

## NOTICES

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January.

There are **2012 diaries** available at the back of the churches for a donation of 50p.

Please note the **Owen Room** is unavailable for the next few weeks. Please use the upstairs rooms instead.

### **Training for leaders and helpers:**

Wednesday 4 January 7.30pm Parish Centre —Training in pastoral care. **Anyone else involved in pastoral care is invited.**

Wednesday 11 January 7.30pm Parish Centre —Training on leading small groups, **where we would like all leaders of small groups to come.**

**ALPHA:** want to investigate the Christian faith, have a refresher, brush up on the basics including the Holy Spirit? Never done an Alpha course before? Are you a newcomer to the parish? Why not come to Alpha, even come the 1st week and if you don't like it not come any more! We start Wed. Jan. 18th in the Parish Centre with a meal at 7pm. Please take a return leaflet at the back of all 3 churches.

**Coffee** will be served in the church between the services at St. Laurence's on 1st and 8th January while the kitchen in the Parish Centre is being refitted.

**A very big 'Thank you'** to all those who have contributed so much in so many ways to our Christmas activities, in all three churches.

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

## CONTACT

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

**25th December 2011  
Christmas Day**

**Readings: St Laurence's:** Colossians, 1.15-22; Luke 2.1-15  
**Lectionary:** Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14  
**Hymns at St. Laurence's:**

**Sidesmen:** Please give out Church Matters on 25th Dec and 1st Jan

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you;  
he is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11

<b>St. Laurence's</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Rector
	10.00	Christmas Family Worship	Suzan Williams Rector
<b>St. Michael's</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	URC
<b>All Saints</b>	11.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Paul James

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Bereaved:** We remember in our prayers all those who have been bereaved this year.

**The Memorial Book:** We give thanks for the life of Joan Madelyn Price who died 26 December 1999, Robert Evans who died 28 December 1985, Doris Edna Lewis who died 29 December 1991, Norma Eileen Tipton who died 30 December 1993, Donovan Harvey who died 31 December 1999, Herbert Scott who died 3 January 2005 and Millie Reece who died 7 January 2009.

**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, Liz Wildblood and their families and friends. (Names are included only with permission).

**Residential Homes:** Stretton Hall Nursing Home

### **World Mission Intercessions :**

At Christmas time, when we are secure in our families, please pray for **Children's Society's** work with children who have run away from stressful or abusive homes. A requirement for local authorities to report on the protection they provide for runaway children (a result of a previous campaign by **CS**) has been scrapped. So the society is campaigning for the government to create an action plan for runaways. (see [www.makerunawayssafe.org.uk](http://www.makerunawayssafe.org.uk)). Please pray for the children who feel driven to run away, and for their parents, that they will see how they can keep their children more secure.

At the beginning of January we are praying for **Bible Society**. We continue to pray for Bible Society in Nepal, as efforts continue to provide the Scriptures in both local languages, and in media accessible to non-readers. We pray also for Bible Society UK's new project for partnering churches: **B the Word** and our engagement with it.

### **The Methodist Covenant**

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you, or brought low for you;  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing;  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
and now glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.

#### **Members of the church family:**

Sheila Woodier,  
Brian & Margaret  
Woods, David &  
Ro Woolgar,  
Sophie Woolgar,  
Hannah Woolgar

## DIARY

### **WEDNESDAY 28th**

8.30 a.m.— Morning Prayer  
7.30 p.m.— Prayer Meeting

### **THURSDAY 29th**

11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Nancy Cleaton  
5.00 p.m.— Evening Prayer – 10, Kings Court

### **SUNDAY 1st January—2nd Sunday of Christmas**

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	TRAD)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion		Rector
	11.05	All Age Service		All Age Team
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship		John Hughes
All Saints	3.00	Evening Prayer		Nancy Cleaton

### **TUESDAY 3rd**

3.00 p.m.—St Michael's Fellowship—Hazel Ratcliffe "Pets as Therapy"  
7.00 p.m.—Bellingring practice  
7.30 p.m.—Worship Choir—Church

### **WEDNESDAY 4th**

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer  
7.30 p.m.— Pastoral Care Training— Upstairs in Parish Centre

### **THURSDAY 5th**

10.00 a.m.—Parents and Toddlers—Upstairs in Parish Centre  
11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Paul James  
5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—10, Kings Court

### **FRIDAY 6th**

9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study—Youth Room, Studies in Isaiah

### **SUNDAY 8th— 1st Sunday of Epiphany**

St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion	(TRAD)	Nancy Cleaton Suzan Williams
	9.30	Holy Communion		Nancy Cleaton Suzan Williams
	11.05	Special		Suzan Williams
St. Michael's	10.30	Holy Communion		Rector Louise Magowan
All Saints	11.00	Holy Communion	(TRAD)	John Hughes