

The Parish Magazine
Ashford in the Water and Sheldon
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Dear Friends,

Rachel and I fulfilled a long held desire in February to participate in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a tremendous experience and now when places and events associated with Jesus and his disciples are mentioned, an image will come to mind that will help to put the account into context. People have gone on pilgrimages through the centuries for all sorts of reasons; one of the main ones is to draw closer to God in a place associated with God's activity and love working through people and events. There is within the pilgrim a desire to travel and experience a bit of spiritual awe that doesn't make somebody 'super holy', but may bring an extra bit of peace and sense of God's closeness and presence to sustain us day by day.

Whether you will have the chance to visit the Holy Land, Lindisfarne, Iona, Santiago de Compostela, Walsingham or another sacred site, or not, it is good to reflect that we are all on a pilgrimage through this life, experiencing joys and sorrows, highs and lows, peace and challenge. During Holy Week, that takes people from the Mount of Olives to the empty tomb of Easter Day we all have the opportunity to make a journey with Jesus. He invites us to journey with him through the momentous entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday waving our palms, to the table of serving on Maundy Thursday and the garden of watching and waiting, to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday and the despair of death and sorrow.

It isn't an easy journey to make for us, but one we should make, because it draws us through considering the consequence of human fear, anger, rejection, agony, pain, death and bereavement to the overwhelming feeling of hope, comfort, strength and love that comes from God. Ultimately this week long pilgrimage takes us to the new life of Easter and the ecstatic outpouring of joy and thanksgiving that God loves us so much that Jesus, His Son, dies and rises from the tomb to give us life that has no end. We have the choice as to whether we are an armchair pilgrim or whether we strip off some of the veneer and 'get stuck in with God' beginning on April 17th and lasting for a week. If you do, it could change parts of your life and has the potential to help you grow closer to God.

See inside this publication for details of where you can join the pilgrimage to find God's new and everlasting life! God bless you. 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; jazzyrector@aol.com

Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45am

03 April – **Mothering Sunday:** All Age

10 April – **Passion Sunday:**

Cross of Christ

17 April – **Palm Sunday:** Sung Eucharist

24 April – Easter Day: Sung Eucharist

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion

7, 14, and 21 April

Holy Week Services Ashford

21 April – Maundy Thursday:

10.30am: Holy Communion

22 April – Good Friday:

2.00pm: Reflection

Services at Sheldon

10 April – 9.00am: Holy Communion

24 April – 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)

Lent Group Meetings

To be held on Wednesdays: 23rd & 30th March and 6th & 13th April at 7.30pm at varying venues. The theme is: "Exploring God's Mercy"

Church Bookstall

Please support your church bookstall. We have a good selection of greetings cards, prayer cards, biros and guide books, plus various items showing an attractive photo of the church, including postcards, notepads and much more.



Mothering Sunday

3rd April 9.45am

Do join us to celebrate the love and care shown by our mothers.

Posies are presented to all the ladies in the congregation.

Everyone is welcome.



Ashford Church Notes

On Saturday, 5th March, a concert was held in church to help raise funds for the Sally Koroma orphanage in Sierra Leone. This was organised by Richard Barnes, our church choir master. Our own church choir sang a couple of anthems, and then students from Lady Manners School performed several musical items, both vocally and on their musical instruments. The children are so talented and we were privileged to hear them perform. The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and over three hundred pounds was raised. Thank you to Richard and to all the youngsters who took part so willingly. The following day, our church choir was busy again, first rehearsing, then singing at the latest Three Choirs Evensong, this time held at Bakewell church. This was well attended by people from Bakewell, Ashford and Great Longstone. We all feel that it is good to keep up our contact with Great Longstone, even though they are no longer in our benefice and it is good to see them from time to time and have a good chat.

The season of Lent began on 9th March, Ash Wednesday, with a service in church. Our Lent Group

discussion meetings will be taking place every Wednesday at 7.30pm, at various venues. We do hope to see some of you at these meetings, which provoke some very interesting discussions.

The first of our coffee mornings, which is part of our Mission Action Plan, was held in church after the Thursday morning service on the 17th March at 11.00am. Eleven people joined us and enjoyed refreshments and a chat. They will be held each week, so do come along; you will be most welcome.

On Friday 11th March, a thanksgiving service for the life of Gwen Pykett was held in church. The church was full, everyone coming to give thanks for the life of Gwen, whom we had all come to love, since she and her family, husband Ian and children, Alexander and Andrea, came to live in the Old Vicarage several years ago. The whole family had immediately become involved in the life and activities of the village, especially in our church life and their involvement was quickly accepted and appreciated. Gwen had a beautiful singing voice and composed several wonderful pieces of music. Until her illness, she also trained a junior village choir. She fought her illness bravely to the last and she will be very sadly missed, not only here in Ashford, but also, no doubt, much further afield. Our very deepest sympathies go to Ian, Alexander and Andrea, and to her sisters and brother and all her wider family and friends. We shall always remember her.

We have now been given permission by our insurance people to go ahead with the purchase of a new carpet for the vestry. The de-humidifier for the vestry has been purchased and set up.
Future events: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th April at 7.30pm, beginning at 7.00pm with a short service of Holy Communion.

A very happy Easter to everyone.



The fresh Fairtrade blueberries from the Chilean producer Apicoop, , have gone on sale in 600 Co-op stores in the UK. Helped by a grant from Traidcraft and a loan from Shared Interest, Apicoop was able to plant 56,000 blueberry bushes, some of which Angela and I saw on our recent trip to Chile. 18 months later the first crop was bought by Traidcraft to be used in our products. Look out for Apicoop's fresh blueberries in your local Co-op and don't forget to ask me for some jars of Apicoop's honey.

Peter Bird, Tel 01629 813087

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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes:

Well, it's April, and that means swallows again. At last; best time of the year. The swallows make our village something special.

Congratulations to Nigel Etchells, who was presented with a Derbyshire Dales Community Award by the Council Chair in recognition for all his voluntary labours for the village at Matlock Council Chambers on March 10th complete with food, speeches and official photos. And thanks also to Mickey for all her continuing support both to Nigel and to the village. He is now the fourth member of our village to receive such an award. It says something about the community spirit of everyone in this village that so many have been so honoured.

Nigel and Mickey meanwhile have visited Marjorie Fearn in her new home across the Pennines. Lots of reminiscences of Sheldon, and of the Monday lunches Mickey and Marjorie used have in the Cock and Pullet. She is settled, looks very well, and the day Nigel and Mickey went all the grandchildren were there as well. Marjorie sends her love to everyone and says she has not forgotten the place or anyone in it!

A huge thank you to everyone who brought photos or lent their photos for Sheldon History Group's evening of scanning old photographs of the village! Georgina reports they scanned in approximately 50 old photographs on the night, and created a huge spreadsheet where each photo was numbered and given a description and date where possible. After they have finished scanning these, the group will move on to more modern ones. Eventually, there will be a book. Julia and Marlene, as usual, made delicious cakes to accompany the scanning evening!

Don't forget Friday April 29th, Sheldon's celebration of the Royal wedding. We still need children in the village who would like to volunteer to be the Sheldon Prince or Princess. Please let Georgina know! Children of all ages up to 16 or so would be welcome. Please let Georgina know if you know of someone who may be interested, and please spread the word. Lots of surprises on the day. And the commemorative mugs with Sheldon on them and the cake all ordered!

A brilliant night was had by seventeen Sheldon ladies on their trip to see Calendar Girls. The night started on the coach with drinks and nibbles. My spies tell me the interval was spent star spotting, and a few more light (?) refreshments. Thanks to Lindsey for organising, and for the food on the trip as well.

We're very proud of Sheldon's lack of light pollution, so it was easy for Julia to look out the farm window to see the huge lights of the Columbia space shuttle coming right over the village on a beautiful clear March night. Another reason for keeping light pollution away.

Our next Parish Meeting is April 13th. It's the AGM elections, so see you there.

Coffee morning: April 5th in the pub, 10 am

Happy Easter everyone!

Ashford Women's Institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

On March 3rd instead of our usual meeting, we all met at Hassop Hall for our W.I. Birthday lunch, where a scrumptious meal was enjoyed as well as first class service in delightful surroundings.

Six members attended the Derby Federation Spring Council meeting on Tuesday 1st March at the Chesterfield Winding Wheel where the main speaker, Stephen D. Smith, solicitor, legal expert and author, told us some fascinating and humorous stories of famous clients he has represented.

It brought great sadness to hear of the death of two of our friends and fellow members; Gwen Pykett and Margaret Cadge. Our thoughts go out to their families at this sad time.

Next Meeting: Thursday 7th April at 7.15pm - War Memorial Institute. The speaker will be Mrs. Judy Colby with her talk entitled "Rags to Riches." **Competition:** a scarf ring! Come along and join us; a warm welcome awaits you.

Longstone Lottery Winners:

- 1st: Donna Doherty
- 2nd: William Houghton
- 3rd: Cheryl Oliver

ASHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Meeting February 2011

1) Band Concert 2011: This has been arranged for Sunday 26th June 2011 from 2.00 to 4.00 pm outside the War Memorial Institute, to coincide with the well dressings. Matlock Band will be performing the concert.

2) Public Conveniences: The public conveniences had been closed over

Christmas and in January due to frozen pipes, but are now in operation again.

3) Right of Way – Hill Cross to Hall Orchard: Derbyshire County Council has confirmed that re-instatement of this right of way is ongoing.

4) Memorial Bench: The parish council have approved a request for a memorial bench in memory of Mr Malcolm Oliver.

5) Parish and Town Council Elections: These will be held on 5th May. The last day for the receipt of nominations and consents to nomination is 4th April 2011 at 12.00 noon.

6) Planning Matters:

a) Application: Once a Week Quarry, Sheldon: Proposed relocation of stone cutting shed: The parish council has no objection to this application.

b) Application: Wye Cottage, Church Street: Single storey rear extension: The parish council has no objection to this application.

c) Application: Monsal Trail Junction with Great Longstone: Creation of ramp: The parish council has no objection to this application.

d) Application: Barnfield, The Dukes Drive: Erection of new double garage with study room above: The parish council has no objection to this application.

e) Decision: Great Batch: Replacement of aluminium patio door with fixed timber framed door: Granted subject to conditions.

f) Decision: Long Rood Farm: Change of use of part of 2 fields: Granted subject to conditions.

g) Appeal: Land at Valley Cottage

7) Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March 2011 in Ashford Old School at 7.30 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting

**Tuesday 12th April at 7.30 pm in
The Old School.**

Footpath Warden

As our current Footpath Warden is leaving Ashford, the Parish Council is looking for someone to undertake the task of looking after the Public Paths in the Parish. There are some 28 paths with a total length of almost 10.5 miles.

Any remedial work carried out is paid by the Parish Council, who is reimbursed by the County Council.

The job would suit a fit, keen rambler, who is not averse to a little manual labour. Anyone interested should contact either the Clerk, Angela Fox, (01433 631689), or the Chairman, David Windle, (01629 813855), for further details.

**To Holy Trinity Church, and the
communities of Ashford,
Longstone, Sheldon, Bakewell
and beyond:**

On behalf of myself, Alexander and Andrea, and of our wider families, I would like to thank you all for your outpouring of condolences and love that we have received following Gwen's death.

Nowhere was this more evident than at Gwen's Service of Thanksgiving. We are accustomed to not being able – or even permitted – to enjoy funerals. But although I was moved to tears on several occasions (as I knew I

would be), I can say that I really did enjoy the Service, because I knew that Gwen would have liked and appreciated what was said, prayed, played and sung.

For me, the overwhelming sense of the Service was that Gwen touched many lives in many places in a very positive way, finding ways to help and uplift people with her talents and personality, often along with a great empathy that grew from her own wide-ranging life experiences. The number of her friends and family who attended the service was a tangible testament to her legacy.

I knew that I would be unable to speak to you myself at the Service, so I would like now to endorse wholeheartedly Tony's comment that "you took us into your hearts" – we have indeed been touched by your genuine love and concern.

Thank you again. With warmest regards,

Ian, Alexander & Andrea.

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