

NOTICES

The Children's Society Coffee Morning and Box Opening is on Thursday 8th April from 10.00—12 noon in the P/ C. There will be the usual sale of cakes and marmalade. Whether or not you are a box-holder, your support (including stall contributions) will be much appreciated.

Election Forum—21st April Could you please forward any questions to the Office including your name and which Church you attend.

Following Bp Alistair's sermon on Psalm 119, anybody who is interested in taking Bible notes may contact Pam Blackburn on 01584 861313. (See also Richard's article in C M)

Electoral Roll: All new entries for this year's Electoral Roll must be received by next Sunday, 21st March.

Easter Simnel Cakes— These delicious individual simnel cakes will be available to buy for 2 weeks only, **21st & 28th March** during the coffee break between the later morning services. They have been lovingly baked and decorated by the Elev8 group and can be yours for **just £3 each**. They would also make lovely Easter gifts, as an alternative to chocolate. We are raising money for our Youth fund and towards Soul Survivor in the summer. Hope you enjoy them! Sarah 07847 480780

Many thanks for your kind contributions so far for me to take to Sierra Leone. I will still be collecting up to 23rd March. Collection box is under the tables at the entrance to the main hall with a list of items required, or see me for a flyer to take away. Every blessing, Sarah Wildblood 07847 480780.

Evensong & Tea —Wed 21st April 2010 This service for the elderly and housebound will be held in the Parish Centre. If you would like transport to & from the Parish Centre or can offer transport would you please contact Carol Johnson on 722070.

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Days off
Rector—Friday; Verger—Tuesday; Parish Secretary—Monday
Parish office
9.30am—12.20pm—Tuesday & Wednesday

CONTACT

The Parish of St. Laurence's, Church Stretton with St. Michael's & All Angels LEP, All Stretton & All Saints, Little Stretton.
 Parish Website: <http://www.strettonparish.org.uk>

*Growing together in
 Faith, Hope & Love;
 Sharing the Good News
 of Jesus with all'*

Sunday 14th March 2010
Mothering Sunday

Readings: Colossians 3.12-17; John 19.25b-27

'Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.'
Colossians 3.17



CONGRATULATIONS

to Steve & Marjorie Stevens who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 18th March. They would like to thank the congregation for all their support over the years

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion(Trad)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Paul James
	11.05	11.05 Special	Nancy Cleaton
			Robert Rayner
			Nancy Cleaton
St Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion	David Morris
			Valerie Morris
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion(Trad)	Rector

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Memorial Book: We give thanks for the life of William Charles Wright who died 15th March 1993; Jean Margaret Small who died 16th March 2009; Lily Luty who died 19th March 2005; Helen Mary Davidson who died 19th March 2006; Derek James Martin who died 19th March 2007; Beryl May Wheale who died 20th March 1995.

The sick: We pray for Rosemary Oxberry, Eileen Briggs, Joan Yates, Helen Hotton, Diana Pascoe, Margaret Carey, Wendy, Beryl Powell and their families and friends. (Names are included only with permission). There are also a number of people for whom we have been praying long-term who are now listed in Church Matters; please include them in your prayers.

People to remember in our prayers

The clergy and the rest of the pastoral team are glad to have a note letting them know of people we might keep in our prayers

Residential Homes: Windsor Place

Mission Intercessions: Today we are praying especially for our CMS Mission Partner Anne Lapage who has returned to Tanzania. She has just got over hepatitis, please pray for a full recovery; she also asks that she may be able to complete her teaching of this group of students and give thanks for their progress so far. Pray they will be able to prepare for exams without her, as she is to return to this country in April. Pray for Kevin and Anne as they prepare for their marriage and look to God for guidance about their future.

Members of the church family: Chris & Jo Burtenshaw, Valerie Campbell, Margaret Carey, Mike & Isabel Carter.

The Telephone Prayer Link now has 3 co-ordinators: Sue Roberts 723881, Sheila Smith 722064. Anne Struthers 723532. The email co-ordinators are: Carol Johnson 722070, Iris Parker 724707, Jo Burtenshaw 723469.

Growing Leaders, Growing Churches is the title CPAS is giving to its current focus on equipping & enabling leaders (of all sorts) in churches, & it is what Ruth Hassall will be addressing in the afternoon of her visit to us—3pm in the P/C on **21st March**. Even if you do not think of yourself

as a leader, we all have a responsibility to those who are leaders amongst us, so there will be something for everyone in what she shares with us. To make the event a more social occasion, the WMG is organising a 'Bring & Share' tea to conclude the afternoon. Contributions of sweet or savoury for a finger buffet will be most welcome. P.S. Do have a look at the display about **GL-GC** on the WMG Board in the P/C.

DIARY

MONDAY 15th

7.30 p.m.—St Michael's Church Meeting—St Michael's

TUESDAY 16th

7.00 p.m. —Bellringing practice

WEDNESDAY 17th

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Owen Room
10.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Southview
7.30 p.m.—Church Prayer Meeting – P/C

THURSDAY 18th

10.00—Parents & Toddlers—Parish Centre
12.00 p.m.—Holy Communion—Owen Room – Rector
2.30 p.m.—Wilson Trust Meeting—Owen Room
5.00 p.m. —Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court
7.30 p.m.—PCC Meeting—Parish Centre

FRIDAY 19th

8.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer – Owen Room
9.30 a.m. —Women's Bible Study—P/C

SATURDAY 20th

7.25 a.m.—Men's Group— Isaiah 53—Parish Centre
10.00 a.m.—Churches Together Coffee Morning—URC Hall

SUNDAY 21st MARCH— 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion Trad	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	John Hughes Ruth Hassall
	11.05	11.05 Special	Nancy Cleaveon Ruth Hassall
	3.00	Seminar and bring & Share Tea	
St Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	Rector
All Saints	11.00	Morning Prayer Trad)	John Hughes Robert Rayner

THE APCM will be on **Tuesday 13th April, 7.30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Nomination Form for Church Wardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod Reps is on the table at the back of the main hall in the Parish Centre.

A Series on Islam: Apologies that the article (one of two parts) in March Church Matters is No.4 and so out of sequence. Hopefully all will become clear in the April edition.

Please collect Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers for Primary School & Woodlands Nursery.

Joan Davies thanks family & friends for cards, gifts and very generous donation of £420 to Mayfair. Also Moriel & family for a very special day.