

The Parish Magazine
Ashford in the Water and Sheldon
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December 2010

Dear Friends,

'Tis the season to be jolly, tra la la la la la la la...'

Perhaps Christmas won't be as jolly this year for a lot of people, given the concerns about the economy, future employment, savings etc. There can be a lot of guilt around at Christmas at the best of times, thinking about people we feel we must see, to those we have lost touch with; guilt about losing a job; about not being able to have the type of Christmas we remember fondly from our younger years; guilt at having to eventually pay the credit card bill.

Christmas shouldn't be about having to do or buy anything because we feel we have to, or about locking ourselves into a permanent smile over the period. If we have little in terms of material things, then hopefully all of us can relate to the most precious thing of all, that of knowing we are loved, and able to love in return; of being part of a family and community where we feel we belong. There are so many demands at Christmas to conform to this or follow that custom and tradition. There can be for people a very deep sense of pain, loss and loneliness at Christmas. How can we cope and deal with that? Hopefully, not by throwing a credit card at it, or opening another bottle, to forget.

I would like to make a plea for a simple Christmas. Maybe, have a little glitter and a token or two that point us to the season. But, why not strip away some of the veneer and just focus on one aspect of the real story of Christmas, God sharing our human lot - our joys, sorrows, successes, failures, our anger and frustration, our love and our hatred, our confidence and our anxiety? Reflect on whether we are aware of a God who shares our human life and death - not promising to make all the bad bits go away, or offering us, if we pray hard enough for it, a lottery win. Rather, a God who promises to be a source of comfort, strength, direction, peace, healing and hope. A God who isn't just there for the religious ones, or the good ones, or if I go to church now and then. God is not just there once a year on a set day - but is there through thick and thin, in the very best and the very worst of our life, with all the bits in between.

Hilary Young's vision and work for his Bakewell Town Nativity Tableau is not intended to make people cross, because it has brought changes to our traditional Christmas – it has a simple, yet profound aim, to make you stop, look, think and reflect on what Christmas could be about, and what it should mean to you.

With love and prayers, Tony

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Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45am

5 Dec. – Christingle Service

12 Dec. – Advent 3: Sung Eucharist

19 Dec. – Festival of Nine Lessons and
Carols

Christmas Services

24 Dec. – 4.00pm: Crib service

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.45am: All Age Eucharist with Carols

26 Dec. St. Stephen

10.00am Bakewell Parish Church
(No service in Ashford)

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion

2, 9, and 16 December

(No services on 23 and 30 Dec.)

Services at Sheldon

12 Dec. – 9.00am: Holy Communion

19 Dec. – 4.00pm: Village Nativity

Christmas Day

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)

Church Bookstall

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

Ashford Church Notes

On Sunday, 31st October our latest Benefice Service was held in Bakewell church. It was a chance to meet and chat with our friends and colleagues in the other churches in our benefice and was very much enjoyed by all. A lovely party was held after the service in the Newark, with good food, wine and fireworks! A very enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to our young friend Charlotte Gundry who was confirmed in Eyam church earlier this month. Charlotte is a keen and supportive member of our church choir and of the bell ringers. We send her all our best wishes for her future.

On Sunday, 7th November we held our All Age service in Ashford with Rev JP officiating. JP had brought along large photos of different caterpillars and butterflies and the congregation was invited to suggest which caterpillar turned into which butterfly. The children had great fun shouting out which two matched, with Andrea and Becky doing quite well. The rest of us need to catch up on our nature studies.

Sunday, 14th was our Remembrance Service which, as always, was well attended. Our grateful thanks to Emily Hulme, who played the Last Post and the Reveille so beautifully. After the service, many people remarked on how lucky we are to have her to play for us. Many thanks, Emily.

All our Christmas services are to be found elsewhere in this magazine and

we do hope to see you at some of them.

From everyone at Holy Trinity Church, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Reverend John Paul Hoskins

John Paul and Liz's last service will be a Benefice Eucharist at All Saints, Bakewell on Sunday 23rd January at 10.00am, followed by lunch and a presentation. All are very welcome. There will be no service in Ashford or Sheldon to enable people to be there.

BAKEWELL MEDICAL CENTRE

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www.bakewellmedicalcentre.net

NO closure for training in December.

Christmas & New Year – The Surgery will close 2pm on Christmas Eve until Monday 27th December. Open as usual until 6.30pm on New Year's Eve then closed until Tuesday 4th January 2011 at 8am. To see a doctor please dial the surgery number and your call will be diverted to the Out of Hours service.

'Best Wishes all our patients for Christmas and the New Year.

Repeat Prescriptions Please place your Christmas and New Year repeat prescription orders in good time so they can be processed before the inevitable rush. **FLU Vaccination** If you are entitled to a flu vaccination and have not already had one, please telephone the surgery to make an appointment for one of the flu clinics.

Computer/Phone Scam

Recently scammers have been phoning people, claiming to be from Microsoft or associated with Microsoft and explaining that they have discovered an error on your computer. These people claim they can fix the computer and that you should give control to them over the internet so that they can fix it. They then spend an hour or so pretending to repair it, but also infecting the computer with a 'rootkit', a piece of software that enables them access to the computer at any time, enabling them to steal credit card details and other important information. I have examined a computer from someone scammed this way, and it was infected with many hard to find 'rootkits' (nasty viruses) which normal antivirus programs cannot detect. Also money had been taken from their bank account. If anyone telephones claiming they can fix your computer online, put the phone down and certainly don't give them access to your computer or tell them any important information. Microsoft will NEVER call anyone in any situation. The only legitimate people who may possibly phone are your ISP (internet provider), such as BT, Plusnet, Talktalk etc.

If anyone has experienced this scam and given these people control of their computer, contact me, David Cox, on Great Longstone 01629 640362 and I can remove the rootkit, and make sure the computer is secure once again.

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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes:

How about this for the spirit of Christmas. Pauline Jackson lost her bank book in Ashford while she was doing her milk round early one morning. Someone found it and sent it back to the Building Society. Pauline doesn't know who it was but says that if you read this, thank you very much for your kindness and the trouble you took. She'd like to say thanks in person so give her a call.

We wanted to do something special for all those in the village and their relatives and friends who help us so unstintingly on Sheldon Day and for the Fell race. We decided to have a November 5th bonfire and pie and pea supper as our way of saying thanks to everyone. About a hundred people came and it was a wonderful evening and a wonderful expression of the togetherness of this village. You can see pictures on our website www.sheldonvillage.org.uk. The huge bonfire went perfectly, the result of Oliver, Andrew and Mick Lester as well as Phil Gregory and others collecting the rubbish and wood for the fire the previous weekend. The fireworks display was historic, well chosen by Ian and Andrew Joly; and then, pies and pea supper in the village hall, compliments of Sheldon Day and the village. Followed by delicious parkin made by Lindsey (who says she bakes cakes in her sleep and standing on her head so it was no problem for her...) Looks like we've just started a tradition!! Congratulations to Adrienne & Noel, proud grandparents again, Elaine an auntie again, Judith's second daughter and sister for Amy, Brooke was born on 1st November at 9.46am weighing just over 8lbs. Congratulations Judith & Antony [Webster].

The Sheldon Christmas Light Up is on Saturday the 4th of December from 4.30pm onwards. Food, Vintage engines, tractors and of course Father Christmas on his Sleigh. Half the proceeds go to Sheldon Church; the other half this year to Contact The Elderly, a Bakewell group of volunteers who offer companionship on Sunday to old people living on their own. Two favours: can everyone have their cars off the road by lunchtime on the Light Up day otherwise the enginemen and the steam engines won't get through. And can anyone who will be decorating their house with lights for Christmas have the lights on for the Light Up evening to make it all even more impressive. Offers of help to Elaine or Pauline as usual.

The Nativity service is on Sunday December 19th, starting at 4pm. The procession will go through the village, ending up at the barn at Top Farm. It will be a wonderful and a different way to start our celebration of Christmas. Everyone welcome of course, except snow!

The next skip outside the Cock and Pullet is on Saturday 15th January 2011.
From 07.45 - 09.00.

Ashford Women's institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

The Lathkil Group meeting in Monyash was enjoyed by fifteen of our members, where Sean Wilson, who played Martin Platt in Coronation Street, was the speaker, and who spoke about his new venture of cheese making.

At the Ashford November meeting, Pat welcomed Jim Storr to speak about being a magistrate in Derbyshire. The services of Magistrates are given free, but they are able to claim for travel and refreshment expenses.

In our area, West Derbyshire, court cases are held in Chesterfield. All cases start in a Magistrates Court, even murder and manslaughter, before going to the Crown Court.

To finish his talk, Jim put us to the test by telling us a fictional story of a robbery, then asking us to decide whether or not the person in court was guilty. This showed us just how difficult it is to come to a decision.

Ann Lindsay thanked Jim for his most interesting talk.

The Christmas party will be on 2nd December, with entertainment by Mrs. Pat Hall.

The competition will be: 'A Christmas Table Decoration.'

SUMMARY OF ASHFORD IN THE WATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2nd NOVEMBER 2010

1) Public Conveniences: A questionnaire is being circulated with this parish magazine from Ashford-in-the-Water Parish Council, in order to gain feedback from parishioners

regarding their views on the future of the public conveniences in Ashford.

2) Appointment of new Parish Councillor: Mr Robert Akeroyd has been appointed as parish councillor and was welcomed to the parish council.

3) Christmas Tree: Mr Peter Hunt has very kindly offered to provide a Christmas tree for the village once again.

4) Grass Cutting: Quotations are being sought once again for grass cutting in the village for 2011. Anyone interested in providing a quotation can contact either the Clerk or one of the parish councillors.

5) Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 9th December 2010 at 7.15 in Ashford School for a 7.30 pm start.

Longstone Lottery Winners

October 1st Carly Spear
2nd Vicky Critchlow
3rd Karen Rogstad

November 1st Ceri Rocca
2nd Illy Village
3rd Andrew Aitchison

Magazine Contributions

Please send any articles for the January edition to Linda Foster by 16th December

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The editorial committee reserves the right to shorten, omit or reformat articles submitted

Christmas Tree Festival 2010
Bakewell Parish Church
Fri. 3rd - Sunday 12th December



Open for viewing at no charge from 10.30am – 5pm each day (Sundays from 12.30pm, until 8.30pm on Monday and Thursday and for 30mins before Evening Events). Refreshments will be served and there will be live background music from time to time.

A free shuttle bus will run from the town centre from 10am–4pm on the Saturdays, 12noon–4pm on the Sundays and 10am–2pm on Monday.

Fri. 3rd 7.00pm Opening Service & lighting of trees by Lord Edward Manners.

Sat. 4th 7.00pm Singalong choruses from Handel's Messiah.

Sun. 5th 11.00am Family Toy Service. All welcome.

6.00pm Taize style worship.

Tues. 7th 7.30pm Mothers' Union Advent Service of Holy Communion.

Wed. 8th 7.00pm
'Bakewell has Talent'- musical presentations by young people.

Thurs. 9th 2.00pm Bakewell Primary Schools Christingle Service. All welcome.

7-8.30pm Bellringers Open Evening.

Fri. 10th 11.30am St. Anselm's School Carol Service. All welcome.

6.00pm Rotary Carol Service. All welcome

Sat. 11th 7.00pm Jazz Concert.

Sun. 12th 11.00am Morning Service of Holy Communion – celebrated by the Bishop of Repton.

6pm Festival Closing Service.

Sales this month have been the highest since last December at £1020 Angela and I have just returned from a fascinating trip to Chile where we saw 3 of Traidcraft's Producer Groups along with several other Fair Trade organisations. The first Group was Fundacion Solidaridad in Santiago. This was started with the encouragement of the Chilean Catholic Church in 1976 to provide support for and to sell the handicrafts made by political prisoners, some of them in the notorious Villa Grimaldi internment camp set up by the Pinochet regime which we visited. The founder of the Group was Winnie Lira who is still the driving force and whom we met – a very impressive lady.

The Foundation expanded to work with community organisations from Santiago's poorest areas and it continues to support marginal groups such as women, handicapped people and indigenous Mapuche Indians. Next month I will tell you a little about the Lautouro wine co-operative. Peter Bird (01629 813087)

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