

# The Parish Magazine

## Ashford in the Water and Sheldon

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### October 2011

## HARVEST



### Harvest Supper

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

7pm in the War Memorial Institute

Pea & Pie Supper Raffle & Games

Tickets: £5 Adults. £3.50 Children under 11yrs

Available at Ibbotson's until 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Bring your own drinks and glasses.

### Harvest Festival

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

9.45am

Service to be lead by the

Young People

Followed by an Auction of

Harvest Produce

Everyone welcome Come and enjoy  
the Service and join in the fun!

### JOHN RUTTER DAY

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, the adult choir and all 7 children went to Derby Cathedral to join in a work shop day with John Rutter. In the morning we sang a mixture of anthems by various composers, some we sang in Latin, including Ave Verum by William Byrd.

After lunch we sang a selection of music composed by John Rutter himself, including the "Mass for the Children" and "Gift of Charity". Then the highlight for me was when we

sang "This is the Day" which he composed for HRH Prince William's wedding to Catherine Middleton in April. He apparently received a phone call asking him if he would like to compose an anthem for the royal wedding but he would only have a few weeks to write it as it was needed early for the choir to practise!

John Rutter told the story that he was only 5 handshakes away from Beethoven via meetings between Beethoven, Liszt, Brahms, Charles Stanford and Herbert Howells with whom he himself had shaken hands.

We had a really lovely day and thank you to Mr Barnes for organising it for us.

*Charlotte Kidd.*

### CLAIRE and ETHAN run for the SALLY KOROMA ORPHANAGE.

*David Lee writes:*

This is the first year since 1996, when I have been fit, that I have not taken part in the Great North Run, however I have passed on the baton to Ethan, our eight year old grandson. He took part in the 'Mini' run on Saturday morning with his mum, Claire, accompanying him. He completed the mile around Newcastle quayside in the very good time of 7 minutes, despite having to weave around many competitors.

On Sunday our daughter Claire took part in the Great North Run without me, and I must say I felt sad not to be

taking part. As usual before the race she was a little nervous as we left her with the huge crowd of 50,000 competitors, but she proved to be in excellent form and finished the 13.1 miles in 1 hour and 56 minutes. Any sponsorship raised is to go to the Sally Koroma Orphanage.

**Canon Tony writes:**

Dear Friends

If you were to think of the name of a saint who was popular, St Francis of Assisi may come to mind quite early in your thoughts. His feast day is on October 4th. Yes, there are the stories of his great relationship with birds and wildlife and the depictions in art of Francis surrounded by adoring animals, but if you read his biography you come to realise that he wasn't perfect, and this gives us hope!

Francis was born in 1182 and was educated at the Assisi Grammar School of San Georgio, leaving at the age of 14 to work for a couple of years in the market. A recollection of a contemporary of Francis writes that up to the age of 25 Francis wasted his time miserably trying to be admired by his peers and striving to outdo them in vanity, jokes and idle and useless talk. He wanted to be a knight, volunteered to fight alongside Sir Walter of Brienne, but lasted one day in the frontline, returning home because of a fever. His dominant father thought he was a waste of space and his reaction and Francis' realisation that he needed to take stock of his life after his disaster somehow led to a change in direction within his life. Sitting one day in the ruins of the church of San Damiano,

Francis felt he heard a voice coming from a crucifix telling him to "repair my house". Francis got up, went to his father's house, stole a bale of cloth, sold it and his horse and took the money to the priest. Francis' father was furious and imprisoned him in a cellar. Francis' mother, Pica, released him and took him to the Bishop, who told Francis to repay his father, Pietro. Francis' next action was bizarre, he took all his clothes off in the market square, gave the money and his clothes to his father and then renounced his relationship with him, saying he now had one Father, who art in heaven. You can hear the shock amongst everybody as you imagine this scene.

God, used Francis' shocking behaviour and descent into chosen poverty and isolation. Francis began to preach the true meaning of the Gospel to the people of Italy, urging them to strip all away that would tie them to the world and not see and know the fullness of God's love. Francis came to see and recognise the presence of God in the poorest of people and to help people to appreciate God's creative hand and presence around them. People came to a deeper faith in God through Francis' teaching and life dedicated to poverty and chastity. It would have been easy to give up on Francis as a rebellious teenager, but God didn't and nor must we. The young people of today need our love, encouragement, patience and understanding to have the opportunity to take their place within the world and our community.

With love and prayers, Tony.

## **Ashford Church Notes**

As is customary, the start of the new school year coincided with an improvement in the weather, but I hope people managed to catch a bit of sunshine during the summer. Unfortunately heavy rain caused a leak in the church ceiling by the altar, Thanks to John Thorpe, for putting a bucket under the drip, so at least there wasn't a flood.

The vestry is now all sorted, with the smart new IKEA cupboard giving us more storage space for music and other documents. With the rearrangement of furniture the room feels much more spacious.

Of course at this time of year we turn our thoughts to Harvest Festival. The Harvest Supper is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. in the village institute; Don't forget to buy your tickets in time or you will miss an enjoyable evening with good food, fun and games and a raffle (any prizes gratefully received!). The event also marks the launch of the Church Loo Project, for which we hope as many people as possible will help to raise money over the months to come.

The Harvest Festival service will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, followed by a fun auction of the produce. The children will be organizing and taking a large part in the service, so we can look forward to some interesting and joyful worship!

With the beginning of the new school year congratulations are due to all those who come with a stash of exam successes under their belts.

From the church community we congratulate Emily Hulme and Harry

Kidd, both of whom did well in their GCSEs and are now enjoying the 6<sup>th</sup> form at Lady Manners'. Olly Kidd gained three ASs and is going on to do his A levels. Olly is particularly to be congratulated on gaining a distinction in his grade 7 saxophone exam. Well done Olly! Congratulations to Alexander Pykett too, who has set his heart on becoming a commercial airline pilot. He completed his first solo flight from East Midlands airport during the summer - what a great achievement; he will shortly be applying to flight training colleges. Andrea still enjoys horse riding (when she has the time!) and has discovered this summer how good she is at cooking, having made some excellent cakes, quiches and bread—Yum, yum!!

### **Services at Ashford**

#### **Sunday: 9.45am**

- 02 Oct. – Harvest: All Age Worship
- 09 Oct. – Trinity 16: Sung Eucharist
- 16 Oct. – Trinity 17: Sung Eucharist
- 23 Oct. – Last Sunday after Trinity:  
Sung Eucharist
- 30 Oct. – All Saints Day: 10.00am  
United Benefice Service – Bakewell

#### **Thursday: 10.30am**

- Said Holy Communion
- 6. 13. 20 and 27 October

#### **Weddings**

- 03 September – Garry John Bones and  
Kim Marie Mairs
- 24 September – Andrew Christopher  
Kierney and Helen Rachel Slater

### **Services at Sheldon**

- 09 Oct. - 9.00am: Holy Communion
- 23 Oct. - 9.00am: Holy Communion

**Rev. Canon Tony Kaunhoven:**

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## Sheldon Jottings

*John Herbert writes:*

Warmest congratulations to Bronwen Slack. She was nominated for a Derbyshire County Council Excellence in the Community award, and has been chosen for one of the awards in the community volunteering section. Bron will be receiving her award on the evening of October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Dome in Buxton. Bronwen has been doing voluntary work in Sheldon in the village for well over 40 years: joint starter of Sheldon Day; joint author of the Sheldon Village information leaflet which is given to visitors; a volunteer driver for Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport for more than 15 years; a volunteer for the NP Authority's 'Vision Project' and sowed wild flower seeds along road verges in the Sheldon area; watercolour painter; member of Sheldon History Group and Longstone Local History Group; has volunteered for Plantlife (doing surveys of wild flowers ) and helped them to purchase Deep Dale in Sheldon Parish as an area with a particular abundance of wild flowers so that it can be protected; helped with Ashford in the Water well dressings for about 30 years and member of the bell ringing team for Ashford and Great Longstone Parish Churches etc. Bron is but one of the marvellous number of volunteers in our small community all giving freely of their time to help the whole community and other communities. We should be proud of such spirit and support from so many in our very small village. Since these awards started six years ago or thereabouts, we have had five in this village. A remarkable achievement and an indication of the all embracing community spirit that pervades Sheldon.

Many thanks to Derbyshire Dales District Council who have started cleaning the Village Hall toilets again after a bit of a misunderstanding for which they duly apologised. The not so good news is that we are soon scheduled for a consultation meeting with them about the future of all the toilets. But at the moment, all systems go.

We said a fond and sad farewell to Reuben, Emma and their four children in September. We wish them all the best in their new home and their farm. At the same time we welcome Simon, their replacement, who is most warmly welcomed. Maurice and Judy will also soon be leaving us for pastures new. I hear on the grapevine they won't be the last in this little batch of leavers, but at least for one household Monyash's gain will be our loss. More on that next month.

Saw Ken Brocklehurst the other day; he is looking remarkably sprightly given the seriousness of his recent operation and stay in hospital. Well done Ken.

Good news for the Herbert family from Australia, where Sarah, one of our twin daughters has now had a bouncing very handsome young son...our first grandson, Joshua John to join our two lovely granddaughters in Ascot.

Next Parish Meeting: Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Next Coffee Morning: Tuesday October: 4<sup>th</sup>

## Ashford Women's Institute

*Sheila Wilde writes:*

At our meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Ann Lindsay introduced Joyce Buxton to speak about her walk from Kathmandu to the Himalayan Mountains. For a number of years Joyce suffered from a serious illness caused by bacteria in the soil, which affects vital body organs and settles in the gut, stripping the lining of the stomach. After much suffering, Joyce eventually began to get better and regained her strength, enabling her to realise her lifetime ambition to visit the Mount Everest Base Camp. Joyce, with two male companions, set out on her journey, taking many fabulous photos en route.

She enthralled and amused us, recounting her experience during the trip, such as how the camps they stayed at had very basic and very cold outdoor showers made from corrugated iron and the toilets were just holes in the ground, situated two fields away!

The photos were shown on a large screen so we were all able to appreciate the beauty of the area through which they travelled.

We were amazed and full of admiration at the way Joyce overcame her health problems and found the determination to undertake such an exciting and arduous trip. Even with the primitive conditions they encountered, Joyce said that she had enjoyed every minute of her Everest adventure and is hoping to go on another challenging journey sometime in the future

**Next Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.15pm in the War Memorial Institute.

**Speaker:** Mrs. Lauraine Mayfield with a talk entitled 'The Crook and the Canvas'

**Competition:** a small painting.

### The 'Babes in the Wood' are coming to Bakewell

The Shoestring Players, Bakewell's community pantomime company, will be staging performances of 'Babes in the Wood' this coming January. We have had sell-out performances for the past two years since we began.

Anyone who might like to join the company in any capacity – cast, backstage, costumes, make-up, scenery etc. are invited to come along to the Newark of All Saints' Church on the evening of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.0pm.

Some parts are already cast by the Director, but other, smaller parts are still looking for the right people to play them. It could be you!



Christmas orders are already starting to come in. Please remember that items do sell out so it is worth getting your orders in early. If you haven't yet received an up to date catalogue please ask.

There will be a **Coffee Morning and Sale in the Newark at Bakewell Church, from 10.30am–12noon on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you miss that one there will be another, **same time, same place on November 5<sup>th</sup>**. The whole range of Christmas cards will be on view and you will be able to

place orders for them. Refreshments available at the Open Door Café.

Don't forget that Advent candles and calendars are available as well as some novel children's toys. Look out for the Noah's ark mobile on p55 and the red bus on p56. There are some beautiful wooden items on p74 and the really quirky wine glasses on p66. Or what about a gift for life – see p91?

All these items will provide vital income to help some family somewhere to earn their own living. Every £10 you spend will provide an hour's work for one of our producers.

Peter Bird (01629 813087)

### Longstone Lottery Winners

**August**                      **September**

1 <sup>st</sup> : C. Oliver	M. Gilbertson
2 <sup>nd</sup> : A. Aitchison	S. Mellor
3 <sup>rd</sup> : G. Chappel	J. Denash



### Great Nights out in October

#### Boots Beauty Evening **Mon. 10 Oct. 7pm** **Low Pavement Chesterfield**

Includes: Beauty demo. Raffle and light refreshments. Tickets £4 from: Trish Wood on 07767 427107 or: [trishgrindleford@hotmail.com](mailto:trishgrindleford@hotmail.com)

#### **Awesome Autumn Fundraiser** **Saturday 22 October**

#### **Devonshire Arms Baslow**

Dance the night away to music by live local band 'The Likely Ones' Tickets only £12 to include light refreshments. Tickets from: Wendy Laidler: 01433 631471

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**Closed for Training:** Wed: 12 Oct.

1.30-4.30pm. Open afterwards.

**Flu Vaccinations** To qualify you must be over 65 or have a long-term condition. If you are unsure, please ask at reception. To book an appointment please contact reception. Open (drop-in) clinics will be held on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October 2-6pm and Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2-8pm.

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