

NOTICES

Angels and Superheroes—Monday 31st of October, 4-6pm in the Parish Centre. Our fun alternative to Halloween for children. Come and enjoy crafts, games, food and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Does anyone have an uplighter that you could lend for this event? If you do, or would like to help in any other way, please see Suzan or Sarah.

White poppies for a Culture of Peace—For several years I have distributed white peace poppies, to be worn alongside the Royal British Legion red poppies. Since the white poppies first appeared in 1933 they have been a symbol of grief for all suffering caused by war but also a commitment to work for peaceful resolution of conflicts. If you are interested please contact me on 724304. Ruth Davies, 1 Central Avenue

Bible Society Lunch Many thanks to those who came or donated. We raised £89.91.

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning Many thanks to those who supported us. We made £82.30.

Mothers' Union meeting on Tuesday 1 November at 2.30pm in the Owen Room, welcomes the Mothers' Union Vice President Jean Pryke. She will be speaking on Antarctica first hand. All welcome.

Sunday coffee volunteers: A step-by-step guide prepared by John and Mary Guest is available, especially for new volunteers, from the Parish Centre. This was distributed in September to those then on the rota.

Please pray for Fane Conant in Romania November 3rd-6th speaking at 8 events.

There are Alpha flyers at the back of all the churches. Please take one and invite a friend to the course beginning in the New Year.

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Rector's day off—	Friday	Curate's days off: Monday and Friday	
Secretary's Hours	8.30am to 4.00 pm Tues; 8.30am to 12.30pm Thurs; 8.30am—1.00pm Fri		
Verger's Hours	8.30am to 1.00 pm Mon, 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Thurs & Fri		

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

**30th October 2011
4th Sunday before Advent**

Readings: St Laurence's: 2 Kings 4:1-7; Matthew 5.1-12

Lectionary: Micah 3.5-end; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 24.1-14

Hymns at 9.30am: at St. Laurence's: CP514, WT108, CP179, WT11

Sidesmen: Please give out Church Matters

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 5.3

We are putting on an Angels and Superheroes Party for the children on Monday 31 October 4—6pm. Please support this in prayer and invite along any primary school aged children who you think would enjoy it.

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	John Hughes Rector
	11.05	Special	Rector
St. Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion	David Morris
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	John Holden

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the friends and family of Barbara Forsythe. Following a funeral service in Emstrey Chapel, a service of **Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life of Barbara Forsyth** will be held in St Laurence on Monday 31st October at 2.30pm. Also the friends and families of Eddie Conning whose funeral is at the Crematorium on 7 November at 3.20pm, and Harold Mills whose funeral is at the Crematorium on 8 November.

The Memorial Book: We give thanks for the life of Percy Frederick Illsley who died 30 October 1985, Frank Frederick Phillips who died 30 October 2008, David Anthony Bodenham Parker who died 31 October 1995, Gladys May Duke who died 1 November 1989, Rita Elizabeth Wakefield who died 1 November 2003, and Patricia Staynforth Davidson who died 4 November 2007.

<p>Members of the church family: Anne & Peter Stafford, Joyce Stephens, Steve Stevens, Pat & Carl Stone</p>
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The sick: We pray for Barbara Adams, Rosemary Oxberry, David & Helen Hotton, Margaret Carey, Beryl Powell, Sheena Thomas, Pam Williams, Audrey Seager, Jim Reeves, Richard Warren, Joan Davies, Ray Edwards, Brian Hazeldine, Leslie Harrison, Val Jones, Roy Coad, Doreen Taylor and their families and friends. (Names are included only with permission).

Residential Homes: Caradoc House

World Mission Intercessions : This week we are praying for the Bible Society Nepal, led by General Secretary Tej Jirel. Since the practice of Christianity in Nepal was legalised, there are thousands of new Christians eager for their own Bible and Christian literature. With a low literacy rate, audio versions of the Bible, as well as versions in simple Nepali and Tibetan, are in great demand.

Pastoral Care/Home Groups: to reinforce pastoral care we are encouraging home groups to be the first port of call for pastoral care in response to the Scriptural injunction to "care for one another". Oversight of the groups has been divided as follows: **Nancy:** groups led by Nancy, Doug and Adele, Barbara B. & Romaine; **Richard:** those led by the Conants, Anne S. & Sheila S., Friday ladies, and those at All Stretton & Little Stretton; **John Hughes:** Men's groups, Wildbloods, and the one led by Leslie P & Veronica ; **Suzan:** Peplers/Robinsons, Rayners, Ann Heath, own group and any family/younger groups. Other pastoral needs are looked after by clergy and the Pastoral Team led by Nancy and Sue Davies. We thank you for your understanding that no one person can possibly look after over 300 people in any effective way.

DIARY

MONDAY 31st October

2.30 p.m.—Service of Thanksgiving for Barbara Forsyth—St Laurence's
4.00 p.m.—Angels and Superheroes party—see notice overleaf

TUESDAY 1st November

2.30 p.m.—Mothers Union—Owen Room—see notice overleaf
2.30 p.m.—St. Michael's Church Fellowship. Speaker Mrs Enid Foster "The Lancashire Witches"
7.00 p.m.—Bellringing

WEDNESDAY 2nd

8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer
10.00 a.m.— Holy Communion—Ley Gardens
3.00 p.m.—Women's Fellowship Tea Party—Parish Centre
3.15 p.m.— Holy Communion—Field House
7.00 p.m.—Worship Choir—Upstairs, Parish Centre
7.30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting—Owen Room

THURSDAY 3rd

10.00 a.m.—Parents and Toddlers
11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Rector
5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court
7.30 p.m.—Road to Maturity Course—Youth Room, Parish Centre
7.45 p.m.—Human Resources committee in Parish Centre

FRIDAY 4th

9.30 a.m.- Women's Bible Study, Owen Room—Isaiah 11 "A shoot will come up"
10.00 a.m.—4.00 p.m. Prayers for Peace in St. Laurence's

SATURDAY 5th

7.25 a.m.—Men's Group—Galatians 3, Curses, Blessings & Promises

SUNDAY 6th

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector Suzan Williams
	11.05	All Age Service	All Age Team Robert Rayner
	6.00	All Souls Service	Nancy Cleaton Rector
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	Valerie Morris
All Saints	3.00	Evening Prayer	Tim Oakley