

# St Lawrence, Stratford sub Castle Parish Magazine August 2026

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This quilted banner depicting St Lawrence, hangs in Romsey Abbey, where there is a chapel dedicated to him. The photo was taken by one of our bell ringers, Maureen Frost, during a recent visit.

The St Lawrence Patronal Festival is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August see p16



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## Church duties for August

### Church Opening:

2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Griffiths  
9<sup>th</sup> Jim Platt  
16<sup>th</sup> Mike Sheppard  
23<sup>rd</sup> Andy Baxter  
30<sup>th</sup> Chris Lush

### Church Cleaning Rota

1<sup>st</sup> half: Heather Balston & Karen Baxter  
2<sup>nd</sup> half: Heather & Jim Platt

### Church Flower Rota

2<sup>nd</sup> Lynne Pender  
9<sup>th</sup> Lynne Pender  
16<sup>th</sup> Joy James  
23<sup>rd</sup> Joy James  
30<sup>th</sup> Heather Balston

### Magazine Preparation for September

Editors: Rosemary Winson & Terry Ereira  
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## Dates for your August Diaries

2<sup>nd</sup> Stratford Summer Café, 14.30 - 16.30 Reading Room see p17  
12<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, Castle Keep, 11.00 - 11.25  
13<sup>th</sup> Ladies Together, The Riverside, Harnham see p21  
16<sup>th</sup> Patronal Festival see the poster on p16  
20<sup>th</sup> 50's & Beyond Traditional Cream Tea at Milford Hall Hotel see p24  
26<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, Castle Keep, 11.00 - 11.25

### Village Noticeboard

The Community Noticeboard will be out of use from 26<sup>th</sup> July for approximately three weeks as it is to be refurbished. Notices may still be left in the folder in the porch at School House and will be laminated and pinned up where possible. Apologies for any inconvenience.

*Carrie Walsh*

### Defibrillator

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

## The Revd Suzie Allen writes: August 2026 - Becoming



This year I've found myself captivated by these plants. To my untrained eye they look like Cow Parsley - though I'm sure many of you could tell me their proper name.

For weeks I assumed the little green balls were insect nests or cocoons. Only later did I realise they were the flower heads themselves, tightly gathered before unfurling into those delicate white sprays - strong, confident, and quietly proud of the beauty they were revealing. Nature always has more to notice, more to ponder, more to appreciate.

My thoughts then wandered toward humankind. It seems to me that we can spend much of our lives curled inward, held tight - sometimes feeling content, but often held in cautiousness - unaware of the transformation possible when we allow ourselves to open up. There is a beauty in becoming, in releasing the potential that has always been there.

We often cling to what feels safe: familiar routines, familiar places, familiar versions of ourselves. We worry about what might happen if we loosen our grip and step into something new. Staying as we are can feel easier than risking change. And yet, beyond that tight little ball lies possibility. Yes, opening up brings uncertainty - but it also brings freedom. The gift of letting go of fear often outweighs the risk itself. Discovery, exploration, and growth are part of the wonder of being alive.

So whether you're considering a life change, a new career, a conversation you've been hesitant to begin, or simply a new hobby, I pray every blessing over your blossoming. May you look back in days, weeks, and years to come and marvel at the journey you've taken.

And for those of faith, we look to Jesus - the one who calls us into becoming the people he created us to be. He invites us to walk in his light, to step forward in trust, to lift our heads and raise our hands in praise for what he is doing within us. As 2 Corinthians 3:18 reminds us:

*"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."*

God bless.

Revd Suzie

## August Services at St Lawrence Church

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Trinity 9**

#### **10.00 Parish Communion**

##### **Streamed**

Readings:

Genesis 32: 22-31

(Carrie Walsh)

Matthew 14: 13-21

(Barry Goldsmith)

Intercessions: Joy James

Celebrant and Preacher:

Revd Sandra Williams

### **9<sup>th</sup> Trinity 10**

#### **10.00 Together in Worship**

Reading:

Matthew 14: 22-33

(Gwynneth James)

Intercessions: Carrie Walsh

Officiant & Preacher:

Revd Suzie Allen

### **18.00 Evensong**

Readings:

1 Kings 11: 41-12: 20

Acts 14: 8-20

(Judith Kennard)

Psalm 86 (Priest)

Intercessions: Priest

Officiant & Preacher:

Revd Gale Hunt

*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*

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### **16<sup>th</sup> Trinity 11**

#### **Patronal Festival**

#### **10.00 Parish Communion**

##### **Streamed**

Readings:

2 Corinthians 9: 6-10

(Chris Lush)

John 12: 24-26

(Sarah Wilson)

Intercessions: Jo Harrison

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Sandra Williams



**Lay Pastoral Assistant** is available for pastoral care

Jenny Stone - 07511 226828

## August services at St Lawrence Church *continued*

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 12**

#### **08.00 BCP Holy Communion**

Readings:

2 Corinthians 3: 4-9

Mark 7: 31-37

(Ted Uren)

Celebrant:

Revd Suzie Allen

*No Breakfast Church this month*

#### **10.00 Matins**

**Streamed**

Readings:

Jonah 2

(Heather Balston)

Revelation 1

(Joy James)

Psalm 104: 1-25 (Officiant)

Officiant:

Mr Peter Westmacott

### **30<sup>th</sup> Trinity 13**

#### **10.00 Celtic Communion**

**Streamed**

Readings:

Exodus 3: 1-15

(Jeff Long)

Matthew 16: 21-end

(Carole Long)

Intercessions: Ted Uren

Celebrant & Preacher:

Revd Suzie Allen



### **Forthcoming Weddings at St Lawrence**



|                            |                                   |       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> August    | Sarah Hannaford & Joseph Pasquier | 13.30 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> August    | Laura Vokins & Scott Ragley       | 14.00 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> September | Lucy Moors & Phillip Ireland      | 13.00 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December  | Sarah Bates & Grahame Dailey      | TBC   |

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

## Morning Prayer

There will be no morning prayer  
in August



Evensong



All are welcome at St Lawrence Church  
for our **Evensong Service**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 18.00**



**The BCP Communion Service**  
All are welcome at this traditional reflective service  
**at 08.00 on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
in the St Lawrence Chancel

## Celtic Spirituality



At St Francis Church the next  
Evening Communion service from the  
Iona Community will be on  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 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.

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.



# St Lawrence Church Calendar - 2026

|                                                             |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Patronal Festival                                           | 16 <sup>th</sup> August 10.00      |
| Wedding of Sarah Hannaford & Joseph Pasquier                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 13.30      |
| Wedding of Laura Vokins & Scott Ragley                      | 28 <sup>th</sup> August 14.00      |
| School New Beginnings Service                               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 09.15    |
| Wedding of Lucy Moors & Philip Ireland                      | 12 <sup>th</sup> September 13.00   |
| Ride and Stride                                             | 12 <sup>th</sup> September all day |
| Juba School 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary service St Francis | 27 <sup>th</sup> September 10.30   |
| Harvest Festival                                            | 11 <sup>th</sup> October 11.00     |
| Remembrance Sunday Service                                  | 8 <sup>th</sup> November 10.00     |
| Wedding of Sarah Bates & Grahame Dailey                     | 12 <sup>th</sup> December TBC      |
| School Christmas Service                                    | 17 <sup>th</sup> December 14.15    |



**Families and Children at St Lawrence**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**10.00 Together in Worship**

**No Breakfast Church in August**  
**(back in September)**

## New Beginnings Service

The summer term at Stratford school has ended. The former year 6 pupils will be moving onto secondary school and there will be a new intake of pupils for the new school year 2026/2027.



The autumn term will begin on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September with a 'New Beginnings' service in the church at 09.15 to mark the occasion. All the children new to the school will be welcomed by name.

All parents and families are invited to join in the service which will be followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

The St Lawrence bell ringers will be ringing the church bells to welcome everyone to the service.





## Breakfast Church - June



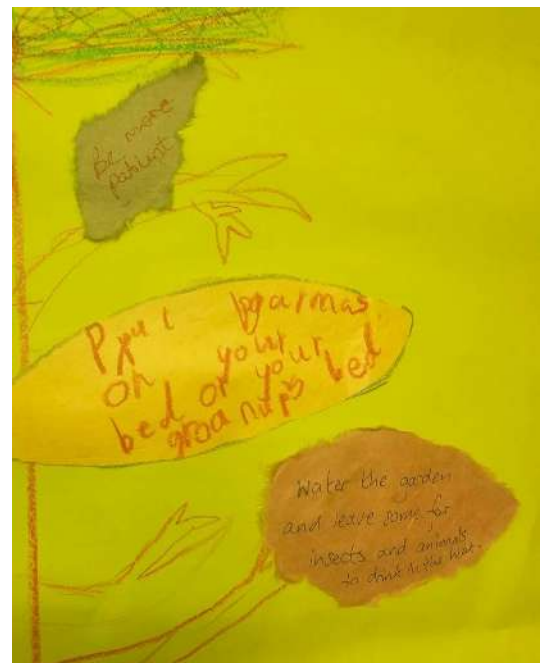
June's breakfast church was a lovely gathering. We feasted on fresh fruit, croissants, waffles, fruit juice and plentiful coffee before being led in a time of reflection and activities organised by Lisa and Andy.

This month we looked at Jesus' words in Matthew 17:20 where he said: "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, '*Move from here to there*', and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

We thought about the size of a mustard seed (tiny) and what Jesus meant when he said faith this small could move massive things. We went on to reflect upon the power of small actions to achieve great things and have a positive impact on those around us and in our own lives.

We thought about what small everyday things we could do to be a force for good in our communities - the ideas were far ranging from calling an old friend, checking on elderly parents, putting our pyjamas on the bed to help Mummy, and tidying up our toys.

We also created a giant rubber band ball - showing how lots of tiny actions when combined can create something huge - our collective actions can be a significant force for good. And finally we planted cress seeds (also tiny) and have watched them grow into sizeable plants which we can now enjoy in our salads and sandwiches.



Our 'Tree of Actions' - image Alison

Huge thanks to Andy and Lisa for leading such a fun session and to everyone who came and contributed food. It was an enjoyable and life affirming morning.

Jo

Breakfast Church is taking a break until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Children’s Corner

There’s a Summer word search as well as some pictures to colour in this month. What colour will you use for the sun framing the snorkler’s head?



## The fledgling has flown

Whether you come to church or not you will have been aware of the presence of Sophie Ferguson in our community. Sophie was an ordinand (trainee priest) in St Lawrence for several years under Revd Sarah Wood-Roe. In that time she threw herself enthusiastically into the work of the church. The event most people in the village will remember will be her production of the Nativity play in the churchyard for a number of Christmases complete with camels, donkeys and Shetland ponies generously provided by Lady Chichester. Sophie was the driving force behind breakfast church and also found time to make the case for the bronze award given to St Lawrence for its environmental efforts.

Last year she graduated in her theological studies at Sarum College and was admitted to the Church of England as a deacon in a ceremony at the cathedral at which she became the Revd Sophie. She was then appointed as a curate at the cathedral and in the Harnham parish. As a deacon she could not preside at a communion service but in all other respects she became deeply involved in the work of both places. Her energy and lovely personality quickly earned her the respect and affection of the congregations in Harnham and the cathedral. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, she and a number of other deacons/curates took part in a ceremony in the cathedral, led by the acting Bishop of Salisbury, called priesting. As the name implies this ceremony converts deacons into fully qualified priests able to administer communion .



*Left: Revd Sophie with Revd Becky Roberts and Revd Ross Meikle changing her stole around to signify her priesting.*



*Right: Revd Sophie with Rt Revd Karen Gorham - Bishop of Sherbourne and Acting Bishop of Salisbury, Revd Becky Roberts, Revd Ross Meikle, and Sophie's two children.*

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The first time Sophie presided at a communion service was on 28<sup>th</sup> June, the day after her priesting. This was at All Saints' church, Harnham. The church was packed with local people, and with Sophie's friends and family. The Vicar of Harnham, Revd Becky Roberts, reversed roles and acted as Sophie's deacon. Also present was Sophie's mentor from the cathedral Revd Ross Meikle, a residentiary canon, who leads the cathedral youth work. Sophie asked Revd Pat Clegg to preach the sermon. Pat is well known in St Lawrence where she was a much-loved member of the congregation for many years and frequently presided at communion services. Sophie's father, Mike Bacon, read the lesson. At the part in the service where Sophie was administering communion, her husband, Toby, sang a worship song written by their friend Evan Wickham. Toby accompanied himself on the piano. Also present were Sophie's children, Rory and Esme, and her parents making it a truly family affair.

As a sign of the affection in which Sophie is held in Harnham, Revd Becky gave her a present from the congregation. After the service the group photo below was taken. Cake and drinks were served at the back of the church.



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As is becoming clear in this narrative, Sophie is a curate in the cathedral as well as Harnham. Her first opportunity to preside at a cathedral Holy Eucharist (communion) service was on 5<sup>th</sup> July. On this occasion Revd



Ross Meikle, her mentor at the cathedral, acted as her deacon. The Dean, the Very Reverend Nicholas Papadopoulos, welcomed Sophie in his remarks before the service.

As president, Sophie could choose who she wanted to preach the sermon. She chose the Revd Sarah Wood-Roe who had been her supervisor while she was an ordinand at St Lawrence. It was lovely to see them both together again.

Revd Sarah moved on from St Lawrence a couple of years ago to become the Bishop's chaplain. Her comment after the service was '*It was so wonderful to see Sophie preside with such grace and in such a natural way*'. Praise indeed, coming from Revd Sarah.



Again, showing the high regard Sophie has also earned in the cathedral, there was a gift presentation, cake and drinks after the service.

It has been a whirlwind couple of weeks for Sophie but she has made an excellent start to her ministry.

*Jim and Heather Platt*



## Fantastic result: The Camel Cafe raises £1049 for St Lawrence Church

An afternoon temperature of 30°C plus, tempered by a cooling breeze and the shade offered by gazebos and umbrellas, enticed some 200 people to The Camel Café at Little Durnford Manor on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Our customers had been viewing Lord and Lady Chichester's beautiful grounds on their Open Day under the NGS scheme, and our Camel Café offered welcome refreshment and a wonderful selection of cakes, tarts and biscuits made by members of the congregation.



Our pop-up café was set up in the cricket pavilion and surrounding pasture and we appreciated help from two of the estate staff who assisted Jim Platt, the Sheppard Family, and John Walsh, with gazebos and furniture layout.



Sixteen enthusiastic members of St Lawrence Church, Stratford sub Castle, were a very efficient team - serving, clearing tables and washing up - and they kept the service flowing for three hours in the heat.

We did a roaring trade, (better than last year) and Lady Chichester graciously allowed us to keep the money raised, which after some small expenses, was £1049. A magnificent total to go to Church funds.

Congratulations and a big thank you to everyone who took part and very many thanks to all who supported us! We hope to see you next year.

*Carrie Walsh*

# 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 46.5 kg and were gratefully received.

The following items have been requested this month:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Tinned meat/meals</b>       | <b>Tinned fruit</b>    |
| <b>Fruit juice (long life)</b> | <b>Tinned potatoes</b> |
| <b>Biscuits</b>                | <b>Dried noodles</b>   |
| <b>Tinned vegetables</b>       | <b>Toiletries</b>      |
| <b>Coffee</b>                  |                        |

Heather Platt

## Alabaré thank you



There are no changes to the requested items this month. 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**





**Saint Lawrence Church**  
Stratford sub Castle

# Patronal Festival

Note Revised Date

**16th August - 10 am**  
**St Lawrence Church**



Join us to celebrate the life  
and ministry of St Lawrence  
**All welcome!**

# Summer Café

## Open for Cream Teas & Cakes

**Garden/Kitchen Produce & Pre-loved Books**



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

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST**

**2.30pm – 4.30pm**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO BE DONATED TO**

**WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE**

**(NOTE - CASH PAYMENTS ONLY PLEASE)**

## **Stratford sub Castle Garden Club**

The AGM of the club was held on 25<sup>th</sup> June in Judy and Charles Villiers garden, in a welcome shady part!

The meeting was attended by 19 people. Apologies were received from Andrew and Dorothy Richards, Jenny Pankhurst, Barbara and Steve Mayall, Susan Carey, Angela Cappell, Lyndall Willis, Chris Lush.

The Treasurer's Report was clearly presented by Alison Clayton – if you would like a copy of the report please contact Alison. Thanks were given to Alison for her work as Treasurer.

The Programme Secretary's report given by Jeff Long showed that attendance at meetings remained 25 – 35. The programme for the year had been well received and enjoyed.

The Open Gardens had been a success as previously reported.

Jeff Long is standing down from the role of Programme Secretary and as a committee member, but has booked all the speakers for the coming year.

### **Election of Committee:**

Chairperson: Jo Harrison

Treasurer: Alison Clayton

Membership Secretary: Dorothy Richards

Committee: Judy Villiers, Lynne Pender, Rob Barclay, Chris Lush

Programme Secretary: VACANT

Secretary: VACANT

**This coming year is the 40<sup>th</sup> of the club. Our first meeting of the new season is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm in the Reading Room. The speaker will be Laura Hall - her subject "Creating sustainable wildlife features in your garden". Those of you who came to "Open Gardens" will remember her lovely garden. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.**

The AGM closed with thanks to Judy and Charles for their hospitality and refreshments, and the outgoing Programme Secretary was given a gift in thanks for his work on the committee.

*Jeff Long*



**The Friends of St Lawrence Church – fundraising event**  
*Registered Charity 1063271*

## **Save the Date - Friends of St Lawrence talk - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Reading Room**

Our speaker for October will be **Clare Waddell**, who many of you will know as a fellow resident of Stratford sub Castle.

Clare is a dietitian at Salisbury District Hospital and has worked in the field of nutrition for more than 30 years. Clare's talk is titled "**Can We Make Stratford sub Castle a Blue Zone?**"

For anyone unfamiliar with the term, *Blue Zones* are regions of the world where people not only tend to live exceptionally long lives but also enjoy remarkably good health, wellbeing, and a strong sense of community.

During her talk, Clare will explore what makes these communities so special, what the latest scientific research tells us about healthy ageing, and the practical steps that individuals and communities can take to improve health, happiness, and social connection.

Drawing on her expertise in nutrition, Clare will place particular emphasis on the role of food, explaining how small, achievable changes to our diets can have a significant impact on our gut microbiome and overall health.

There will be plenty of time for questions at the end of the evening, so if you have any burning questions about nutrition or healthy eating, do come along and ask!

Ticket details will be published in the September magazine and on the village website.

*Alix Smith*



## **Stratford sub Castle Summer Sunday Café - 2nd August (2.30pm to 4.30pm)**



We had a lovely sunny day for our July café, which meant we had a lively, busy time, with proceeds amounting to £514 being donated to the Mothers' Union - Virtual Baby Project.

We are hoping our luck holds for our August café so that you can continue to enjoy our delicious homemade cakes and cream teas or our savoury cheese scones.

As always, our kitchen/garden produce and pre-loved books tables will be offering more bargain buys.

***(Cash Payments only please.)***

Proceeds from our August café will be donated to Wiltshire Air Ambulance. In the first six months of 2026 they have responded to 595 emergencies across Wiltshire and Bath, bringing hospital-level critical care to people when every second mattered.

As always, café information will be available in the monthly Parish Magazines, on our village noticeboard, and at any time on our village website [www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk](http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk) (under Groups) where you can also view photos taken at the cafés.

### **CONTACTS**

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BRYAN JENNICK

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Next month will be our last café of the summer season, on Sunday 6th September, so don't miss out, make a note in your diaries now. Proceeds will be donated to Old Sarum & Longhedge Pantry.

We all look forward to seeing you soon.

*Barbara Mayall  
Café Co-ordinator  
(Tel: 01722 411337)*



**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.*



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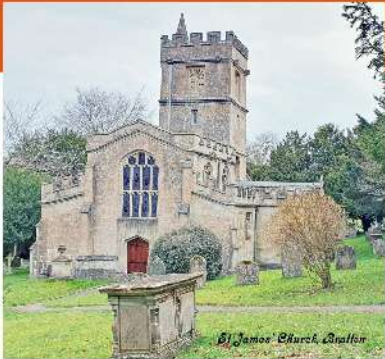
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**Chris Lush**

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*St James' Church, Swallow*

## Ladies Together

The July gathering was all about good news, and there was plenty of it - from a tale about a lost and found cat, to the admiration for the Princess of Wales on her recent Three Peaks climb, to a Good Samaritan in Lancashire donating secretly in gold coins to churches, £70,000 so far. Fuelled by a celebratory glass of Prosecco or soft drink, and Jan's delicious cake, it was a relaxing morning, the only challenge was to dodge the sun!

**In August 'Ladies Together' will meet at:**  
**The Riverside, Harnham Road, SP2 8JN**  
**on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am.**

**We look forward to a short talk by Revd Suzie and a stroll in the gardens afterwards.**

All ladies welcome, you do not need to have come before.

Co-ordinators: Glenys 01722 697309     Jan 07919 050798  
 Jane 07932 180903 (text) or [jane.e.miller@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.e.miller@btinternet.com)



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# MIDNIGHT WALK

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SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

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Moments of Reflection



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Glitter Stations



DJ Kev - Radio Odstock



Memory Cinema



Memory Wall



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## Stratford sub Castle Guild

The Guild is a friendly group that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday\*\* of each month from September to June for a varied programme of talks and social events. Recent topics have included 'The Woman who saved the Nation', 'Responding to Disasters', 'Artificial Intelligence – the future is now' and 'From Script to Screen'. Reviews of all meetings are available to read on the village website [www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk](http://www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk)

Meetings are held in the Reading Room, Stratford Road, (opposite St Lawrence Church) starting at 7.30pm\*\* and ending about 9.00pm. After the talks there is tea or coffee, biscuits and time for a chat. It's a great way to meet up with your neighbours, and for those new to the village, to make new friends. The Annual subscription is £15, visitors £5 per meeting and includes refreshments.

**Our 2026-27 season begins on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.** The Guild is open to everyone and we are happy to welcome new members and visitors throughout the season. For more information or to join us please contact: Jenny Stone 07511 226828 or [jstraceystone@hotmail.com](mailto:jstraceystone@hotmail.com)

*\*\*Exceptions being Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2027 which are afternoon meetings starting at 2pm.*

Full details of our new programme will be published in the September edition of this magazine and on the village website.

*Terry Ereira  
Guild Secretary*



JUBA DIOCESAN MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL  
*"Building a brighter future"*

**JDMSS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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*



## 50s and Beyond

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

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm - 4pm**

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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](mailto:kris@richardson.net) or any of the organisers.

A promotional poster for a 'Community Show' with the theme 'Bake, Grow, Make, Show'. The title is written in a large, blue, cursive font. Above the title is a banner of colorful triangular flags (red, orange, green, and white with polka dots). Below the title, the subtitle 'Bake, Grow, Make, Show' is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The event date 'SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026' is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The location 'St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury' is in a blue, sans-serif font. A list of activities in a blue, cursive font includes 'Do you enjoy baking?', 'Got a good holiday photo?', 'Have you been growing vegetables?', 'Taken up a new hobby?', and 'Fancy having a go at flower arranging?'. A concluding sentence 'Then have a go, all abilities and ages welcome' is in a blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a white box with a blue 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](mailto:emmalsquire@yahoo.co.uk)'. The poster is decorated with illustrations of flowers and grass 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month September to June 19.30 (except January & February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:sscvillagewebsite@gmail.com)

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