

## NOTICES

**Coffee:** Thank you to those who have offered to help with the coffee on Sundays. Any other offers would be gratefully received. Offers to the office please.

**Christian Aid Week May 15-21:** this year we are supporting a poor community in Nicaragua—La Paz del Tuma, with clean water facilities, latrines and a new school to replace the dilapidated ex-chemical store used at present. Please give generously once again. Last year's £3545 is our target to better. I would greatly appreciate some new volunteers for Burway Road, a section of Stretton Farm Road, Swain's Meadow, and High Street. Thank you. Let us help these people in poverty, out of poverty. Offers please to Sheila Smith 722064.

**8th Day** is a parish group; aiding us to think and to seek Jesus' discernment regarding our care of creation. We hope you find the book-marks useful. Our next discussion meeting will be on Friday 6th May at 7.30 pm at Mike and Bev Turner's home (Linton, Bushmoor, SY7 8DW) focusing on energy usage. All are very welcome - please email or phone to arrange shared lifts (722296/[isabel@amberlinks.org](mailto:isabel@amberlinks.org)).

**GIVING:** please use gift aid to maximise gifts if you are a taxpayer. We praise God for the generous giving that allowed us to reopen St. L.'s with all moneys given or promised but we commend it to everyone's prayers that less can be reclaimed back in tax now, Expenditure will rise in certain areas and there will be a shortfall in the account for Children's and Youth Ministers if things stay as they are. There are some misconceptions - please note that for every £1 given to the diocese, £1-06 comes back to the parishes in clergy salaries, £1-21 if one includes all the sector ministers! Forms are in the Sidesmen's area or see Jenny Mitchell, our stewardship secretary. **Gifts** towards the work of the Children's and Youth Workers can be made using the gift aid forms and envelopes. Thank you.

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<b>Days off</b>	<b>Rector, Friday;</b>
<b>Secretary's Hours</b>	<b>8.30am to 4.00 pm Tues; 8.30am to 12.30pm Thurs; 8.30am—1.00pm Fri</b>
<b>Verger's Hours</b>	<b>8.30am to 1.00 pm Mon, 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Thurs &amp; Fri 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 1st May 2011**

**Readings: St Laurence's:** Acts 2.14a, 22-32; John 20.19-end

**Hymns at 9.30 am St. Laurence's:** CP 157; WT166; CP136; CP141

**Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**Sidesmen: Please give Church Matters to everyone today.**

Do visit the *EXPERIENCE EASTER* at St. Michael's, with displays and floral arrangements. On until after the May Bank Holiday (May 2nd) 9.30am to 5pm.

<b>St Laurence's:</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (CW)	Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton
	11.05	Special	All Age Team
<b>St Michael's</b>	10.30	Morning Worship	John Holden
<b>All Saints</b>	3 pm	Evening Prayer	Mike Bourke

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Memorial Book:** We give thanks for the life of Arthur Sydney Morris who died 1 May 2004, James Toothill who died 2 May 2000, Anthony Richardson who died 3 May 2007, Gwendoline Cissie Nicholls who died 5 May 2008, Daniel Grafton who died 6 May 2000, and Roland Henry Whitrick who died 7 May 1981.

**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, Meriel Blake, Ray Edwards, Brian Hazeldine, Veronica Jennings, Adele & Doug Grounds and their families and friends. (Names are included only with permission).

**Members of the church family:**  
Barbara Forsyth,  
Sylvia Fulton,  
Margery Furness,  
and Vivien Garner

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:** Southview

**World Mission Intercessions :** This week we are praying for Fane Conant. We pray for his driver and director of events who has just undergone surgery to remove a lump from his chest. Also we pray for events with Hungarian church in Sacele because they do not currently have a church, that enough people will respond for this to begin.

**BORDER PRAYER-ROOM PROJECT** – Do sign-up to join the fortnight of prayer taking place across the Border in May. Church Stretton is linked with Newtown, and our 24hour slot will be from 12midday on Thursday 19th until 12 midday on Friday 20th May. This is to maintain an unbroken chain of prayer for healing, restoration, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit on one another. Our Prayer-Room will take place in the UPPER ROOM in the PC, and the SIGN-UP SHEET will be at the back of St. L's. For more information refer to April edition of Church Matters, [www.borderprayer.co.uk](http://www.borderprayer.co.uk), or contact Valerie McCalla: 724688.

I will be in a team of ten people on the **Word on the Street** mission Whitehaven Cumbria with Through Faith Missions from 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May. The team is lead by John Hibbard. This involves an intense week of mission, visiting and sharing our faith with schools, various organisations, pub work and visiting homes in the area. The day runs from 8.30am to 10pm, so please will you pray that I will have wisdom, energy, the ability to share my faith in a sensitive way and the love of Jesus for all with whom I come in contact - Wendy Cooper

## DIARY

### TUESDAY 3rd

2.30 p.m.—Mother's Union— all welcome. Sarah Wildblood will speak about youth work in the Parish.

7.00 p.m.—Bellringing Practice

### WEDNESDAY 4th

8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer—Owen Room

7.30 p.m.— Worship Choir—Parish Centre

7.30 p.m.— Church Prayer Meeting—Owen Room

### THURSDAY 5th

10.00 a.m. Parents & Toddlers—Parish Centre

11.30 a.m. – Holy Communion – St Laurence's

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

### FRIDAY 6th

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Owen Room

9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study—Owen Room

### SUNDAY 8th May

<b>St Laurence's:</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (CW)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector
	11.05	Special	Rector
<b>St Michael's</b>	10.30	Morning Worship	John Hughes
<b>All Saints</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton

**St. Michael's Church Fellowship:** Tuesday 3rd May at 2.30 pm. John Millham is speaking on "The History of 3 Cities of new Zealand".

**Second Hand Books** are for sale in the Parish Centre foyer. Donations to Phase Two Building In Faith.

**Helpers needed for Tearfund stall.** The Town Council is again organizing a Charities Day in the Square on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. A pitch has been booked for Tearfund, selling crafts and handing out leaflets. If you can help for any length of time, please contact Peter Hammersley, tel 771864.

**Congratulations** to Tim and Claire Oxborough on the birth of a baby boy!