

NOTICES

Building in Faith: Please try out the trial chairs and give your views to John Hughes. You may sponsor a chair in memory of someone, but please Gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer. Milestone Leaflets with the latest information are also available.

Parish Weekend Away—29th—31st October: The brochure is now available, please take one. A picture sequence of last year's weekend will be shown during the services and at other times over coffee. Latest info on the website.

Pancake Race & Lunch: Many thanks to all of you who lunched, raced, donated. Donations were up following an interesting talk by Simon Foulds, Regional Manager, on how the gospel is being spread in Nepal. A very pleasing £355.70 has been sent off for the Nepal Bible Society.

To celebrate the opening of the new Leisure Centre there will be a community event on Sat 17th April. We are having a display/stall to raise interest in church. Please pray for helpers to prepare the display & run the stall on the day itself. If you can help phone Sally 722445.

Churches Together Coffee Morning 20th March—Books wanted!

Wendy Todd is looking after the book stall and would welcome contributions. Please put in the box in the Parish Centre or phone Wendy who is happy to collect or transport. 771868

Fairtrade fortnight Big Swap—swap your normal shopping for Fairtrade options & fill in the poster in the P/C

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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 28th February 2010
2nd Sunday of Lent

Readings: St L's: Exodus 35.20—36.7; Luke 13.31-end
Lectionary: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Phil. 3.17-4.1 Luke 13.31-end

'Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him .. brought an offering to the Lord'
Exodus 35.21

PARISH WEEKEND—29th-31st OCTOBER 2010

Our guest speaker, Ven. Bob Jackson, is a man of many parts. He has several books out including 'Matthew' about the death of his 10 year old son; 'Till the Fat Lady Sings', about the joys and sufferings of ministry; 'Higher than the Hills', about the starting of the church in Nepal, and 'Hope for the Church', using Bob's statistical skills from when he worked in the Cabinet Office to analyse information about the church in the UK in the light of Scripture and principles to help us forwards. Bob was a vicar in Sheffield and North Yorkshire, & Archdeacon of Walsall working with Mike Bourke. His contributions will come at a strategic time for us, so it would be good to see as many of our parish as possible at the weekend, as Bob's input will be invaluable for all 3 churches.

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Morning Worship	Rector
	11.05	11.05 Special with Communion	Nancy Cleaton Rector
	6.00	Healing Communion	Nancy Cleaton John Hughes John Holden
St Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion URC	Donald Horsfield
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion(Trad)	Mike Bourke

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Bereaved: We pray for those who mourn, especially the family and friends of John Littleford whose Thanksgiving Service is on Monday 1st March, 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre.

Memorial Book: We give thanks for the life of William John Coles who died 28th February 2006; Margaret Beryl Roberts who died 2nd March 1985; John Henry Charles Seager who died 2nd March 2006; Helen Grace Bower who died 6th March 2004.

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.

The sick: We pray for Rosemary Oxberry, Eileen Briggs, Joan Yates, Helen Hotton, Diana Pascoe, Margaret Carey, Wendy 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 Mat- ters; please include them in your prayers.

Residential Homes Sandford Nursing Home

Mission Intercessions: Today we are praying especially for our Tearfund Partner, the Diocese of Kigezi Water & Sanitation Project, led by Pastor Reuben Jackson. Give thanks that the Project has

achieved most of its objectives in the past three months, during which more than 4,000 people have been provided with clean water. Pray for the evaluation that took place in January that others will benefit from the lessons learnt, and that good plans will be made for the future.

Our Mission Partner, Valley of Hope have an official opening by the Archbishop of Wales for their new office in Aberdare on 11th March. Ralph extends this invite to us. If you would like to go please contact Isabel 722296.

Members of the church family: Barbara Birks, David & Pam Blackburn, Meriel Blake, Richard & Ann Blakeway.

The Parent & Toddler group has donated £400 to Tearfund for their relief work in Haiti.

Joan Davies 90th birthday— tea & cake 4pm, 6 March— Methodist Hall—All welcome

Ruth Hassall: In preparation for the visit of Ruth Hassall, our CPAS Mission Partner on 14th May, a new display is on the 'Focus on' board for our Mission Partnerships. Please have a look at the work CPAS is engaged in to help churches **Grow Leaders, Grow Churches.**

DIARY

TUESDAY 2nd March

2.30 p.m.—St Michael's Church Fellowship
'Cornwall beyond The Lizard' - Revd Phillip Bytheway
2.30 p.m.—Mothers' Union meets in the Owen Room.
Revd John Holden will lead a Lenten Meditation.
7.00 p.m. —Bellringing practice

WEDNESDAY 3rd

8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer—Owen Room
12.30 for 1.00—Women's Fellowship Lunch Party—Parish Centre
7.30 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting – Parish Centre

THURSDAY 4th

10.00—Parents & Toddlers—Parish Centre
12.00 p.m.— Holy Communion – Owen Room
– Nancy Cleaton
5.00 p.m. –Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court

FRIDAY 5th

8.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer – Owen Room
9.30 a.m. –Women's Bible Study—P/C
10.30 a.m.—Women's World Day of Prayer
Methodist Church

SATURDAY 6th

7.25 a.m.—Men's Group 'God's Answers' Isaiah 55—Parish Centre

SUNDAY 7th MARCH— THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion Trad	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector
St Michael's All Saints	11.05	11.05 Special All Age Service	Bishop Alistair Robert Rayner Bishop Alistair
	10.30	Morning Worship	Fane Conant
	3.00	Evening Prayer Trad)	John Holden

PASSOVER MEAL—6.30 p.m., Maundy Thursday, 1st April in the Parish Centre with the Revd David Price, former Vicar of Christchurch, Jerusalem. This is an event for all the family. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Centre (numbers limited to 60—first come, first served). The cost will be adults £5, 12's-18's & full-time students £2, children under 12 free. Please inform the Parish office if you have any dietary requirements.

St Michael's Church Meeting will be on Monday 15th March at 7.30 p.m. St Michael's congregation please put in your diary now—papers will be sent out nearer the time