

NOTICES

Tearcraft Sale. Many thanks to all who supported Tearfund by buying the products of partners from around the world. The sum of £419 was raised, one of our best ever results. If anyone would still like to buy from the catalogue, please contact me. *Peter Hammer-sley*

IRON SHARPENS IRON - A Conference especially for Men at The Forum Hall, Manchester is an all-day event on 21 January. A group of men are hoping to attend this conference so why not join us for a day of learning, inspiration, encouragement and friendship. The speakers are inspirational. A coach may be hired if there are sufficient numbers. Cost of conference £20. Contact John Hughes Tel 722582.

John Wesley's Study Bible: On Saturday, 3rd of December a copy of John Wesley's Study Bible will be "visiting" Church Stretton Methodist Church. This Bible has been purchased by the Methodist District, of which Church Stretton Methodist Church is a part, and is travelling around the District before being sent out to Rwanda. It is part of the District's celebrations of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. As part of our church's celebrations this Bible will be on show from 10am to 12noon on 3rd. We will also have a continuous reading out loud of St. Mark's gospel and The Acts of the Apostles (followed by other Bible passages as time allows) in the church, and in the hall we will be showing a DVD of our church's presentation of the life of John Wesley which we did in 2006 to celebrate our centenary. Light refreshments will also be available. All are welcome.

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Secretary's Hours 8.30am to 4.00 pm Tues; 8.30am to 12.30pm Thurs; 8.30am—1.00pm Fri			
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Faith, Hope & Love;
Sharing the Good News
of Jesus with all'*

**27th November 2011
First Sunday of Advent**

Readings: St Laurence's: Isaiah: 52.7-10; Matthew 25.31-end
Lectionary: Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-end
Hymns at St. Laurence's: CP32; CP393; WT119; CP31

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25.40

We welcome our Church Army mission partners from the Valley of Hope project in Aberdare, Ralph and Carol Upton. Join us for lunch and to hear more about their challenging work (children's activity available). Donations for Valley Of Hope.

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Morning Worship	Rector Ralph Upton
	11.05	Special with Communion	Nancy Cleaton Ralph Upton
St. Michael's	6.00	Communion—Celebrating Wholeness & Healing	Suzan Williams Rector
	10.30	Holy Communion	URC
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Rector

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who mourn, particularly the friends and family of **Beryl Powell** whose funeral is at the crematorium at 10.40 and is followed by a memorial service is at 12 noon on Monday 28 November at St. Laurence's. Also the friends and family of **Tony Daniell** whose funeral arrangements will be announced shortly.

The Memorial Book: We give thanks for the life of Arthur David Coleshaw who died 30 November 2000 and Robert Curtis Brewer who died 4 December 1994.

The sick: We pray for Barbara Adams, Rosemary Oxberry, David & Helen Hotton, Margaret Carey, Sheena Thomas, Pam Williams, Audrey Seager, Jim Reeves, Richard Warren, Ray Edwards, Brian Hazeldine, Leslie Harrison, Doreen Taylor and their families and friends. (Names are included only with permission).

Members of the church family:
Brian & Rhoda Underhill, Margaret Verrin, Margery Visick, John & Elizabeth Wainwright and Michael Walker

Residential Homes: Field House

World Mission Intercessions : This week we are praying for the Diocese of Kigezi Water and Sanitation Programme in SW Uganda, which is supported by Tearfund. Headed by Pastor Reuben, the programme helps householders and community organisations to build rain-water tanks which give easier access to clean water, as well as offering education in health and hygiene and in HIV awareness.

We have a 2012 **Christian calendar** in the office if anyone would like to have it.

Prisons Week in our parish begins today (we were praying for Persecuted Christians last Sunday): please request a prayer leaflet if you are able to pray for all involved in the justice system throughout this week.

Please pray too for **Prison Fellowship's** annual distribution of Christmas gifts for prisoners' children - **The Angel Tree Project**.

Richard Hill has gift aid forms for **Fane Conant's ministry** if anyone who would like to support his ministry financially.

Thanks to all who helped with both Remembrance Sunday and the Christingle—92 children attended the latter.

DIARY

TUESDAY 29th November

2.00 p.m.—All Saints, Little Stretton Committee at the Church
7.00 p.m.—Bellringing

WEDNESDAY 30th

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

THURSDAY 1st

10.00 a.m.—Parents and Toddlers
11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Valerie Morris
5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court

FRIDAY 2nd

9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Owen Room—The Shepherds' Christmas

SATURDAY 3rd

7.25 a.m.—Men's Group—Galatians 5 & 6 "Unnatural Acts"

SUNDAY 4th

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Suzan Williams Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Suzan Williams Nancy Cleaton
	11.05	Special—All Age Service	All Age Team Nancy Cleaton
	3.00	Bible Sunday United Service	Rector
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	Rector
All Saints	3.00	Evening Prayer	John Hughes

Today's (Sunday 4th) United Service will be celebrating **Bible Sunday**. Revd Richard Hill will be speaking the on The Transforming Power of the Bible. Refreshments to follow.

Rehearsal for the '**Big Carol Choir**' today at 5pm in the Parish Centre.

