

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

I cannot imagine anybody not being moved both by the images of the trapped miners emerging from their sixty nine day entombment, and the story of human courage and desire to survive. It really is a 'good news' story that allows all of us the opportunity to reflect on human endurance, ingenuity and collaboration. Over the weeks so many people have watched and prayed, from the miners families at the mine head to people of all nationalities and cultures across the globe, and we all rejoice at their safe rescue.

Words such as miracle, faith, hope, hell and salvation have been used to try and describe the events, and the many moving images of miners kneeling to pray and give thanks to God as they emerged from the rescue capsule connect us with a deep faith that many of the miners had that they would be found and rescued, and God would protect them.

It is difficult sometimes, even when people have a deep faith in God, to retain hope in a despairing or sad situation. We pray for resolution and answers that don't appear to come. We pray for miracles that don't appear. Many argue that God cannot intervene directly in human situations and conditions, whilst He never creates a situation to bring suffering, and He never abandons us. Others say that if you are not healed or restored, then it is because you don't have enough faith, or you didn't pray hard enough.

Christians proclaim a God of love, forgiveness and healing, who intervenes enough to show people through Jesus how to connect to strength, hope, courage, compassion, love and forgiveness that rescues us from despair and hopelessness, and delivers us from eternal suffering and darkness. The path of life is not always an easy one and there are many obstacles, disappointments, uncertainties, struggles and suffering that can afflict us at any time.

The Chilean miners, the courage of those who served, suffered, or lost their lives through the World wars and other conflicts past and present and the lives of God's saints and martyrs are signposts and examples of how we will endure, win through and find light. They bear witness to a God who intervenes in the most unexpected of ways, a God who does not abandon us and promises us ultimately the fullness of eternal life.

With love and prayers, Tony

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Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45

7 Nov. – 3rd Sunday before Advent:

All-Age Worship

14 Nov. – 2nd Sunday before Advent:

Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

Act of Remembrance 10.40am

21 Nov. – Christ the King:

Sung Eucharist

28 Nov. – Advent Sunday:

Sung Eucharist

Service of Light – 6pm Over Haddon

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion

4, 11, 18 and 25 November

Services at Sheldon

14 Nov. - 3.00pm: Remembrance Day

28 Nov. - 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)

Bakewell Services 7th Nov.

Farming Service. 2.30pm – A.B.C.

Commemoration of the Departed

6pm – All Saints Church

Confirmation Service

7 Nov. 7pm Eyam Parish Church

Church Bookstall

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

Ashford Church Notes

Our Harvest Supper on Saturday, 2nd October was another big success, with about 60 people present. The food, as always was delicious and the 'sweet quiz' and the beetle drive were both great fun. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and our thanks to all who helped in any way, making trifles, setting up the tables, serving the food and doing the washing up.

The Harvest Festival service on the following Sunday was well attended and the church looked really beautiful, with the flowers and the donated fruit, vegetables etc. so artistically arranged. Many thanks to the ladies who gave of their time and talent to make such a wonderful display and thanks to those who donated the goods. The service was followed by the auction of the produce, which raised £150 due to the skill of our auctioneer, JP, and to the enthusiasm of the children who were determined to out-bid each other! The proceeds were donated to the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal for the Church of Uganda.

On 10th October we held our Pet Service. The church resounded to various noises not usually heard at our services! Some of the dogs seemed to object to the presence of the others, whilst up in the choir stalls we wondered if the lovely spaniel would allow the rabbit to survive to the end of the service. All the animals were blessed by Rev. JP and we all had fun singing the hymn about the

butterfly, the wiggly worm and the fuzzy wuzzy bear with the fuzzy wuzzy hair. A fun service!

On the evening of the same day, the Three-Choirs Evensong was held at Great Longstone church. The choirs of Ashford, Bakewell and Longstone joined together to sing the service, which was much appreciated by the congregation, as was the Harvest loaf and home-made jam afterwards. Many thanks to Longstone for their hospitality.

Many congratulations to our churchwarden, John Foster and his wife Linda, who have just become grandparents for the first time, after their eldest daughter, Julia, gave birth to baby Benjamin Jacob. Our love and best wishes go to Julia, her husband, Paul and to baby Benjamin, who, I'm sure will bring great happiness to both parents and grandparents.

Great Longstone School News

GODFREY FRANKLAND'S UNSUNG HERO AWARD

We were very happy to welcome Godfrey Frankland to our family assembly recently. He was worried that people wouldn't recognise him, but it was OK because he pulled out a woolly hat from his pocket and everyone knew him instantly! Our PE teacher, Linzi Gaywood, had nominated him for the Derbyshire Dales Annual Sports Award AND HE WON! Godfrey spoke with passion about 'the rec' in front of all the children and a large number of parents and friends. We are very

grateful for his continuing support and friendship. Jen Rackstraw

Longstone School Wins Cross Country Championships

Sixty-one excited children from Longstone School travelled to Lady Manners School on the 15th October for the Cross Country Championships. All primary schools feeding into L.M.S. were invited to this ever-growing event.

First place was gained in all of the age groups in both the girl's and boy's events. Captain Phoebe Whiteley proudly received the trophy on the school's behalf to cheers from the crowd. Congratulations to all runners who represented Great Longstone School. Linzi Gaywood.

Magazine Contributions

Please send any articles for the December edition to Linda Foster by 16th November
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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert writes

Best news first: Jon and Louise Halls' second son James (Jamie) Daniel Hall was born on Wednesday 29th September at 1.30pm weighing 7lbs 15oz. Mother and baby are doing well. Jamie is a younger brother for Oliver (now 2 years old). Great to have another Sheldoner!

The wedding on September 25th of Brian and Heather in Sheldon was a very joyful occasion. A perfect day, both weather-wise and ceremony wise. And our Church, and the flowers looked beautiful. Brian and Heather then went to Turkey for their honeymoon and are now back living in Derby. Congratulations, Mr and Mrs Davidson!

The day after the wedding was our Patronal feast and there was a good turnout for the service. Rev John Paul told us all about angels in his sermon, and the spirit of the angels gives us powerful guardians in Sheldon, no doubt of that. We keep all those angels very busy I think. Thanks to Marlene and Julia, at the end of the service we had wine to keep us warm, and lots of fine eats to celebrate St Michael and All Angels.

Marjorie Fearn, Sheldon's longest living resident, house sold, has now gone to live across the Pennines with her daughter Helen and son-in-law. Marjorie first appears in Sheldon on Jan 3rd, 1918, duly recorded in Maria Gyte's diary for that day. Marjorie was christened at Sheldon Church on February 17th that year and again this was duly recorded in the Gyte diaries. Marjorie went to school in the village, got married in the village, and until last month, had never lived anywhere else. When she left, she insisted on no fuss. One day she was here; the next she had gone. We had thought of creeping unannounced into the pub the last Saturday she was here to give her a present and card from the village, but we respected her wishes. A wonderful, generous, woman who loves life and will always love the village. She often told tales of when she was a girl, driving the cows up the street and into the fields at the top of the village in all weathers. Her memories of her school days in the village school, now the village hall, are worth a book of their own. We wish her all the best for her new life. Ninety two years in one village and one house must be some kind of record, certainly a record that will never be bettered.

The Harvest Festival this year was on October 3rd, and the following evening there was the usual auction sale of all the goods presented in the church at the harvest festival. The auction made about £140, which is a good amount; clearly Rev John Paul, our auctioneer for the night, knew how to entice money from pockets.

The next village-church coffee morning is in the Cock and Pullet at 10am on November 2nd. All welcome as ever.

The next skip outside the Cock and Pullet is on Saturday November 20th.

From 0745-0900.

**SUMMARY OF ASHFORD IN THE
WATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 5th OCTOBER 2010**

1) Public Conveniences: The parish council is currently considering the possibility of taking over the running of the public conveniences and car park in Ashford as Derbyshire Dales District Council have stated that they can no longer sustain their upkeep, resulting in closure of the public conveniences. A public meeting was held on 28th September to give parishioners the opportunity to give their views on this, but as attendance was poor, the parish council will be delivering a questionnaire to all households in Ashford so that parishioners may make their views known.

2) Sign on Court Lane: The parish council has requested the removal of the parking/WC sign on Church Street following a complaint from a parishioner.

3) Planning Matters:

a) Application: Valley Cottage – 2 storey link extension to dwelling: The parish council has no objection to the plans as currently submitted.

b) Application: Churchdale Lodge – Change of use of building to equestrian use, retention of horse exercise area and horse walker: The parish council has no objection to this application.

c) Application: The Grange – Conversion of part of detached barn to form ancillary residential accommodation and holiday lets: The parish council has no objection to this application.

d) Application: Church of the Holy Trinity – Extension to the church building to form an accessible toilet:

The parish council has no objection in principle to the provision of a toilet in the church, but some concern has been expressed about its effect on the north wall of the church.

4) Date of Next Meeting: The next parish council meeting will be held on Thursday 4th November 2010 at 7.30 pm in Ashford school.

Ashford Women's institute

Sheila Wilde writes

Four members enjoyed a day in Derby at the Federation Autumn Council Meeting on October 5th. At our meeting on October 7th Pat, our president, reminded us about the stall we are having at the Bakewell Methodist Hall on Monday October 18th and asked for offers of help. She also reminded us of the Lathkill Group Meeting on October 27th.

Pat introduced the speaker for the evening, Suzie Littonwood, who gave a fascinating talk which gave an insight into the temples and sacred places of our ancient ancestors, the Neolithic people. Suzie finds much pleasure in archaeology, finding tools used many years ago by our ancestors. Ann Hughes thanked Suzie for a most interesting talk.

Why not come and join us on November 4th at 7.15pm at the Ashford Institute when the speaker will be Mr. Jim Storr talking about "Magistrates in the Community."

The competition will be, 'An Unusual Hat'.

**Craft & Chatter at Ashford
Institute
On Wednesdays**

Please note that we now meet from 10.00am to 12 noon on Wednesday mornings. We have arranged a special **CHRISTMAS WREATH RAGRUG day on Wednesday 10th November** from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please ring Caryl (812559) for details.



Angela and I set off for Chile a week from today to meet the producer groups there, with the applause for the miners rescue ringing in our ears. It's a good time to visit.

Don't forget the Coffee Morning in the Newark Room at All Saints' Church, Bakewell on November 13th from 10.30a.m. – 12 noon. Besides the usual Traidcraft selection for purchase, you will be able to place orders for Christmas and we will have a visit from a representative from Arpillera. This is a project in Peru supported by the Anglican Diocese of Peru to help the poor people in the shanty towns of Lima to help themselves. There will be a selection of beautiful, colourful tapestries and other fabric items to purchase or order. Do come if you can.
Peter Bird (01629 813087)

Pat, James, Elizabeth and Andrew Paulett would like to thank everyone who sent cards and condolences, and who attended the funeral, wake and send-off drink for Ralph. We appreciate your kind thoughts and know that Ralph would have been very touched.

**Bakewell Oxfam Supporters
Group**

Pre Christmas Sale

Monday 8th. November 9.30am - 12.30pm

at Bakewell Town Hall

Christmas goods, home-made produce, books, bric-a-brac, jewellery*, tombola

Refreshments. Everyone is welcome

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Ceilidh

Saturday 13th. November

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Downtrodden String Band

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