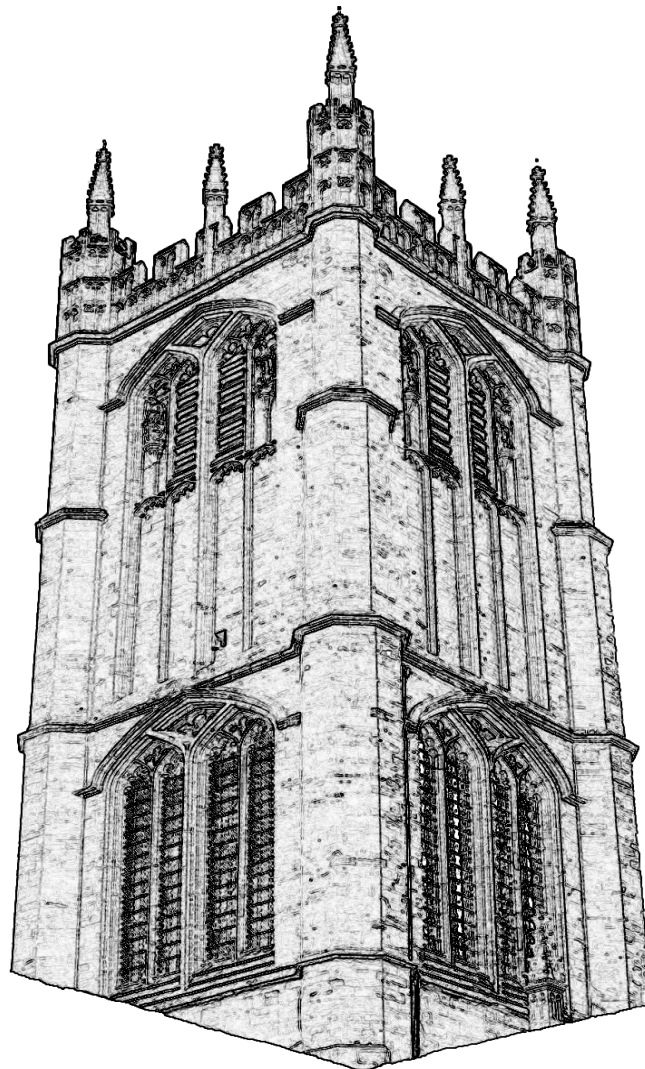


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St Laurence	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Choral Communion
	11.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Plainchant Matins
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Choral Matins	
	3.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays Choral Evensong
		(No 3 <sup>rd</sup> service on the 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)
St John	9.30am	Holy Communion with Hymns
St Giles	11.15am	Holy Communion
		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Family Service
		Last Sunday Godly Play

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**What we do not know, we cannot pass on!**

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You may notice that the magazine has expanded; this is in response to the many requests in the public consultation for the Vision Project. We hope to take this further over the next few months. If you have further ideas, we would welcome your input. Please contact Shaun Ward [shaunw1978@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shaunw1978@hotmail.co.uk)

## CLERGY LETTER

On 18th October we celebrate the Feast of St Luke, author of the third Gospel and Acts, and sometime companion of St Paul. This year his Feast falls on a Sunday, so perhaps Luke will be given more attention than usual on his day, since it will be possible to displace the readings for the 19th Sunday after Trinity and observe the Feast instead.

Unlike his fellow Gospel writers, or Evangelists, Luke was a Gentile – he was not Jewish. Each of the Evangelists brings a particular perspective to their writing, and Luke approaches the task from the standpoint of being an outsider. He was not a member of God’s ancient chosen people, the people from whom the Messiah came, yet through the grace of Christ he became an insider.

This theme is like a thread that is woven through Luke’s Gospel. When Mary is told that she is to be the mother of God’s Son, she sets forth, in the beautiful words of the Magnificat, the radical thing that God has done in choosing her, a poor, unmarried young woman for this task: ‘He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty’ (1.46-55). An outsider becomes an insider.

In the infancy narratives that we know so well from hearing each Christmas, which people are the first to hear the news that God’s incarnate Son has just been born? A group of shepherds (2.8ff), whose job meant that they couldn’t keep all the regulations of the Jewish law, and were therefore considered unclean. Outsiders become insiders.

Time and again Jesus is seen eating and associating with tax collectors and sinners. When the Pharisees grumble to him about this approach, Jesus tells them: ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance’ (5.31-2). Outsiders become insiders.

It is Luke who lists the women who accompanied Jesus during his ministry: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Chuza, Susanna, ‘and many others’ (8.2-3). In Jesus’ day women had no status, and here they were being accepted into his band of disciples. Outsiders become insiders.

In his companion volume, Acts, Luke records how the early Church came to a compromise over the inclusion of Gentiles. Some Jewish Christians were insisting they had to be circumcised and adhere to every precept of the Jewish law before they could become members of the Church. But the Church eventually decided that this burden shouldn’t be imposed upon them; they were only

required to abstain from certain foods (ch. 15). Once again, outsiders had become insiders.

In both his Gospel and in Acts Luke witnesses time and time again to the loving mercy of God, which he had known through his own inclusion into the life of the Church as a former outsider. For Luke, it seems, Christ's blood shed for us on the Cross has wiped away all distinctions of class, race, gender, nationality or status in life. What matters is that we are all sons and daughters of God, deeply loved by him. As we prepare to celebrate St Luke's Feast once again, let us take that message to heart, and try to build a Church that is truly loving and inclusive.

*Fr Richard Green*

## **LIFTS TO CHURCH**

There is a rota of drivers who bring some of the less mobile members of the congregation to the 9.30am service. It would be good to have a few more who might be available to help occasionally when some one on the rota is away. Please let me know if you could help in this way.

*Please contact Michael Day 01584 873940*

**Organ Recital  
given by**

**Richard Francis**

**Bitterley Church**

**Saturday 3 October  
2009**

**£6.50**

*Tickets from 01584 872559*

## FROM THE BISHOP OF LUDLOW

As I write we are in the midst of unpacking boxes. In this my first letter as Bishop of Ludlow I want on behalf of all my family to thank everyone for the warm welcome and the many good wishes and cards. Moving house is a challenging business. The process of packing up and then unpacking brings with it a set of circumstances which disorientate before the whole process of reorientation can begin. At this precise moment we are in the middle of it all and it is amazing how difficult it can be to locate things which previously you knew exactly where to find them.

Part of the adventure of moving into our lovely new residence at Halford is that as we unpack many familiar items the house provides a different grain and character and the things we bring combine with the new items acquired and most importantly with the house itself to create something that is both familiar yet completely new.

In many ways I think that these two observations express what I feel as I begin a new ministry among you as Bishop. There will inevitably be some initial disorientation. Please pray that with a growing appreciation of this diocese, its people and places, and as we work and share life together, there will emerge a fresh reorientation in respect of building the Kingdom of God and in the sharing of the good news of the Gospel of Christ. My hope is that my gifts and ministerial experience and this new setting with its unique character and grain will combine into something that is both familiar yet fresh. Ministry is a wonderful privilege and over the years I have received much from others. It is with joy and an expectation of good things that I look forward to what is ahead.

+ *Alistair Magowan*

## PRAYER

Death is part of the future for everyone. It is the last post of this life and the reveille of the next. Everywhere men fear death... it is the end of this present life; it is the parting from loved ones; it is the setting out into the unknown. We overcome death by accepting it as the will of God; by finding Him in it. Death like birth is only a transformation, another birth. When I die I shall change my state, that is all. And with faith in God, it is easy and natural as going to sleep here and waking up there.

*by Bishop George Appleton from "Wings of the Morning"*

*Pat Baulch*

## NEWS FROM ST. GILES

Visitors to St Giles recently have been intrigued to find tower scaffolds in place and the chancel, chapel and nave ceilings being successively cleaned and painted under the professional guidance of Joe Thomas. They would have found John Nash with Joe perched up high and sometimes also Peter Batsford, the pews anywhere but in place, and then many other helpers hovering, cleaning and tidying or providing cups of tea and refreshments. Lydia and Vita might have been there clearing the external gutters, or everyone could have been gathered inside on the floor looking at the choice of colours for the carpet to be laid later. All this with the test match commentary going on in the background. The church already looks transformed, but in the next two months work will go ahead in the vestry, and more in the chapel.

In late July a small group went to Taize and had a wonderful time there: Philip, Steve, Lesley and son David, Janine, Matthew and Lydia. Sadly, Daphne had appendicitis just before and couldn't go.

At our link church in Aston, Birmingham, the Revd Eve Pitts was licensed as the new Priest-in-Charge by the Bishop of Aston. Her ministry promises to be really exciting in this strong church. It is the hope of the Team Ministry that this link will be open to Ludlow as a whole. We certainly look forward to developments and a visit from their church to us this autumn.

### **CONFIRMATION IN LUDLOW TEAM MINISTRY**

A confirmation Service is planned for Sunday 22 November at 3.30pm. Anyone interested to join a Preparation Group, please speak to one of the Ministry Team, clergy or lay, or contact the Parishes' Office.

**FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

Bell Inn Brass Band

7.30pm

Stanton Lacy

*Tickets on the door £6.00 including refreshments*

*Contact Janet Allwood 01584 823643*

## HOW CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS RAISED MORE THAN £75,000,000

*An idea first mooted in 1959 has - over the last fifty years - led to more than £75,000,000\* being raised for the UK's charities.*

In 1959, a group of medical charities got together to talk about coordinating publicity for selling charity cards at Christmas. They formed 'The 1959 Group of Charities' (Registered Charity No 249039) and, in 1964, began selling Christmas cards from empty shops in town centres. Fifty years later, the charity they founded is still going strong and, in conjunction with its trading arm, Cards for Good Causes Limited (established in 1988), has raised £75 million\* over the years.

This year sees Cards for Good Causes (CFGC) celebrate these fifty years of charity cooperation by planning to give back several millions\* more to charities. They will also send a giant "Thank You" card from their member charities to the volunteers and managers who work in their 350 temporary card shops across the UK.

Christine Holland, CFGC's Chief Executive, explains, "Charity cards are so important at Christmas. For many smaller charities, they're a hugely significant source of funding. We're delighted to be celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of a great idea: close cooperation - and successful fundraising - between all our charities. We want to say a massive "thank you" to all our managers and volunteers who work with us every year. They're absolutely at the heart of all we do."

Today, CFGC is the UK's largest multi-charity Christmas card organisation. Its aims are simple - offer the widest choice of charity cards and keep raising as much money as possible each year for charity.

*\* from this, charities had to pay for the production and distribution of their cards and any VAT.*

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T: 01264 361555, W: [www.cardsforcharity.org.uk](http://www.cardsforcharity.org.uk)

**Traidcraft Christmas cards on sale from  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at Ludlow Conference Centre**

Traidcraft relies on the profit from these cards which makes a vital contribution in transforming trade and transforming lives. This year there is a new range with a wider choice of over 50 designs in new pack sizes, and varying prices.

An early note for your diaries:

**Traidcraft Fair Trade Christmas Fair  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
10am – 4pm  
Ludlow Conference Centre, Lower Galdeford  
FREE ADMISSION**

Choose fair trade gifts this Christmas  
and support Traidcraft in fighting poverty through fair trade

**Can you help**

**CoffeeCRAFT!**

CoffeeCraft is a community project working throughout the area of South Shropshire and parts of Powys. It is run by Kathleen Boyland, who works in partnership with the Church of England Diocese of Hereford.

She is looking for either:

An office and storage space - 250/300 square ft - which must be warm, dry, on the ground floor, with easy access for a vehicle.

*(note - it must be a commercial or community let)*

**OR**

**Space for a Portacabin**

**- which will need access to electricity, water and toilet!**

The location needs to be in the Clee Hill, Ludlow, Craven Arms area. Please contact Kathleen on 079344 92620 if you think you can help.

## HOST A REAL PERSON THIS CHRISTMAS

Are you thinking about who might come for Christmas this year? Some of the adults from overseas who are currently studying at UK universities would love to spend a couple of days at Christmas in a real home, rather than on a deserted campus. It is interesting to share family customs with people for whom it is all quite new; or, if you are going to be alone, one or two guests from China or India (for example) might even supply a reason for 'doing Christmas properly'. HOST has been linking students with hospitable volunteers for 22 years, at Christmas and also weekends throughout the year.

See [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call HOST's volunteer regional organiser Roger Lowery on 01885 489024. HOST is a registered charity backed by the Foreign Office and many universities.

### Marches Spirituality Group

Marches Spirituality Group is getting underway once again. We start on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October with what promises to be a very spiritually uplifting day.

Speaker - David Runcorn

Theme - A Way in the Wilderness

Cost - £15 (including tea/coffee & light lunch)

Venue - Ludlow Conference Centre (Bishop Mascall Centre)

Booking: Cheques payable to The Ludlow Conference Centre  
re: MSG Lower Galdeford, Ludlow. SY8 1RZ

### A-Z of Churchyard Conservation

J is for Jays

Jays, although the most colourful members of the crow family, are quite difficult to see. They are shy woodland birds but also live in parks and mature gardens. The best time to see them is in the Autumn when they fly some distance to search for acorns which they bury and dig up when they need them, later in the winter.

For a soundtrack and video clip of the Jay and other birds visit the rspb website [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk), 01767 693690. Contact CfGA on 01568 611154 or visit [www.caringforgodsacre.co.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.co.uk) for information on free workshops, bus tours and talks or advice on any aspect of churchyard management.

# VISION PROJECT FOR THE PARISH OF LUDLOW

It is one year since we launched the Vision Project for the refurbishment of the interior of St Laurence's Church. Phase I is now complete.

Much of the time has been taken up with a variety of consultation exercises. There were two main strands to the process. The first involved the setting up of an "expert panel" of approximately 100 people. These individuals, chosen at random, included political representatives, cultural and historical stakeholders, groups auxiliary to the church, the Vision Project Steering Group, statutory agencies, residents, voluntary agencies and commercial premises of the town. After two rounds of carrying out the chosen Delphi methodology, a ranked order of suggestions was arrived at as to what would make St Laurence's Church better suited to the needs of the wider community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The second strand involved distributing a questionnaire to approximately 4,500 households across Ludlow. More than 12% responded, an extraordinarily high response rate for such a survey, demonstrating the central role of St Laurence's in the life of Ludlow.

In parallel, members of St Laurence's and St John's have taken part in a "Healthy Churches" exercise, in the form of a series of sermons followed by discussion groups and a final workshop. The opportunity to discuss what constituted a "healthy church" was greatly appreciated by all who participated, and they are now looking forward to similar opportunities in the near future. This exercise was followed by a further opportunity to participate in the form of members of the St Laurence's congregation taking part in a community survey, seeking the views of friends and neighbours regarding the Church.

Analysis of the results obtained from these consultation exercises has now been completed. In addition, an Asset Management Plan for all the properties of the Parish (St Laurence's, St John's and No.2 College Street) has been compiled and a statement of needs for the interior refurbishment of St Laurence's has been prepared.

It is therefore now time that we should update you as to what has been achieved so far and how we intend to proceed from here. For this purpose, we warmly invite you to a meeting that will take place in St Laurence's Church on **Saturday 17 October at 7.30pm**. Presentations will include: a history of the building over the centuries; the consultation processes and their results; collecting the evidence (e.g. for the Asset Management plan); and the next steps. For those of you not able to be at the meeting, there will also be an exhibition that

summarises progress to date which will be available in the church from 17 October till the end of the month. We look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Ewart Carson*

### **Peacemaking in Israel and Palestine**

Do join CTAL for its Outreach Autumn Event. Pat Gaffney, General Secretary of the UK Section of Pax Christi will be talking on this challenging topic.

Date: Monday 26 October

Place: Ludlow Conference Centre

Time: 6pm bar opens, 6.30pm supper followed by the talk

Tickets: £5 including supper, available from Wesley's cafe or from Fay Carson

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November sees a number of interesting events taking place in St Laurence's Church including:

Friday 6 November	English String Orchestra 7.30pm
Thursday 12 November	Wine tasting (Bentley's Wines) and supper 7.30pm
Saturday 21 November	Ludlow Choral Society concert 7.30pm
Thursday 26 November	Boyan Ensemble 7.30pm
Saturday 28 November	Christmas Bazaar

Further details will be available shortly, or in the meantime contact the Churchwardens for more information.

## WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN?

I always find this question difficult to answer. So let me try. In my late teens I often popped into St Thomas a Becket, the English church in my home town Hamburg. I loved the worship and especially the hymns which seemed so much lighter and brighter than those had known so far. I particularly liked 'O thou who camest from above' sung to the tune 'Hereford'. I was a bank clerk at the time, and soon went to London to work in the City to broaden my training. 'O thou who camest...' entered my mind more and more often, and I began to realize that the third verse in particular was God calling me. *'Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work and speak and think for thee...'* I went to see the Bishop and in no time found myself at a selection conference after which I was told to 'come and see us again' (which I did 19 years later). In the meantime I had met Penny, we were married in Newcastle under Lyme and the main hymn was 'O thou who camest from above' because we both liked it so much. We sang it at my 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination and I have written it into my Requiem, but hope to sing it many more times before that day.

Penny and I have always seen Social Justice and Human Rights as central to our Christianity. Penny is a nurse fully committed to the NHS and has also been working on a voluntary basis for the Fair-trade movement, Traidcraft and Christian Aid. For me Social Justice has been a non-negotiable part of my ministry. Seeing how so often we treat people who are different because of their colour, race, nationality, language or sexuality makes me feel really bad. Seeing Christians forget that we are all made in the image of God makes me sick and, perhaps because of growing up in Germany makes me think of Auschwitz (the Nazis sent not only Jews there). Much wisdom can be found in 'There's a wideness in God's mercy.' *'But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.'* In reflective mood I love it to Stainer's 'Cross of Jesus; when a rallying call is needed only 'Daily, Daily' will do .

For a straightforward praise of God in his greatness I love 'Holy God we praise thy name', a paraphrase on the Te Deum. In Germany both Lutherans and Roman Catholics sing this 'big hymn' and I would love to sing it here in Ludlow where we have been 'trainee' residents for 22 years and now in retirement we really live here.

*Juergen & Penny Bridstrup*

FROM A SERMON PREACHED AT  
CHORAL MATINS 27 SEPTEMBER

*May the words of our mouths and the thoughts of all our hearts be now and always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our strength and our redeemer.*

One of the great pleasures of being here in St Laurence's for worship is that we are regularly exposed to the psalms, either sung for us by the choir or said as part of the round of prayer each weekday. To those of us who are used to this it seems quite normal, but there are many churches now where the psalms are hardly ever used, which is surely a great loss. Of course there are dangers in our familiarity with the use of the psalms – particularly that we fall into the trap of sitting back and letting the choir do the work whilst we look at the architecture and ponder the great questions of a Sunday: did I leave the gas on? Are there enough potatoes for lunch? And so on...

So I thought this morning we could take a quick look at the psalms, to encourage us perhaps to think about what it is that they have to say. The psalms are described in the Prayer Book as being “The Psalms of David” which can give the misleading impression that King David wrote the lot. Certainly some of them were written by David who, we are told in the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel, was a great musician. In fact 73 psalms bear David's name, although whether he wrote them all we cannot now say. Whilst it's difficult to date them with any accuracy, the likelihood is that the collection as we now know it was probably assembled by some time before the second century BC. The psalms are great examples of Hebrew poetry. Unlike our poetry in which rhythm and rhyme are often important factors, in Hebrew poetry the important factors are rhythm and reiteration. Think of Winston Churchill's speeches – things like “We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets” –and you have something of the same style of thing.

One of the reasons why the psalms have remained in use in worship for well over 2,000 years is, I think, the way in which they incorporate such a range of human emotion. There are psalms of praise, of thanksgiving, psalms which question, psalms which are impatient, and those which reflect despair, agony and loneliness – all very human stuff.

Psalms 120 and 121, the two we heard this morning are the first of the Psalms of Ascent, a group of 15 psalms which were perhaps intended for those going up to Jerusalem on pilgrimage.

As such, the collection begins in Psalm 120 with a lament – the cry of a Jew forced to live away from his homeland. Not only does he not like being away from home, he doesn't like the people he finds there: *“My soul hath long dwelt among them that are enemies unto peace. I labour for peace, but when I speak to them thereof they make them ready to battle.”*

Having voiced this despair, the psalmist then uses Psalm 121 to talk about his trust in God – a God who protects him at all times and in all places. In the book of Exodus, from which we heard in the first lesson, we read of the way God's people were led out of slavery in Egypt to begin wandering in the wilderness. During that time they learnt more about God, what he expected of them and what he would do for them. Here in Psalm 121 there are several reminders of that period – God offers welcome shade from the sun and also from the moon: exposure to which was also believed to be harmful. Then in the last verse *“The Lord will preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and evermore.”* – to the Jewish mind of the time, a clear reference to going out of Egypt and coming into the Promised Land.

One of the great things about the Psalms is that, even having made us thoroughly depressed, the psalmist does not leave us there – at the end of the lament or in the next psalm we are reminded of the love and care of God and of the hope and joy this can bring. This action of God is shown as well in the reading we heard from St Matthew's gospel. Two people's lives are transformed by God, working in Jesus. In the first, a paralysed man is cured because of the faith of his friends. In the second, Jesus calls, and spends time with, a tax collector – someone the Jews would have seen as totally beyond any redemption at all. In both cases the love and protection of God has brought a transformation to situations which previously would have been seen as full of despair.

So, the psalms: more than just musical wallpaper – a great collection of Hebrew Poetry which has been used in worship for thousands of years and which is as relevant to the human condition and to our lives today as it was when it was written. A tremendous source of hope, encouragement and comfort: Psalm 121, verses 7 and 8 – *“The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, forevermore”* Amen

*John Beesley – Team Curate*

## CHURCHWARDENS' CORNER

We thought it might be helpful if we summarised some of the issues/news arising in our community, committees and the PCC; we hope this helps with communication!

- Shop – Thank you for your patience as we progressed the re-ordering of the church shop. This is almost complete and there will be further new products on sale over the next few months. The church shop is a vital source of income and we do hope you will be able to support it. Income has started to rise quite dramatically in the first few weeks of trading since refurbishment.
- Railings – Thanks to the hard work and efforts of our former organ scholar the church railings have been painted. Jonathan Nicholls worked over a six week period saving some £9000 on the cost of labour! The effect is dramatic; it really helps to smarten up the walkways around the church.
- Cleaners – It has been six months since a new cleaning regime was implemented. The church is looking much smarter on a weekly basis. Matthew has responsibility for vacuuming, Nick for mopping floors and keeping the votive stands tidy, Linda and her mother clean the toilets and kitchen and last but by no means least the team of 'holy dusters' keep the church free from dust and the brass sparkling. Thank you to all who work so hard.
- Name badges – As you may have seen the stewards, side persons, chaplains and pastoral link team all have new name badges. This is a great help to the many visitors we receive through out the year.
- Harvest supper – Thank you to the social committee for a splendid evening, much enjoyed by all. The proceeds of the raffle are going towards famine relief.
- DDA Compliance – We are acutely aware that there are a number of ways in which St Laurence's is inaccessible and potentially dangerous. A number of people have fallen during the year and have been injured. Making the building DDA compliant is a prerequisite of the Vision Project. We have removed the small temporary ramps as these are not compliant with the DDA code. We look forward to a time when the building is fully accessible.
- Photographs – Shaun will be compiling photographs of all key people involved with St Laurence's to create a display in the north aisle.

- Public meeting – Please remember to make the meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> a priority. This marks an end to one of the most important stages of the Vision Project.
- The Servers' Guild – Following a successful training event earlier in the year the servers have gone from strength to strength. This has been a great help to the priests officiating on a Sunday morning, helping to share some of the responsibility in preparing and executing services. The servers will have new robes from early November. We take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and commitment.

*Ewart Carson & Anna Branston*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

6.9.09	Samuel James Bowen	St John's
19.9.09	Rowan Luke Prosser	St Giles
20.9.09	Fay Amalfi Mundy	St Giles
27.9.09	Holly Emma Irving	St Giles

### WEDDINGS

5.9.09	Hugh McCaffrey & Rebecca Moss	St Laurence
5.9.09	David Carloss & Susan McColville	St Giles
18.9.09	Elaine Bate & Matthew Huckson	St Giles
25.9.09	Michelle Smith & Stuart Owens	St Giles

### FUNERALS

28.8.09	Lionel Cowell	H/Crem
1.9.09	Alex Jones	St John's
3.9.09	Gladys Gittins	St Giles
5.9.09	Stephen Curtis	St John's
8.9.09	Richard Lay	St Giles
12.9.09	Harold Millichip	H/Crem
16.9.09	Annette Chown	H/Crem
19.9.09	Winnifred Donald	St Giles
21.9.09	Imogen Curnew	St Laurence
22.9.09	Miriam Boreham	St Laurence

# SUNDAY READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

<p>4 October  <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  Trinity</b>  Proper 22  Green</p>	<p>Genesis 2.18-24  Psalm 8  Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12  Mark 10.2-16</p>
<p>11 October  <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  Trinity</b>  Proper 23  Green</p>	<p>Amos 5.6-7, 10-15  Psalm 90 (or 90.12-end)  Hebrews 4.12-16  Mark 10.17-31</p>
<p>18 October  <b>Luke the Evangelist</b>  Red</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  Trinity  Proper 24  Green</p>	<p>Isaiah 35. 3 – 6  Psalm 147.1-7  2 Timothy 4.5-17  Luke 10.1-9</p> <p>Isaiah 53.4-12  Psalm 91 (or 91.9-end)  Hebrews 5.1-10  Mark 10.35-45</p>
<p>25 October  <b>Last<sup>h</sup> Sunday after  Trinity</b>  Proper 25  Green</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31.7-9  Psalm 126  Hebrews 7.23-28  Mark 10.46b-52</p>

# OCTOBER 2009

1	Thur	7pm	Deanery Standing Com. 2 College St
2	Fri	2.30pm	Guy Thorney croft Service –(Revd. Philip Jepps)
3	Sat	10.15am 7.30pm 6pm	Bell Ringers – St Laurence’s 10.15-11am Fron Male Voice Choir Rotary Concert – <i>St Laurence’s (contact Rosemary Wood) part of the proceeds go towards the Conservation Trust</i> West Gallery Music Workshop & Candlelit Concert St Bartholomew’s Richard Castle (Old Church) (Churches Conservation Trust Event) tel 01497 847676
4	Sun	11.15am 3.30pm	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Patronal Festival <i>St Michaels &amp; All Angels, Onibury</i> Harvest & Lunch – <i>Caynham</i> Harvest Lunch – <i>St Giles</i> Harvest Lunch – <i>St John’s</i> Welcome Service ‘New Bishop of Ludlow’ <i>St Laurence</i>
5	Mon	<b>10.30am</b>	Prayer Fellowship Meeting – 3, Greenacres, Ludlow
6	Tue	2pm	Four Rivers Nursing Home Harvest Service (CTAL)
7	Wed	7.30pm	Christian Ecology Group – LCC <i>Panel of church leaders discuss Environment Issues</i>
8	Thur	10.30am	Prayer Group St Catherine’s Chapel <i>St Laurence</i> PCC Meeting at Ludford
10	Sat	4pm	<i>Blessing Birnie – St Giles</i>
11	Sun	11.15am 2pm 3.30pm 6.30pm	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Harvest & Lunch – <i>Richards Castle</i> Baptism Macy Jayne Bounds – <i>St John’s</i> Pet Service – <i>St Laurence</i> Churches Together United Service – <i>Methodist Church</i>
12	Mon	<b>7.30pm</b>	<i>Review Meeting – 2 College St, (Revd James Stewart)</i>
13	Tue		PCC Meeting – <i>Richards Castle</i>
15	Thur	7pm	Diocesan Synod Meeting tea & coffee on arrival, Ludlow CofE School
17	Sat	2/3pm	Wedding Bodenham/ Baldrin - <i>Stoke St Milborough</i>
18	Sun	11.30am 1pm 6.30pm	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Harvest & Lunch – <i>Knowbury</i> Prayer Wheel Event – Ludlow CofE School-bring a sandwich and we will provide a hot drink 2pm praise & worship Taize Service - <i>Ashford Carbonel</i>
19	Mon	10.30am	Fellowship Meeting – 3, Greenacres, Ludlow
20	Tue	7.30pm	Church Wardens Social – <i>Ashford Carbonel Vicarage</i>
21	Wed	7.30pm	Ludlow PCC Meeting
22	Thur		Synod Meeting
24	Sat	2pm	Baptism William Lewis Heath – <i>Ashford Carbonel</i>
25	Sun	3pm 6.30pm	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b> Baptism Tommy Turner – <i>St Laurence</i> Evensong – <i>Ashford Bowdler</i>
27	Tue	10am	10-4pm Effective Hearing Programme – <i>St Peter’s Church Henley Road</i>
30	Fri	7.30pm	Baptism Prep Evening
31	Sat	11.30am	Visiting Bell Ringers – <i>St Laurence</i>

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