



Church Matters

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The Parish Magazine of the Strettons : July 2011

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

IT'S SUMMERTIME!

No, honestly, it is! Don't let the weather deceive you. Summertime can bring it's own set of challenges to us here in the parish of Church Stretton. With it come visitors, hopefully quite a lot of them, and that can lead to a different dynamic within our churches on a Sunday morning.

We need to ask ourselves whether we make our services accessible to non-regulars, be they visitors or just occasional attenders. It is easy for those of us that go to church week after week to get a little set in our ways and, if we are not careful, become a bit too inward looking.

We know what we like in a church service, what makes us comfortable and what takes us outside of our comfort zone. But is comfortable always good? The first disciples certainly spent a lot of time being taken a long way out of their comfort zones and yet the Gospel spread like wildfire as the early church grew.

We have just finished the Border Prayer-Room Project and people have had a real sense that God will be moving powerfully along this historically volatile and contested

part of the country.

Will God push us out of our comfort zones, and what will happen if he does? Are we willing to let God lead us or would we rather sit in our chairs and pews and hope and pray that he lets us stay comfortable? Or do we dare pray that God would take us out of our comfort zones and out into world that desperately needs the comfort of a saving Gospel?

Simon Cleaton

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THE EXCITEMENT OF PRAYER

Many people say they find prayer boring. Interestingly, every prayer meeting in the Book of Acts ended up with something significant or remarkable happening – a sound like a mighty wind, the room being shaken, Peter released from prison, God leading them to appoint missionaries etc. I am not pretending that we do not have to battle away at times and take a step of faith, or set aside time deliberately when there are many other things to

‘A Year of Prayer’

be doing, but quite often I find it is a discipline to start with. It is like going into a swimming pool or the sea – once one gets started it becomes rewarding. Karl Barth (a famous theologian) once said, “The reason why we are to pray ‘Your Kingdom come’ is because God waits for us to say Amen to His plans!”

2012 is to be a Year of Prayer. For a long time there has been a feeling that the Third World has put us in the West to shame when it comes to prayer. I was really encouraged that so many signed up so gladly for our 24 hours of prayer back in May. I do believe there has been significant progress in a number of areas as a result – both in unblocking obstacles to the work of

the Spirit among us and seeing God at work.

But how much more we could see and receive from the Lord if we really gave ourselves to this as the number one priority! “Anything not born in prayer is born in pride,” said Peter Greig, heading up the Alpha initiative on prayer. In Europe we tend not to see the point of prayer, but Scotland and Ireland have been leading the way; now is the time for England to catch up! The 24/7 initiative/concept was revitalised by the youth in a church in Chichester, where they set aside 24 hours for prayer, but found such a sense of God’s presence they carried on! In a Dublin school 400 are praying together, in a network of “prayer tents” organised across the schools of that country. At St. Andrews University, they kept 24/7 prayer going for 6 weeks and now have planted Alpha courses into several other Scottish universities. In Indonesia, 24/7 initiatives have for some while now seen many coming to faith despite the dreadful persecution many have suffered.

A Brahmin in India called Raj came to faith as he was reading John’s Gospel – Jesus came to him-and after crying for many hours as the Lord touched his life, he said, “Lord, You’re my God” and he was changed completely. As the first Brahmin to believe, he had to leave his family and sleep in a park, where

he gave out tracts! He now leads the Alpha work in India where there are now 13,000 courses and 182,000 have come for baptism through the courses. Raj spends five hours a day in prayer and has seen thousands come to Christ.

I have just purchased a book entitled '10 Praying Churches' (all in the UK). The secret to spiritual revival is not human ingenuity; it is meeting with God and doing things His way.

May we be encouraged in our praying; just to sit down each day with a Bible open and ask the Lord to speak to us and guide us as we pray, even giving us insights, words to encourage others and a refilling of His Spirit as we wait upon Him and claim His promises.

Richard Hill

WORLD MISSION MESSAGE



A billion people can't read; vast numbers have little education and live in an oral culture which values community and story-telling. The Faith Comes By Hearing programme provides the Bible on audio tape. "Now the Bible is available in Masai on tape, I hear

God speak to me in my own tongue. The Bible is part of me and my life – and I meditate on God's Word while I tend the goats and make the food." Elizabeth waited for 22 years after coming to faith before hearing the Bible in her own language.

Source: Bible Society, a St. Laurence's World Mission Partner

PET SERVICE

Following the success of last year's pet service, there will be another in Rectory Field on Sunday 31st July at 5pm. Rev. Hazel Ratcliffe, Methodist Minister and well-known local dog walker, will be the preacher. The service will last about 45 minutes and be followed by refreshments. An offering will be taken for the Animal Samaritan Trust (Dog Shop).

Richard Hill

EXPERIENCE THE PHILIPPINES

Experience the Philippines: an afternoon of discovery when the Rev. Ken Hathaway and his wife Julien, who comes from the Philippines, will talk about and show photographs of the country. They will also tell us of their visit to THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS HOME. There will be something for everyone - games, music, traditional food and more - so do come and support this event on Sunday 10th July in the Parish Centre at 4 pm.

PASTORAL CARE

For more than 10 years the Pastoral Team has enjoyed the privilege of being able to visit the frail and elderly in their own homes. The role of the Pastoral Visitors is mainly a listening one but also there are opportunities to pray with those whom they visit. Because the Team has now been operating for 10 plus years quite a few of the Visitors have felt the time has come to stand down. We are very grateful for all they have done but we really do need to recruit more members to the team.

As well as home visits, members of the team also visit those in hospital and residential and nursing homes. We organise an Evensong and Tea in the spring and autumn, and these occasions are greatly appreciated by all who come. It is an opportunity for people to meet up with old friends they have not seen for some time.

It has been a real joy over the last year to work more closely with the community and particularly with COCO – the Care in the Community Project. The training for this project is second to none and all our members have taken part in it- as will any new recruits.

The Pastoral Visitors provide a very special service and those whom they visit are very appreciative of

the fact that they are cared for in this way. But in order to carry on providing this care **we really do need more visitors**. We would ask you to prayerfully consider whether this is something God is calling you to do. If you would like to volunteer or to find out more of what is involved then please contact either Nancy or Sue and we would be delighted to talk with you. Also we would ask members of the congregation to be alert as to who is 'missing' from their usual place in church, perhaps through illness, and let us know of anyone you know who would like a regular visit.

Nancy Cleaton & Susan Davies

ALPHA

Henry Olonga, black cricketer from Zimbabwe, who distinguished himself and ultimately had to run from the country for wearing a black armband in protest against Robert Mugabe during a world Cup cricket match, will be speaking at Shrewsbury Abbey on Wednesday, September 14th. Further information will be available nearer the time.

Richard Hill



July 2011

OUR NEW CHILDREN'S WORKER



It's a great honour and a privilege to be appointed as the new Children's and Young Families' Worker at St Laurence's, Church Stretton. I have been asked to write a little about myself as way of introduction. I am married to Alan and we have three grown-up children called Daniel (26), John (22) and Hannah (20). We live on a farm in a small village called Church Preen which is halfway between Much Wenlock and Church Stretton. Alan is a farmer and he works at Acton Scott Farm Museum.

I am a Primary School Teacher and I have taught in several schools in Shropshire over the years. A few years ago, I taught at St Lawrence's Primary School, Church Stretton, so some of you may remember me teaching you! I have had people say to me, 'I remember you! You sang and played 'The Robot Song' on your guitar!' I do hope that I taught them a little more than that! It is wonderful to be back involved in the

school teaching again with the existing teams at '3.16' (Junior Christian Club) and 'JAM Club' (Infant Christian Club). I look forward to joining in with 'Open the Book' Assemblies on Friday mornings, when I can.

I am so impressed with all that has been set up and running for children in Church Stretton and I realise that huge effort has been put in by so many over the years for this to have happened. One person, in particular, I would like to thank is Moriel Gidney, who I have taken over from as Children's worker. The hours and effort she must have put in have been enormous and her achievements are incredible. I am so grateful to Moriel for her support also and I treasure her Christian friendship and words of wisdom.

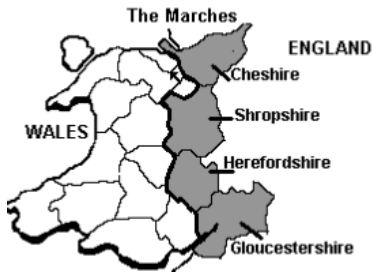
I wish to note that my job isn't just working with children but I am also available for talking with parents and young families. I am at the Parents and Toddlers Group on Thursday mornings in the Parish Centre so please come and introduce yourself to me there if you wish; I would love that!

My main aim is to share the reality of Jesus with children and adults and I would very happily pray with you at any time. May your hearts and homes be open to God's unfailing love and bring you true joy and peace.

Sarah Robinson

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BORDER PRAYER-ROOM PROJECT - FEEDBACK



A big THANK YOU to Sally Cooke for the design and setting-up of the Prayer Room in the Parish Centre for our 24 hour slot in this 14 day relay of prayer across the border with Wales, and to all those who came to pray. Christians from 28 towns took part, as well as those prayer-walking along the Offa's Dyke Path.

The benefits of this were keenly felt in the time of preparation as twinned towns linked to make all the necessary arrangements and share information. Even more than this, as the enemy sought to distract and divert God's people through every possible means, so up and down the border all were drawn into praying for the different needs, thus bringing a closeness and a more immediate sense of God's purpose.

As at all other English Prayer-Rooms, a representative from Wales arrived with the Prayer Baton, accompanied by the leaders of the project, to pray for us and our

town as we began. Others from Wales came to join with us during the 24 hours. The feedback from those taking part in Church Stretton as we prayed for Newtown was of blessing, of finding a real sense of God's peace residing in the room, and so many spoke of how quickly the hour passed that they weren't ready to leave! There was particular prompting for us to pray into the historical wrongs of the past (See next article).

Feedback from along the border has been similar, with great blessings, healings, words of prophecy, stirring and strengthening of faith. Many places had special hours of corporate worship, and the young people of Newtown went up onto the tower of their church to pray over the land and for us in Church Stretton.

Out of all this has come further prompting by the Lord to continue to pray as he leads, and a number of prayer initiatives are coming into being. In North Wales God has called his people to enter into a 'Daniel fast' (partial) for 40 days of prayer for the unleashing of his Spirit in the area. The prophetic word is that there is coming a great revival in Wales which will exceed all previous outpourings and spread across the border into England. Let us continue to pray in expectation concerning our part in all of this.

Valerie McCalla

A HISTORY OF HURT

I offer these brief extracts from a book which I have re-read in preparation for, and have found truly relevant to, the heart of the Border Prayer-Room Project's concerns.

Helga Holden

Extracts are taken from 'Healing Wounded History - Reconciling people and healing places', by Russ Parker.

FOREWORD

I thank God for this book. The revolutionary concepts here taught have only recently been restored to the church and, as pioneering practitioners like Russ Parker deliver their treasures to paper, we are released from the uncertainty that hinders bold united action. Have you heard? Something wonderful is happening. The church of Jesus, divided for so long, is beginning to function again as an agent of healing, not just for individuals and families but also for institutions, nations, communities and Cultures struggling with the memory of wounded history. In today's prayer networks and missionary movements, small bands of forerunners have taken up the cross; willingly applying it to their lives, not only through such disciplines as fasting but also applying the cross to the pride of personal and corporate identity

such as ethnicity, nationality and gender. Intercessors are beginning to address the root issues of group history. In an attempt to cleanse and heal the foundations of everything from the nation state to the dynastic family, all kinds of events have been organised, books have been written, documentary films have been produced; in fact, a whole new vocabulary has entered the conversation of the international church.

Who can help us to understand what Jesus is doing in our day? I believe that Russ Parker has given us the most comprehensive Biblical survey on the subject to date. *Healing Wounded History* is a true gift to pastors, prayer leaders and Bible teachers, indeed anybody seeking to serve the purposes of God in this generation. However, this book is more than a thoroughly researched Bible study; it is a practical guide to action, worth reading for the closing chapters alone which deal with the processes involved in healing the wounded memory of families, churches and cities. The author is a respected and trusted leader in the international reconciliation movement. Seasoned by many years of experience, Russ has personally implemented the teachings found in this text. For this reason, we should respect and ponder the ideas he has gathered and then implement them. This is

not a 'me too' book that simply parrots a popular theme; this is a careful analysis of the best contemporary teachings matched with the treasuries of church history and flavoured with original insights presented in a readable way, touching the emotions as well as the mind. In other words, a book infused with the wisdom that only comes from the Spirit of God.

*John Dawson,
Founder of the International
Reconciliation Coalition*

CHAPTER 12 - THE TRIBAL OR NATION GROUP STORY

The border towns are black and white and peaceful seeming to the sight, although the stones below the mud are stained dark and red with blood.

In border towns which violence built there's commerce now of *Sais and Celt*, false fair-day friends who sell and buy in Amwythig, Henffordd, Caer.

You guilty cities, hear this song;
the stones recall the ancient wrong,
so let your prayers be lifted high,
Amwythig, Henffordd, Caer.

(Graham Davies, 1997)

Translated from the Welsh by the poet, and used with permission. (The three towns referred to in the poem are Shrewsbury, Hereford and Chester.)

Graham Davies was taking a short

weekend break with his wife when they visited Shrewsbury and he was reminded of A. E. Housman's poems entitled *The Shropshire Lad*. He decided to go and buy a copy in the town but first went to the castle from whose walls he could get a commanding view of the town and surrounding countryside.

"As I stood there looking north across the Shropshire countryside, I clearly heard the words 'The Guilty Cities' spoken to my mind. It was almost an audible voice, and was certainly something totally unexpected and out of the ordinary. I knew immediately, because of my acquaintance with Welsh history, that the words referred to Shrewsbury, Hereford and Chester, and that the guilt referred to the fact that they were each established as strongholds of the Marcher Lords. Their task was to subdue Wales, and (these towns) had been bases for successive, and ultimately successful, aggressive military campaigns resulting in the Edwardian conquest of Wales. That was all very well, but I could not see what I was supposed to do with this knowledge, so I simply went down and ... bought a copy of Housman's *Collected Poems*. When I read the book that evening, I was astonished to come across the poem 'The Welsh Marches' which deals so powerfully with the very question of the guilt incurred during the subjugation of Wales ... This was

real guilt which needed to be expiated.”

The Welsh Marches

The flag of morn in conqueror's state
Enters at the English gate:
The vanquished eve, as night
prevails,
Bleeds upon the road to Wales...

The sound of fight is silent long
That began the ancient wrong;
Long the voice of tears is still
That wept of old the endless ill.

In my heart it has not died,
The war that sleeps on Severn side;
They cease not fighting, east and
west,
On the marches of my breast.

Here the truceless armies yet
Trample, rolled in blood and sweat;
They kill and kill and never die;
And I think that each is I.

None will part us, none undo
The knot that makes one flesh of two,
Sick with hatred, sick with pain,
Strangling - When shall we be slain?

When shall I be dead and rid
Of the wrong my father did?
How long, how long, till spade and
hearse
Put to sleep my mother's curse?

(A. E. Housman)

“I certainly felt that this question of
the guilt resulting from border

conflict is unfinished business. As
devolution is now requiring the
relationship between Wales and
England to be redefined, perhaps
now is the time for the question to
be addressed and for reconciliation
to be sought so we can move on
from a position of forgiveness.”

HOME GROUPS

It is encouraging to see many new
people joining us. Whether people
are new or have been around a
while, anybody is welcome to join
any of our groups, including the
men's group on alternative
Saturday mornings. Please speak
to any of the clergy or group leaders
if you would like to join.

Richard Hill

MEN'S GROUP



A warm invitation to all men,
whatever your age, to come to our
Men's Breakfast on 16th July at
8am in St. Laurence Parish Centre.
A gastronomical breakfast will be
served followed by 'Why I am an
irreligious Christian,' a talk from
Malcolm Loft. Tickets are available
from John Hughes, 722582.

GARAGE PRAISE

Don't forget it is the Garage Praise BBQ on 16th July at 6:30pm. The band, The Reign, will be leading worship and it would be a great occasion to bring along friends who might like to learn a bit more about our amazing God. Food will be provided, so just bring yourselves along and be prepared for God to do something wonderful. For more info visit our new website, www.garagepraise.co.uk

FUN DAY

Sunday 17th July is the church Fun Day. The 11:05am service will be on Russell's Meadow and once again 'The Reign' will be leading worship and the service will be followed by a BBQ and plenty of activities for children and families including a bouncy castle, face-painting and more. Bring along your friends and pray that God grants us fantastic weather!

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Hereford



Diocesan
Evangelical
Fellowship



Tuesday July 5th
Revd Jenni Williams

"Out of our Comfort Zone?" Reading the Old Testament as Story

A Story needs active readers. It asks us to walk in its world. Not all biblical stories have an explicit 'moral of the story'; often it asks us to 'judge for ourselves'.

How do we embrace this way of sharing God's story of salvation?

Rev Jenni Williams is Tutor in Biblical Studies at Wycliffe Hall. She teaches Greek and Biblical Interpretation as well as some Old Testament. Before ordination, Jenni taught Modern Languages in secondary schools in Oxfordshire and Manchester. She served a curacy and taught biblical languages in Manchester. She is currently working for a PhD, looking at childlessness in the Old Testament.

There will also be a time for worship and prayer.

The meeting will take place at The Ludlow Conference Centre in Ludlow [01584 873882] Coffee will be served at 10am, and the meeting will finish by 12.45pm.

Please reply to: C P Jennings, 5 Walnut Tree Close, Dilwyn, Hereford,
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FUN AND GAMES

HEROES OF FAITH WORDSEARCH

Can you find the fifteen 'heroes of faith' mentioned in Hebrews 11?

Y D N W L J G O N O
 H I M N O E D I G Y
 X V A O X P U H F N
 W A B R A H A M O Q
 F D E I P T C S A M
 H I L E J H M B J S
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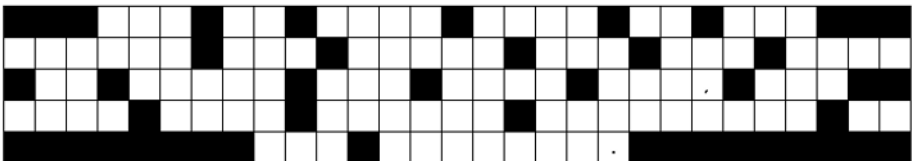
ABEL
 ABRAHAM
 BARAK
 DAVID
 ENOCH

GIDEON
 ISAAC
 JACOB
 JEPHTHAH
 JOSEPH

MOSES
 NOAH
 RAHAB
 SAMSON
 SAMUEL

VERSE FROM ROMANS

Can you work out what this famous verse from the book of Romans is?
 The letters have fallen down; all you need to do is put them back up in
 their rightful places.



H O T S

H W E W N O U K P A E T G

H I A T B G O K W P L E D V A C C I R I N L

H O F N N D E E E I S A O W R O O F O R I M D A W G O T D

T A V E G S O S N D C H L R L S H E T H O N H E L H O O O

BAPTISM

On 13th June, Riley Guthrie was baptised. He will be welcomed into the Church Family at the All Age Service on 3rd July.

SUZAN WILLIAMS



BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY

Reuben Ashworth
Isabella Carter
Natasha Coleman



Suzan, Darren and family have now moved into 26 Churchill Road (tel. no. 722588). We gave a welcoming hamper. This is a big step for all of them, with new schools etc., so please pray for them. Suzan will be ordained at Hereford Cathedral on Sunday July 3rd, hence I will not be around that day. Suzan will preach at all 3 services at St. Laurence's on the 10th by way of interview to tell us a bit about her and her faith story. She will be away for some of the ensuing weeks but I hope to introduce her at the daughter churches as soon as possible.

FUNERALS

The following funerals took place during the last month:

Dorothy Edwards
Frank Prince
Bessie Morris
Audrey Williams

We hold their families and friends in our prayers.

MEMORIAL BOOK

In June we gave thanks for lives of:

Mildred Emily Rolph	1/6/1980
Lillian Benton	3/6/1996
Joyce Mary Downes	6/6/2006
Frances Mary Williams	6/6/2006
Edith Mary Flynn	7/6/1996
Charles Hamilton	14/6/1985
James Robinson	15/6/2008
Ronald Williams	21/6/1980
Frances Mary Downes	25/6/2003
Constance Illsley	28/6/1989

A curacy is regarded as a time of training, so she will have to attend various events and meetings outside of the Strettons and we are charged not to overload her as she takes her first steps in this new role.

I am personally very excited at the way the Lord has been building our team and the different gifts and personalities the Lord has brought to us. The Leadership Team will be doing the **Growing Leaders Course**, commencing on July 14th, and we hope to set a pattern through the parish of developing leaders and teamwork.

Richard Hill

JULY SERVICES

St. Laurence's		St. Michael's		All Saints'			
	8:00am	9:30am	11:05am	6:00pm	10:30am	11:00am	3:00pm
3rd July	Holy Communion (Common Worship – Order Two) Nancy Cleaton	Holy Communion (Common Worship) John Holden Nancy Cleaton	All Age Service		Morning Worship David Morris		Evening Prayer (BCP) John Hughes
10th July	Holy Communion (Common Worship – Order Two) Rector Suzan Williams	Holy Communion (Common Worship) Rector Suzan Williams	11:05 Special Rector Suzan Williams		Holy Communion (Common Worship) John Hughes	Holy Communion (Common Worship – Order Two) Nancy Cleaton	
17th July Fun Day on Russell's Meadow	Holy Communion (Common Worship – Order Two) Rector	Holy Communion (Common Worship) John Hughes Rector	11:05 Special Rector	Note: The 11:05 service is on Russell's Meadow	Morning Worship Nancy Cleaton	Morning Prayer (BCP) David Morris	
24th July	Holy Communion (Common Worship – Order One) John Hughes	Morning Worship Nancy Cleaton John Hughes	11:05 Special with Communion Nancy Cleaton John Hughes	Healing Service Rector	Holy Communion (URC)	Holy Communion (Common Worship - Order Two) Rector	
31st July	Holy Communion (Common Worship – Order Two) Rector	Holy Communion (Common Worship) Nancy Cleaton Robert Rayner	11:05 Special Robert Rayner		Holy Communion (BCP) Rector	Holy Communion (Common Worship - Order Two) Paul James	

SHROPSHIRE PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Shropshire Prayer Breakfast is an annual event drawing Christians from across the county. Since 1996 Christians have met together to pray for secular, social and spiritual leadership. There is a longing to see God's Kingdom extended in the lives of the people of this county - those who live and/or work here - praying corporately for our institutions and organisations and directly influencing those who work for its prosperity. We long to see God's Kingdom coming in greater power and the theme of community transformation and how Christians can influence and impact their local neighbourhoods and individual lives has been the key focus.

This year the focus is on the Big Society and the breakfast takes place on Saturday 9th July, 8:30am for a 9:00am start in the Sovereign Suite, Greenhous Stadium, Shrewsbury Town Football Club

Keynote Speaker

Steve Clifford is General Director of Evangelical Alliance and Chairman of Hope Together. Steve will be speaking on "Church & the Big Society - how to make the most of the opportunities" and a good turnout is expected.

In addition there will be an Interview

Forum with guests representing various areas of leadership:

- Malcolm Harbour MEP: secular leadership
- Robin Oake, former Chief Constable of the Isle of Man: social leadership
- Rt. Revd. Alistair Magowan, Anglican Bishop & Archdeacon of Ludlow: spiritual leadership

A number from our parish are going but there are a limited number of spaces so if you would like to go then please see Fane Conant if you haven't done so already. The cost of tickets is £10.50.

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Deadline:

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of Church Matters is **Friday 22nd July**. If possible, can all articles be emailed to 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 JULY 2011

2nd	7:25am	Mens Group - Love	Parish Centre
3rd	9:30am	Food Hygiene Course	Parish Centre
	10:30am	Ordination of Suzan Williams	Hereford Cathedral
4th	2:30pm	Friends of St. Laurence - Special Meeting	Parish Centre
5th		Mothers Union Outing	
	10:00am	Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship	Ludlow Conf. Centre
6th	10:00am	Coffee Morning and Plant Sale	Parish Centre
	11:00am	Women's Fellowship	Parish Centre
	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
7th	9:30am	Shropshire Prayer Breakfast	Shrewsbury Football Ground
	10:00am	Parents and Toddlers	Parish Centre
10th	4:00pm	World Mission Group: Shepherd of the Hills - Philippines	Parish Centre
13th	2:00pm	Pastoral Team Meeting	Parish Centre
	7:00pm	Church Together Committee Meeting	Methodist
	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
	7:45pm	Deanery Synod	Craven Arms Community Centre
14th	10:00am	Parents and Toddlers	Parish Centre
	7:00pm	Diocesan Synod	Ludlow School
16th	8:00am	Men's Breakfast	Parish Centre
	9:30am	Food Hygiene Course	Parish Centre
	6:30pm	Garage Praise BBQ	Burway Garage
17th	12:00pm	Fun Day	Russell's Meadow
20th	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
21st	7:45pm	HR Committee	Parish Centre
22nd	9:45am	School Leavers' Service	St. Laurence's
25th	ALL WEEK	Coffee Concerts	St. Laurence's
	7:00pm	St. Michael's Committee Meeting	St. Michael's
27th	7:30pm	Worship Choir	Parish Centre
28th	7:30pm	PCC Meeting	Parish Centre
29th	9:30am	Women's Bible Study	Parish Centre
31st	5:00pm	Pet Service	Rectory Field

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! All events are on the website at www.strettonparish.org.uk. Also, I only have a finite space, I **cannot** include everything. (Ed)