

The United Parish of St. Laurence's, Church Stretton
with St. Michael's, All Stretton, and All Saints, Little Stretton
SMALL GROUP NOTES

"Growing together in faith, hope and love; sharing the Good News of Jesus with all."

WINTER 2009

No. 5 EPHESIANS 3:1-13 FULFILLING GOD'S CALL

- Welcome/icebreaker** What did you want to be when you were growing up?
- Worship** And can it be?, In Christ alone, Above all powers, Shout to the north.
- Word (verses):**
- 1-2, 7-8 What did God give to Paul and what were the consequences of his calling?
- 3-6 What is the mystery referred to here and how has it been revealed?
- 8-9 What task is given to us who have also received the grace of God and how might we fulfil it?
- 10-11 What high calling is given to the church here and how might other teaching in Ephesians correct any disparaging views we might have about "church"?!
- 12 Why and how can we approach God?
- 13 What do we learn about Paul's attitude to suffering here and how might Christians be called to suffer for Christ today?
- Wind/prayer** Pray for grace to fulfil the calling God has for each of us, despite any difficulties along the way.
- Works/witness** Apply to come on the weekend, when there will be teaching and time to discover more about God's calling on each of us and how that might work out!!