

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

As most of you know, Liz and I will be leaving Derbyshire later this month. We are moving to Gloucester, where I am going to be the bishop's chaplain.

Although it will certainly be a very interesting job, in practice it's not quite as glamorous as it sounds. In effect, I'm going to be the bishop's PA and general dogsbody. I'll be running his private office and managing the small team who work directly for him, as well as working closely with the rest of the diocesan staff. I'll be organising services in which the bishop is involved – such as confirmations and ordinations – and will be responsible for his private chapel. I'll frequently be his driver, getting him from A to B, and briefing him on what to expect when he gets there. My predecessor summed up the job rather neatly, quoting the hymn: "We feebly struggle, they in glory shine ..."

One undoubted perk of the job is that we're going to be living in a rather quirky house right next to Gloucester Cathedral, close to the deanery and other cathedral clergy. (Our address will be 4A Miller's Green, Gloucester GL1 2BN – do come and see us if you're passing!) The bishop also lives nearby. And my new office looks out directly over the cathedral.

Having spent much of my life before ordination working in several other cathedrals, I will admit that I will enjoy living near one again. But I'll miss parish ministry too – and will look forward to becoming a parish priest once again in around five years or so. I've been very grateful for the love and support of the five churches and communities I've been working in over these last 3½ years – Ashford, Bakewell, Over Haddon, Rowsley and Sheldon. This has been a great place to begin my ministry. To all of you – a heartfelt thank you.

With my love and prayers for this New Year and for all our new beginnings,
John Paul.

If you would like to speak to one of our vicars, or would like a visit from them, please use the following contact details:

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Services at Ashford

Sunday: 9.45am

2 Jan. - Epiphany: All Age Worship

9 Jan. - The Baptism of Christ:
Sung Eucharist

16 Jan. – Epiphany 2: Sung Eucharist

23 Jan. - 10.00am: Service in Bakewell

30 Jan. - Candlemas; Sung Eucharist

Thursday: 10.30am

Said Holy Communion

6, 13, 20 and 27 January

Services at Sheldon

9 Jan. – 9.00am: Holy Communion

23 Jan. – 10.00am Service in Bakewell

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)

Sunday 23rd January

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.

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.

Ashford Church Notes

On Sunday, 28th November, our Sunday School children all took part in lighting the first candle of Advent, reading various passages and prayers. Sunday, 5th December was to have been our Christingle service, but due to the very inclement weather, it was decided to postpone it until the following Sunday, 12th and have our usual Sung Eucharist instead. However, the service did take place on the 12th and went very well, with Rev Tony and his usual set of 'props', making us all 'glow' and tying us up in knots, whilst explaining the meaning of our oranges, sweets and candles. Our Christingle candle boxes were collected, with all donations going to the Children's Society.

We were all very saddened to hear of the death of Becky Mullins earlier this month. Until she was taken ill, Becky had attended our services regularly, making the long walk from her home on Pennyunk Lane to church in all weathers. Becky was an accomplished needlewoman and had worked on various items of fabric for our church. She was a very popular figure in the village and she will be sadly missed. Our sincere sympathies go to her family and friends.

The insurance company is to provide heaters to dry out the vestry after the unfortunate burst during the extremely cold weather and will fund a new carpet, so it's not all bad news!

The Christmas services and festivities will probably all be over when you receive your magazine, so may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

NEW YEAR'S QUIZ

Saturday 8th January 2011

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

By popular demand

. Question setter & Quiz Master

David Baldry

Relax & enjoy our usual convivial starter for 11 (2011 actually)

Team up with old friends – and a little friendly competition

Give those little grey cells a gentle post-festive season work-out

Homemade soups and light refreshments

will be served at the interval

Licensed bar

Entrance: £5.00

Everyone welcome

WELL DONE - OR NOT???

At last we have met to decide on the donations to be made from this year's well-dressings.

Our bank balance at 22nd September stood at £3,565 but we need to buy traffic cones and 'Road Closed' notices as well as clay - and of course to pay the ever-increasing insurance premium; it was therefore decided to give £1,200 to various charities as follows:-

Helen's Trust; Bluebell Hospice; Community Transport; The Air Ambulance; The Red Cross; McMillan Nurses; Help the Heroes; First Responders; Ashford Old School and also to hold in reserve a possible donation to a unit for premature babies, if we can find an address. There followed a discussion about the difficulties of finding new helpers for Well Dressing generally, i.e. to help clear up the mess on the riverside after claying the boards, to man 'road

closed' points (a new requirement since last year), various other essential jobs and of course the petalling (a recurring problem, due to the now rapidly advancing age of some of our stalwarts!!). With this in mind we have fixed our **AGM for MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2011 at 7.00pm in the old school**, where we hope for a better attendance than is usual at AGMs. If this fails to enroll more helpers, so may the 2011 Well Dressings!

If you would really like to help petal but are shy, please contact some of us who will be glad to run another 'Learners class'.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Howls of protest!! Our annual Christmas Dinner had to be postponed because of the snow - with people coming from Wolverhampton, Sheffield, Buxton and Hayfield it was felt advisable. A revised date has been rearranged for January (paws crossed) and we hope to get the dogs' Christmas presents to them on time. Wags!

Date of Next Skip: January 15th

'CINDERELLA' comes to BAKEWELL

Cinderella, with her Ugly Sisters, her Prince Charming and her Fairy Godmother, are coming to Bakewell Town Hall on: Thursday 20th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd January 2011 at 7.30pm with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. There will be a licensed bar at each performance.

Tickets £5 adult, £2.50 children from 1st December from THE BAKEWELL BOOKSHOP.

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Sheldon Jottings

John Herbert reports:

First a very Happy Christmas to you all and all the best possible wishes for the New Year and 2011. I hope Christmas was healthy and warm for everyone.

Well now, what about the snow...never seen anything like it. Even the good work of our local farmers with their tractors didn't keep the snow off the road for long. Temperature well below minus 12 for many days during the worst week. Our village website kept everyone informed of the weather and state of our roads in and around Sheldon, an invaluable service. Despite the snow, work continued. Pauline valiantly walked to Ashford on the worst days to deliver milk there and to Bakewell. In a small village like ours my admiration goes to Pauline and to all the farmers who whatever the weather had look after the cows, and milk them, get them water, in the worst weather we have had for about as long as anyone can remember. I hope everyone managed to keep warm and safe. Such times always bring out the best in the village community of Sheldon, with everyone looking out for each other, particularly for those who have been unable to get out and about as normal.

Despite the extreme cold we went ahead with our December Parish meeting and thanks to those who braved the cold and ice to be present. The hot tea and cake revived us all before we started. Thanks too to Pat and those who kept an eye on the village hall to make sure all was safe during the snow and cold, and an especial thanks to Sheila who so beautifully cleared the path so that no one would slip. As I say, that is the Sheldon community spirit in action. Good news at the Meeting too, we heard from Lindsey that DDDC will resume cleaning the public toilets next year. Our annual Christmas Lightup: well, it would have been a wonderful evening, on December 4th. Alas, the snow meant Pauline and Elaine had to make the sad but sensible decision to cancel. Here's to next year!

Tuesday December 14th....our annual Seniors Lunch at the Cock and Pullet, the village's Christmas present to our senior citizens. A thoroughly enjoyable day full of good cheer and reminiscences about times long gone and about many happy Christmases past (and to come) as turkey, all the trimmings, mince pies and reminiscences mixed together as the afternoon slipped happily away.

Had a sneak preview of Brian Greasley's new book, a most impressive geography text book for schools, the first of three. Well done Brian it looks very good indeed, skilfully and elegantly written and presented.

Julia says there are still a couple of puppies left for sale; they are going quick, so if you're interested give her a call.

You can always keep up to date with what's going on in Sheldon by looking at our website: <http://www.sheldonvillage.org.uk/>
Happy New Year to everyone!

Ashford Women's Institute

Sheila Wilde writes:

The December meeting and the Lathkill Group Carol Service was cancelled due to the severe weather conditions.

It is with much sadness to hear of the death of our friend and past secretary, Becky Mullins. Our thoughts are with her daughters and grand-daughters at this sad time.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday January 6th at 2pm.

Happy New Year to you all from the Ashford WI

SCHOOL NEWS

I've had some interesting journeys to work over the last few weeks: rain, hail, gales, fog, frost, snow– and sun, thank goodness. At Longstone Church of England School we encourage children to play outside in most weathers and just hope that they come to school dressed appropriately! If you had seen us a little while ago, you may have wondered how we'd survived a wet, wild playtime, as many of us were showing off our best, spottiest and stripiest clothes (all for a good cause). School Council organised a dressing up day in aid of Children in Need.

Early in November we held a very successful book fair at school with the Hummingbird Book Company; thanks to all who helped in any way, and of course to EVERYONE who bought books!

FoLS (Friends of Longstone School) have been busy hosting tea and biscuit sessions especially (but not only) for parents new to school and

held after Parents Assembly on Tuesday mornings. Ring school (640377) for details, or just come on a Tuesday at 9:20. If you have never been to one of these popular assemblies and would like to come and celebrate the successes of our children and listen to their instrumental playing please do come. You don't have to be a parent of a child at school right now, you might just be anticipating or considering it; all welcome! If you like what you see, we have places available, at the moment, for children in most (but not all) year groups.

Best wishes, Jen Rackstraw.

Applying for an infant/primary school place at Longstone School 2011 – 2012

If your child lives in Derbyshire and was born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007 you need to apply to Derbyshire County Council for a place for them. Even if you have already approached a school, or feel you have put your child's name down at a school, you need to make an application. Attendance at a particular nursery gives no priority for a place at an infant or primary school. The closing date is 15th January 2011 – applying after the deadline may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school.

Full information is available in "yHow to apply for a place at primary school – a guide for parents 2011/2012". You can read this guide for parents at: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or call Derbyshire County Council on 08456 058058.

For Longstone School the catchment area is: Residence in the ecclesiastical parishes of Ashford in the Water, Sheldon, Longstone and Wardlow, and the civil parish of Cressbrook. The school has an intake of 20 into reception class each year.



Could you help by becoming a Helen's Trust Volunteer?

Our Next Volunteers Club is at The Red Lion Pub & Bistro, Darley Rd Monday 10th January 2011, 6:30pm

Come and get involved in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

This delightful candlelit service was very well attended in spite of the exceptionally cold weather. Please return any outstanding candle collecting boxes as soon as possible so that we can forward our donation to the 'Children's Society'. Thank you.

Magazine Contributions

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

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Continuing with the Producer Groups Angela and I visited in Chile, we come to Lautaro Wine which gets its name from one of the leaders of the indigenous population, the Mapuches, during the Spanish conquest. This co-operative of small farmers came together in 1997 after its members had all lost the land they were given by the Allende regime in 1967, during the Pinochet years when there was little or no support for small farms.

Raul Navarrete, the manager, worked during the 1990's to create trust among the farmers, encouraging them to work together to obtain better opportunities and better prices for their grapes. We met him and were impressed with his strategic thinking and abilities.

Oxfam Belgium was the first fair-trade organisation to work with Lautaro Wines and Traidcraft has worked with them since 1997. The members greatly value the fair-trade premium they received from their status as fair-trade producers.. Peter Bird (01629 813087)

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