

NOTICES

The Big Sing . There has been an excellent response so far. Please do come and join us. NO PRACTICE this Sunday, but NEXT PRACTICE on Sunday 9th, 5 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Notes for group and personal use, based on the Sunday passages at St Laurence's, may be found in the sidesmen's area, or from the office or Richard via email.

Books: The bookstall has been replenished with new titles including the book Richard has been advertising as addressing difficult issues, 'The God I Don't Understand' by Christopher Wright, 'The New Atheism, 10 Arguments that don't hold' by Michael Poole, highly recommended by Alistair McGrath, plus *Freedom in Christ* ' books, children's books. Do go to the Owen Room and browse & see Elaine for all your book needs.

Confirmation: Anybody interested in professing their Christian faith openly and be prayed for to be filled with the Holy Spirit in confirmation 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.

Streetwardens: To ensure everybody gets a welcome into the Strettons, church members are invited to be wardens for a street or part of a street and give a pack of information from the churches to any newcomers and say hello. See green Churches Together handbills in the sidesmen's area.

Open Day to View the Church—22nd May. Norma would like help to serve refreshments from 2.00—5.30. **Also cakes please!** Phone Norma on 722680 if you can help.

Green 'ginger' group introductory meeting —Tuesday 11th May, 7.30 p.m. in the Owen Room.

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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

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Parish Website: <http://www.strettonparish.org.uk>

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

**Sunday 2nd May 2010
5th Sunday of Easter**

Readings: St Laurence's: Joshua 6; John 13.31-35

Lectionary: Acts 11.1-18; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13. 31-35

Sidesmen: Please give out Church Matters.

Jesus said 'By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' John 13.35

FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE COFFEE MORNING Saturday 8th May—Parish Centre

'Plants, Books, (including signing of 'A Dog's Life' by Sylvia Ann Baxter), St Laurence's Merchandise, Fair Trade. Entrance £1 to include light refreshments.

Thank you for the donations of books. Gifts for the plant & produce stalls will be very welcome nearer the time

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	John Hughes Nancy Cleaton
	11.05	11.05 Special All Age Service	Barrie Archer Robert Rayner All Age Team
St Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	Rector
All Saints	3.00	Evening Prayer(Trad)	Nancy Cleaton

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Memorial Book (St Laurence's): We give thanks for the life of James Toothill who died 2nd May 2000; Anthony Richardson who died 3rd May 2007; Gwendoline Cissie Nicholls who died 5th May 2008; Roland Henry Whitrick who died 7th May 1981; John Kenneth Wilsher Petter who died 8th May 1999.

Memorial Book (St Michael's): We give thanks for the life of Daniel Grafton who died 6th May 2000.

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: Field 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.

Members of the church family:

Ilse Forster, Barbara Forsyth, Jeremy Forty, Sylvia Fulton, Margery Furness, Vivien Garner

Mission Intercessions: Today we are praying especially for The Shepherd of the Hills Children's Foundation in the Philippines, with homes for babies, young children and teenagers led by Nathaniel and Ruth Mejica. The children, most often abandoned or orphaned, are cared for in small family units where they experience security and love which they have never known before, learning that it is the love of Jesus which is at the centre of the home.

Christian Aid Week will soon be here; there is a new display on the WMG 'FOCUS ON' board about the work our contributions make possible in needy parts of the world. **For those leading Intercessions at 9.30 or 11.05**, up-to-date information about the needs of our Mission Partners can be found in the black box file on the letter trolley. 2 copies are available so that both intercessors can take one away.

May 9th—15th Christian Aid Week: Please give generously with Gift Aid if possible. Many thanks in anticipation. £4,000 beckons! Several new collectors have come on board. Thank you to them and, of course, to the many friends, trusted and true. 722064 for queries.

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

DIARY

TUESDAY 4th

- 2.30 p.m.—Mother's Union— All Welcome—Owen Room
'What children teach us about God' - Moriel Gidney
- 2.30 p.m.—St Michael's Church Fellowship—St Michael's Vestry
'A Week in the Sinai Desert' - Nancy Cleaton
- 7.00 p.m.— Bellringing practice

WEDNESDAY 5th

- 8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer—Owen Room
- 10.30 a.m.—Christian Aid Coffee Morning & Prayer—Owen Room
- 2.30 p.m.—Women's Fellowship—Parish Centre
Christians and Life in the South of France—
Andrew & Margaret Mercer
- 7.30 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting – Parish Centre

THURSDAY 6th

- 10.00 a.m.—Parents & Toddlers
- 12.00 p.m.— Holy Communion—Owen Room
- 5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court
- 7.30 p.m.—Lost for Words Course—Parish Centre

FRIDAY 7th

- 8.30—Morning Prayer—Owen Room
- 9.30—Women's Bible Study—Owen Room
- 10.00—2.30—Prayers for Peace—Methodist Church

SATURDAY 8th

- 7.25 a.m.—Men's Group—P/C— The Good Samaritan, Luke 10.25-37
- 9.30 a.m.—Prayer for Building in Faith—Owen Room
- 10.00 a.m.—Friends of St Laurence Coffee Morning—Parish Centre

SUNDAY 9th MAY—6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	Rector
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	11.05	11.05 Special	Nancy Cleaton Sarah Wildblood Nancy Cleaton
St Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion	David Morris
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion(Trad)	Rector

2nd Sunday Informal Fellowship Meeting at the Methodist Church, 6.00 p.m.—9th May, 'A Biblical Look at the Work of Christian Aid'. All welcome.

AGM Reports: There are still a few reports left—please help yourselves from the sidesmen's area.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

All Stretton Village Hall, Wed. 12th May at 10.30 Donations of cakes & plants for sale very welcome.