

The Parish Magazine

Ashford in the Water and Sheldon

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A Rare Ashford Celebration

On January 21st Rev'd Graham Foster will celebrate his 100th birthday! As many of you will know Graham was the vicar at Holy Trinity from 1967 – 1978 and on retiring he and his wife Constance moved to Bakewell for 22 years before returning to live in Ashford at Becksides on Baslow New Road. Sadly, Constance is now living in the Brooklands Nursing Home, but Graham can still be seen striding round the village. His mental abilities are as strong as his physical ones: he still completes the Telegraph crossword, daily, has written his third book, and as well as composing Christmas carols, wedding music for his grandchildren and a lullaby for his great grandson he has now written a setting of the 100th Psalm to be sung by Ashford church choir at his Service of Celebration on the 22nd January, to which you are all welcome!



Graham on his 99th birthday

A New Curate for the Benefice.

Hi, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Aron Simpson, and I am soon to be the new Curate of Bakewell, Ashford in the Water, Over Haddon, Sheldon and Rowsley. My wife Bella and I, together with our two children Evelyn (3) and Isaac (15 months) are very excited to be moving to Bakewell in June, and look forward to becoming part of the community here.

To give you a bit about my background; I am 34 years old, born & raised in Derby. I met my wife Bella whilst doing an Art Foundation course at college, and later we both went on to complete a Fine Art degree. I am very creative, finding every opportunity to express myself through painting and drawing. Before going into training at St John's College in Nottingham, two & a half years ago, I was a pizza chef, and then later, a restaurant manager for PizzaExpress for nearly 11 years in total. We currently worship at St Peter's in Littleover, just outside Derby.

Bella & I both spent a lot of our childhoods walking in and around Matlock, Bakewell & the Peak District, and cannot wait to begin exploring this beautiful part of the country again, with our own children; as well as finding out what God has in store

for us, and the benefice of Bakewell churches.

We pray for God's blessing on everyone who lives and worships at the churches here, and ask that you might remember us in your prayers, as I finish my course and we prepare to move to Bakewell. We look forward to meeting you, and getting to know you all soon.

Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45am

08 Jan. – Sung Eucharist

15 Jan. – Christingle Service

22 Jan. – United Benefice Service of Celebration - 10.00am

29 Jan. – Sung Eucharist

There is no service on 1st January

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion

5, 12, 19 and 26 January

Followed by refreshments and a chance for a chat with the vicar.

Funeral

05 Dec. – Laura Shaw

Services at Sheldon

08 Jan. - 9.00am: Holy Communion

29 Jan. - 9.00am: Holy Communion

Canon Tony writes:

A very Happy New Year to You! What a year it promises to be for us as a Nation. We quite rightly celebrate and give thanks to God for the service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Her Majesty the Queen for the past 60 years and then we welcome as hosts, athletes and visitors from across the world for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The hope for both celebrations is that the country as a whole and the local community will come together and

organise local events to bring people and groups together. For the Queen's Jubilee weekend there is a suggestion of holding a 'Big Lunch,' where, together with individual street events, there may be one big picnic lunch with games, activities etc. For the Olympics, there are suggestions of holding a village fun sports day, and of course, thinking of ways to mark the passing of the Olympic Torch through our district at the end of June.

We are blessed with being part of two good village communities with people who support important parts of our village life and I am sure that some plans are already afoot in both Ashford and Sheldon.

My appeal would be to see these as a bigger picture, with the whole community involved, including all the groups, activities, organisations etc. The Jubilee weekend in Ashford for instance coincides with the Well dressings and Church Flower Festival and I see this as a wonderful way of coordinating a theme that both can share in i.e. the 6 Wells each depicting a decade of our Queen's reign with the Flower Festival picking up a Jubilee theme. Why not also, on the 3rd June, hold a huge community lunch with every group in the village contributing to costs involved and then at some point holding the Well Blessings Procession after (if the weather holds!) a short open air Service of Thanksgiving for Her Majesty?

I will sign the church up to this in the hope we can generate a community vision of working and sharing

together for the first of two wonderful opportunities to do so in 2012.

With best wishes for a Happy 2012
Tony

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Ashford Church Notes

Fundraising for the loo project has carried on apace, with a sponsored 'Hymnathon' on the afternoon of Saturday 26 November. Several doughty choir members, including three of our younger members, Charlotte Gundry, and Hannah and Grace Harrison, undertook to sing fifty hymns in three hours. Starting with 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation', and pausing only occasionally for a few minutes' break, they sang through to a triumphant 'Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go' just a few minutes before 6 o'clock. It was a magnificent effort and lovely to listen to right through to the rousing finale. And they achieved a total of £1,526.50..... Fantastic!



The last fundraising event of the year was a floral demonstration by Liz Bishop, a NAFAS area demonstrator, on Thursday 1st December. Liz produced five very different arrangements but all with beautifully colourful, exotic flowers which

reflected her Malaysian background. These, plus the five that she had made earlier, were raffled off at the end of the demonstration and ten people went home very happy indeed. The afternoon concluded with tea and a wonderful selection of homemade cakes. The event was very well supported with 65 people attending and a total raised of £840. We are now well on our way to achieving our target of £15,000 and by the time you read this the building stage of the loo will be more or less complete.

The funeral of Laura Shaw took place at Brimington Crematorium on Monday 5 December, after which a thanksgiving for her life was held in church led by the Methodist minister from Bakewell, the Revd. David Briggs. The service was very well attended and a fitting memorial to Laura. Our thoughts are with Peter and Pat and the rest of the family.

May we wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

QUIZ

Question: What links *seat - paper - roll - chemical*.

Answer: toilet!

The latest fund-raising venture for the church loo is a Connections Quiz that is currently on sale for £1. Prizes of £15 and £10 will be given to the winning entries (to be submitted by 12th March).

Quiz sheets may be purchased from David Baldry (812032) the Post Office, The Ashford Arms, The Bull's Head, Aisseford Tearoom and Ibbotson's. Have a go, it's fun; you don't need to answer all of the questions to enter!

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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes:

A very happy New Year to you all. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and one full of joy and peace with families and friends and that 2012 will bring you all you could wish for.

Despite the cold and current recession, the Christmas Light Up this year raised £690. After a discussion at the Parish Meeting it was agreed that it would be split thus: £250 to Contact the Elderly; £210 each Church and Village Hall; £20 towards the Sheldon Website upkeep. The team says thanks to everyone. It is only because of our local community, generous in getting involved both with time and donations that the team could make such a success. Here's to next year!

Our best wishes to Oliver who was in hospital for a while during the month. He's feeling a bit better at home now...lots of pills to take every day and lots of rest he tells me and a different kind of diet to get used to. Our thoughts are with you. Harold has also been in hospital for three days to have a seriously infected hand seen to. He's on the mend, using one-and-a-half hands, he says, and still milking. All our best wishes to Harold as well.

We've had to get used to coping with a new County Council approach to gritting roads in small villages such as ours, which means when it snows we don't get any grit until much later in the day, if at all. The general view after the first relatively mild snow of the year is that it's not working and has made life very difficult for residents who try to leave or enter the village early in the morning. We've told Derbyshire County Council; they say they are looking into it.

This year's Christmas Parish Meeting was suitably festive although probably the coldest night of the winter so far. Lots of the village there, mince pies, splendid chocolate cake, (Marlene comes up trumps again!) and a cup of tea before we started the meeting gave us all time to chat before the serious part of the evening, the Parish Meeting started. At which incidentally among many other decisions, we decided to freeze the precept for the next year.

We've been having some trouble over the years with school group walkers, and Duke of Edinburgh award groups not understanding how to protect the countryside. We were pleased therefore to hear that John Tanner recently gave a talk on 'Safely and Responsibly Enjoying the National Park' to Duke of Edinburgh award assessors at Calver Village Hall. John was invited in his role as a Special Constable to talk about issues surrounding the use of the National Park, using Sheldon as an example: closing gates, not climbing over walls, and parking responsibly by assessors and parents. The discussion went well, and John has been invited to give further talks on this subject.

No Vicar's coffee morning in January...next one will be Tuesday 7th February in the Hall.

Ashford Women's Institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

At the meeting on December 1st we spent a very pleasant evening socialising, solving a Christmas quiz and enjoying a cheese and wine buffet supper.

Caryl Heath and Val Sidery were in London taking part in a W.I. National competition at the Fast Fashion Show at the Fashion and Textile Museum. The competition was for 'a little black dress' which, in a moment, could be converted from day wear to evening wear. Modelled at the show by Caryl, the dress was designed and made by Caryl and Val. They kept us informed by text and phone and a great cheer went up when we heard that they had gained second place with their entry.

The dress will be on display at our next meeting. Congratulations to Val and Caryl for a wonderful achievement!

On Friday 2nd December Ashford W.I. was host for the Lathkil group's carol service; a happy and uplifting occasion.

Next meeting: 5th January at **2.15pm** in the War Memorial Institute.

come and join us – a warm welcome awaits you.



2011 has certainly ended on a high for Traidcraft, Bakewell – I'll be able to give you the year's total next month. This is a really huge benefit to the hard working producer groups throughout the world who want nothing more than a chance to earn

enough to feed and clothe their families.

As we look forward to next year, we can be both proud and thankful at the huge strides Traidcraft in particular and the whole Fairtrade movement in general have made. When Traidcraft was first started in 1979 as a trading company dedicated to improving the opportunities for small producers in developing countries, Fair-trade was not even a word let alone a concept or a reality. When the Fairtrade Foundation was first established by Traidcraft, Oxfam and Christian Aid in the early 1990's, it was driven by a desire to enable the world's poorest communities to work their way out of poverty. Now the UK Fairtrade market runs to £1billion a year.

That can only be good, but there is still more to be done. There are many products which do not yet qualify for Fairtrade status. There are many producer groups which are too small to be able to apply for it. It is these producers in particular which Traidcraft focuses on and we can help them gain what others have already found by buying Traidcraft products.

Happy New Year. Peter Bird
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Ashford WM Institute

New Year's Quiz

Saturday 7th January 2012

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Homemade soups and light refreshments will be served at the interval. Licensed bar

Entrance: £5.00

Everyone welcome

Bakewell Medical Centre

0844 477 3408

www.bakewellmedicalcentre.co.uk

New Year Closure Dates – The surgery will close at 6.30pm on Friday 30th December and will re-open at 8am on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

Closed for Training: No training closure dates in January

New '111' Service – If you need to contact the surgery out-of-hours and your call is not a 999 emergency call, you can now call '111' to get straight through to the out-of-hours service.

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- 2nd: Kay Staniforth
- 3rd: Jo Hutchinson

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