

The Parish Magazine

Ashford in the Water and Sheldon

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Dear Friends,

The debate has begun about the causes of the looting and mayhem witnessed on our streets against a background of widespread condemnation of murder, criminal destruction, intimidation, threat to life or stealing at will. The images of people as young as 8 years old smashing windows and helping themselves to goods is not about inequality or disconnection, but about a lack of conscience, respect and care for community and authority. The vast majority of people in Britain are law abiding, honest, striving to build a strong, caring family and community, but we can't ignore within our country the breakdown of family life; the absence of good role models within people's lives and the erosion of morals and values.

Despite the political rhetoric and increase of powers to combat antisocial behaviour and intent, there are no easy solutions to problems that have been building for many years. Trying to apportion blame does not help; nor does the scoring of points in Parliament; nor necessarily the pouring in of money to solve problems. We shouldn't leave it up to the politicians to sort out this nation's mess. Respect and responsibility has to begin in a stable, permanent, loving and supportive family. We have to reject a get rich, take what you can, think only of yourself, don't get involved mix of values that quite frankly pollute and undermine values of respect, compassion, care, generosity, humility and thought for our neighbour. Just what does the second Commandment to honour and respect your mother and father mean to a child? How can parents continue to raise the bar for their children to aspire to, that creates mutual respect, whilst setting boundaries of what is acceptable and right? We cannot be proud of the fact that some children look to gangs for parenting; children may not be poor financially, but are destitute emotionally; where older mothers take a lover, become pregnant by him and then look to replace him when he is of no further use, and the cycle continues. This is the reality in some places and it is not about condemning or moralising, but about understanding and trying to do something to break the chain. It is all too easy in our nice part of the world to ignore the problems in our cities, but we don't have to go too far to witness a culture of drink and drugs, of young girls drifting aimlessly around a town centre with their children in push chairs day after day, or chaotic households where children have different fathers. What can we do to play our part in challenging society to think about what values and morals we should have that lead to responsibility, respect, tolerance, understanding, reform, stability and permanence in relationships? Let us not condemn but join the debate and the support needed. With love and prayers. Tony
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Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45am

04 Sept – Trinity 11: All Age Worship

11 Sept – Trinity 12: Sung Eucharist

18 Sept – Trinity 13: Sung Eucharist

25 Sept – Trinity 14: Sung Eucharist

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 September

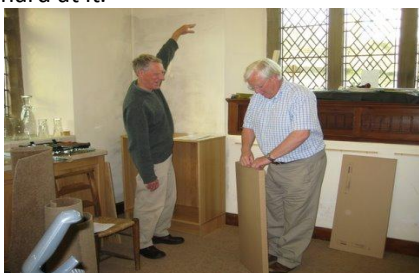
Services at Sheldon

11 Sept - 9.00am: Holy Communion

25 Sept – 6.00pm: United Benefice
Songs of Praise

Ashford Church Notes

The re-covering of the vestry floor is now complete and very smart it looks too with its nutmeg brown carpet. As the vestry had to be cleared for the carpet to be laid, we took the opportunity to sort out a lot of unwanted junk and to give the room and furniture a good spring clean. In doing so we discovered the large bookcase cupboard to be full of very lively woodworm, so it has been replaced by a modern substitute from IKEA. Despite the fearsome reputation of flat-pack furniture, this did not tax the DIY skills of the assemblers too greatly. In the pictures you can see the workers (that is, some of them some of the time) hard at it.



On 23 July, a lovely bright and breezy day, the wedding took place of Jerry Piron and Gail Crowe from Bishop Stortford. The family have a holiday cottage locally, and are frequent members of our congregation. Their children, Eddie, Maddie and Ella, attended the bride as pageboy and bridesmaids. Gail looked lovely in an unusual and beautiful beaded grey dress. The wedding car was a maroon and black 1924 Pierce Arrow Series 80 Limousine which, like all classic cars, attracted a lot of attention from the onlookers.

On a sadder note, the funeral of Maud Marsden, aunt of Roslyn McGovern from Ashford Tearoom, was held on 28 July.

And last but by no means least (except in size) on 22nd July we rejoiced in the arrival of Matthew Stuart, first child to Rachel and Andy Butcher, and second grandson for John and Linda Foster. Matthew weighed in at 7lbs 12ozs. and mother and son are both doing very well. Matthew has already attended his first church service where he was rightly much admired by all.



Ashford Women's Institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

Congratulations to our craft group for being awarded the Novice Cup at the Bakewell Show W.I. tent for their entry of a Well Dressing made from Four different crafts: Knitting, Needle Felt, Rag Rug and Clay modelling.

Next Meeting: 6th September 7.15pm

Come along and join us – a warm welcome awaits you.

Ashford Well Dressing

At a poorly attended meeting on 5th August it was decided to make the following donations from this year's Well Dressings: £100 each to:

Community Transport.

Tae Kwando.

Royal British Legion.

Help the Heros.

Derbyshire Air Ambulance.

Old School Community Rooms.

Breast Cancer Care Fund-Chesterfield.

Helen's Trust.

First Responders.

Ashford Play Group Fund.



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Helen's Trust – New Office

Helen's Trust is now based on the High Street, above Boots in Bakewell. If you would like to be involved in supporting Helen's Trust feel free to pop in for a chat, we would be pleased to see you. We are always looking for volunteers or people who can donate raffle prizes for our upcoming events.

The "Food for Sport" Helen's Trust Sporting Hero's Calendar

for 2012 will be launching in September, and Includes recipes from sporting greats like Lord Sebastian Coe, Sir Steven Redgrave and Jessica Ennis.

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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes:

Lots of good news this month.

Wonderful news for Rosemary and Sam Swindell's daughter Heather and son-in-law Brian on August 6th. Heather had a baby boy, 8lbs.4ozs. Arthur William. Congratulations to the whole family, and welcome to the world, Arthur William. I know it won't be the last time you figure in the Jottings.

Welcome back to Ken, who has been in hospital for a serious operation, but is now back home and getting better rapidly. No tractors though, Ken! On August 25th he celebrated his 80th birthday, so as well as best wishes for his continued good health, very many happy returns on a wonderful day. Adrienne Blackshaw celebrated her 80th the next day, August 26th. Warmest and best congratulations also to you, Adrienne.

Another milestone birthday, this time for Andrew Lester who is 18 on September 7th. Very many happy returns to you Andrew and all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Ralph and Pat Lord, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on August 14th. Here's to another 40 years yet to come.

Thanks to Phil Gregory and Sheldon Garage who stepped in and sponsored the whole of the Fell Race this year...we are most grateful for this generosity and it made £525.

Sheldon Day this year was one of the best ever. A magnificent grand total raised too: £4225.47, which after expenses, means we have **£3117.86** as a result. My thanks to the Sheldon Day team, and to everyone in the village for making it such a record fun filled day. I always think the church flowers weld the whole day together and make it unique. Gill and David Harper asked me to pass on their congratulations to everyone involved on what they thought was the most beautiful flower display in the church on Sheldon Day ever – the theme of life and its stages was so well done.

It's been a busy Cream Teas time for the team in the village. The Sheldon Day Cream Teas, always a record breaker, surpassed itself this year with a grand total £516. That means there must have been about 200 people served in the three hours between 2-5 p.m. The queue was long, out the door and down the path for much of the afternoon, so much so that they actually, for the first time, sold out of scones while there were still people wanting afternoon tea. The washer uppers, the servers, those who collected from the tables, everyone did a magnificent job, and I hear were all shattered by the end of the day. The new boiler, I was glad to hear, despite some initial concerns, proved perfect for the job. The following Sunday there was another cream tea event, and although slower (I don't think they could have coped with another like Sheldon Day) made over £100. The next Cream Teas is Sunday August 28th from 2-5pm in the village hall.

September coffee morning: September 6th in the hall.

Ashford Harvest Supper
Sat 1st Oct. 7pm in the Institute.
Tickets: £5 Adults £3.50 Children
under 11years. Available at
Ibbotson's. Raffle & Games

Harvest Festival and Auction
Sunday 2nd Oct. 9.45am
Holy Trinity Church
Service followed by a fun
auction of produce!

School Tunnel Bike Ride

On Saturday 9th July nearly 90 young cycle riders from Longstone School, clad in specially designed T shirts, got together to celebrate the opening of the old tunnels on the Monsal Trail, between Hassop and Millers Dale.

All the children completed their rides, rode courteously and apart from a couple of grazed knees returned intact. Over £2,000.00 towards the new adventure play area for the school was raised. Well done! A big thank you to all involved.

THE ANGELS ARE COMING!

60 Angels, the creation of artist Celia Kilner who comes from Holmfirth in Yorkshire, painted on foamboard will be displayed in All Saints, Bakewell from the end of September to January 2012. The Angels are taken from paintings from across the world, across the ages and across all religious persuasions. An Angel is a good messenger providing the interface between heaven and earth – something that has appealed to the human and religious imagination for centuries. There are stories of angels not only in the scriptures but in accounts of ordinary people, often in very ordinary situations. Angels

have been alluded to in literature, poetry, film and of course art.

From 1st to 18th December there will be a 'Festival of Angels' at All Saints Parish Church. More details to follow.



Friends of Bakewell Parish Church

Talk and Valuation of items (one per couple) by Charles Hanson, TV antiques expert, on **Friday 7th Oct.**

at the Medway Centre, Bakewell
Registration of items will commence
7.15pm. Cost: £12.50 a head. Includes
Canapés and a free glass of wine,
Tickets from Bakewell Bookshop,

Chris Shepley 01629 812988 or

Angela Bird 01629 813087

Proceeds to church upkeep.



Last month we thought a little about the Fairtrade movement and its relationship with Traidcraft. Supermarkets can sell some Fairtrade products more cheaply than Traidcraft because of their economies of scale. If we believe that what Traidcraft is seeking to do is right, if we want to see more families given the opportunity to work their way out of poverty, then choosing, consciously, to buy from your Traidcraft outlet rather than a supermarket is a way to help.

Traidcraft does sell some of its products to supermarkets because it is seeking to change the way the world trades and getting the mainstream to adopt fair trade is part of its mission. It was created as a Christian response to poverty and sometimes that can involve sacrifice. If we really believe what we say we believe, then it will affect what we do and how we live.

The new (Christmas) catalogues are now available so please ask for one. **Traidcraft Coffee Morning 10.30am–12noon on Sat. October 1st in the Newark, All Saints' Church, Bakewell** where you can buy and order goods from the catalogue.

Peter Bird (01629 813087)

Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport

Please can you **Help?** Do you have a little spare time? Do you like helping people from your community? We are looking for **Volunteer Passenger Assistants**. B & ECT provides a high quality, caring and responsive service which enhances the lifestyle of people struggling with transport isolation. We *need* kind and supportive people who can offer assistance to those passengers who need that extra little bit of help. This could be due to mobility issues, hearing or vision loss or simply because of a lack of confidence. If you are over 18 years of age and feel that you may be able to help or would like to know more please contact us on: **Tel: 01629 641920 or email:info@bect.org.uk**

Fully certificated training provided. CRB checks will be required.

Waste Collection

Saturday collections have now been discontinued.

DRCS Annual Shopping Fair 'Presents and More'

The Maynard Grindleford Champagne and Shopping Evening
Clothes and accessories, children's clothes and books, educational toys, ties and men's gifts and food stalls. Opportunity to win a real diamond! Tickets £10 to include Sparkling wine and Canapés.

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Thursday 6th Oct. 10am-4pm

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