

# Church Matters

The Parish Magazine of the Strettons : May 2011

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

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## ONE DOWN, MANY TO GO

Thank you for all the favourable comments you have given me about the new format Church Matters. I'm glad you all seem to like the smaller size and the inclusion of baptism anniversaries and funerals. This month I have also included weddings and a list of names from the Memorial Book.

Also making a debut this month is a Fun and Games page, with games and puzzles for the whole church family whether you regard yourself as a genius or just like passing the time with a wordsearch or two!

Once again I ask you, the readers, to write and submit articles about the churches and events that go on here in the Strettons. You don't have to be on the PCC, a Church Warden or someone 'Up Front' at church to write an article; just an ordinary, church going Christian, young or old. I look forward to your submissions for next month's edition. I'd rather have too many than not enough!

From next month, Church Matters will be published on the **last** Sunday of the month and not **first** Sunday of the next month. This means that the June edition will be out on the 29th May and not the 5th June.

**Simon Cleaton**

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## IS THE ASCENSION CREDIBLE?

**“He ascended into heaven,”** we say in the creed. Does this imply a 3-decker universe? Is this credible in this scientific age?

Interestingly, **Scripture uses a variety of words** for the ascension. Meanings include ‘go,’ ‘departure,’ ‘a taking up,’ ‘go up,’ ‘go away,’ ‘go into,’ ‘go through,’ ‘be taken up by getting under’ with reference to the cloud. There is no other way that Jesus could decisively depart from the earth other than by going upwards. Certainly, it is very significant that the resurrection sightings suddenly stop at this point. If it was not an ascension that happened, what was it?

Christian philosophers such as Boethius have been aware since at least the 6<sup>th</sup> C AD that **the world was a sphere**. This is again and again noted in various writings. The understanding of phrases like “under the earth” were understood to be spiritual places, but with an understanding that the spiritual realm was very real. The words in the original Greek also imply that Jesus was slowly taken up, very different from the previous sudden withdrawals of the resurrection appearances. The cloud itself symbolised the presence of God. Without a dramatic, visual end to the resurrection appearances, the disciples may well have continued to hope for further encounters with their risen Master. **The fact that they**

**got on with their mission in other ways points to the historical veracity of the Ascension accounts.** Ascension Day, by being tucked away on a Thursday, can easily evade our attention and we miss the value of it for our life with Christ:

- Jesus has gone to *prepare a place* for us (John 14:1-4)
- The *atonement is complete*, since He is seen as seated, i.e. His work is complete (Heb. 10:11-14)
- He *intercedes* for us (Rom. 8:34), looking after our interests
- He was able to receive from the Father *the gift of the Holy Spirit* and give Him to us (Acts 2:32-34)
- We are able to receive *gifts and misistries of the Spirit* as a result (Eph. 4:8-10)
- Jesus is *reigning* in heaven till all His enemies are crushed under His feet (1 Cor. 15:24-26)
- Jesus has been *vindicated* and restored to His rightful privilege (Phil. 2:9)
- He is *upholding the universe* (Heb. 1:3); it is not out of control
- It shows *Jesus’ true nature* (Rom. 1:4).

So there is a **‘real absence’** until Jesus returns to this earth. Till then we are to seek the things that are above (Col. 3:1-4). Ironically, that is the only way to rightly relate to this earth and see all things in context. A number of people could not accept this when Jesus spoke about

this while He was alive on earth (John 6:61-66). Why not do a Bible study on this subject and see what God says to you through it? And come to the service (which includes 2 hymns) on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30am.

**Richard Hill**

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## SUMMERFEST OUTREACH

We will be taking part in Church Stretton Summerfest again this year on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. This is a great opportunity for us to come together and demonstrate God's abundant love for all the people in the Strettons. We plan to offer free face painting, family crafts and refreshments in the Parish Centre from 12 noon to 5:00pm. There will also be an Interactive Bible Exhibition in St Laurence's Church from 12:00pm. Your help would be much appreciated. If you are able to give an hour of your time to be a steward in the Church, or to help with refreshments, face painting or to assist with crafting, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Outreach notice board in the Parish Centre Hall, or contact me on 07583 158949 or by e-mailing [stlaurenceoutreachworker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stlaurenceoutreachworker@hotmail.co.uk).

You don't need to be a craft expert to help assist families with a craft activity, because an experienced crafter will teach each craft. If you have never tried face painting

before, do not fear! I will be offering master classes before the event for people who would like to have a go. It's really not as difficult as it looks. If you are unable to help on the day, but would like to contribute, please consider baking a cake for the refreshments.

Many thanks.

**Sally Cooke**

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## GARAGE PRAISE

Here are the dates for Garage Praise for the rest of 2011. Put them in your diaries!

- **21st May** 7:30pm.
- **16th July** BBQ from 6:30pm, due to time restraint for cooking, the burgers & sausages will be supplied. Worship led by The Reign.
- **15th Oct** 7:30pm.
- **10th Dec** 7:30pm.  
At Cardingmill Valley

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## FUN DAY

Don't forget the St Laurence's Church Fun Day which is on Russell's Meadow on Sunday 17th July. There will be an 11:00am open air service led by The Reign: refreshments will be available throughout the service.

The Fun Day itself will start at 12.30 and run until 4:00pm, with a BBQ and lots of fun & games.

## MORIEL GIDNEY



By the time you are reading this we will have presented Moriel with a retirement gift as our Children's Worker. We now have two after school clubs, Jam & 3:16, regular assemblies with Open the Book team led by Jo Aze, plus others at other times and the Holiday Clubs now led by Barbara Archer. Moriel has also led music and taken lessons answering any questions! She has taken part in the various school services, been a chain of communication, and met with numerous parents, knowing many of them through her nursery. She, of course, has taken part in many all age and other services, as well as led the Kidzone Sunday work and developed the team. Her creativity has been appreciated, plus her energy! I am pleased to say, that whilst she has resigned for

reasons of pressure, she will continue to be available to help us with many of these activities. So a big thank you to Moriel, and we pray for the right successor to continue to develop this work.

**Richard Hill**

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## BORDER PRAYER ROOM PROJECT

The vision is for a RELAY OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR 14 DAYS running down the Border with Wales, each town along the way praying blessing for its opposite number across the border for 24 hours.

CHURCH STRETTON is  
twinned with NEWTOWN  
Our 24 hours will run from  
12.00 midday Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> -  
12.00 midday Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Our PRAYER ROOM will be set up in the UPPER ROOM OF THE PARISH CENTRE, where there will be information available regarding Newtown and its needs, and visual aids to enlighten and aid prayer. As we pray for Newtown, they will pray for Church Stretton. Do sign up to help play our part in aligning ourselves with the Lord's purposes for this part of his world in the coming days. A Sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the church. Info in April edition of CM, [www.borderprayer.co.uk](http://www.borderprayer.co.uk), or from

**Valerie McCalla: 724688**

## EVENSONG AND TEA

Nearly 60 of us gathered in St Laurence's for this very popular event. The rain of the morning had been replaced by some Spring sunshine and it was lovely to see many old friends meeting up. After the service in church everyone went across to the Parish Centre where Janet Bromley and her team of helpers had provided a wonderful tea.



Many thanks go to them and also to Carol & Charles Johnson for organising the transport, to Audrey Phillips for the beautiful table decorations, Simon for playing for



the service, the choir for giving such a great lead to the singing, Malcolm and Barbara for reading the lessons and Mervyn for keeping us all under control! It was a very special occasion and we look forward to the next one on 30th September.

**Nancy Cleaton & Sue Davies**

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid week this year is May 15th-21st and their slogan is 'Help people in poverty out of poverty'.

We urgently need more help with our house to house collections this year. Could you help with this at a few houses near you? Please think and pray about this. Offers of help to Sheila Smith (722064) will be gratefully received. We hope to better our total from last year and our target is £3545.

This year our collection is going to a poor community: the Pay del Tuma Co-operative in Jinotega, Nicaragua, to help the coffee farmers :-

- Seeds to sow and a processing plant to give all farmers a better return.
- To rebuild the school currently housed in an old chemical store.
- Clean water and latrines.

These may be necessities for us but are still a pipe dream for them. Please give generously. Thank you.

**Sheila Smith**

## **KING JAMES BIBLE 400TH ANNIVERSARY**

The actual anniversary is Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. However, to reach people where they are at, we are holding a **Bible Exhibition on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>** as part of our contribution to *the Summerfest*, from 11:00am to 5:00pm. This will include showings of the film 'The Miracle Maker', which people can pick up as they want as it is divided into sections. There will be displays, hopefully something interactive on computer, plus people to speak with. Anyone who would like to offer their services or any exhibits that might relate to a Bible scene please see me. Please see Chris Burtenshaw if you have photograph to which a Biblical text could be suitably added.

Please see Sally about events in the Parish centre.

The Bible exhibition will be repeated from Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, during which the Primary School will visit.

### **Richard Hill**

On June 11th at Little Stretton Church as part of the Summerfest and to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, there will be a reading of the Gospel of St. John. This will take place between 2:00pm and 5:30pm

and everyone is invited to come and listen for however long they would like.

**Janet Poundford**

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## **NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS**

Janet Poundford has taken over as Assistant Church Warden from Mrs Margaret Morris who recently completed her six year term in that capacity.

Building of kitchen and toilet facilities is due to start at the end of April and it is hoped it will be finished in time for "Teas to Please" which will be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Margaret Carey who worked extremely hard to keep the church alive in the past is now living at Caradoc Lodge, where we are pleased to report that she has settled in comfortably.

A "Soup and Pudding" lunch organised by Liz Bourke raised £210 for Christian Aid.

On Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> the church was the venue for the 'Way of the Cross', consisting of fourteen meditations for organ by Marcel Dupre, played by Richard Walker (who does invaluable work for the church by organising volunteer organists for church services). This event raised £112.70 for the 'Women's Refuge'.

**Hilary Bullock**

**NEW LIFE**

Congratulations to Claire and Tim on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy! Weighing in at 8lb 6oz and born on 27th April at 4:15 am.

Mother and baby are doing well and Annabel is keeping Tim in order!

We wish God's blessing on the whole Oxborough family.

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**BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY FOR  
MAY**

Gideon Turner




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**WEDDING**

The following wedding took place on the 23rd April between :

David Geoffrey Evans  
*and*  
Juliette Clare Newbrook.

We wish them many years of happiness and that God may richly bless them and their families.

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**FUNERALS**

The following funerals took place during April:

Joan Yates

We hold their families and friends in our prayers.

**MEMORIAL BOOK**

In April we gave thanks for lives of

Frances Mary Deaves	3/4/2004
Clement Peter Banfield	4/4/2003
Vernon Sydney Young	15/4/2002
Allen Thomas Price	18/4/1996
Clara Blanche Price	19/4/2002
Anita Ruth Bytheway	29/4/2001

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**IN MEMORY**

Is there a loved one whose memory you treasure and you would like something tangible to remember them by? An opportunity has arisen, in St Laurence's Church, to donate a new clergy chair to match the existing, specially made, upholstered chair on the dais. The cost will be £995. If you would be interested, please contact John Hughes on 722582.

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**SONGS OF PRAISE**

To round off the Summerfest, we are holding a **Songs of Praise** with a band from Churches Together, at 5:00pm on Rectory Field for about 45 minutes, followed by refreshments provided from the Parish Centre. At the time of writing, I have two requests, one from All Stretton and one from the Methodists, *so please send more requests to me*, preferably well-known, and be prepared to give a reason for your choice! If you want to help in any way please contact either the church office or myself. Seating will be provided, plus a PA.

**Richard Hill**

## HOME GROUPS

I thought it might be helpful for some to know what goes on in a home group. Typically, a group will have some sort of refreshments either at the beginning or end. There may be a light hearted or getting to know one another question (non-tingey!) to give everyone a chance to say something about themselves and break the ice, though nobody needs to say anything at any point if they do not wish to do so.

One or two groups may have some brief music; the rest will probably go straight into reading a passage from the Bible and discussing it together. The aim is not just to share various views but to meet with God and let Him speak into our lives. Often it may be the passage from Sunday that is looked at, which will give a chance to let it soak, clear away any misconceptions, let us ask questions, and apply it to our lives thus bringing forth fruit.

Most groups will have a time for prayer. This provides a chance for each member to share any needs they may have and support one another. The notes we produce provide a final application so that what has been discussed is not gone tomorrow but the blessing is received and the lesson is worked out in daily life.

Notes for groups are available from

the back of St. Laurence's, occasionally the daughter churches, plus the office or via e-mail from me.

### **THE PURPOSES OF HOME GROUPS ARE:**

**To provide a place of belonging,** a kind of family unit to share joys and sorrows and provide pastoral support. It is often said that people will stay in a church when they make six significant friendships – this provides a ready made opportunity to do that.

**To help people to grow in their faith and become disciples.** Many fall away because they are not helped on in their Christian life. At great times of revival, especially a time like the Wesleyan one, people have found home meetings crucial in this.

**To develop gifts and leadership.** Sharing personal stories in the secure environment of a group of reasonable, like minded people will build the confidence to share one's faith in the seemingly more hostile world outside. Also, by delegating parts of the meeting to different members, people can take their first steps in leadership when there are more experienced people to give encouragement and guidance. My first experience of leading was in home groups. Members of groups could also ask other members to do tasks in the church with them, so helping them to serve and grow in

their faith and that will strengthen them for their service in the world.

## 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION

**To develop outreach.** Coming to a church building is a very big step for many to make when so few have been brought up to go to any sort of church or Sunday School. A home group activity, e.g. going to the cinema and discussing the film afterwards, a barbeque, especially inviting the spouses of members who do not normally attend any service or meeting, holding a four-week 'Think it Through' group for friends of members, plus many other ideas can enable groups to reach their particular friends and lots of different cultures at the same time. I just ask that you let us know so clashes are avoided and so we can provide any necessary resources, and of course prayer back-up.

There will be a period of a month when photos of the different groups will be on display at the back of St. Laurence's and those not in groups are welcome to choose one or two and visit without any obligation to join, just to see what happens. Anybody wanting to join a group should speak to Doug Grounds or one of the clergy. A list of all the home groups and contact points is also available on the church website. It would also be great if we could establish some groups based on the daughter churches too, to reinforce the work through them.

**Richard Hill**

John Hughes and his son Tim both have birthdays in June. This year their combined ages total 100 years and to celebrate they are embarking on a sponsored walk up Mount Snowdon on Saturday 18th June. At the top they will be met by the rest of their family for a birthday celebration.

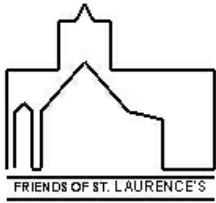
Although neither claim to be climbers, they both enjoy walking and both support the Toybox Charity. They thought that this was something they could do to raise money for a charity which supports street children in a number of countries in South America. These homeless children roam the streets and are often treated as vermin by the authorities. The Charity seeks to teach and model to the children the love of Jesus for them. The stories of how these children's lives have been transformed are inspiring.

Tim believes that the walk will be extra challenging for him because he will be carrying a zimmer frame ready for his Dad to use on the journey!! If you would like to sponsor John and Tim, please contact John on 01694 722582 or email [jonhughes@uwclub.net](mailto:jonhughes@uwclub.net).



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## FRIENDS OF ST. LAURENCE



### ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 14th MAY

Our Annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 14th May in the Parish Centre from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a range of stalls including cakes, preserves, plants, Fair Trade, tombola, and books.

**Please come join us for coffee.**

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### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who came along, both those who helped and those who bought the lovely cakes! Here are a few pictures.



Audrey Mosely and Joan Scott are faithful box openers - and seem to enjoy it!



It's a man's job too, but David seems to find it a more serious matter!



Together with the cake and marmalade sales and donations, the morning realised over £900 for the Society.

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

**Adele Grounds**

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### WORSHIP CHOIR

The choir is growing but we really need more members! We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Do come!

**Kim Cleaton**

## WHAT'S THE POINT OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP?

with hearing a beautiful melody – our thoughts are lead to higher things.

Music has been used in worship for thousands of years. The Bible records many musicians who use their skills for praising God – the most famous, of course, being David. Throughout the centuries since, the place for music in worship has seen many changes. Silent services, music being performed to a noiseless congregation, and services being entirely sung rather than spoken: all these have had their part to play in the church's history.

So if this is the natural order of things, why do we get into bad habits, for example not paying attention to the meaning of words of the hymns we know by heart? How can we keep worship fresh? We need to somehow avoid falling into ruts. We need to avoid including songs with shallow or un-Biblical lyrics; to be fearless in our choices of music; to experiment with the beauty and glory of music and not take it for granted. It is not found in every song, in every hymn.

So what do we gain from worshipping with music? I, for one, believe that music is the key to the soul. It reaches into the depths of us, where nothing else can touch. Its impact can be apparent in a few moments; it works quickly and powerfully. So it is therefore the most appropriate thing to use to convey our innermost thoughts and feelings to God. "A village without music is a dead place," says an African proverb. Indeed, there is a quotation that says something like, "There have been societies without art, societies without literature, societies without poetry, but never one without some form of music."

Vicky Beeching, a contemporary worship leader, says "Most people learn their theology from songs these days, as we all remember lyrics more than sermons." It's easy to see how this is true. It is a sobering thought for songwriters, and reminds us just how important Biblical accuracy is in song. Indeed, too many modern songs are lacking in theological depth, and are what I call the 'I love you Jesus. The end,' songs!

Music helps us connect to God. Like nature, its very presence prompts worship. Simply the sight of a river flowing by a mountain causes us to think, 'God is wonderful!'; so it is

Yet surely we are creating the music for God? To truly worship through music, we need to give it our all. This doesn't necessarily mean being able to create wonderful harmonies or being the best singer in the world, but simply means giving your heart to God and letting him have control.



## Bible Wordsearch

Below is a wordsearch containing some of the books from the Bible. Some from the Old Testament and some from the New Testament. Can you find them all?

W H I V E N J S H M S S R O X  
 N G C V J I E E P A E V A I S  
 C V R O V N B L Y T G Z A J S  
 U S N F H R G C S T D H M A V  
 J A K O E S L A U H U P A M C  
 H O J W M W I P T E J D G E C  
 N K S L S S V Q H W A C T S S  
 H E A H E R E V E L A T I O N  
 B S H L U U J G S I S E N E G  
 P S C E D A N I E L J K S N J  
 H C N F M S U T I T O D R U S  
 E P Z A R I X K E N E I D A R  
 O X A N M U A V K H L E R K M  
 X C J F C O T H U B F Q Y Y G  
 S M M P D E R H L P T I V L I

ACTS  
 DANIEL  
 ECCLESIASTES  
 GENESIS  
 HEBREWS  
 JAMES  
 JOEL

JOHN  
 JONAH  
 JOSHUA  
 JUDE  
 JUDGES  
 LUKE  
 MARK

MATTHEW  
 NEHEMIAH  
 PSALMS  
 REVELATION  
 ROMANS  
 RUTH  
 TITUS

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Simon on the excellent 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the **new form Church Matters** – we have received much favourable feedback including that it now goes in a handbag!

We have also received acclaim for the new look **website**, which you can find by going to <http://www.strettonparish.org.uk>.

**Richard Hill**

### CHILDREN'S WORKER

St. Laurence's, Church Stretton Children's worker required 1/2 time (20 hours a week) overseeing the children's work of the church & parish and reaching out to families  
 Details from  
 Rector, Rev.

Richard Hill  
 on (01694)  
 722585. The  
 deadline is  
 May 15th.



## MAY SERVICES

<b>St. Laurence's</b>		<b>St. Michael's</b>		<b>All Saints'</b>			
	8:00am	9:30am	11:05am	6:00pm	10:30am	11:00am	3:00pm
<b>1st May</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order Two) Nancy Cleaton	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship) Nancy Cleaton	<b>All Age Service</b> All Age Team		<b>Morning Worship</b> John Holden		<b>Evening Prayer (BCP)</b> Mike Bourke
<b>8th May</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order Two) Rector	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship) Rector	<b>11.05 Special</b> Rector		<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship) John Hughes	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order Two) Nancy Cleaton	
<b>15th May</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order Two) Rector	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship) Nancy Cleaton	<b>11.05 Special</b> Nancy Cleaton		<b>Morning Worship</b> Rector	<b>Morning Prayer (BCP)</b> John Hughes	
<b>22nd May</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order One) Rector	<b>Morning Worship</b> John Hughes Rector	<b>11.05 Special with Communion</b> John Hughes Rector	<b>Healing Service</b> John Holden Nancy Cleaton	<b>Holy Communion (URC)</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order Two) John Holden	
<b>29th May</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order Two) Rector	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship) Mike Bourke	<b>11.05 Special</b> Mike Bourke		<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> David Morris	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship – Order Two) Rector	

## CHURCH WEBSITE UPDATE

Sermons are now available for download from the church website and can be found under the Media menu heading. There are nearly 40 altogether and more will be added each month.

The sermons are from 8th August 2010 up until 17th April 2011 (maybe even 24th April by the time you are reading this). So if you missed a service or just enjoyed a sermon so much that you want to listen again, then do pop over to <http://www.strettonparish.org.uk/media/sermons/> and take a look, or rather, have a listen! You can search by date, title, preacher, sermon series or type of service.

So far they have been listened to a total of 167 times with John Hughes' sermon on 'The Woman at the Well' ('Tend' in the Five Marks of Mission series) proving the most popular. Well done John! Either it was a great sermon or everyone was away that week!

There is now also a video of John Hughes being gunged at Holiday Club a few years ago on the website under the media section along with a couple of other holiday club gungings. Sorry John!

I am also glad that people are making use of the other downloads available on the website. The April

edition of Church Matters has been a regular download and the Contact newsletters are also proving popular.

In all there have been almost 400 visitors to the website over the last month including many being referred from the Church Stretton website and others from [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com). So, people are looking for a Church and are ending up on our website!

A good website is a great evangelistic tool, so if you haven't already, check out the site and let me know if there is anything missing, out of date or incorrect.

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### **Deadline:**

The deadline for submissions for the June edition of Church Matters is Friday 20th May. If possible, can all articles be be emailed to [simon.cleaton@talk21.com](mailto:simon.cleaton@talk21.com) preferably in the form of Word Documents. Alternatively, drop them in to the Parish Office.

### **Note:**

The editor reserves the right to amend, curtail or expand, and to select appropriate headings and subsidiary headings, for all articles submitted for inclusion in Church Matters.

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY 2011

3rd	2:30pm	St Michael's Church Fellowship 'The history of three cities of New Zealand' - John Millham'	St. Michaels
4th	7:30pm	Church Prayer Meeting	Parish Centre
	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
5th	10:00am	Parents and Toddlers	Parish Centre
6th	9:30am	Women's Bible Study	Parish Centre
7th	7:25am	Men's Group	Parish Centre
11th	7:30pm	Church Prayer Meeting	Parish Centre
	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
12th	10:00am	Parents and Toddlers	Parish Centre
13th	9:30am	Women's Bible Study	Parish Centre
14th	10:00am	Friends of St. Laurence Annual Coffee Morning	Parish Centre
15th		Christian Aid Week begins	
18th	7:30pm	Church Prayer Meeting	Parish Centre
	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
19th	10:00am	Parents and Toddlers	Parish Centre
	12:00am	Border Room Prayer Project	Parish Centre
20th	9:30am	Women's Bible Study	
21st	7:25am	Men's Group	Parish Centre
	7:30pm	Garage Praise	Burway Garage
23rd	7:00pm	St. Michael's Committee Meeting	St. Michael's
25th	7:30pm	Church Prayer Meeting	Parish Centre
	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
26th	10:00am	Parents and Toddlers	Parish Centre
	7:30pm	PCC meeting	Parish Centre
27th	9:30am	Women's Bible Study	Parish Centre
31st	7:30pm	All Saints Committee Meeting	

If you know of any events or meetings that you think should be included in the Diary Dates please let me know. I only put in what I'm given! Also do visit the website at <http://www.strettonparish.org.uk> as all upcoming events are on there along with all the regular church activities.