

## NOTICES

**Alpha Holy Spirit Day - Saturday 25th February - Ludlow Conference Centre 9.30am to 4.00pm**—One of the many highlights of our Alpha Course is the Holy Spirit Day that we spend together. ***This year we are opening it up to anyone who might like to come.*** During the day we shall be learning about the Holy Spirit, what He does and how we can receive Him into our lives. Do come along and be inspired. Light refreshments and lunch are included in the £6.50 costs for the day. Names to Office, Richard or John Hughes. ***There is no Alpha on Wednesday.***

**Churches Together Coffee Morning**, 10 March 10am to 12 noon at the URC hall. Please may I have offers for half hour stints in the kitchen and on the stall. Also cakes, biscuits, goodies to sell, (small puddings?). List out shortly. All money raised will go to Traidcraft Exchange which helps people in the developing world set themselves up in business, providing them with a sustainable way of making a living. Please support this event. All offers to Sheila Smith.

Could all **users of the Parish Centre** make sure you turn the heaters off upstairs and in the Owen room, but NOT in the hall, where the heating is controlled by a clock and thermostat. Thank you.

**Operation Noah** is launching a ÆCall to the Church with their Ash Wednesday Declaration this week. It challenges the Church to realise that care for God's creation and concern about climate change are foundational to the Christian gospel and central to the church's mission. Leaders representing all the main UK denominations have signed this Declaration and a number of Christian organisations have endorsed it including Tearfund, Progressio, Micah Challenge, Eco Congregations, and A Rocha. There will be a simple, short service in St Laurence's at 5pm on Wed 22nd February (coinciding with the national launch) to pray through this important document. All are warmly welcomed.

Please return **Mission Action Plan** forms to the office asap for St Laurence's and All Saints. Thank you.

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**Rector's day off: Friday**

**Curate's days off: Monday and Friday**

**Secretary's Hours 8.30am to 4.00pm Tues; 8.30am to 12.30pm Thurs; 8.30am–1.15pm Frid**

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

**19th February 2012  
Sunday before Lent**

**Readings: St Laurence's:** Deuteronomy 5.12-21, Mark 3.1-6

**Lectionary:** 2 Kings 2.1-12, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9

**Hymns at St. Laurence's:** WT64, WT33, CP202, CP543

"Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 5.13

Please come to the Parish Centre today to say farewell to the Oxborough family who are moving to Surrey.

Tea and cakes from 3 to 5pm.

Mervyn Williams would like to say thank you for all his cards, presents and prayers. They are greatly appreciated.

### "Stop Driving Yourself Crazy"



<b>St. Laurence's</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (TRAD)	Rector
	9.30	Holy Communion	Nancy Cleaton Rector
	11.05	Special	Rector
<b>St. Michael's</b>	10.30	Morning Worship	Bp Mike Bourke
<b>All Saints</b>	11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Robert Rayner

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**We pray for those who mourn**, particularly the family and friends of Simon Russell whose funeral is on Friday 24th February at 1.45pm at the Crematorium.

**The Memorial Book:** We give thanks for the life of Eleanor Margaret Trewinnard who died on 23 February 2007 and Mary Evelyn London who died 24 February 1994.

**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, Veronica Jennings and Nina Armitage and their families and friends.

**Charles & Carol Johnson** would like to thank all in the church family most sincerely for their prayers, good wishes, kind thoughts and get well cards during Carol's recent stay in hospital. All the above have been greatly appreciated.

**Residential Homes:** Sandford Nursing Home

**World Mission Intercessions :** This week we are praying for .Scripture Union "Schools Live", which provides resources for Christian groups in schools. This is obviously a very strategic way of supporting young Christians, and helping them to share their faith with their non-Christian friends. It is through these groups that many youngsters will be recruited for SU summer camps, and some of us know how significant that experience can be!

**The Women's Day of Prayer** is to be held at St. Laurence's church on Friday 2nd March at 10.30am. This year it is prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia. "Let Justice Prevail". It is international and interdenominational. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a great wave of worldwide prayer for justice. All are welcome. Do come.

**Alpha leaders and helpers plus all those involved in any form of Prayer Ministry** are invited to the upper room on Wed. 22nd at 7.30pm, where Richard will give training in prayer ministry. We warmly encourage all those involved in this and any who might want to be involved to come.

With the **start of Lent**, many may want to fast (which may include things other than food eg. TV!) as an act of devotion through Lent Please note that the Ash Wed service is at All Stretton on Wed at 11.30am.

Please do have a look at the **bookstall in St. Laurence's** which has some new titles in it.

### Members of the church family:

Janet Bromley,  
Bridget Bromwich, Hilary Bullock, Chris & Jo Burtenshaw, Valerie Campbell

## DIARY

### TUESDAY 21st

- 9.30 a.m.—Mothers Union—Prayers at Barbara Birks' house
- 11.45 a.m.—Pancake Race—bring your own pan
- 12.00 p.m.—Bible Society Pancake Lunch - Parish Centre
- 7.00 p.m.—Bellingring practice
- 7.45 p.m.—Deanery Synod at Craven Arms Community Centre

### WEDNESDAY 22nd

- 8.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer
- 10.00 a.m.—Banner Group—Parish Centre, upstairs
- 10.15 a.m.—New Zealand service at St Laurence's
- 11.30 a.m.—Ash Wednesday Service **at St Michael's, All Stretton**
- 2.45 p.m.—Holy Communion—Caradoc House
- 5.00 p.m.—Launch of Operation Noah's Ash Wednesday Declaration
- 7.30 p.m.—Training in prayer ministry—Parish Centre, upstairs
- 7.30 p.m.—Worship Choir at 27 Chelmick Drive

### THURSDAY 23rd

- 11.30 a.m.—Holy Communion—John Holden
- 3.00 p.m.—Lent Group at "Nettledene", Elms Lane, Little Stretton
- 5.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer—10, Kings Court

### FRIDAY 24th

- 9.30 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, Owen Room

### SATURDAY 25th

- 7.25 a.m.—Men's Group, subject "Forgiveness"
- 9.30 a.m.—Alpha Away Day at Ludlow Conference Centre—see overleaf
- 3.00 p.m.—Wedding of Ronald Kelly and Carla Foulkes at St. Laurence's

### SUNDAY 26th

#### "Take God Seriously"



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