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The Parish of St. Laurence's, Church Stretton with
St. Michael's & All Angels LEP, All Stretton & All Saints, Little Stretton.
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'Growing together in Faith, Hope & Love; Sharing the Good News of Jesus with all'

SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2010 –3rd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.'
Acts 16.31

Welcome to our Sunday services. If you are a newcomer please let one of the clergy or sides-people know so that we can welcome you more personally and do stay for coffee between the morning services at St Laurence's and after the morning service at St Michael's.

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	Rector
	9.30	Morning Worship	Robert Rayner Nancy Cleaton
	11.05	11.05 Special with Communion	Robert Rayner Nancy Cleaton
St Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rector
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	John Hughes
Methodist Ch.	6.00	United Service	Sue Mclellan

Readings for today: (St L's) Acts 16.16-40; Luke 4.14-21

Lectionary: Nehemiah 8.1-3; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a; Luke 4.14-21

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit;
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you. Amen**

ITEMS TO HELP AND GUIDE YOUR PRAYERS

The Bereaved: We pray for those who mourn, especially the families and friends of Mrs Trixie Gaul whose funeral is on Thursday 28th January, 10.40 at the Crematorium; Mrs Joan Elliot whose funeral is on Saturday 30th January, 10.20 at the Crematorium; Mr Reg Morris whose funeral is on Monday 1st 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 Gladys Hilda Pitman who died 30th January 1997.

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, Ethel Lloyd,, Helen Hotton, Amy Morris, Diana Pascoe 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

Members of the church family: David & Ro Woolgar, Hannah Woolgar, Sophie Woolgar, Muriel Worthing, David & Anne Young.

Mission Intercessions: Today we are praying especially for Shrewsbury Prison Fellowship Group, supporting the work of the Chaplaincy at Shrewsbury Prison. The prison population now consists of a greater number of vulnerable prisoners, many with longer sentences, so Chaplains have to be alert to men who are not coping with their situation. Members of St Laurence's assist with the chapel service whenever there is a 5th Sunday in the month, and two are voluntary members of the chaplaincy team.

Churches Together in the Stretton Lent Groups: The 2010 York Course Lent groups will run in volunteers' homes from Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th March under the title 'WHEN I SURVEY. Christ's cross and ours.' Application Forms are available at the back of the hall/churches and should be returned by TODAY Sunday 24th January at the latest.

DIARY

Morning Prayer will be said at 8.30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday in the Owen Room.

MONDAY 25th - end of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9.30 a.m. – Prayer for Christian Unity – Parish Centre

TUESDAY 26th

7.00 p.m. – Bellringing practice.

7.30 p.m. – Little Stretton Committee – All Saints Church

WEDNESDAY 27th

8.30 a.m. – Morning Prayer – Owen Room

7.00 p.m. – Church Prayer Meeting – Parish Centre

Please note earlier time.

7.30 p.m. – Pastoral Care Session with Louise Magowan – Parish Centre

THURSDAY 28th

10.00 a.m. - Parents & Toddlers – Parish Centre

12.00 noon. – Holy Communion – Owen Room – John Hughes

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

FRIDAY 29th

8.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer – Owen Room

9.30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

St Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	Rector
	10.30	Combined Service for Education Sunday at Church Stretton School	Rector Chris Tay
St Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion (URC)	Roy Lowes
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Paul James

NOTICES

Pastoral issues: Louise Magowan, wife of Bishop Alistair, and former leader of the Pastoral Team of a large church and well qualified in the subject, is speaking to **the Pastoral Team, visitors, leaders of small groups and all involved or interested in pastoral work** on Wed. Jan. 27th at 7.30pm upstairs in the Parish Centre.

Richard is wanting to look at the whole question of how we look after everyone in the Parish, in addition to those with very particular needs who are looked after very well by our current teams-so thank you to them for all they have been doing - but there is also a need to ensure other people do not slip through the net or get forgotten! The meeting will look at **how**

those who give out a lot replenish their resources but also look at **the overall organisation of Pastoral care.**

Prayer meetings: please join us at 8.30am on Wed or Friday mornings (for the set service) or Weds at 7.30pm for open prayer, whether you just want to join in others' prayers or pray put loud yourself. A healthy corporate prayer life has been identified as one of the marks of a healthy church!

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.

B in F please pray for all aspects of this project. The first tithe has gone out (article coming in Church Matters) and many trusts will soon be meeting to consider our request. Gifts can be earmarked for any aspect including the tithe.

Moriei Gidney & Helen Rayner are away at a Scripture Union Conference this weekend. They ask for prayer that they may be inspired and enabled. Details in the next Church Matters.

Streetwardens: a co-ordinator has been found, so anybody who would like to offer to welcome newcomers to their road or look out for any special needs may give their names to the office or Richard.

Parish Office opening hours
Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am – 12:30pm Thursday and Friday 9:30am – 16:30pm

Staff days off

Rector	Secretary	Verger
Friday	Monday	Tuesday

Please note that the clergy & wardens are always available in case of emergencies.

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