

## NOTICES

After 14 years as our **verger and caretaker, Mervyn Williams** has felt it is time to move on and seek to develop the pastoral side of his ministry. His last week will end on Sunday Feb. 5th when we will be making a presentation to him at the end of the 9.30 service. 11.05 people may like to come early to be part of it. We will be thanking him for all he has done and sending him off with our blessing. He has taken more hospital work in recent times and, with the forthcoming vacancy at Craven Arms, will have much more scope for developing his pastoral ministry. Those who would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please put money in an envelope marked "Mervyn Williams" in the offering or hand to a church officer. We pray for God's blessing to be upon him as he takes on new challenges.

**Help with putting away the tables** and stacking the chairs after coffee on Sundays would be greatly appreciate. Thank you.

**Volunteers needed to cook a main course for Alpha** on the following dates: 15th and 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st March. The recipe and dish is provided. Offers to Christine Hughes on 722582

**Come and celebrate the opening of our new church kitchen** - a great blessing for our church family and fellowship. On Saturday 4th Feb at 7pm we plan a candlelit 3 course meal. All are very welcome BUT please either get a ticket after Sunday services or ring 722296 or 722969 to book a ticket (and pass on any dietary needs). Tickets are free and after the meal we'll encourage you to donate as you think appropriate towards the cost of re-equipping the kitchen (building costs already met). Offers of help with cooking (in the new kitchen of course rather than in homes!) and clearing up warmly welcomed.

**Churches Together:** If anyone would like to go to an ecumenical lent group in addition to your current group, please use the information at the back of the 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'*

**29th January 2012  
4th Sunday of Epiphany**

**Readings: St Laurence's:** 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 8.2-11  
**Lectionary:** Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Revelation 21.1-5a; Mark 1.21-28  
**Hymns at St. Laurence's:** CP30; WT38; WT252; CP390  
**Sidesmen:** Please give out Church Matters magazine

"If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her" John 8.7

The banner group have made five new banners which are on the stairs in the Parish Centre. Please do go and have a look.

**"Affair-Proof' your relationships"**



<b>St. Laurence's</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Nancy Cleaton
	9.30	Holy Communion	Suzan Williams Nancy Cleaton
	11.05	Special	Suzan Williams Nancy Cleaton
<b>St. Michael's</b>	10.30	Holy Communion	Tim Oakley
<b>All Saints</b>	11.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Rector

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Memorial Book:** We give thanks for the life of Gladys Hilda Pitman who died on 30 January 1997, Belton Tipton who died 31 January 1979, John Francis Edwards who died 31 January 2000, Joseph Norman Powell who died 1 February 2002, Wilkie Marsden who died 3 February 2007 and Emilie Burnett who died 4 February 2002.

**The sick:** We pray for Barbara Adams, Rosemary Oxberry, David & Helen Hotton, Margaret Carey, Sheena Thomas, Pam Williams, Audrey Seager, Richard Warren, Ray Edwards, Brian Hazeldine, Leslie Harrison, Doreen Taylor, and Nina Armitage and their families and friends.

**Residential Homes:** Caradoc House

**World Mission Intercessions :** This week we are praying for Prison fellowship, which nationally supports prisoners and their families through prayer, Restorative Justice programmes, the Angel Tree project at Christmas, prison chapel services, Bible Studies and Alpha courses, and by pastoral support for those serving sentences. The local group works actively with the Chaplaincy team in HMP Shrewsbury. This Sunday members of St. Laurence's will be leading the 9.30am Holy Communion service in the prison chapel.

It may have been noticed that '**World Mission Intercessions**' has, for the past year, included more people and organisations than our main mission partners. Have a look at the new display on the WMG 'FOCUS ON' board in the parish centre, so that next time we pray for any of them, you will have a better idea of who they are.

### 'Going Deeper' Sunday 5th February 6-7.30pm

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 1:1-2 - An opportunity to come together and intercede for our town, nation and the world.

### 8th Day Group: Responding to the financial crisis:

Philippa Gee will lead a discussion with the 8th Day group on how we, as Christians, should respond to the financial crisis. Good stewardship of our fragile planet requires us all to cut back on consumption, use things wisely, reduce, reuse and recycle etc; in fact to practise the very opposite of consumerism. Yet world leaders see fostering growth as the main way to tackle the global financial crisis. How should we respond? Should be a lively discussion. All welcome - Monday 6th Feb, 7.30pm in the Owen Room.

#### Members of the church family:

Cari & Philip Baylis, Suzanne Beattie, Janet Beaumont-Nesbitt, Margaret Bell, Jennifer Bennett

## DIARY

### TUESDAY 31st

7.00 p.m.—Bellringing practice

### WEDNESDAY 1st February

8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer  
10.00 a.m.—Holy Communion—Ley Gardens  
2.30 p.m.—CAMEO - Parish Centre, speaker, Mary Guest  
6.20 p.m.—Prayer for Alpha—Owen Room  
7.00 p.m.—Alpha—Parish Centre  
7.30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting—Youth Room  
7.30 p.m.—Worship Choir at 27 Chelmick Drive

### THURSDAY 2nd

10.00 a.m.—Parents and Toddlers  
11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Nancy Cleaton  
5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—10, Kings Court  
7.30 p.m.—PCC—Parish Centre


### FRIDAY 3rd

9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Owen Room: Psalm 45, A Beautiful Psalm

### SATURDAY 4th

10.00 a.m. to 1 p.m. —Peal for the Queen's Diamond Anniversary  
7.00 p.m.—Meal to celebrate the new kitchen—see notice overleaf

### SUNDAY 5th

		"Manage your Anger"		
St. Laurence's	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Rector	Suzan Williams
	9.30	Holy Communion	Rector	Suzan Williams
	11.05	All Age Service	All Age Team	
	6.00	Going Deeper Prayer Event	Suzan Williams	
St. Michael's	10.30	Morning Worship	John Hughes	
All Saints	3.00	Evening Prayer	Nancy Cleaton	

**Advance notice:** Church weekend at home in April, from Friday evening to Sunday lunch, 20-22nd April with guest speaker Bishop Graham Dow. More details in due course.

**Electoral Roll**—If you are over 16 and have started worshipping at one of the churches in the parish, please complete an electoral roll form found at the back of all three churches.