The Sexton's Wheel

The magazine for the villages of Long Stratton & Wacton



TWO IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

MOTHERING SUNDAY - 22ND MARCH
AND
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH BRITISH SUMMER TIME
BEGINS
- SO DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD
BEFORE GOING TO BED



March 2020

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The Parish Office is open 8.30 - 12.30 Monday to Thursday, but you can still contact us at the Rectory outside these times. Callers are always welcome.

If you know of anyone who is unwell or would benefit from a visit from a member of our ministry team please contact the Parish Office (530238).

Long Stratton Town Council, The Street, Long Stratton

Usual office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 1pm and by appointment at other times.

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This is the month we look forward to spring, especially with the clocks going forward bringing longer day light.

Also we mustn't forget Mothering Sunday on the 22nd March - make sure you spoil your mum!

Let's Chat is back this month after it's winter break on Tuesday 17th March - see page 5.

Apologies for mentioning 2021 already but the Churches need your thoughts on whether to do a calendar next year - see page 25 for more information.

The Sexton's Wheel Team

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Mums the word!

Sometimes we wonder how they do it. You know, that person who always has time for you, always has the right words to say, always can offer the exact thing you're after.

You know that person I'm talking about. Every family has one. In my family she is called **MUM**. What does a mum offer?

Well, if we've got the sniffles or some other ailment she has the right medicine. It's always mum who knows when the birthdays are or where the kids have to be on any given night of the week. It's mum who has the tea on the table and organises the supermarket to deliver in time. It is mum who taught us to use a knife and fork even if now it's us who now teaches her to use a computer! If you needed something for school it was mum who knew where to get it. So this person is Medic, Organiser, Taxi, Homemaker, Educator, Resourceful. Simply put it spells out MOTHER. Having looked at all the practical things a mum offers probably the thing they offer most is unconditional love. We all know there are times when we have not treated our mum's in the best way but they still love us.

In life a mum can do much but we need someone else who can take care of our soul. God is our Spiritual mother. God is one person but is multi- functional. God gives us life through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus says in John's gospel that he came that we might have life and life to the full. God directs us through his Holy Spirit. We all have that little voice inside us telling when we are doing good or bad.

But there are two big things I want to think about that God offers and they are love and forgiveness. Just like a mother, God's love is unconditional. It says in Romans 5 that God directed his love towards us in that even though we had sinned (done wrong) Christ died for us. Jesus death and resurrection means that we can be forgiven. Again in Romans it says the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ.

When we celebrate Mother's Day on the 22nd and remember her love please remember the love that God offers too.

Steve Adcock Reader, St Mary's Church.

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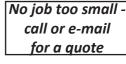
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We are holding our next Open Meeting at Poringland Community Centre when Wiltshire Foods will be talking about their products and will have tasters too. Also on the agenda we have Rachel Hillier speaking on the role of The First Responders and also about keeping safe in your own home, particularly relevant to those vulnerable elderly living on their own.

Our meeting is on **Wednesday 25th March** from 1.30pm-4.30pm with light refreshments.

We would welcome anyone interested in the welfare of the vulnerable to attend our meetings and get the up to date information available.

For more information you can contact Pearl on 01379 740753 or email pearljoy@mypostoffice.co.uk

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We may soon be extending the number of plots we have and after accommodating all those on our waiting list there will be some to let.

If you would like more details please contact Linda at the Church Parish Office, The Rectory, Flowerpot Lane, 01508 530238 or e-mail linda. parishadmin@btconnect.com



MOORE'S MYSTERY TOUR

Thursday 28th May - £20 pp

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LONG STRATTON & DISTRICT WI

"A Room with a View" was the title our January speaker gave his talk and we were right to expect travel rather than the romantic story by E.M. Forster set in Italy. Our evening was spent in the Swiss Alps where Mr Goode enjoyed walking and collecting alpine plants. He told us he holds the national collection of some crocuses and showed many interesting photographs of plants in their natural surroundings. At intervals there would be a spectacular photograph of the view

from the window of wherever he had been staying, mainly mountain cabins rather than hotels. A very good start to our year.

At the beginning of February some of our members met up in Norwich for lunch and some visited the Norfolk Makers' Festival at the Forum. They enjoyed seeing the working model of a traditional Norfolk fairground made entirely from



glass and a knitted Sandringham from the Norfolk crafter who made the view of Yarmouth, seen there last year. There was also the opportunity to try some crafts or make purchases.

If you missed the above talk and would like to join us in March, we are welcoming back Helen, who was fortunate to be invited to a royal wedding. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in Long Stratton Village Hall at 7.30. pm. Do come and join us on the 18th March, you will be made very welcome.

For further information contact our Secretary Mrs Shirley Housden on 01508 531154.

Let's Chat Coffee Group is back!

We will begin meeting again every Tuesday beginning 17th March from 10.15 am at St Mary's Church. It is a chance to catch up with friends - old and new! A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to come along and join us. For more information contact Janet Roberts on 530121. forward to seeing you.



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LONG STRATTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Meet our Long Stratton FC Under 13 Girls

Back row left to right:

Paul Simmons [manager], Gracie S, Rose G, Niamh N, Tamzin G, Kate S, Esme G, Emily R.

Front row left to right:

Shannon B, Maisie P, Lucy T, Amelia O. Maddie K not available for team photo.



Long Stratton U13 girls is a newly formed team this season, and we play in the Norfolk Women's & Girls' Football league. We would like to thank East of England Co op for kindly sponsoring the team kit.

We were able to form this new team off the back of our very successful SSEWildcats girls only football centre which runs every Wednesday 6-7pm at Long Stratton Leisure Centre. We are always looking for new girls to join in and enjoy the experience of playing fun football games. It is primarily for 5-11 year olds but we have quite a few girls over age who love to be involved.

The U13 girls have found it hard since they started as they are playing teams that are established and been playing together for many seasons. These girls have an amazing team spirit and love playing football together no matter what the result. Through their hard work and determination to improve they are getting better and better every time they play and we hope to have a few points on the board at the end of the season.

We are always looking for players to expand our youth teams and add to our coaching team. If you are interested in joining our fantastic community club please make contact through our social media pages or contact Paul Simmons on 07788 717254 or paulsimmons7@gmail.com

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LOCAL WALK FEBRUARY WALK

Six walkers gathered on the carpark at 10am with the most important person missing. Our leader, who had devised this lovely walk, couldn't be with us! However, she had sent instructions and so it was with that





we set off into the unknown with these, a map, and boundless optimism.

We parked at Forncett Village Hall and began a steady climb up Cheney's Lane. Who says Norfolk is flat? We admired a wonderful garden with swathes of snowdrops, before turning off right into High Road with extensive views down to the valley in the winter sunshine.

Some hazel trees with pretty catkins provoked an interesting discussion on the difference between pollarding and coppicing, Penny proving very knowledgeable here. Daffodils in bud were all along the hedgerow and we heard the first lark of spring before seeing three of them fluttering together. Were they vying for territory?

A long line of manure heaps came into view: "Some sizeable moles around here", quipped Colin. We passed Dun Trosh Un cottage and turned right towards the Tas valley. The Chequers pub used to be on this road but all that remains is the faded name painted on the side of an out-building. Just before reaching the river, we came to a house with a paddock of white peacocks and some deer and on the opposite side,

two horses - one enormous and one tiny. Here we had a choice: take the easy route back along Low Road or brave the possibly boggy water meadows of the Tas Valley Way. Of course, we chose the latter and were so glad we did.



Although there were several awkward stiles, one very wobbly indeed, and several almost-but-

not-quite impassable quagmires - above one of which someone got precariously hooked up by his woolly glove - the sense of peace and of being deep in the countryside was magical.

The way was not that easy to find. Although it looked simple on the map, it was a little zig-zagged and you had to get it right or you missed a vital stile or bridge. At last the square tower of St Mary's church came in sight across the water meadow and we headed downhill for the bridge across the Tas. We finished the walk by strolling through the charming churchyard, through the little lych gate, and down the path to our start point.

Bonnie

We meet the first Monday of every month [2nd March] in the Long Stratton car park near the toilets at 10am. Everyone is welcome. We always aim to be back in time for lunch.



Holy Week and Easter

In the Parish Churches of Long Stratton and Wacton



PALM SUNDAY - 5th April

9.30am - Holy Communion in All Saints', Wacton 11.00am - Palm Sunday All Age Worship

MONDAY - 6th April

9.00pm - Compline and Reflection - St. Mary's Church

TUESDAY - 7th April

9.00pm - Compline and Reflection - St. Mary's Church

WEDNESDAY - 8th April

9.00pm - Compline and Reflection - St. Mary's Church



MAUNDY THURSDAY - 9th April

7.00pm - Agape Meal - St. Mary's Church

'Remembering the last supper with foot washing and a

bread and cheese supper'

9.00pm - Compline and Reflection - St. Mary's Church



GOOD FRIDAY - 10th April

9.00am - Reflection at St. Michael's Church

10.30am - All Age Good Friday Meditation at St. Mary's

Followed by Hot Cross Buns

3.00pm - Hour at the foot of the Cross - All Saints', Wacton



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EASTER SUNDAY - 12th April

8.30am - Holy Communion at St. Michael's Church

9.30am - Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Wacton

11.00am - All Age Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church Followed by an EASTER EGG HUNT in the churchyard for

the young at heart

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They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation

Everyone welcome
Refreshments will be served following the service
Speaker will be the Rector of Tasburgh the Revd Austin Uzoigwe

Members' Outings for March/April

March:

Mon 2nd – Lunch at The White Horse, Stoke Ash – return fare - £7.00



Mon 9th - Thetford Town & Garden Centre - return fare - £15.00

Mon 16th - Halesworth & Lunch at The Angel Inn - return fare - £15.00

Mon 23rd – Bury St Edmunds – return fare - £15.00

Mon 30th – Highways Nursery & Shopping Centre – return fare - £10.00

April:

Mon 6th – Afternoon Tea at Gissing Community Centre – return fare & tea - £15.00

Thurs 9th - Waitrose (Wymondham) - return fare - £10.00

Thurs 16th – Bungay & Lunch at The Buck Inn, Flixton – return fare - £10.00

Mon 20th – Waveney Stardust Boat Trip – return fare & boat trip - £20.00

Thurs 30th – Alder Carr Farm Shops & Café – return fare - £10.00

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A healthy diet and regular exercise contribute to avoiding obesity, controlling our blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and reducing the risk of diabetes, all of which are risk factors for heart disease.

Not smoking and drinking alcohol within safe limits are also vital for heart health. Another factor is trying to limit the levels of stress in our day-to-day lives.

For more information about "Heart Health" we would like to welcome you to our educational evening at Long Stratton High School, kindly organised by our Patient Participation Group on **Thursday 23rd April** from 7pm – 9pm. This evening will be supported by Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS) who will hold a training session on CPR at the beginning and end of the evening, with a talk in between from heart specialists.

Dr Lara Douglass



The Good Liar

Long Stratton Village Hall Monday 16th March - 1pm

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WEEKLY EVENTS		
MONDAY ACTIVITIES	VENUE	Тіме
Knitting & crochet group	Long Stratton Librray	11am - 12.30pm
Long Stratton & District Men's Shed - see page 35	Call Barry [01508 532280] or Richard [07548 030482] for venue and information	2pm to 4pm excluding Bank Holidays
Short Mat Bowls	Coronation Hall, Great Moulton - Peter Grant 01508 536753	2 pm
Tai-Chi	Wacton Village Hall	6.00 pm to 7.30 pm
Bell Ringing Practice	St Mary's Church	7.30 pm to 9 pm
Yoga [all abilities]	Long Stratton Village Hall Contact Neil on 07798 718492	7.30 pm to 8.30 pm

TUESDAY ACTIVITIES	VENUE	Тіме
Lloyds Mobile Bank	The Swan	9.45am - 11.15am
Let's Chat begins 17th March	St Mary's Church	10.15 am
Lunch & activities	Day Centre	10 am to 3 pm
Long Stratton Jogging Club	Swan Lane Medical Partnership contact 07926623741 for more info	6.30pm
Long Stratton Youth Cafe	Methodist Church term time only	7pm to 8.30pm
Stratton Community Choir	Mayfields Care Home	7.30 pm
Creative Singers in Wacton	Wacton Village Hall	7 pm to 8.30 pm

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES	VENUE	TIME
123 Toddler Group	Methodist Church term time only	9.15 - 11.15 am

THURSDAY ACTIVITIES	VENUE	TIME
Pilates	Wacton Village Hall Jo Douglas 01508 530261 greenacresfarm@tinyworld.co.uk	9.30 am mixed ability
Lunch & activities	Day Centre	10 am to 3 pm
Coffee morning	Methodist Church	10 am to 12 noon
Short Mat Bowls	Coronation Hall, Great Moulton - Peter Grant 01508 536753	2 pm
Long Stratton Jogging Club	Swan Lane Medical Partnership contact 07926623741 for more info	6.30pm

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WACTON

WACTON GAMES AFTERNOONS

During the long winter months we thought it would be a good idea to get together one afternoon a month in Wacton Village Hall to

play board games, card games, jigsaws etc. or simply come and have a chat over tea and biscuits. The next planned dates are

24th March and 28th April, from 2-4pm. Cost £1.50 per person.

We have some games to get us started, but if you have a favourite, please bring it along. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact Caroline Squires on 01508 530111 for further details.

CREATIVE SINGING GROUP

The Creative Singing Group will meet in the village hall as usual every Tuesday evening from 7pm through to 8.30 p m.

For further information call Louise Tingley (Professional Voice coach) --- 07765 920390

WACTON SOCIAL CLUB

Wacton Social Club is on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. New members very welcome. Doors open 7pm-11pm. Dates for March are the 6th and 20th

Interested in playing Cribb? please contact us for more information.

Many thanks to Flash Fx for the kind donations to our Children's Christmas Party.

Many thanks to Wacton Village Hall for their kind donation also to our Children's Christmas Party.

After the success of our Quiz and Chips night I would like to say a big thanks to Oh My Cod for supplying the food as well as our Quiz Question organisers Andy and Pippa.

For any information about becoming a member or upcoming events please contact Katie Anderson on 07577446589 / wacton.social.club00@gmail.com Please check out our Facebook page and website for more coming events.

VILLAGE NEWS

ALL SAINTS'CHURCH

Our monthly coffee mornings will begin again on Easter Saturday 12th April. If you have any books or bric-a-brac you no longer need please ring 01508 530238.

Also our monthly Craft and Chat will be happening again from Thursday 9th April.

MARCH CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st 10.30 am United Service at Bunwell Church

Sunday 15th 6.30 pm Songs of Praise Sunday 22nd 9.30 am Holy Communion

There are Church services available at St Mary's and St Michael's - please see page 37

COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee mornings are held in the village hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10.30 a m -- everyone welcome. **Dates for March are the 3rd and 17th.**

For further information contact Caroline Squires on 01508 530111.

Caroline and Rita

WACTON FOOTCARE

The next session of Wacton Footcare will take place in the village hall as usual on **Monday 9th March**.

For further information call Clare (Footcare Specialist) --- 07785 295358

For an informal chat / further information or to cancel an appointment please call Rita Day --- 01508 218407

LONG STRATTON THURSDAY CLUB

Our meeting will be held on Thursday March 12th in Long Stratton village hall at 2pm.

The speaker is Peter Metcalf on Coaching Inns of the Waveney Valley.

New members and visitors are always welcome, please come and join us.



VE Day Picnic in the Park

Date: Friday 8th May 2020 from 1.00pm until 8.00pm

Venue: Manor Road Playing Fields, Long Stratton

Live music, football tournament, tombola, food and a bar and loads more.

We still have space for more stalls!

Please contact Becky Buck the Town Clerk on 01508 530524 or e-mail clerk@longstrattoncouncil.info

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Is a group for ladies, which meets once a month (2nd Thursday of the month) for anyone looking for fun and fellowship.

Our next meeting will take place on:

Thursday 12th March – 7.30pm at The Rectory, 8 Flowerpot Lane

'Interesting objects'

Bring along an interesting object you would like to talk about and share with us

To find out more please contact Heather (rev.heather@btconnect.com 01508 530238) or just turn up.

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LONG STRATTON CALENDAR 2021!

We appreciate that it is only March but we will soon need to make a decision as to whether we produce a calendar for 2021 and we need your help.

There are three questions we can think of:

- 1 should we produce a calendar?
- 2 if so did people like the size of the 2020 calendar or should it be different?
- 3 what theme should we do for 2021?

We would very much appreciate your feed-back on this. Please either e-mail to thesextonswheel@gogglemail.com or bring them to The Parish Office, The Rectory, 8 Flowerpot Lane.

LONG STRATTON YOUTH CAFE

Come along to Youth Cafe from Year 5 upwards 7-8.30pm Tuesday nights during term time at the Methodist Church Long Stratton. £1.50 entry fee (1st time is free).

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01508 530524 clerk@longstrattoncouncil.info www.longstrattoncouncil.info



Methodist Church

It is with regret that the Long Stratton Town Council are no longer able to purchase the Methodist Church on Manor Road for the local community. Unbeknown to the Council at the time of making an offer, the building has a Covenant attached to it which meant that the building can only be used as a single private dwelling and retail shop. Although this covenant has been breached for many years it was professional legal advice provided to Long Stratton Town Council that advised against purchasing the building.

Defective title indemnity cover against any risk of a breach of covenant was considered but our solicitor advised that this would not be a great deal of use because if a claim is made that the community user is in breach of the covenant then we would have to cease using the building for the community and we would likely have to sell the building to mitigate our loss. This is a risk Long Stratton Town Council were not prepared to make, this would see not only a rise in Precept for purchasing the building but a potential rise in Precept to cover any losses; something the Council does not deem an acceptable use of public money.

Sadly, Long Stratton Town Council is not in a position to have the covenant removed as it is an expensive and time-consuming process, we have met with the Methodist Circuit to ask if they could undertake the removal of the Covenant, however they have advised me that they are unable to.

As Long Stratton Town Council are no longer in a position to take this further, we will be registering the building as an Asset of Community Value.

Vacancies

Can you help? We have a vacancy on our Town Council that needs filling. It is a volunteer role which is very rewarding. It allows you to represent your community and make decisions regarding what is best for Long Stratton, it is your chance to make a difference. For more information please contact the Clerk.

Long Stratton Pavilion

I am pleased to confirm the long-awaited Pavilion will be ready to hire from 1st April 2020. If you have a group or a children's birthday party that you need a venue for then look no further. Please contact the Clerk for more information.

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Sunday Community Breakfast

at Long Stratton Congregational Church Hall [behind the Chapel, Ipswich Rd]
Sunday 15th March - 9.45am - no charge!

Things to eat - Eggy bread and bacon rolls very popular!

Please join us before Church. Followed by Family Church Service [optional].

For more information contact June on 01508 470701

Congregational Federation - Eastern Area Assembly
Saturday 28th March - 10am - 4pm
Congregational Church



Monthly coffee mornings at All Saints' Church Wacton will begin again on Easter Saturday - 11th April 10.30am to 12 noon

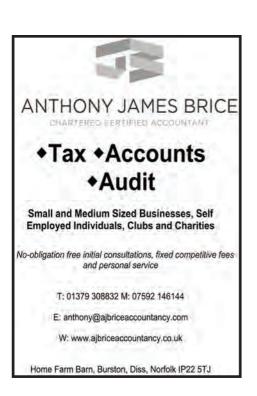
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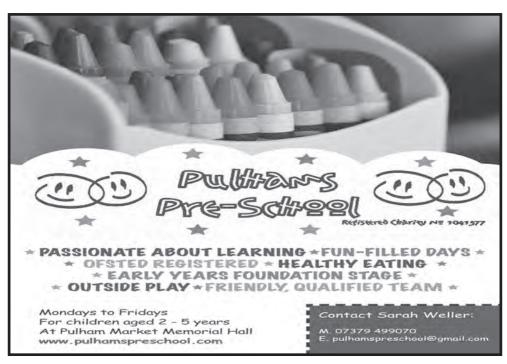
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LONG STRATTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Please find below the list of events for March, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Date	Activity	Time	Venue
Monday 9th	Toddler Days - 0-5 years Drop in play sessions for children, parents and carers. Including understanding your toddler, home play ideas, sleep, feeding, storytime and safety	10.00-11.00 am	LS Children's Centre, Manor Road
Tuesday 10th	Outside Explorers An outside play session where children can explore and grow - no matter what the weather!	1.30-2.30 pm	LS Children's Centre, Manor Road
Friday 13th	Baby Days A drop-in play session for pre walkers and their parents/carers. Sessions will include baby bonding, how babies learn, sleep, feeding, stories, rhymes and safety	10.00-11.30 am	LS Village Hall

For further information please call 01508 536399 or e-mail ECFS-Families@actionforchildren.org.uk - www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhood You can find us on Manor Road next door to Manor Fields.

Come and join us for.....

The next *Messy Church* is on **Saturday 28th March** from 9am until 10.45am and will be at **St Mary's Junior School**

The morning begins with bacon butties and muffins before craft activities, finishing with a time of worship.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

You can find out more by phoning Heather Wilcox at The Rectory 530238

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We are hoping to raise £500 for StreetVet and £500 for Brooke Action for Working Horses and Donkeys.

In the morning of the 25th April we will gather at our Brooke surgery complete with horses and dogs, for a photo shoot. We will all be wearing high vis 'Charity Challenge' vests and following this, the different groups will split off for their part of the challenge.

Please donate any amount you can via our JustGiving page for Brooke Action and GoldenGiving page for Streetvet.

LONG STRATTON GUIDING

At the beginning of the month we had a parents evening to show the slides from last year's Brownie holiday.

During February the Brownies planned and then one evening we celebrated 'Thinking Day', the birthday of our founders 'Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Their special evening included food, games and songs from other countries. Finishing with us all renewing our Brownie Promise by Candlelight.

Brown Owl

The Long Stratton & District Men's Shed

The group are currently building their shed in Tasburgh and are looking for new members to help them get this space ready to use as their workshop

We meet every Monday 2pm to 4pm [excluding Bank Holidays] Please come and support this exciting new project. All welcome.

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15th		Morning Worship	
22nd		All Age Holy Communion	
29th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	
29th	7.00 pm	Soul Shapers	
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15th	10.45 am	Family Service	Rev lan Jones
22nd	10.45 am	Mother's Day Family Service	Malcolm Simpkin
		[Youth organisations invited to attend]	
28th	10am-4pm	Congregational Federation - Eastern Arc	ea Assembly
29th	10.45am	Family Service	David Freeman

LONG STRATTON DAY CENTRE

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat either on a Tuesday or a Thursday with our elderly members. Feel free to bring your little ones too.

We also look forward to meeting any new voluntary helper who could spare an hour or two helping us on either days. This would benefit our elderly members greatly and our registered charity.

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