

The Methodist Church

Church Stretton

IN THE SHROPSHIRE & MARCHES CIRCUIT



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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. IF YOU ARE VISITORS WE TRUST THAT YOUR HOLIDAY WILL BRING YOU JOY AND REFRESHMENT OF SPIRIT. PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP IN THE HALL FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE.

SUNDAY SERVICES

COVENANT SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2026

10.30 am Rev George Heinz – Holy Communion

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026

10.30 am Joyce Evans

WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2026

10.00 am to 12.00 Baby & Toddler Group – in church hall

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm “Cuppa & Chat” – in church hall

**WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Brenda Roberts , Linda Roberts . Pam Rush , Frances & Peter Sutton ,
Sally & Peter Walton , Sheila Whitlock , Sally Williams .
Christine & Gerry Richardson .

REFLECTION..... on the Covenant of Love.

Taking the vow of the Covenant was frequently held in the Old Testament. We read that Jonathan and David made a Covenant of love which was contrary to the wishes of Jonathan's father, King Saul, who had vowed the death of David.

Today the Covenant is not as it was then. It is initiated by God and is a vow of love between God and ourselves. Doubtless we will often break the vow during the coming year, but that does not break God's vow for us, his Covenant of love.

As we begin the New Year, there is nothing more important than the vow of God's love which we thankfully receive.

Tony Hearle

P.S. Not having been well lately, I feel unable to continue my weekly reflections. Should I at any time have an inspiration for another reflection, I will ask that it may be used.

SANDFORD SERVICES 2026

The dates for our monthly services at the Sandford have been arranged as follows - January 27th; February 24th; March 24th; April 28th; May 19th; June 23rd; July 28th; August 25th; September 29th; October 27th; November 24th; December 29th. All services start at approximately 11am and any one can attend.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE STRETTONS

The next Churches Together Open Forum is on Thursday January 22nd, 2.30pm in St Laurence's Parish Centre. All are very welcome.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18th – 25th 2026

Sunday 18th Jan – Day 1 'Our calling'

Monday 19th Jan -2pm - URC - Day 2 'Bearing with one another in love'

Tuesday 20th Jan- 9.15am – St Laurence's- Day 3 'The bond of peace'

Wednesday 21st Jan-9.30am – St Milburga's - Day 4 'Called to one hope'

Thursday 22nd Jan-10am - Methodists - Day 5 'One faith, one baptism'

Friday 23rd Jan-9.00am – St Michael's- Day 6 'One God over all'

Saturday 24th Jan -3.30pm -Quakers (at St Milburga's) - Day 7 'Christ's Gift'

Sunday 25th Jan– 1pm Bring and Share lunch in Methodist Church Hall

followed by 3pm UNITED SERVICE

STRETTON FOODBANK UPDATE as at 3.1.2026

Happy New Year to all our clients and donors.

Thank you to everyone that took time over the busy festive week to donate food at the Coop and Mayfair. Friday was our quietest open Foodbank session for many years, so our shelves remain well stocked with the exception of the following:

1. Rice (dried)
2. Tinned sardines
3. Tinned tuna
4. Peanut butter
5. Squash

Of course, if you wish to donate something else, we are grateful for everything we receive.

Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Coop or at the Mayfair Centre.

Items for the church notices for the 18th January please to
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