

NOTICES

Gifts for Nancy retiring from the Office and for **Moriel** retiring from being Children's Worker may be made using envelopes and putting their names on. We are very grateful indeed for the contributions of both and shall be making presentations at the AGM on Thursday 28th April (7.30 p.m.)

Rector's secretary/PA: this is a new role as part of re-organising our admin. See below for hours. Some tasks will be delegated. Please pray for and help Jo as she adjusts. We will also use service booklets more often.

We are looking to appoint a Parish Centre Manager (offers to the Richard or the Wardens),

The Fun Day will be on 17th July with both 9.30 & 11.05 services in the marquee on Russell's Meadow. Followed by a BBQ & the other usual entertainments and games for those who wish. The band 'The Reign' from Swanland & very popular last year with all ages, will again play at 11.05 and at Garage Praise the previous night. Thanks to Little Stretton for their gift. Others who would like to make a gift towards this may earmark using an envelope marked 'Funday' (gift-aided if possible).

St Laurence's Church Stretton: Children's Worker required: ½ time (20 hours a week) overseeing the children's work of the church & parish and reaching out to families. Details from the Rector, Revd Richard Hill on 01694 722585. Deadline 15th May 2011.

Good Friday Walk of Witness: Offers of baskets for Hot X Buns to Sally please & offers of help to Fane Conant to distribute said buns.

Urgent! Does anyone have a video/DVD of Alice & Hugo's wedding from the Vicar of Dibley TV Series. If so please contact Nancy. It is needed for 9th April.

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Days off	Rector, Friday; Parish Secretary, Monday
Secretary	8.30am to 4.00 pm Tues 8.30am to 12.30pm Thurs, 8.30am—1.00pm Fri
Verger	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

CONTACT

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

**Sunday 3rd April 2011
Mothering Sunday**

Readings: St Laurence's: Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.33-35
Lectionary: Exodus 2.1-10; Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.33-35

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' *Colossians 3.12*

We welcome Revd Daphne Kitching as our preacher at St Laurence's today. Daphne was ordained in 2009. She teaches dyslexic children and writes children's poems, many of which have been illustrated by Elaine (Hill)

St Laurence's:	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector
			Daphne Kitching
	11.05	Special All Age Service	Simon Cleaton
			Daphne Kitching
St Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	Valerie Morris
All Saints	3.00	Evening Prayer (Trad)	Robert Rayner

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Memorial Book: We give thanks for the life of Frances Mary Deaves who died 3rd April 2004; Clement Peter Banfield who died 4th April 2003.

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, Veronica Jennings 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: Stretton Hall Nursing Home

World Mission Intercessions : Today we are praying especially for the Mothers Union, a worldwide organisation with 3 million members in 73 countries. It is concerned with enabling family life and bringing up children in the life of the Church and supporting marriages. Parenting, literacy & income—generating projects, support of HIV-Aids affected families, in fact, all whose lives have met with adversity & all undergirded with prayer.

Oikos Cards: 'Oikos' means our household or circle of friends. To help us pray for those in our home/small groups, all leaders have been given a pack of these cards to give to each member to remind us to pray regularly for the other members of our group, the link missionary for that group and for 3 friends to be introduced to Jesus Christ. This should increase both the support we give to one another and encourage groups to reach out with the Gospel.

Friday 15th April—3.00 p.m. Evensong & Tea—St Laurence's.
If you would like a lift please ring Carol Johnson 722070.

Songs of Praise: Churches Together are holding a Songs of Praise on Rectory Field on Sunday 12th June (the day after the Summer-fest) from 5.5.45pm with brass band and seats provided, followed by refreshments. All requests of hymns (hopefully reasonable well known!) to Revd Richard Hill on 722585, with reason for choosing. All welcome even if just to listen.

Members of the church family:

Barbara Corbett,
Sylvia Cowan,
Caroline Crump,
Antony & Noreen Daniell

DIARY

TUESDAY 5th

2.30 p.m.—MU—Owen Room
'Walking with us' is the title of Revd Daphne Kitching's talk. All welcome.
2.30 p.m.—St Michael's Church Fellowship—Revd Janet Loveitt
'Three Stooges of Southwark'
7.00 p.m.—Bellringing Practice

WEDNESDAY 6th

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Owen Room
2.30 p.m.—Women's Fellowship—**Methodist Church** (note change of venue) 'The Anglican Methodist Covenant' - Neil Richardson
7.30 p.m.—Church Prayer Meeting—Parish Centre
7.30 p.m.—Worship Choir Practice—Parish Centre
7.30 p.m.—The Shrewsbury Prison Fellowship Group is hosting an Evening of Thanksgiving at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Harlescott, Shrewsbury. The latest PF DVD will be shown & the address is by Tony Sharpe, Volunteer Prison Chaplain & on the staff of 'The Ark' in Shrewsbury. If anyone wishes to go please speak with Doug Grounds, 722017 about getting a lift.

THURSDAY 7th

10.00 a.m.—Parents & Toddlers—Parish Centre
11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—St Laurence's—Rector
5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—10, Kings Court

FRIDAY 8th

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer—Owen Room
9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study—Owen Room
12 noon—1.30—Save the Children are holding the popular Bangers & Mash Lunch (with Puddings!!) in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5 (inc tea/coffee) - please pay at the door. There will be Save the Children Sales and a raffle.

SATURDAY 9th - 7.15 a.m.—Men's Group—Parish Centre

SUNDAY 10th APRIL—5th SUNDAY OF LENT

St Laurence's:	8.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector
	11.05	Special	Rector
St Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion (Trad)	Bp Mike Bourke

Passiontide Meditation at Little Stretton—Friday 15th April at 7.30 p.m. An hour of music, pictures and readings depicting the 14 Stations of the Cross.

Children's Society Coffee Morning & Box Opening takes place on Thursday 14th April in the P/C from 10am—11.30am. Cakes & Marmalade will be available to buy (donations to sell will be gratefully received).