

## NOTICES

**Enabling our involvements in the community to count for Christ:** Richard and a team will lead a "Lost for Words" course from the CPAS to help us in our own individual way to bring a Christian presence and share our faith on **Thursdays Feb. 11, 25, March 11, 25 & April 15 & 29 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** Names to Richard or the office. Forms are available and offer afternoons or evenings.

**BOOKSTALL** is now in the Owen Room. Please go there or contact Elaine Hill 722585 for all book and card needs. Some very interesting books inc. 'How can I be sure of my faith?'; 'Understanding your Bible; Corrie Ten Boon (faith in Christ in a concentration camp), plus books for Lent.

**HOME GROUPS** Following our meeting on Pastoral Care, we do encourage as many as possible to belong to a home group. This would help us not to miss people's pastoral needs and provide a place for belonging—essential for a membership our size. Aslo this was Jesus' pattern (a group of up to 12) to resolve issues of faith, to train & equip for ministry, to mould & develop the fruit of the Spirit where rough edges could be knocked off (with prayer for any blockages to be cleared away), and to provide a support group for ministry in the church and the world. Trust does take time to develop and we will give further training to existing & potential new leaders in due course. Any-

body who would like to join a group, please see Doug Grounds, or leader or staff member.

**BinF:** Regular updates available on the parish website

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### 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 31st January 2010**  
**EDUCATION SUNDAY**  
**Epiphany 4**

<b>St Laurence's</b>	8.00	Holy Communion	Rector
	10.30	Combined Service	Rector
		Education Sunday	Chris Tay
		Church Stretton School	
<b>St Michael's</b>	10.30	Holy Communion URC	Roy Lowes
<b>All Saints</b>	11.00	Holy Communion Trad	Paul James

**REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S  
LOVE**

**At a Diocesan meeting Bishop Alistair told us that the task of the church is to**

**TELL, TEACH, TEND, TRANSFORM, TREASURE**

He also encouraged us, as churches, to be careful to prioritise our activities and use of time to ensure all we did would bear fruit in building up the church and extending God's kingdom.

We offer the 'Lost for Words' Course to help us do the first 'T' and enable others.—see Notices

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Bereaved:** We pray for those who mourn, especially the families and friends of Mr Reg Morris whose funeral is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 12.40 at the Crematorium, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 2.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Memorial Book:** We give thanks for the life of Belton Tipton who died 31st January 1979; John Francis Edwards who died 31st January 2000; Norman Powell who died 1st February 2002; Wilkie Marsden who died 3rd February 2007; Emilie Burnett who died 4th February 2002.

### 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, Joan Pollitt, Eileen Briggs, Joan Yates, Helen Hotton, Amy Morris, Diana Pascoe Magaret Carey 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** Windsor Place

### **Mission Intercessions:**

Today we are praying especially for **Captain Ralph Upton**, our Church Army Mission partner at the Valley of Hope Project in Aberdare, South Wales. Ralph, his wife, Carol and their team support ex-offenders, homeless people, and people with substance misuse problems in searching for meaning and purpose in their lives, and in finding work and accommodation.

**Members of the church family:** Andrew Wright, Jo Aze, Brian & Norma Adamson, Norman & Eurwen Allan.

**Ian Dobbie** has written to thank us for his expenses, which he has given to SASRA (a Christian organisation working with the Forces) and asked us to pray for its ministry to soldiers in Afghanistan and those maimed through the conflict.

## DIARY

### **TUESDAY 2nd**

- 2.30 p.m.—St Michael's Church Fellowship  
'Land Army Comparisons' - Mary Croft
- 2.30 p.m.—Mothers Union meets in the Owen Room.  
Mrs Brenda Alexander will speak on  
Care not Custody'. All welcome.
- 7.00 p.m. —Bellringing practice

### **WEDNESDAY 3rd**

- 8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer—Open Room
- 2.30 p.m.—Women's Fellowship—Parish Centre  
'Swim the Channel?' - Eleanor Reddington
- 7.30 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting – Parish Centre

### **THURSDAY 4th**

- 10.00 a.m. - 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

### **SATURDAY 6th**

- 7.25a.m.—Men's Group—Parish Centre  
Isaiah 61—'How to serve the Lord'

### **SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2nd BEFORE LENT**

<b>St Laurence's</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton Rector
	11.05	All Age Service	AA Team Rector
<b>St Michael's</b>	10.30	Morning Worship	John Hughes
<b>All Saints</b>	6.00	Evening Prayer	Nancy Cleaton

**SHROVE TUESDAY—16th Feb. The Pancake Lunch** in aid of the Bible Society in Nepal will be held in the Parish Centre at 12.30. Tickets at £5 are available from Tony Peck & Sheila Smith. Simon Foulds will bring us the latest news from Bible Society. **At 12.15 prompt a Pancake Race** will be run from the Library to the P/C. Entry 50p. Bring your own pan, pancakes provided