

The Parish Magazine
Ashford in the Water and Sheldon
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March 2011

Dear Friends,

Do you see yourself as a glass half empty, or a glass that is half full? I like to think that human beings are innately positive, looking for new opportunities to learn and grow, explorative, inquisitive, warm, loving and with a sense of fun.

If we are feeling like a glass half empty, then we may view our potential years left on this earth as diminishing, we may be tired, uncertain, apprehensive and unsure. This can be a temporary reaction to something happening, or a creeping feeling that erodes confidence and energy. The season of Lent could, in this perspective of how we may contemplate ourselves, make us feel worse if we were to simply dwell on the sackcloth and ashes image of laying bare our souls before God.

I think Lent provides a wonderful opportunity to let our glasses refill - to embrace the freedom to be ourselves with God. Freedom to accept the leading of God's Spirit into a deeper understanding and acceptance of the love and life giving power of God, that renews and transforms; and freedom to 'just be' who and what we are, to stand confidently in the presence of God. Lent is a season to turn away from the things that hold us back spiritually and mentally and to make time to be with God.

Work Consultants; Life Coaches; Fitness Friends and Soul Companions are all championed to help people to put their lives, work, health and spirituality into some order and perspective. I think a good old fashioned walk with God during a 40 day experience of stripping one or two unnecessary things away in order to let the light and peace of God into our souls, can do just as well, if we make a conscious commitment to keep Lent through the effort of praying a bit more, reading something that helps us to reflect on Jesus' journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter, and participating in opportunities for worship.

We want to know ourselves better and to see the possibilities for our lives, as well as to understand and accept our limitations. We want our faith to grow and to really understand what it means to confess a belief in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We want to grow in confidence with one another, to be less shy of talking about our faith and to recognise what it means to be in harmony with one another and God's Creation.

With love and prayer. Tony

If you would like to speak to the vicar, or would like him to visit, please use the following contact details:

Rev. Canon Tony Kaunhoven: 01629 814462; jazyrector@aol.com

Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45am

6 March - Next before Lent: All Age
6pm B'well Church: 3 Choirs Evensong

13 March – Lent 1: Sung Eucharist

20 March – Lent 2: Sung Eucharist

27 March – Lent 3: Sung Eucharist

Ash Wednesday - 9 March: 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion

3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 March

Services at Sheldon

13 March – 9.00am: Holy Communion

27 March – 9.00am: Holy Communion

The Methodist Chapel

Great Longstone

Sunday Services at 10.30am

Minister – The Rev. David Briggs.

The Roman Catholic Church

6.15pm Saturday Mass at Bakewell

(1st Sunday at Hassop)

10.00am Mass at Hassop

(1st Sunday at Bakewell)

Ashford Lent Group Meetings

To be held on Wednesdays: 16th
23rd & 30th March and 6th & 13th

April at 7.30pm at varying
venues. The theme will be:
“Exploring God’s Mercy” based
on a course by the Bishop of
Sheffield. The first meeting will
be held at Chandle House.

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Confirmation

...is the point in a person's life where they affirm before the Bishop their personal faith and commitment to live out that faith as a Christian. The laying on of hands and prayer by the Bishop asks God for the power of His Holy Spirit to help us to live in the way of Jesus.

A Confirmation Service will be held at All Saints, Bakewell on Sunday 19th June 2011 at 11 am in the presence of the Bishop of Derby. A user friendly short course of preparation will begin shortly. If you are interested in this, or would like further information, please ring Rev'd Tony 01629 814462

Stations of the Cross

An opportunity to make a spiritual pilgrimage of reflection in the footsteps of Our Lord on His Good Friday journey at All Saints, Bakewell on Monday 14th, 21st & 28th March; Monday 4th, 11th & 18th April at 6.30 pm.

Ashford Church Notes

As mentioned in last month's magazine, Rev. John-Paul's last service for the benefice was held on 23rd January in Bakewell church. It was a lovely service, obviously very moving, because we were sad that he and his wife Liz were leaving us, but the service was followed by a bring and share lunch which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Our fund raising for the Sally Koroma orphanage in Sierra Leone is continuing and our first fund-raising event this year will be a musical

evening in church at 7.30pm on Saturday, 5th March, organised by Richard Barnes. There will be musical items by students from Lady Manners School and by our own church choir. The evening was a great success last year and we hope to see many of you there again. One of our young people, Charlotte Gundry, is taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh project this year and as one of her tasks she will be holding a coffee morning in the Old School on 24th February. We wish Charlotte all the best with her coffee morning and all her future tasks. Proceeds for the morning will also be given to the Sally Koroma fund Plans for the building of a toilet in church have now been approved, but we still have to apply for a faculty before we can begin any construction. We hope to have the figure of the final costs within the next few months, then fund raising for the project can begin.

After the problems with the water pipes in the vestry during the bad weather, we have been told by our insurance company that they will pay for a new carpet. The PCC has also decided to purchase a de-humidifier to place in the vestry which will help to solve the problem of dampness. The Lent Groups will be held again this year, beginning on Wednesday, 16th March. We hope some of you will manage to support these meetings.

COME AND MEET US FOR COFFEE

Beginning on Thursday 17th March at 11.00am we will be serving morning coffee in church after the mid-week Holy Communion service. Why not come along and enjoy refreshments

and a chat at our new village social event. We would be very happy to see you either for the service followed by coffee or just for the coffee. We look forward to seeing you on 17th March.

<p>Musical Evening to raise funds for the Sally Koroma Orphanage Saturday 5th March 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church</p> <p>Musical items by the students of Lady Manners School and the Church Choir</p> <p>Tickets £5</p> <p>Available from Hilary Hull 01298 871655; David Lee 01629 814146 and Ibbotson's Shop</p> <p>Refreshments Raffle</p>

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Our AGM this year will be held in the Institute on **Saturday, 5th March at 2.00pm for 2.30pm** and this year we shall have a **speaker talking about the training of Guide Dogs** – and of course tea and biscuits and a chat afterwards. Please come and support us – and the dogs! Dorothy Daybell

WELL DRESSING

Our recent meeting confirmed that there will be a Scarecrow Competition again this year – the theme: “Musicals” (and so far we are still short of would-be petallers..!) DD

Mother's Union Coffee Morning for the Overseas Wheels Appeal

Monday 21st March 10am - 12noon
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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes:

Sheldon History Group has launched a new project to scan photographs or postcards of the village, and its residents, from times gone by. The idea is to create an electronic archive so that current and future residents can enjoy them for years to come! The Group ultimately hopes to print a book containing the photos. The first photos were scanned during the February History Group meeting.

We've been worried about the Police changes to the area covered by the White Peak Villages Safer Neighbourhood Team, of which Sheldon is part. In the future, Sheldon and Ashford (both of which fall within Bakewell ward) will be part of the Bakewell Town Safer Neighbourhood Team, meaning that our three excellent Police representatives, David, John and Sandra will no longer be our local bobbies! We are assured that there will be no reduction in the level of service we receive, but we will watch the situation closely.

John Tanner informs us that his project (at the Peak Park) to measure light pollution went very well, with over 200 people recording their observations of the constellation of Orion throughout January. John even appeared on BBC Look North (check out our website) for a live broadcast, and assures us that he was shaking due to the cold, and not his nerves! John has also let us know (even though the results haven't been officially announced) that Sheldon is currently one of the darkest places in the Peak District; we are obviously doing our bit to combat climate change! The organisation of our Royal Wedding Day is going with great gusto. There will be a large sponge cake, enough for us all, and celebration mugs for young, old and individuals. There will be activities for children and adults, including a quick-fire quiz. We hope to crown a prince and princess of Sheldon for the day! If you would like to nominate your child for this special role, please let Georgina Tanner know as soon as possible. Nobody will miss watching the ceremony as the village is currently installing a new digital projector and screen in the Village Hall thanks to Councillor Mrs Judith Twigg and the County Council who have given us a grant of £400. We are most grateful. So put it in your diary - Friday, April 29th at the Village Hall. We will be screening the Royal Wedding from 11am, with the celebration party starting from 2pm (times to be confirmed). Sheldon residents and close family are welcome. Please bring along some party food.

Piglet news: Six new piglets at Lindsey and Colin's. Just as one lot goes, six more arrive, nature is quite amazing! Likewise with Hayley's pigs as well, also now despatched to that great pigsty in the sky and considered by those who have sampled to be delicious!!

As always, please visit Sheldon's website at <http://www.sheldonvillage.org.uk> for all the latest village news. We even have a Twitter feed @sheldon_village

Skip: March 19th

Village Coffee Morning: March 8th in the pub

Ashford Women's Institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

At the AGM held on 03 Feb. Pat Paulett and Barbara Hudson were re-elected as President and Treasurer. Jenny Spafford, as retiring secretary, was thanked for her hard work and dedication over the past three years. Kath Williams, manager of the Ashgate Hospice Shop in Portland Square, Bakewell reminded us that the hospice in Old Brampton is mainly supported by public donations and assured us that everything donated to the shop and the hospice generates income. Her talk left us determined to help as much as possible.

The main speaker was Becci Sampson, a local physiotherapist, who gave us some very good advice on diet and exercise. Becci advised us how to stay safe and know our limits when exercising, to make it enjoyable. She took us through a series of simple standing or sitting exercises to help ease the pain and encourage movement in arthritic joints. After half an hour we all felt that we had benefited from the routine.

We were reminded how essential a good diet is to our health. Becci stressed the importance of a sensible breakfast, preferably with more protein than carbohydrate, which provides the correct stimulus for our bodies, then wisely moderating our food intake for the rest of the day.

Our next meeting will be our celebration lunch at Hassop Hall in March when we will try not to overdo our food intake!

Waste Disposal

The next collection date is:
Saturday 19th March

Ashford War Memorial Institute

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm

New Perspectives Theatre Co.

"LARK RISE TO CANDLEFORD"

Tickets : £8.00 adults £5.00 U16's
Available from Ibbotson's of Ashford, Ashford Post Office, or by phone (01629) 812559 (Caryl) or 640328 (Lorna)

PANCAKE DAY TUESDAY 8th March

Pancakes will be served at the Institute from 12 noon to 1.30pm. There will be a selection of sweet and savoury fillings to choose from. Please come along and join us & enjoy a really scrumptious, home-cooked pancake lunch at a very modest price.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm TUESDAY 29th MARCH 2011

The meeting is open to anyone & everyone who would like to attend. **Everyone welcome, but only members** of the Institute who have paid their 2011 subscriptions by the time of the AGM **are entitled to vote.** Membership by subscription (£3.50) at Ashford Post Office or to the Ashford Institute Treasurer.

Longstone Lottery Winners

December 2010

- 1st prize Joanne Denash
- 2nd prize Suzannah Brockelhurst
- 3rd prize Jean Gledhill

January 2011

- 1st prize Shirley Moores
- 2nd prize Helen Richardson
- 3rd prize Chris Waddington

February 2011

- 1st prize Helen Richardson
- 2nd prize Shirley Moores
- 3rd prize George Chappell

THE BAKEWELL OXFAM SUPPORTERS

Grand Jumble Sale

Mon 14th March 9.30am -12.30pm.

at Bakewell Town Hall.

There will be stalls selling clothes, Bric-a-Brac, Toys, Home Produce, Jewellery* Books a Traidcraft stall and a Tombola. Refreshments.

Entrance 30p

**If you have any jewellery you would like to donate for the stall, please ring 01629 733545*

A personal invitation to join a very special pilgrimage to Greece in the steps of St. Paul 24th Sept. to 3rd October 2011.

Including Philippi, Thessalonica, Meteora, Delphi, Athens & Corinth with a three day cruise to the Greek islands of Myconos, Rhodes, and Patmos, then to Ephesus in Turkey. Led by Canon Richard Orchard and Reverend Clive Thrower.

The travel company is International Travel Services Ltd, of Manchester.

The cost is £1350; half board hotels and full board on ship.

Brochures, booking forms and further details are available from

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just been published. There are a few changes and not all are in prices. Also look out for the first delivery of fresh blueberries from Apicoop, the honey and blueberry co-operative in Chile which I wrote about last month. They will be available in Co-op food stores.

Peter Bird 01629 3087

SPRING CONCERT

A PIANO RECITAL by ISABEL

CHAPLAIS

At ALL SAINTS CHURCH BAKEWELL on SATURDAY 19TH MARCH at 7.30pm

Isabel Chaplais, a talented professional pianist, will be giving a piano recital in All Saints Church, Bakewell.

Tickets £8 on the door.

Ashford Parish Council

For details of the minutes visit:

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