

NOTICES

Valerie Morris will be retiring as Associate Minister at Easter. She will, however be given 'Permission to Officiate' so we will not be losing her altogether!

Can you help? We need a representative from St Laurence' to help organise the Churches Together Coffee Morning. There is a meeting on Monday 31st January, 9.30 a.m. at 62 Stretton Farm Rd. Please let the Office know if you are able to help.

The midweek prayer meeting: having considered all the feedback from those who have attended in recent times, the meeting, held in the Owen Room from 7.30-8.30pm each Wed. night will be led by different people on a rota, with 5-10 mins Scriptural thought at the start, with singing only if a good nucleus with songs generally known, with suggested framework but with space to wait upon God and be open to the Spirit's leading and gifts where appropriate. Do come and try it - it will be only as good as the participants! But as prayer is the lifeblood of the church, let us all seek to make a priority of using this wonderful privilege and see if God does not turn up!

Renewal of Vows: all are welcome to the special service at 5pm on Sunday Feb. 13th at St. L.'s when couples, whatever age or however long married, are invited to renew their vows. The Mothers' Union will provide refreshments afterwards. Notices are going round the town to invite all and invitations to those married in the last 10 years in our parish, insofar as we can trace them - do give the office any names and addresses of any we might miss. This is at the end of National Marriage week and on the eve of Valentine's Day. The service is expected to last about 45 mins and is part of our investment in marriage and family life. Further details from Richard, John H. or Valerie Morris.

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

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

Sunday 30th January 2011
Fourth Sunday of
Epiphany

Readings: St Laurence's: 1 Corinthians 13.1-13; Philippians 2.19-24
Lectionary: 1 Kings 17.8-16; 1 Corinthians 1.18-end; John 2.1-11

'If I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.' 1 Corinthians 13.2

Welcome to our Education Sunday

Service which is a

celebration of life-long learning.

Please join us for coffee/tea in the Parish
Centre following the service

St Laurence's:	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Rector
	10.30	Combined Service for Education Sunday	Rector Moriel Gidney
St Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion (BCP)	Paul James
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Mike Bourke

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The bereaved: We pray for those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Norman Edge who died on Thursday night; also John & Christine Hughes wish to thank everyone for their prayers following the death of John's mother—her funeral is on Monday 31st in Birmingham.

The Memorial Book: We give thanks for the life of Gladys Hilda Pitman who died 30th January 1997; 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.

Members of the church family:
Barrie & Barbara Archer, Ann Ashworth, Andrew & Kay Askew, Camy Aston.

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, Leslie Harrison, Meriel Blake 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: Field House

World 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 2 are voluntary members of the chaplaincy team. Our prayers are also valued for 'Fresh Start—New Beginnings, a charity based at Shrewsbury Prison, which provides mentors for Shropshire men and women who have completed their sentence.

World Mission Group: The display board in the Parish Centre now has a Focus on the Diocese of Kigezi Water & Sanitation Project, our Mission Partner in SW Uganda. Do take a look while drinking your coffee.

DIARY

TUESDAY 1st February

2.30 p.m.—Mothers' Union—Owen Room

'My work as a nurse' - Pat Gregory. All welcome

2.30 p.m.—St Michael's Church Fellowship—St Michael's Vestry

'Travels in Peru and Ecuador' - Annie Cockburn

7.00 p.m.—Bellringing Practice

WEDNESDAY 2nd

2.30 p.m.—Women's Fellowship—St Laurence's

'Family, faith and finance—my life' - Philippa Hall

7.30 p.m.—Church Prayer Meeting—Parish Centre

THURSDAY 3rd

10.00 a.m.— Parents and Toddlers—Parish Centre

11.30 a.m. – Holy Communion — St Laurence's— Paul James

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

FRIDAY 4th

9.30—Women's Bible Study—Owen Room

Looking at 1 Peter

SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY Fifth Sunday before Lent

St Laurence's:	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	John Hughes
			Rector
	11.05	All Age Service	Barrie Archer
		'What's in a name?'	Robert Rayner
St Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	Valerie Morris
All Saints	3.00	Evening Prayer (Trad)	Nancy Cleaton

Notes for group and personal use to go with the sermon themes each Sunday may be found in the sidesman's area or by email.