

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

Forty days after Easter the Christian Church celebrates the important festival of Pentecost (on 12th June), when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in the Upper Room. This event, dramatic as it was at the time, was even more momentous in the effect it had on them, changing them instantly from a bunch of terrified men and women cowering behind closed doors, into bold evangelists, who just had to tell the good news of God's saving love to anyone who would listen. If we have been Baptised and/or Confirmed, then we too have the Spirit of God dwelling in us, inspiring, guiding, comforting and strengthening us to live lives that reflect God's love and peace, and to work for his justice and peace to be known within our communities and our nation.

Then on June 19th we celebrate Trinity Sunday, when we remember the revelation of God to us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This day is traditionally, within the community of Ashford, the blessing of the village wells, a culmination of extremely hard work and dedication from everybody involved in creating the well dressings and the church flower festival, and continued as a community in welcoming scores of visitors through the week that follows.

Working as a community is extremely important and both the church communities in Sheldon and Ashford try to faithfully and enthusiastically answer their call from God to work to make known the Good News of God's love and power within our lives. The local church exists not to be separate from the community, or to 'do its own thing', but to be a spiritual centre for reflection, prayer, worship and care for those with faith, and those with none. The local church seeks to be seen, experienced and known through being as involved as possible in local life, interests, concerns and activities. I hope that this also means that it is not about the local church always being seen as asking for money to support our historic buildings, but local people's generosity towards the maintenance and well-being of the buildings is both welcome and necessary.

Enjoy the month of June. With love and prayers
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

- 05 June - Easter 7: All Age Worship
- 12 June - Pentecost: Sung Eucharist
- 19 June – Trinity Sunday:
Patronal Sung Eucharist
- 26 June – Trinity 1: Sung Eucharist

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion
2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 June

Services at Sheldon

- 12 June - 9.00am: Holy Communion
- 26 June - 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)

Well Blessing Service

19th June 3.00pm

The sermon will be preached by
the Bishop of Derby and
followed by the procession to
bless the wells

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much more.

Ashford Church Notes

Our Easter Day service was very well attended and began with a joyous anthem by the choir. An uplifting, happy service, with the well-known and popular Easter hymns and the children enjoying their Easter egg hunt around the church.

Our next special day will be the Rogation Day walk and lunch on 29th May, to be reported on in our next edition. However, we can already thank Dorothy Daybell for her generous offer to host the lunch.

Sunday, 15th May was another special day for David and Vivien Lee and their family. Their granddaughter, Izzy, was baptised in Holy Trinity, well supported by the family and friends of Claire and Jeff, her parents. We welcome Izzy into the family of the church and wish her a long and happy life.

As part of our Mission Action Plan, our on-going weekly coffee morning is still taking place after the Thursday morning service, house groups are to be held at which various subjects will be discussed, The first one is to be on Tuesday, 31st May at 7.30pm, at Chandle House, the home of Jim and Caroline Storr. Everyone will be most welcome.

Impossible though it may seem, our Well-Dressing and Flower Festival week will be upon us shortly and we shall be needing help in stewarding in church for the whole week. It is important that we have two stewards on duty at all times so that we can give a warm welcome to our visitors, so all offers of help will be much appreciated, you don't need to be a

regular church-goer. The rota sheet for names of volunteers is already on the table at the back of church. Please sign up whenever you can. We hope for good weather and a wonderful week.

Another date to put in your diaries is Sunday, 17th July, when we shall be holding an afternoon outdoor Pet Service in the Hall Orchard. Please come along and bring your pets – any variety - and join us. It will be interesting!

Holy Trinity Flower Festival

18th –26th June.

Church open daily from
10.00am – 8.00pm

(Thursdays and Sundays
11.00am - 8.00pm)

This year's theme is:

'Gemstones of the Bible'

Do come and see the work of our skilful local arrangers. The church will be a riot of colour.

Ashford Women's Institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

Inspired by theatre wardrobe mistress Judy Colby, speaker at our April meeting, nine of our members spent an enjoyable evening at the Sheffield University Theatre. Most of the time we were doubled up with laughter at the brilliant performance of the farce 'It runs in the Family' by the Midland Players Amateur Dramatic Society.

On 5th May Mr. Colin Moorcroft, our speaker, talked about Thomas Denman, born in Bakewell in 1733, who attended the Bakewell Boys School, now Lady Manners School.

His interest in medicine led him to St. George's Medical School in London where he studied natal care, but being in financial difficulties he joined the Navy as a surgeon's mate. In 1763 after nine years at sea, he came back to Bakewell, but finding it an awful place to live in those days, he returned to London to study midwifery. He researched safer childbirth methods and became so good at midwifery that Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire asked him to attend her births.

Thomas died suddenly in 1815; his memorial plaque can be found in Bakewell Parish Church. He became one of the most respected medical tutors of his day, and internationally he still holds his place as a great pioneer in the field of midwifery.

Next Meeting: 2nd June a talk about scented plants and flowers by Mr. Julian Brandon. **Competition:** A scented plant or flower.



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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes:

Our Royal Wedding day in the Village Hall was a great success. Oli Hall (2½ years) and Miriam Swift (eighteen months old) were the perfect Prince and Princess. The hall looked fabulous all decked out with Union Jack bunting, flags, streamers and balloons, and the cake, (thanks Peak Pantry) delicious. The organisation, masterminded by Georgina, extended over many weeks. The wedding was projected from John Tanner's laptop to the big screen in the Hall, and quite a lot from the village with their friends watched. It all worked very well; despite the occasional pigeon on the aerial... The afternoon party in the Hall was a great success, a wonderful community event. So much food, from so many, everyone taking part. Well done Georgina, John, Marlene, Pat and everyone who helped.

Still a few of the Royal Wedding mugs for sale. Cheap at £4 each.

Congratulations and many happy returns to Oliver Lester who was 21 on May 2nd. From all accounts he, and the family, had a great time. The 21st party was at Hassop Hall, a favourite with the family; it was where Oliver's Dad proposed to his Mum and where they had their wedding reception all those years ago. A special place for them. A week or so before Oliver's 21st, Phil's wife Jo had a birthday celebration there as well. Congratulations to her too.

Remember, Sheldon Day is July 23rd and Thursday July 21st the Fell Race. The Sheldon Day team will be coming round for donations for white elephant, chocolate, bottles, books and plants on July 19th at 7.00 pm, so start putting things aside for that now. All donations etc. still gratefully received.

One of our treasured younger families, Emma, Reuben and their children are on the move. That is the sad bit because we'll miss them. The glad bit: they've bought a farm not too far away so will be moving there when their house is sold. Congratulations and all success for an exciting new life.

The Cream Tea rota organised by the newly formed Village Hall Cream Teas Team got under way with the first of its cream teas on May 22nd. There was a separate Cream Tea in the village hall on Easter Sunday afternoon as part of the preparations for our Royal Wedding celebration day, and that made £130. So a big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take part in running the cream teas this year, over 20 residents are involved. The next Cream Tea is in the village Hall on Sunday afternoon June 26th.

Fascinating coffee morning in May at the Pub when Rev Canon Tony explained what it meant to be now a Canon of the Cathedral. More sermons certainly, red on his cassoock, but, as he said with a smile, no more money...congratulations.

Next coffee morning: Tuesday June 7th in the Hall

Parish Meeting: Wednesday June 8th at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

An Inspired Visitor.

Carol Grant visited Ashford in March this year and she writes: *"I enjoyed a lovely, long weekend in the beautiful village of Ashford In the Water, it was so peaceful and the weather was spring like as we explored the surroundings. Whilst I was there I wrote a poem ..."*

Leaves that had fallen in Autumn still carpeted the narrow pathway,
Rustling as travellers walked
alongside the village green that lay silent

As the sun in defiance shone, gently
casting aside all remnants of the
winter.

Early evening, all is still.
Churchyard tidy, each plot cared for,
Weary bodies at peace in this place of
beauty and tranquillity.

Sheep Wash bridge, how many
footsteps have passed over you?
How many sheep have bleated their
hellos to the ducks that swim in the
stream below?
Horses laden with many a burden,
Four wheeled monsters now
transport,
Where once strong, sure hooves used
to go.

Church bell rings, a new day dawning,
Shadows of yesterday have taken
flight,
Ashford In The Water resists modern
day changes,
Sleepy village, but not decaying,
Beauty in tranquillity,
Wondrous sight.

Carol E. Grant.

Delightful, thank you Carol!

ASHFORD PARISH COUNCIL Summary of Meeting May 2011

1) Parish Council Elections – 5th May:

Only 5 nominations had been received for the 7 places available on the parish council. The parish council has therefore co-opted a 6th parish councillor and hope to co-opt a 7th at the June meeting. The current parish council is therefore as follows:

Cllr David Windle (Chairman)

Cllr Ben Taft (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Robert Akeroyd

Cllr Robert Spinks

Cllr Terry Williams

Cllr Bill Dinley

2) Public Conveniences: It was decided to hold an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 17th May, at which a proposal regarding the future of the Ashford public conveniences will be concluded.

3) Audit of 2010/11 Accounts: The accounts have been audited by Mr John Foster of West and Foster and were approved at the meeting. These will now be submitted to the Audit Commission.

4) Quotation from Playdale Playgrounds: This will be considered at the next meeting.

5) Young Achievers Awards 2011: Suggestions for nominations welcome.

6) Date of Next Meeting: An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th May to discuss the future of the public conveniences in Ashford. The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2011 in Ashford School at 7.30 p.m.

Three Choirs Evensong at Holy Trinity to Celebrate Music Sunday - 26th June 6.00pm

This service of prayers, anthems and several congregational hymns will be led by the joint choirs of Ashford, Bakewell and Gt. Longstone. Do come and join us.

Flowers in Bakewell Church

This year All Saints' Church, will be decorated during well-dressing week and we will be offering refreshments from **Saturday 25th June to Saturday 2nd July, 10.00am – 4.00pm**. Come and enjoy our beautiful parish church and flowers and rest awhile for refreshments. You are ensured of a warm welcome up the hill!

Rachel Kaunhoven and Angela Bird.

Holme Grange Bakewell Open Garden 18 & 19th June.

11am – 4pm. Entry £3. Tea and cakes available. Plants for sale.

Details from Shirley Stubbs
01629 814728

Proceeds for the restoration of the roof of Bakewell Church.

GOOD BYE MRS RACKSTRAW

It was a great shock to all when Mrs Rackstraw announced she was leaving Longstone School. Mrs Martlew has offered to stand in as Acting Head until a new Headteacher is found. This news meant that the school had to rally quickly to give Mrs Rackstraw a rousing send off on the last day of term. The school was already decorated with bunting and flags - to celebrate the Royal Wedding, so staff set to and got their children to make

a huge card, each class contributing comments and pictures, what a lovely memento of the times and children at Longstone School. The finale was a parents' assembly in the afternoon, with guitar playing and singing, Mrs Martlew gave a speech and 'the card', gifts, flowers and chocolates were presented to Mrs Rackstraw by the children. We all joined together to wish Mrs Rackstraw all the best for her new venture by giving an ear splitting three cheers! Jean Gledhill

Great Longstone Open Gardens

Sat. 25th June: 11am – 5pm.

Sunday, 26th June: 1pm – 5pm

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