

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."

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No. 3

JACOB RETURNS TO BETHEL

Welcome/icebreaker Describe a place that has a special meaning or significance for you

Worship Safe in the shadow of the Lord; Purify my heart; Restore O Lord.

Word (verses):

1-15

Think back to the first time (or an important time) you recognised that God had spoken to you

Can you identify with Jacob in his wandering away from God and in his forgetting of the promise he made to God in Genesis 28.20 – 22? (A period of about 30 years had elapsed since God first spoke to Jacob at Bethel).

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What was Jacob's response to God – what action did he take? Did it just involve him?

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What did God do/say in response to Jacob's obedience?

Do we need to return to our 'Bethel' and renew our first commitment to God?

What actions do we need to take in order to do this?

What do you think God's response would be to us?

Wind/prayer

Use this time to renew your commitment to God and to each other.

Works/witness

Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit as you seek to faithfully serve a God – who always keeps his promises.