

NOTICES

Advance notice: Riding Lights theatre group will be visiting Much Wenlock on Wednesday 9 May 2012 in the evening. We will be taking a bus for those wishing to go.

This year we will be holding a **Crib Service** in St. Laurence's on Christmas Eve at 2.30pm, featuring live animals!

A superhero thank you to all the generous hearted people who came along to help at the Angels and Superheroes Party this last Monday. I think that the party went really well and I welcome any comments about it so that we can improve on it for next time! Please say what went well as well as improvements! Sarah Robinson

Well and Wise in the Strettons: Come along and see what information and support is available to you as your life develops Saturday 12th November 2011 10.00am—1.00pm, Mayfair Community Centre, Easthope Road, Church Stretton

A letter has gone out to **all sidesmen at St. Laurence's** with latest check list/directions attached. A BIG THANK YOU to all who carry out this vital ministry of welcome. If you would like to share in this ministry (training will be given) please tell Jo in the office or other church officers.

Tearcraft Sale. There will be opportunity to buy your Christmas presents from the wide selection of goods produced by Tearfund partners around the world on Sundays November 13th and 20th, while drinking your tea or coffee in the Parish Centre. If anyone would like a catalogue from which to select and order goods, please see Peter Hammersley.

On Tuesday 15 November at 6.45pm the bell ringers are celebrating the **300th anniversary of the bells**. If anyone is interested in having a look in the bell tower and trying the bells, they are very welcome to come along. Bring a torch.

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

**6th November 2011
3rd Sunday before Advent**

Readings: St Laurence's: Amos 5.18-24; Luke 9.18-27

Lectionary: Amos 5.18-24;1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13

Hymns at 9.30am: at St. Laurence's: CP525, WT486, WT228, CP627

Sidesmen: Please give out Christian Market Place magazine

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God".

We are holding a cheese & wine evening on Tuesday for all who are new to the church over the last 18 months. If you would like to come, please collect an invitation from the back of the churches.

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
	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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the friends and family 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 at 12 noon, and Daphne Wall whose funeral is at St. Laurence's on 15 November at 11.30am.

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).

Members of the church family:
 Anne Struthers,
 Barry & Norma Taylor,
 Doreen Taylor,
 Vanda Taylor,
 Blanche Thomas

Residential Homes: Ley Gardens

World Mission Intercessions : This week we are praying for Christian Aid, who continue to supply valuable funding to crises around the world as they occur and long after. The East Africa Food Crisis Appeal still needs money as more areas and people are affected by famine and drought. The Turkish Earthquake Appeal is now current plus the ongoing work of educating farmers in better husbandry, enabling sources of clean water and supporting climate justice issues and much more.

Please pray for Fane Conant who is speaking at a number of events in Romania.

Book of Remembrance: If you would like the names of your loved ones recorded in the Book of Remembrance please ask one of the clergy or the office for a form.

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.*

DIARY

TUESDAY 8th November

7.00 p.m.—Bellringing
 7.45 p.m.—Newcomer's Cheese and Wine welcome evening, Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 9th

8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer
 2.30 p.m.—Pastoral Team Meeting—Upstairs, Parish Centre
 7.00 p.m.—Worship Choir—Upstairs, Parish Centre
 7.30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting—Owen Room

THURSDAY 10th

10.00 a.m.—Parents and Toddlers
 11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—John Holden
 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 11th

9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Owen Room— Christmas IS COMING
 10.30 a.m.—Remembrance Service at Sandford Nursing Home

SUNDAY 13th

Please note the service times:

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Rector
	10.00	Remembrance Service	Suzan Williams Rector
	10.00	All Age Remembrance Service	Robert Rayner Simon Cleaton
St. Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton
All Saints	10.55	Holy Communion (TRAD)	John Holden

The '**BIG CAROL CHOIR**' that sang last Christmas at the Carol Service received much enthusiastic praise. If you enjoyed taking part, or would like to join this year, **REHEARSALS** will start on **SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER at 5pm** in the PARISH CENTRE. All are welcome. (Carol Service: Sun 18th Dec in St Laurence's.) Do come and help us proclaim the Good News!

