

NOTICES

Richard Warren has recently published his book "...And the Road Below Me" being an account of his journey overland from England to Assam in 1962. Copies will be available in the Parish Centre between the services on Sunday mornings on 13th and 20th November. The total proceeds will be divided between the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre Appeal at Shrewsbury Hospital and the Strettons Mayfair Trust.

Girl guiding in Church Stretton needs more volunteers—can you help? Church Stretton has a large number of girls in guiding and need some more helpers. If you are interested and could spare a few hours a week, please contact the following people: Mary Proctor on 78411 for Rainbows (5-7years); Sue Mitchell 722015 for Brownies (7-10years); Brenda Campbell 07929 711224 for Guides (10-14 years) and Ana Ireland 723390 for Rangers (14+).

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.

The Christian Institute is holding a meeting called "Defending family, faith and freedom" in Newtown on 16 November at 7.30pm. Further details on flyers in the Parish Centre.

Could items for **next week's Contact** please be sent to the Parish Office by Tuesday 15th? Thanks, Jo.

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

**13th November 2011
2nd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday**

Readings: St Laurence's: John 15.9-17

Lectionary: Zephaniah 1.7,12-end;1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Hymns at St. Laurence's: CP357; CP537; CP427; CP396

"Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends". John 15.13

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 December in St Laurence's.) Do come and help us proclaim the Good News!

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the friends and family of **Daphne Wall** whose funeral is at St. Laurence's on 15 November at 11.30am and **Roy Coad** who passed away Sunday 5 November at the Weekland Nursing Home in Much Wenlock and whose memorial service will be held on Friday 18 November at 3pm at St. Laurence's, followed by refreshments at Mayfair. Everyone is very welcome. Also **Angela Smallwood** whose funeral is at the crematorium on 21 November at 2pm and **Molly Cooke** whose funeral is on 26 November at 9.30am at St. Laurence's.

The Memorial Book: We give thanks for the life of Ernest Oswald Phillips who died 13 November 1988 and Derek Arthur Bolten who died 13 November 1995

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, Doreen Taylor and their families and friends. (Names are included only with permission).

Residential Homes: Stretton Hall Nursing Home

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.

There will be another **prayer event** this evening led by Suzan Williams and her family. Do feel free to come along any time between 6pm and 7.30pm. Do try it if you have not before.

Advent prayer calendars are available from www.eauk.org/adventprayer

The **Clergy and staff** will be at Ludlow Conference Centre all day on Wednesday for a training day.

The latest issues of **Woman Alive and Christianity magazines** are in the Owen Room for you to enjoy.

Advance Notice: Christmas Garage Praise will be held in the Pavillion in Carding Mill Valley on Saturday 10 December at 7.30pm. Join us for mulled wine, mince pies and carols by the log fire.

Our annual **Christingle service** will be next Saturday at 4pm after which the children will walk down to the square for the lighting of the tree at 5pm. All welcome.

Members of the church family:
Sheena Thomas,
Phyllis Thomas,
Romaine Thompson, Alan & Anne
Tipper, Gerald & Wendy Todd

DIARY

TUESDAY 15th November

6.45 p.m.—Tricentenary of the Bells

WEDNESDAY 16th

8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer

10.30 a.m.— Holy Communion—Southview Nursing Home

7.00 p.m.— Worship Choir—Upstairs, Parish Centre

7.30 p.m.— Prayer Meeting—Owen Room

THURSDAY 17th

10.00 a.m.—Parents and Toddlers

11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Nancy Cleaton

5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court

FRIDAY 18th

9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Owen Room—9 Readings for Christmas

SATURDAY 19th

7.25 a.m.— Men's Group "My Chains Fell Off"

1.30 p.m.—Wedding of Angela Jones and John Ellis

4.00 p.m.—Christingle Service at St. Laurence's

SUNDAY 20th

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	John Hughes
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector John Hughes
	11.05	Special	Rector John Hughes
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	Suzan Williams
All Saints	11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Louise Magowan Robert Rayner



Valley of Hope: Our Church Army mission partners, Ralph and Carol Upton from the Valley of Hope project are visiting on Sunday 27th Nov to share information about their challenging work. Ralph will be preaching at 9.30 and 11.05 in St Laurence's. At 12.30 there will be a simple hot lunch in the Parish Centre followed by an enjoyable time of learning and discussion led by Ralph, finishing around 3pm. (Children's activity available after lunch). Please sign the sheets in church if you plan to come. Donations for VOH. Can we also collect toiletries for Ralph to take back for VOH clients at Christmas - both men and women? There is a box in the parish centre. (No fancy gift packs, just straightforward toiletries). Let's be generous - the economic situation makes the situation of their clients even tougher.