

## NOTICES

**Shrove Tuesday, 8th March:** Please come to the Pancake Lunch (4 choices of stuffed plus plain) at 12.30 in the P/C. Cost £5. All proceeds to the work of the Bible Society. Tickets from Tony Peck and Sheila Smith. At 12.15 there will be a pancake race from the Library. Entrance 50p. Bring your own pan. Prizes! Come!

**New Wine:** If anyone would like to go to the Leaders' Conference in Cheltenham (11th –13th May), see Richard or John H for brochures.

**Bible Exhibition:** We are planning to hold a Bible Exhibition in St Laurence's for the Summerfest (Sat 11th June) and for the Primary School (& the general public) from 27th June—1st July. Would anyone who is willing to help or has something to offer for it, please contact Richard and come to the meeting in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 22nd March at 2.00 pm? We intend to show the film 'The Miracle Maker' at least twice on the 11th and are working on other ideas.

**Good Friday Service in the Square:** Churches Together are thinking about doing some simple tableaux this year. Could you help by offering to make one costume? Or would you be interested in taking part? (Young men especially needed). Contact Valerie Morris 72224

**A Fairtrade Town:** The idea of Church Stretton becoming the 5th Fairtrade Town in Shropshire is being actively pursued. Fairtrade, as you may know, has a world-wide goal for the elimination of poverty through fair trading. The Church Stretton Community group has a 5 point-plan to prepare the case. One point in the plan is to win Council Support. To this end, by signing your name on the list at the back of St Laurence's, it will indicate that you support the idea. For further information please contact Barrie Oxtoby 723199.

**Also** at the back of St Laurence's is a petition '**REACT**' to ask for RE to be taught in schools.

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<b>Days off</b>	<b>Rector, Friday; Parish Secretary, Monday</b>		
<b>Parish office</b>	<b>9.30am to 12.30 pm Tues &amp; Wed, 9.30am to 4.30pm Thurs &amp; Fri</b>		
<b>Verger</b>	<b>8.30am to 1.00 pm Mon, 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Thurs &amp; Fri</b>		
	<b>8.30 am to 5.00 pm alternate Saturdays</b>		

## CONTACT

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*Growing together in  
Faith, Hope & Love;  
Sharing the Good News  
of Jesus with all'*

**Sunday 6th March 2011  
Sunday next before Lent  
Tearfund Sunday**

**Readings: St Laurence's:** Isaiah 58.6-11; Matthew 6.25-end

**Lectionary:** Exodus 24.12-end; 2 Peter 1.16-end; Matthew 17.1-9

'This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!' *Matt 17.5*

### TODAY IS TEARFUND SUNDAY

Please join us for a Soup, Roll & Fruit lunch in the Parish Centre at 12.15 p.m. There will be quizzes for children & adults & also a DVD about Haiti. Contributions towards toilets for Kigezi.

### CHURCH MATTERS

This month's Church Matters is the last one edited by Tony West & produced by Leslie Dellow. A big 'thank you' to them for all their hard work over the last 5 years in producing such an excellent magazine. All contributions for the future should be sent to Simon Cleaton at [simon.cleatontalk21.com](mailto:simon.cleatontalk21.com) - for a streamlined new A5 version

<b>St Laurence's:</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton Isabel Carter
	11.05	Special All Age Service	Valerie Morris Isabel Carter
	<b>12.15</b>	<b>Tearfund Lunch</b>	<b>Parish Centre</b>
<b>St Michael's All Saints</b>	10.30	Morning Worship	Rector
	3.00	Evening Prayer	John Hughes

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The bereaved:** We pray for those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Marianne Mattock whose funeral is on Monday 7th March, 4.00 p.m. at the Crematorium.

**The Memorial Book:** We give thanks for the life of Helen Grace Bower who died 6th March 2004; Frances Victor Reginald Woodhouse who died 8th March 1987; William Henry Cooke who died 8th March 1991; Guy Heath who died 8th March 2001; Lucy Eleanor Fisher who died 10th March 2005.

**The sick:** We pray for Rosemary Oxberry, David & Helen Hotton, Margaret Carey, Beryl Powell, Sheena Thomas, Pam Williams, Audrey Seager, Jim Reeves, Richard Warren, Joan Davies, Joan Yates, Meriel Blake, Ray Edwards, Brian Hazeldine and their families and friends. (Names are included only with permission).

<p><b>Members of the church family:</b> Bridget Bromwich, Hilary Bullock, Chris &amp; Jo Burtenshaw, Valerie Campbell, Margaret Carey</p>
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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:** Field House

**World Mission Intercessions :** Today we are praying especially for the Diocese of Kigezi Water & Sanitation Programme in SW Uganda, which is supported by Tearfund. Headed by Pastor Reuben, the programme helps householders and community organisations to build rain-water tanks which give easier access to clean water, as well as offering education in health and hygiene and in HIV awareness.

**Ash Wednesday:** Our Bishops have asked us to make this a day of prayer. All 3 churches will be open during the day for private prayer and reflection, with Bibles available. They have set two priorities of: **Growing in our personal relationship with Christ** and **Strengthening our confidence to live and express it.** The Lent Course '**Marking Lent**' based on the 5 Marks of Mission is designed to help us—please help yourself to the materials at the back of the 3 churches.

## DIARY

### TUESDAY 8th

9.45 a.m.—Chapter Meeting—Parish Centre  
12.00 noon—Pancake Race from Library to Parish Centre  
12.30 p.m.—Pancake Lunch—Parish Centre  
7.00 p.m.—Bellringing Practice

### WEDNESDAY 9th—Ash Wednesday

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Owen Room  
10.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Sandford Nursing Home  
11.30 a.m.—Ash Wednesday Communion Service—St Laurence's  
2.00 p.m.—Pastoral Team Meeting—Parish Centre  
7.30 p.m.—Church Prayer Meeting—Parish Centre

### THURSDAY 10th

10.00 a.m.— Parents & Toddlers—Parish Centre  
11.30 a.m. - Holy Communion — St Laurence's— John Hughes  
*with prayer for healing*  
5.00 p.m. - Evening Prayer - 10, Kings Court

### FRIDAY 11th

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Owen Room  
9.30 a.m. —Women's Bible Study—Owen Room— Looking at 1 Peter

### SUNDAY 13th MARCH First Sunday of Lent

<b>St Laurence's:</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton Rector
	11.05	Special	Simon Cleaton Rector
<b>St Michael's</b>	10.30	Holy Communion	Valerie Morris David Morris
<b>All Saints</b>	11.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Nancy Cleaton

**Churches Together Coffee Morning:** 19th March, 10.00—12 in the URC Hall. Stalls with Gifts/Collectables, books, tombola & raffle, cakes, Traidcraft, plants. St Laurence's, St Michael's & All Saints are responsible for cakes & homemade & plants. Please support these and all the stalls with your contributions. 'Gifts' to the Methodists, books, tombola & raffle to the URC & St Milburga's; refreshments—URC & Quakers. We look forward to your support—thank you. Offers to Sheila Smith please.

