very grateful. Your continued generosity is much appreciated.



Carole Long

Food

Tinned Meals - stews, mince etc.
Tinned soups/baked beans/vegetables
Coffee, sugar
Long Life Milk, Cheese/Butter
Pasta sauces
Cooking sauces (sweet & sour,
black bean, casserole type)

Toiletries

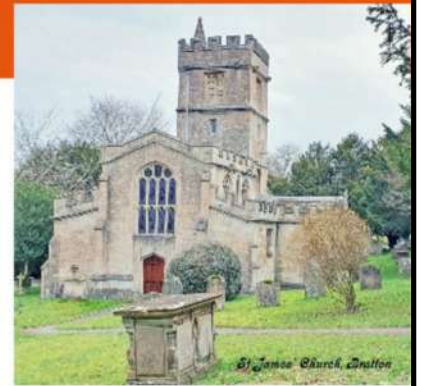
Deodorant
Sunblock
*(no other toiletries
requested this month)*

Clothing

Hats, gloves, scarves
men's coats

WILTSHIRE CHURCHES' OPEN DAY

Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.



Contact:

whct.rs@btinternet.com

www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

01380 831199



Your Local Organiser:

Chris Lush

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A monk cannot shave his own head: (even the greatest of us needs the help of others).

A Korean proverb

We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count.

Neal A Maxwell

Families and Children at St Lawrence

Sunday 12th July
10.00 Together in Worship

Breakfast Church
Sunday July 26th
Details yet to be determined
(See page 11)



Breakfast Church - May

The Breakfast Church family came together for the usual feast of food followed by our story from the Bible



Pentecost – Fire and Wind The

Symbolism of Fire and Wind

The children made Pinwheels to represent the Wind and Crowns to represent Fire.



In reflection just standing still in the moment, listening and feeling what is around you. God's presence is all around us even though we may not feel this at times.

Fire represents God's presence, power and purification and the Wind represents the power, Life and invisible moving force of the Holy Spirit.

Exodus 3: 1-2

- 1 *Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.*
- 2 *There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.*

Alison Clayton

Breakfast Church - July

There are lots of ideas for July depending on how many are around - nothing too strenuous - just some fun food, games, picnic or perhaps meet on Old Sarum to pretend we are people from long ago and explore the ancient Cathedral.



Just give Revd Suzie a call on 07401 191957 or email her on revsuzieallen@gmail.com to find out what is happening.

August Breakfast Church is definitely cancelled so have a great holiday and see you on September 27th for a new Autumn programme.

Children's Corner

It's Summer and the school holidays are nearly here. Are you going away for a week or two, hoping to have fun on the beach, visiting relatives, planning to play in the local fields and parks, explore local attractions, and some further away perhaps? Whatever you do, have a lovely summer and look in the table below for some of the words that you will, no doubt, be using in July and August.

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There are 15 summer holiday related words to find. Be careful though one or two go backwards!

The answers can be found on p17



Saint Lawrence Church
Stratford sub Castle

Patronal Festival

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP SERVICE

9th August - 10 am
St Lawrence Church



Join us to celebrate the life
and ministry of St Lawrence

All welcome!

A Special event in the Parish

As residents of Stratford are well aware, Old Sarum lies within the parish of St Lawrence. On Sunday 14th June a unique event happened in the ruins of the old cathedral at Old Sarum. A service was held to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the transfer of the remains of the three original bishops from the old cathedral on the hill to the not yet completed new cathedral in the valley. The bishops were Osmund (died in 1099), who in 1457 became a saint, Roger (died 1139) and Jocelin (1111- 1184). As well as senior members of the church, these three were important Norman figures. Osmund was involved in initiating the Domesday collation which quantified what William had acquired by conquering England in 1066. Roger was a great administrator and ran the country whilst the King was overseas. He also was good at building castles which upset the king. Jocelin studied law in Bologna but went on to spend his life in the church except when he was excommunicated by Thomas A Becket. He was a close friend of Pope Alexander III who appointed him as Archdeacon of Winchester and subsequently Bishop of Salisbury.

In 1226 the bishop and cathedral chapter did not want to leave behind the remains of their important predecessors in the empty old cathedral. They were members of the family. There is a biblical precedent. The children of Israel carried around Joseph's remains for their forty years in the wilderness. These were not to be buried until the Israelites had reached the promised land.

On 14 June 2026 at 13.30 the acting Bishop of Salisbury, Bishop Karen, the Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, members of the chapter and the choir of Salisbury cathedral held a service called a Pilgrim Office in the ruins of the old cathedral. It was quite a sight to see a cathedral procession move up the aisle of the old cathedral (see photo) as they would have done 800 years ago except then the





Bishop Karen reading a lesson from a Bible held by Revd Sarah

cathedral was still standing. It was particularly moving to hear the lay vicars singing a processional hymn from the 7th or 8th century which sounded like monks at prayer. A few people from the cathedral congregation and a small crowd of slightly bemused visitors watched proceedings. Those with orders of service joined in the singing lead by the wonderful cathedral choir under their Director

of Music, David Halls. Hopefully the photos convey something of the occasion which words cannot. Close behind Bishop Karen in the procession was the bishop's chaplain, Revd Sarah Wood-Roe. Well known to us as our priest at St Lawrence until a couple of years ago. The service continued at 15.30 at the cathedral in New Sarum.

Jim Platt



Director of Music, David Halls, leading the choir

Summer Café

Open for Cream Teas & Cakes

Garden/Kitchen Produce & Pre-loved Books



**The Reading Room
Stratford sub Castle, SP1 3LL**

SUNDAY 5th JULY

2.30pm – 4.30pm

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO
MOTHER'S UNION – VIRTUAL BABY PROJECT**

(NOTE - CASH PAYMENTS ONLY PLEASE)

Ladies Together

Undaunted by torrential rain a group of 12 ladies were welcomed by Judy and Charles Villiers with the warmest of welcomes when visiting their home and garden in June. With umbrellas and dressed for the occasion the group were shown the magnificent gardens and the history explained. Over more than 50 years Judy has been planting and tending the garden, with trees, such as a May tree or a



Tulip tree, planted as saplings now metres high. Rambling Rector and Wedding Day roses, trailing geraniums and wisteria in abundance, the garden could not have been more of a joy had the sun been shining. And the group were even able to watch Gracie, the robot lawn mower, in action, on a wet day too! So many plants, so many superlatives, not diminished at all by the weather, it was the most delightful morning, and it even stopped raining. The biggest of thank yous goes to Judy for her hospitality and for sharing it all with us. Thank you!

The next meeting of ladies is on Thursday 9th July at 4 Victoria Road, SP1 3NG, at 10.00am. Prosecco, cake, coffee all on offer as we celebrate one year of Ladies Together. Please bring good news stories from the papers or the internet, or your own personal good news stories. You do not need to have come before, all welcome. If you would like more details please contact one of the group coordinators,

Glenys (01722 697309), Jane (07932 180903), Jan (07919 050798)

Children's Corner Wordsearch answers

Did you find all the hidden words?

Friends, Mountains, Tennis, Beach, Rockpools, Strawberries, Hiking,
Camping, Sandcastles, Canoeing, Lemonade, Cricket

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT REVEALS THE SCALE OF THE UK'S BIG PLASTIC PROBLEM

You might have seen an article in the March magazine about the "BIG PLASTIC COUNT." It went ahead as planned, the data collation has taken place and the results are now available.



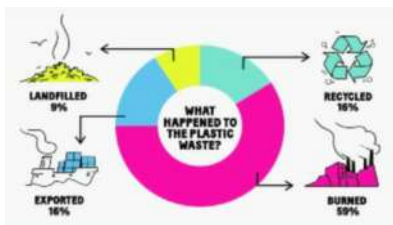
2026 KEY FINDINGS

UK HOUSEHOLDS THROW AWAY AN ESTIMATED 82 BILLION PIECES OF PLASTIC EVERY YEAR

In March 2026, over 68,000 people from schools, households, community groups and workplaces across the UK counted their plastic waste for one week as part of the biggest people-powered investigation into plastic waste. Together, they counted over

1.5 million pieces of plastic. From these figures it was calculated that....

- 82% of household plastic waste comes from food and drink products
- While cleaning & toiletries on their own make up 8%
- Everything else totals 10%



As an example, it is estimated 13 billion pieces of fruit and veg packaging are thrown away every year.

Of this 63% was soft plastic which is almost impossible to recycle at scale, especially in the UK.

As a consequence 65% of fruit and veg packaging was burned rather than recycled creating air pollution and CO₂ emissions.

With limited recyclability, the removal of this plastic from use in the food industry would save money and reduce air pollution.

93% of The Big Plastic Count participants say they would prefer to buy loose fruit and veg if it were available, sending a clear signal that *REMOVAL of plastic - not Recycling - is the priority.*

For the full report go to thebigplasticcount.com/faq with detail and discussion of the 3 actions The Big Plastic Count are calling on the government to implement.

1.

Remove plastic packaging from uncut fruit and vegetables by 2030



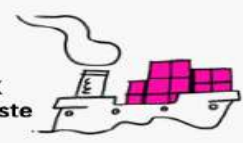
2.

Stop the construction of new waste incinerators immediately



3.

Introduce a phased ban on UK plastic waste exports



Stratford sub Castle Garden Club

STRATFORD SUB CASTLE OPEN GARDENS

Sunday June 14th dawned bright, sunny and warm. Would it last I asked – remembering the grey, dank weather of the previous weekend! But last it did and people turned out in force to view the beautiful gardens in our village – organised by The Garden Club.

171 people came to walk around the village visiting the eight gardens that were open. The tickets had a map showing the address and position of each house. Thanks to Laura Hall for that. There was also a description of each garden.

Small to very large gardens were on view.

All the gardens showed the inspiration, talent, and enjoyment of working in “their” space, or each garden on view. A small garden showed us what can be achieved with the right plants in the right place – use of containers and edging that needed no painting or looking after! The larger gardens are beautifully planned with so much interest. From the garden with “many rooms”, lawns and meadow, to the garden almost park like in appearance.

A plant stall was in St Lawrence Close – which was appreciated – gardeners cannot resist a plant stall!

The meadows at the bottom of some of the gardens were beautiful, looking almost timeless, with mown paths, trees and wild flowers.

And we had cream teas, cakes and tea! They of course did a roaring trade! The ladies serving and washing up, worked flat out all afternoon! One lady on a bicycle ride, stopped for just tea and cake – she didn’t want to see the gardens!

We all learnt a little more about design and plants and came away thinking “could I do that”!

Quite a small team organised this – so our thanks to them and of course to the people who opened their gardens.



Jeff Long

Stratford sub Castle Summer Sunday Café

5th July 2026

We had another busy afternoon for our June café, with proceeds matching the previous month, which meant we were able to donate £635 to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

The main purpose of our cafés though, is to provide the opportunity to get together for a chat and, especially for new residents, to get to know their neighbours, so we do hope that you will join us at our **July** café, which will be **open from 2.30pm until 4.30pm**, in the **Reading Room** (opposite St Lawrence Church).

Also, we are always happy for new volunteers (male and female) to join us and help at the cafés, therefore, if you would like more information about what's involved, please do not hesitate to contact me. You will be most welcome.

Once again, our famous cream teas, savoury alternative and delicious homemade cakes will be waiting to tempt you, as well as our popular seasonal garden and kitchen produce stall, with plants, jams and chutneys, and our pre-loved book stall.

(Please note that we can only accept cash payments.)

Proceeds from the July café will be donated to Salisbury Mothers' Union Virtual Baby Project life skills initiative. It provides young people with computer-programmed "virtual babies" that demand realistic care, teaching them the vital basics of parenting and childcare.

Next month our café will be on **Sunday 2nd August**, with proceeds being donated to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

To keep you up to date, café information is available in the monthly Parish Magazines or at any time on our village website www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk (under Groups) and on our village noticeboard.

CONTACTS – for anyone wishing to donate produce or books.

PRODUCE: JUDY VILLIERS Tel: 01722 500173

BOOKS: BRYAN JENNICK Tel: 07546 365616

We all look forward to seeing you again at one of our great summer Sunday cafés.

Barbara Mayall – Café Co-ordinator



(Tel: 01722 411337)

Studio Theatre Monday 29th June - Saturday 4th July at 19.30



A double bill of two one-act plays by Noel Coward, helmed by Linda Hayman and Sally Marshall. Taken from Coward's 'Tonight at 8.30', '**Hands Across the Sea**' is a light drawing room comedy of very bad manners and '**Still Life**' is the one-act play that inspired the iconic weepy, '*Brief Encounter*'. Tickets from Salisbury Information Centre tel: 01722 342860 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/studiotheatresalisbury

Maesyronnan Chapel – an Active Link to our History

Veronica and I spent a weekend, with friends, at Maesyronnan Chapel near Glasbury, Hay-on-Wye. Our accommodation was the old cottage



originally built for the chapel caretaker. Maesyronnan Chapel ('Chapel in the meadow with the ash tree') is the oldest active non-conformist chapel in Wales, built in 1689 immediately following the Act of Toleration - which was one of the first measures to come from the accession of William and Mary in 1688. This enlightened Act allowed non-conformist groups to worship in public according to their own convictions, and was immediately marked by a local gift of land tenure, and the building of Maesyronnan in a field near Glasbury village. The chapel is a deliberately simple but fine building, with focus on the preacher's pulpit against the north wall. The pews and furniture are simple but sturdy and are still in use.

The Landmark Trust describes the chapel as 'a rare and magical survival', and this is entirely appropriate since it is still in regular use as a place of non-conformist worship. I attended the Sunday Service, expecting a sparse attendance in such a remote place, and found myself to be part of an active and enthusiastic gathering. To my surprise, the Service was led by the Domestic Chaplain to King Charles III, Lt Col Reverend Canon Paul Wright LVO. He had turned aside from his Royal duties to lead our worship to present an inspired sermon on his home ground. His wife Georgina accompanied him, and gave us a glorious solo performance of an anthem written for the coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth. Maesyronnan can fairly claim to be a rare and magical survival in every sense.

Ted Uren

Meet a new advertiser



Hello, my name is Iain Oxley, and I am delighted to introduce Dream Doors Salisbury. Having opened our Salisbury showroom in January 2025, we are proud to have helped hundreds of homeowners across all SP postcode areas transform their kitchens without the cost and disruption of a complete replacement. Many kitchens are still structurally sound, but over time cabinet doors and drawer fronts can become worn, dated or simply no longer reflect a homeowner's style. At Dream Doors Salisbury, we offer a smarter and more cost-effective solution by replacing doors, drawer fronts, worktops and other kitchen components while retaining existing cabinets wherever possible. This can create the look and feel of a brand-new kitchen while often saving customers thousands of pounds. As a local business, we are committed to providing a friendly and professional service from initial design consultation through to installation. We understand that the kitchen is the heart of the home, and we take great pride in helping our customers create a space they love spending time in.

For more information, see our advert on p25. We look forward to helping you update your kitchen at a fraction of the cost of a new kitchen.

Learn more about Horatio Nelson's wife, Fanny

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Although Spire U3A is based at Harnham members come from all around; currently Britford, Barford, Alderbury, Alderholt, Chalke Valley, Stapleford, Stratford and Woodfalls are all represented.

Find out more about us at <https://spire.u3asite.uk/about/>

50s and Beyond

We hope to see you at our coming events. The events are open to all, so feel free to invite a neighbour or friend!

Sunday, July 5, 12:00-1:30pm

Bring your lunch and a chair to enjoy the Wessex Folk Orchestra in the garden of Arundells in the Salisbury Cathedral Close. Cost £5 for entry into the Arundells garden. Contact Melanie Squire at 07813 193660 melaniesquire@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, August 20 2:30-4:00pm

Enjoy a traditional cream tea at the Milford Hall Hotel, 206 Castle Street SP1 3TE. Cream tea cost is £11.95. Please reserve your place by August 13 by contacting Melanie Squire at 07813 193660 melaniesquire@gmail.com.

We are a St Francis based fellowship and service group, focused on people 50+ in age. The events are open to all. To find out more or to be added to the email distribution list, contact kris@richardson.net or any of the organisers.



The poster features a decorative banner at the top with colorful triangles in teal, red, and white with polka dots. The main title 'Community Show' is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, the subtitle 'Bake, Grow, Make, Show' is written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font. The date 'SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 5th September 2026' is in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. The location 'St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury' is also in a teal, sans-serif font. A list of activities is presented in a teal, italicized font: 'Do you enjoy baking? Got a good holiday photo? Have you been growing vegetables? Taken up a new hobby? Fancy having a go at flower arranging?'. A concluding sentence 'Then have a go, all abilities and ages welcome' is in a teal, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a white box with a teal border contains the text: 'Schedules will be available July 2026 from St Francis Church, 1 Assisi Road or Castlemere, Stratford Sub Castle. For more information email emmalsquire@yahoo.co.uk'. The background of the poster is white with a decorative border of green grass and yellow and purple flowers on the left side.

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The Community in Stratford sub Castle

Listed below is the wide range of activities that are available to all, wherever they live. Each organisation welcomes new members.

The **Friends of St Lawrence Church** (Registered Charity no. 1063271) raises funds for the upkeep of our historic church and grounds through the sale of tickets for events and Gift Aided subscriptions.

Contact: Rosemary Winson (Membership Secretary) 01722 325183

The **Garden Club** is open to everyone interested in gardens, gardening and plants. It is especially useful if you are new to the area.

Details: Last Thursday in the month September to June (ex December) 19.30 in The Reading Room. **Contact: Rob Barclay 07867 655642**

The **Stratford sub Castle Guild** is a friendly group of men and women who meet to hear talks on an eclectic range of subjects.

Details: 2nd Wednesday in the month September to June 19.30 (except January & February 2nd Thursday at 14.00) in The Reading Room.

Contact: Jenny Stone 07511 226828

The **History Group** came about partly because of the wealth of material left by long-time residents which needed cataloguing. But the rich history of our parish is a fertile topic for further research and talks are arranged from time to time.

Contact: Barbara Mayall 01722 411337

Join the **Bell Ringing** team, an activity that stimulates the brain, helps keep you fit and makes a glorious sound.

Details: Practice nights Mondays. 19.30 - 21.00.

Contact: Alison Clayton (Bell Ringing Tower Captain) 01722 446634

Come along to our **Summer Sunday Cafés** in The Reading Room and meet up with neighbours for tea/coffee, cakes and a chat. Better still, volunteer to help. All proceeds to local charities.

Details: Once a month, May to September plus a Christmas Special.

Contact: Barbara Mayall (Café Coordinator) 01722 411337

The **St Lawrence Flower Team** is a friendly group of flower arrangers who decorate our (St Lawrence) church in a sustainable way.

Contact: Carrie Walsh 07970 284629

Details of the above can be found on our informative **Village Website:**

www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk which features up-to-date Local News incl road closures; Bin collection dates; Planning Applications; Local Events; Lost & Found; Photo Albums; Walks & Local History. **Contact** sscvillagewebsite@gmail.com

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