

## NOTICES

**Confirmation:** Anybody interested should see one of the clergy if they are an adult, or Sarah if a teenager over 14. This is open to those who may have joined us from other denominations, plus enquirers.

**Worship Meeting:** We would like to thank everyone for their contributions. They will be considered by the PCC who, along with the Rector, carry the legal responsibility for the conduct of worship in the parish. Also, if people would like more social events please could we have more offers of help to organise and also to oversee Bring & Share Lunches.

**Link with the Lutheran Church in Altdorf:** Nancy will be travelling to Germany on Tuesday 18th to meet up with Bishop Mike & Liz Bourke and Doug & Adele Grounds. They will be staying with members of the Lutheran Church in Altdorf near Nurmberg and starting initial discussions about setting up a link between our two parishes.

**Shropshire Churches Tourism Group:** St Laurence's is now a member of this group together with 76 other churches. Leaflets 'Discovering Shropshire Churches' are available on the table at the back of the Hall.

**The Friends of St Laurence's Church** wish to thank everyone who in any way supported their Coffee Morning last Saturday. It is hoped that the final sum raised will be around £400.

**A letter from the Rector about BinF** for all those on the Electoral Roll is available from the sidesmen's area.

**All Saints, Little Stretton:** There is now a ramp at the church and the exit has been widened.

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**Days off**  
Rector—Friday; Verger—Tuesday; Parish Secretary—Monday

**Parish office**  
9.30am—12.20pm—Tuesday & Wednesday  
9.30am to 4.30pm—Thursday & Friday

## 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 16th May 2010**  
**7th Sunday of Easter**

**Readings: St Laurence's:** Ezekiel 36.24-28; John 15.1-17

**Lectionary:** Acts 16.16-24; John 17.20—end

**Sidesmen:** Please give out letters to Electoral Roll Members and remaining Alpha News.

'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.' *John 15.12*

I would ask for your prayers for helpers to come forward to help with the young people's ministry. Job specification is just that you are interested in getting to know some of our youth. Could you find maybe a couple of hours a week and come and join in some games, possibly help with a craft activity or cooking and living out our Church Mission Statement. I would love to hear from anybody who has a heart to reach out to our younger generation. Please speak to me or contact on 07847 480780 [sarah.wildblood@virgin.net](mailto:sarah.wildblood@virgin.net). Many thanks.

<b>St Laurence's</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector
	11.05	11.05 Special	Mike Carter
<b>St Michael's</b>		All Age Service	Rector
	10.30	Morning Worship	Nancy Cleaton
	11.00	Morning Prayer (Trad)	John Hughes

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Memorial Book** (St Laurence's): We give thanks for the life of Hugh Meeson Morris who died 21st May 1974; Edna Cottrell who died 22nd May 2002.

**The sick:** We pray for Rosemary Oxberry, Eileen Briggs, Joan Yates, Helen Hotton, Diana Pascoe, Margaret Carey, 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.

**Residential Homes:** Caradoc House

### 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 *or* visit.

**Mission Intercessions:** Today we are praying especially for Bible Society Nepal, led by General Secretary Tej Jirel. Since the practice of Christianity in Nepal was legalised a few years ago, there are thousands of new Christians eager for their own Bible and Christian literature. With a low literacy rate, audio versions of the Bible, as well as versions in simple Nepali and Tibetan, are in great demand.

**Pentecost Sunday—23rd May: Come & pray for revival in our area**—4.00—5.15 Ludlow Bapt Church, Sandford Rd. From 5.30 tea & cakes at Ludlow Elim Church, Lower Galdeford, foll'd by 'The Evidence' presented by Teen Challenge UK. See Notice board in Hall

**Tuesday 25th May**  
**Lunch in aid of the Bible Society—Parish Centre**  
**12.30 pm. Guest Speaker:**  
**Simon Foulds,**  
**Regional Manager.**  
 Tickets £5 from Tony Peck or Sheila Smith.

**Congratulations to Douglas Haunch on his 90th Birthday on 21st May**

**Reminder : Notices for Contact need to be received by THURSDAY at the latest**

### Members of the church family:

Janet Guy, Sean & Philippa Hall, Peter & Elizabeth Hammersley, Joan Harland

## DIARY

### TUESDAY 18th

7.00 p.m.—Bellringing practice

### WEDNESDAY 19th

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Owen Room

10.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Southview

7.30 p.m.—Church Prayer Meeting – Parish Centre

### THURSDAY 20th

10.00 a.m.—Parents & Toddlers

12.00 p.m.—Holy Communion—Owen Room—David Morris

5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court

7.30 p.m.—Lost for Words Course—Parish Centre

### FRIDAY 21st

8.30—Morning Prayer—Owen Room

9.30—Women's Bible Study—Owen Room

### SATURDAY 22nd

7.25 a.m.—Men's Group—'The Holy Spirit is with us'—Parish Centre

**1.30 p.m.—5.00 p.m. Building in Faith Open Day at the church.** See the works up to date, give feedback for the latest plans for Phase 2, which will be presented at 2 and 4pm in the Parish Centre where refreshments will be available throughout the day.

**There will be opportunity for prayer in the Owen room between 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. – please do come in to prayerfully support this Open Day.**

7.30 p.m.—Garage Praise—Church Stretton School

### SUNDAY 23rd MAY—PENTECOST

<i>St Laurence's</i>	8.00	Holy Communion	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Robert Rayner Rector
	11.05	11.05 Special with Communion	Robert Rayner Rector
<i>St Michael's</i>	10.30	Holy Communion (URC)	David Cassidy
<i>All Saints</i>	11.00	Holy Communion Trad)	David Morris

**Big Sing rehearsals:** 16th, 29th May (not 23rd); 6th, 13th, 20th June

**Now on sale in aid of The Children's Society,** at the gate of Becheacre, Burway Rd: Runner beans, bedding geraniums, tomatoes, courgettes, plus a wide range of hardy plants.

**More Sound Operators needed!** See page 5 of the current Church Matters