



## Benefice Directory

Vicar: Vacant

Worship Leader: Miss J. M<sup>c</sup>Nicol 01298 812053

	<b>St. Bartholomew's, Longnor</b>		<b>St. Paul's, Quarnford</b>	
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	Mrs. A. Evans	01298 83537	Mrs. B. Kidd	01298 23902
Secretary	Mrs. M. Boam	01298 83513	Mrs. M. Owen	0161 4913323
Treasurer	Mr. C. Smallwood	01298 70003	Vacant	
Organist	Mrs. N. Twigg/Mrs. J. Hollingshead		Miss G. Belfield L.R.A.M.	
Deanery Reps.	Mr. J. Gilman	01298 83486	Miss J. M <sup>c</sup> Nicol	01298 812053
	Mrs. M. Gilman	01298 83486		
Magazine Rep.	Mr. G. Roe	01298 83101	Mrs. V. Battram	01298 22758
Flowers	Mrs. A. Evans	01298 83537		

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	Mr. G. Grindon	01298 83264
Secretary	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
Treasurer	Mr. C. Belfield	01298 84809
Organist	Vacant	
Deanery Reps.	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
Magazine Rep.		
Flowers	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396

	<b>St. Paul's, Newtown</b>		<b>St. John's, Reapsmoor</b>	
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Treasurer	Mr. J. Gilman	01298 83486	Mrs. M. Mycock	01298 84585
Organist	Mrs. J. Hollinshead		Mrs. J. Gregory	01298 84429
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	<b>Church Schools: Headteachers</b>	
Longnor	Mrs. S. Evans	01298 83233
Flash	Mrs. C. Gunn	01298 23442
Hollinsclough	Mrs. J. Mountford-Lees	01298 83303

	<b>Methodist Minister</b>	
	Rev <sup>d</sup> Colin Smith	01298 23556

	<b>Uniformed Associations</b>	
Brownies	Diana Alcock	01538 304225
Guides	Clare Day	01538 381773

## Easter Message from your Bishop The Rt Revd Gordon Mursell

### THE MIRACLE OF EASTER

There's a good story about an elderly American couple who go to Israel on holiday. While they are there, the wife dies. Her husband goes to a local undertaker to arrange her funeral, and asks the undertaker how much it will cost. The undertaker says, "That depends. If you would like the funeral here in Israel, we could arrange a nice burial plot in a lovely cemetery and the whole thing will cost you less than \$500. But if you want to have her body flown back to the States, you're talking about more than \$5,000. The husband thinks about it for a minute and then says, "I think we'd better have her body flown back to the States." The undertaker replies, "Certainly, if that's what you want, but, if you don't mind my asking, are you really sure you want to pay out all that money?" "Too right I do," says the husband. "I've just remembered that a long time ago there was some guy who died here in Israel, and was buried, and three days later he came back again out of the tomb, and I ain't taking no chances!"

It's a good story, but that man misunderstood what Easter was all about. Jesus didn't "come back again" out of the tomb. He didn't return to the life he was living before. If he had, it wouldn't have been good news, because he'd only have had to die all over again. And eternal life isn't about an endless life on earth. It's about an entirely new kind of life, which Christians believe we shall enjoy in its fullness in heaven, but which we can

experience a first taste of here and now. In this new life we shall still be recognizably ourselves; but there will be no ageing, no suffering, and no dying. We will be one with all those we love, in the infinite love and mercy of God. All that is good and noble and enduring in this life, all that has made our lives meaningful, will be gathered up and transfigured in this new life. We will become fully the unique people God created us to be.

This is the Christian vision. Christ didn't come *back* to life. He went *forward*, through death, to new and eternal life. We have to make the same journey ourselves: we can't avoid death; we can only face it in the faith that it no longer has power over us. Better still: because of Easter, we can catch glimpses of what eternal life will be like here and now. The blossoming of new life, snowdrops forcing their way through the frozen ground in winter, the amazing way people find resources within themselves to face sadness and suffering and overcome them, the moments when we know ourselves to be loved and valued even though we know we don't deserve it, the people who devote their lives to caring unselfishly for others and to building a better world - all these are signs of Easter. They point us forward to God's new future. They remind us that we are capable of so much more than we thought. They give us a hint of all that is yet to be. And they assure us that, for Christians, however old or sad we are, the best is always on ahead. Happy Easter!

+Gordon Stafford

# Benefice News

**Local Police Number**  
**0300 123 44 55**  
**For all non-emergency calls**

## Used postage stamps

These are collected and sent to various charities. Please trim the stamps leaving a narrow border of envelope. There are collecting bags at St. Bartholomew's, St. Luke's & St. Paul's Quarnford. The stamps represent a simple way for all of us to contribute to the welfare of others without cost to ourselves. Please collect your used stamps and put them in one of the church bags.

## Mobile Library

<b>Quarnford /Flash</b>	Springhead Road Junction	10.25 - 10.35
	Flash School	10.45 - 11.30
	Travellers Rest	11.35 - 11.55
	Lower Summerhill	12.00 - 12.05
	Colshaw Lane End	12.10 - 12.15
<b>Hollinsclough</b>	Chapel	12.25 - 12.55
<b>Longnor</b>	The Square	2.05 - 2.35
	Old Saw Mill	2.40 - 2.45
<b>Barrowmoor</b>	Badgers Croft	2.50 - 3.00
<b>Reapsmoor</b>	Swallow Moss	3.20 - 3.25
	Park House	3.30 - 3.35

(no visit Good Friday), Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Sheen</b>	Dovefield	12.35 - 12.45
	Cross Cottage	1.55 - 2.05
	Ball Ridge Farm	2.10 - 2.20
	Woolaway	2.25 - 2.40

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> April

## Toufic - our sponsored child in Lebanon.

We have received an Easter card from Toufic.

**Paid box adverts at £2/month (£20/year) to be in all editions of the Parish Magazine. Advertisements welcome.**

## Teddies for Tragedies

Keep up the good work for all those children traumatised by conflict. If you would like to join in the scheme for knitting Teddies then please contact Janet M<sup>c</sup>Nicol who will be pleased to provide you with the necessary information.



## Dates for your Diary - April

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Swythamley Centre  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sponsored swim  
 17<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive - Sheen  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive - Warslow

## Across the Sahara with Sir Philip & Lady Brocklehurst

Join us on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the Swythamley Centre to enjoy this epic tale as it unfolds.

Tickets are £3 and available from the Kays (227200), the Mullins (227678) or the Weeks (227683).

**Flash and Longnor  
First Responders  
Monthly News**

*Hi Folks, Since last month's magazine deadline your Group covered fourteen 999 medical emergencies including two motorcycle accidents at Barrowmoor, one of which required the Air Ambulance.*

*Many thanks to Lynn and Chris Stevenson at the Cheshire Cheese who hosted a Quiz Night for us and raised £95 which included a £10 donation from Ralph and Greta Critchlow who were unable to attend. A special thank you to Keith, the Quizmaster from Sheen, who made it a great evening.*

*Thanks again to Lynn who donated £100 from her '21<sup>st</sup>' birthday bash!*

*We also received £97 from the friends and relatives of the Late Brian Grimshaw of Longnor*

*These generous donations are vital to keep your CFR Group operating. Thank you.*

**KEEP SAFE**

*For any information about fundraising or if you would like to train to become a First Responder please contact -*

*Peter Baker – 01298 83120  
Jackie Ellis – 01298 83436*

**Spring Concert and Dance**

with the fabulous "MURPHY'S MARBLES"  
on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Warslow Village  
Hall, Doors open 7:30 p.m.

A full evening's entertainment with these local  
musicians

"Celtic Music  
at its best"

Cost Adults £8 Concessions £6 (price includes  
our legendary hot supper)

Fully licensed bar

Tickets available from Judy at Hulme End Shop  
/ Michelle on 01298 687205/  
Olwen on 01298 687375

**Your Rural Police News**

We have set a number of dates for Police surgeries over the coming months which is an opportunity to discuss any matter and obtain advice. These will be attended by at least one of your neighbourhood Policing team.

Please make a note in your diary.

10am til 12pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at  
Waterhouses Police Post

11am til 12pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at The  
Craft Centre, Longnor Square

10am til 12pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at  
Waterhouses Police Post

11am til 12pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at The  
Craft Centre, Longnor Square

If you need any further advice on Policing issues contact myself, Pc Andy Beresford, or one of my other colleagues at Waterhouses; Pc Brian Millward and PCSO Paul Flowers.

For non-emergency matters contact us on **0300 123 44 55** asking for your local officers.

If I'm not in the office you can leave me a voicemail message. I check this every duty day.

You can also email me on [andrew.beresford@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:andrew.beresford@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

In the event of an emergency you should always ring 999 and even if there are no Waterhouses officers available there is continual 24/7 cover from one of our neighbouring stations.

**'Art for Health'**

Mon 6th April - Hartington Surgery - 2.30pm  
- 4.30pm

Mon 20th April - Longnor Church (Balcony  
Room - Stair Access) - 2pm -  
4pm

Mon 27th April - Hartington Village Hall -  
2pm - 4pm



## WARSLOW SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS

Our school building is 50 years old and to celebrate we are planning a number of events for both past and present pupils, parents, Governors and staff of the schools which have operated from within the building. We will be holding a Summer Fair on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and also a Dinner Dance and Fundraising Auction on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. We would also very much like to hear from anyone who has school photographs, documents or items relating to the past 50 years that we could borrow to put into a display to compliment the events. We are also asking for items to include in the Fundraising Auction, these can be goods or services. Also we would like to hear from anyone who is willing to come into school and talk to the current pupils about their experiences whilst attending school here. Please contact the school office on 01298 84320 if you are able to help in any way with our celebrations.

### Good Friday

Despite asking all the people on our list, it has proved impossible to find clergy to take services in each of our parish churches on Good Friday. We are indebted to Rev. Paul Skillings from the Waterfall Benefice who will be taking services in all of his six churches and has very kindly offered to come and conduct a Benefice Service for Good Friday at 6.30 pm at Quarnford.

Please do your very best to come.

### Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please send to Mrs. L. Bricklebank, Cottage of Content, Hollinsclough, Buxton, SK17 0RG Telephone 01298 83541

or email [lynda@coatetown.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:lynda@coatetown.freeserve.co.uk)

## Longnor

### St. Bartholomew's Church News

#### Daffodils

We would be grateful for any help in arranging daffodils in church on Easter Saturday from 2pm.



#### Donations

To Longnor Church in Memory of John Gould from Phyllis and family.

Donation to Longnor Church from Prince and Barbara Mellor.

In memory of Godfrey George Ball from Jean.

Donations gratefully received in memory of Neville Fletcher.

#### Coffee Morning

Thanks to all those who helped and to everyone who attended. We raised £271 towards church funds.

#### Easter Monday

'Songs among the daffodils'

In church 2-4pm

Refreshments available.

#### A.G.M.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April in church at 7.30pm

#### From the Registers

##### Burials:

George Longford aged 82 February 25<sup>th</sup>

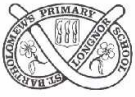
Neville Fletcher aged 78 March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Thanks

Mavis Storer would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and good wishes during her recent illness.



## News from St Bartholomew's School ...



Ginny Scarborough from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is encouraging us all to plant seeds to grow our own vegetables as part of the Grow it Eat it campaign. All the children were involved in planting seeds which were then put in a cold frame. Their tasks are to water them and fill in a plant growing chart from their observations. Ginny will return again next term to help with the planting out.

Supporting Comic Relief - Do Something Funny for Money, the children compiled a little Joke book to sell to parents, were allowed a non-uniform day and Miss Vicky made them Red Nose Cakes. We raised £46.

As we write, the children are looking forward to taking part in the Gym and Dance festival at Leek High and St. Bart's Junior Class will be attending the Small Schools Swimming Gala at Waterhouses.

We are holding a short Easter concert on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm to which everybody is very welcome.

Playgroup sessions available Mon/Tues/Wed 9.15 - 3.15 pm during term time.

Play & Stay Mums, Babies/Tots 9.30 - 11.30 am Wednesday only.

For further information please contact School or Heather at Playgroup. Tele: 01298 83233.

We all send our very best wishes to Mrs. Evans.

HAPPY EASTER from all the team.

## Longnor & District Pre-School Playgroup

High quality care and education for 2-5 year-olds

Ofsted rating: **GOOD**

Opening times: Mon, Tues, Wed, term time  
9.15am-12.15, 12.45-3.15pm  
Lunch Club 12.15-12.45

A small, friendly group based in the Surestart room at St Bartholomew's School, Longnor, offering a wide range of exciting experiences for your child in safe, secure surroundings.

As well as a secure outdoor play area within the school grounds, we regularly use the adjacent brilliant new outdoor *Breathing Place* at St Bartholomew's School, and of course Longnor Village Playground

New! All-organic snack-times!

tel: **01298 83233 (ask for Heather)**

info@ [playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk](mailto:playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk)

[www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk](http://www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk)

Reg. Charity: 1044161 Ofsted: 218187

**"That God once loved a garden we learn in Holy writ.  
And seeing gardens in the Spring I well can credit it."**

- Winifred Mary Letts

## Sheen

### In Loving Memory

James Arthur Stubbs



After a short illness, so bravely borne, the funeral for Jim took place at St Luke's Church, Sheen on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. The service was conducted by Miss Mary Jephcott and the service included the



hymn Abide With Me and the classical song Time To Say Goodbye - both of which had been requested by Jim before he died. He also wished that his bearers be his friends - Wilf Allen, Keith Belfield, Morris Fearn, Jeff Goodwin, Paul Timmins and Arthur Spendilow.

Jim was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1946, the eldest child of Arthur and Mona Stubbs and brother to Jean. He spent all his life at Lower House Farm, first farming in partnership with his father and later with his wife Heather. They married in 1977 and had two daughters - Laura and Karen. Although a devoted family man, farmer and first class stock man he had many other interests. He was especially interested in anything to do with trains or aeroplanes and was a season ticket holder at Manchester United for over 40 years. He also played badminton, tennis and enjoyed cricket umpiring. He also loved his bell-ringing at Sheen and Alstonefield churches. Recently he had taken up football management, and was manager of the Leek football team Valliant FC.

In 1991 he followed his father onto Sheen Parish Council and was Chairman until he died.

Jim was a truly lovely man and a very positive person. He bore his illness with great courage and he will be deeply missed by all his family and many friends from Sheen and the surrounding villages.

**LENT LUNCH** -8<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Sheen Village Hall. Lunch will be served between 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Lunch will be home made soup and fresh bread. The donation you make for your lunch will go to St Luke's Church.

**MARCH'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS**

1 <sup>st</sup> No 93	Helen Crichlow	£20
2 <sup>nd</sup> No 17	Freda Critchlow	£15
3 <sup>rd</sup> No 125	Noel Alcock	£10
4 <sup>th</sup> No 21	Margaret Cope	£7
5 <sup>th</sup> No 44	Hilda Critchlow	£5
6 <sup>th</sup> No 64	Connie Oliver	£4

Thank you, to all 122 Members

**DONATIONS** - Many thanks for the generation donations made in the memory of Tom Critchlow and Jim Stubbs from family and friends

**THANK YOU** -to Mary Stubbs for making two new Chalice cloths.

**WHIST DRIVE** - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in Sheen Village Hall at 8pm. All profits go towards the up keep of St Luke's.

May's Whist Drive is a charity one in aid of Cancer Research. We are holding a raffle and prizes would be most appreciated. Anybody able to donate a prize please leave with George or Ann. Thank you for your support. The March whist drive made a profit of £80.50.



**BRASS CLEANING** -thank you to the people who have come forward and volunteered to clean the brass. We still require somebody for January and August.

**AEROBICS CLASS** -Come and join us on Thursday at 7pm in Sheen Village Hall. All you need is loose fitting clothing, a pair of trainers and a bottle of still water. First class is free there after is £2.50per class. For more information please ring Pam on 01298 84809 or Julie on 01298 84507.

**VILLAGE HALL MEETING** - No meeting this month

### **POST OFFICE OPENINGS IN SHEEN**

Sheen Post office has moved and is now based in Sheen Village Hall opening times are Mondays 9am to 1pm. No Post Office on 13<sup>th</sup> April or 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

## **Hollinsclough**

### **Hollinsclough School**



The staff and pupils are celebrating the good progress made in reading by the children as shown by their results on the

Suffolk Reading Test. The school would like to express its thanks to the Britannia Building Society for £1,500 cheque which will be spent on Maths Equipment.

On Red Nose Day the school raised almost £42, but the pupils have not yet decided which charity to give this to.

A Parent & Toddlers Group will start at the school after the Easter holidays, and we are hoping that Kym Cheeseman, a parent partnership worker, will come to talk to the parents.

In preparation for the Action Group Mayfest, Maypole dancing is coming onto the curriculum. The work for next term will be themed around animals, so there may be some four-legged visitors in school!

For your diary:

On April 1st the pupils will be taking part in the Small Schools Swimming Gala at Waterhouses.

April 2nd at 8.30am a service in the Chapel taken by the Rev'd Colin Smith. Parents and friends are invited.

April 24<sup>th</sup> the photographer will be visiting and Hazel Winder will be leading a walk around Chrome as part of the John Muir Award Scheme.

Advance Notice: this year's School Summer Fete will be on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Homeopathy Course**

It is proposed to run a course in the Chapel Hall on Homeopathy. This would include a basic history of homeopathy and philosophy, remedies etc. Please contact Betty 01298 83307 for more details.

### **MayFest**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Starting at 12.00**

Special events this year will include:

**A Great Big Plant Swap** - in the marquees

Bring your seedlings, plants, cuttings, bushes & shrubs

Sell them or swap them

Plus the Plant Doctors

**Everything Wool** - in the Chapel Hall

Demonstrations and woolly things

**Local Food & Produce** - in the School

The home produce stall will be grateful for food and non-food donations please

**Pets Corner** - in the Croft

Do you have any caged pets you would like to bring? Not a competition

Other activities include a climbing wall, bees, owls, ferrets, face painting etc

Please help us to raise money for our **local First Responders, Air Ambulance and the**

**environment.**

We need:

**Tombola & Raffle prizes**

and

**Volunteers**

**Please**

Contact Victoria on 01298 83721 or email

[v.rowe352@btinternet.com](mailto:v.rowe352@btinternet.com)

## History Live

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30 pm at the Chapel Hall.

Our speaker this month is Dr, Pam Sambrook, writer & lecturer, formerly Curator of Shugborough Museum with:

*A history of North Staffordshire Oatcakes.*

Our renowned refreshments are included in the admission price.

Everyone welcome

For more details please contact Sue: 01298 83269

## Action Group

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

## Hollinsclough Chapel

**Services for April:-** All at 2.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> At Earl Sterndale

12<sup>th</sup> Easter Day Colin Smith with the Band

19<sup>th</sup> Mrs Isabel Sinclair

26<sup>th</sup> At Earl Sterndale



## Quarnford

### St. Paul's Church News

#### Good Friday Service

of hymns and devotions followed by hot-cross buns.

10<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm

Rev P. Skillings

#### Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

12<sup>th</sup> April 11am

Rev I. Whinton

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Please do your very best to come.

**Donations** received with grateful thanks: In memory of Jerald Bloor from G. Mycock

**Donation** to Quarnford Church repair fund:

From Bessie Kidd in memory of friends Joe Phillips, Annie Potter (Bratt), Daisy Nadin (Goodwin), Stella Shale, Mary Belfield (W.I.), Annie Turner (Buxton) and Ernest Taylor (Earl Sterndale).

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Followed by P.C.C. Meeting.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

3pm in church

**Thank you** to friends and neighbours of the church for cleaning the path, sorting out the water supply and the door.

## In Loving Memory

### Stella Shale



Stella was born in Richmond, Surrey on 17 December 1919. She had two brothers, George and Douglas and after leaving school, Stella went to work at the Royal Insurance Company in London. During the war she

joined the Women's Land Army and it was whilst serving in the Land Army that she met Clarence. They were married in Richmond in 1947 and they were fortunate to have 52 years together.

Stella and Clarence had three daughters, Deborah, Ursula and Kathryn and two grandsons, Stuart and Richard. Farming took Stella and Clarence to various parts of the country before they arrived at Wilson Knowl in 1972. The farm became their home for 30 years. Stella and Clarence both loved the glorious scenery and in later years one of their greatest joys was driving through Manifold Valley, a place that they both loved dearly.

Stella also enjoyed going to the local Women's Institute, helping out at Sunday School at St. Paul's and prior to her retirement she spent a very happy and rewarding time helping out at the local school. Stella loved cooking and taking care of everyone and she was often to be found in the kitchen with a batch of scones or a cake on the go. The kettle was always full and close to the boil, just in case a cup of tea was required.

Clarence passed away in 1999 and although Stella would have loved to stay on at the farm, her health had deteriorated and in 2002 she moved to The Hawthorns in Buxton. Stella enjoyed the lovely view from her room. During the spring and summer she could see the glorious trees and she could watch and listen to the birds. During the winter, she was able to see the river and families out walking their dogs. All these things gave her great pleasure. It was whilst she was resident in The Hawthorns that Stella's daughter Ursula sadly passed way and Stella bore her sadness and pain with her usual good grace and amazing faith and courage. She has

always been kind and loving, strong and supportive, an inspiration to her whole family, who will all miss her more than words can say.



## News From Flash C of E Primary School

How beautiful the new spring flowers are at the moment, their presence and the longer spells of daylight, are always so welcome after the harsh realities of winter.

Our Tudor dance and music afternoon has now finally taken place, after being postponed by the winter weather, it was a great success. The children were mesmerised by the music played on Tudor style instruments, we learned a Tudor dance and the musician dressed in Tudor clothes. Most of the children found that they could play the instruments because of similarities to those they are learning to play in school. Many thanks go to Mrs. Claire Woolstencroft, who kindly joined us for the afternoon, and was dressed in a rich ladies costume. She endured the farthingale, which was not very comfortable, and the layers of clothes which were heavy and too warm. We also discovered why male and female clothing buttons up in different ways. I certainly was enlightened during the afternoon.

We shared a fabulous French Day with Hollinsclough and Longnor Schools at Longnor. The children made masks, joined in a parade, sang, danced and enjoyed making pancakes. In addition to all this, most of the day was spent conversing in French. Many thanks, again, go to Mrs. Claire Woolstencroft for organising the event.

On Wednesday afternoons we continue to have P.E. with pupils from Longnor and Hollinsclough at Longnor. The children are enjoying football, taekwondo and tri-golf. We also visit Leek Leisure Centre for swimming once a week.

Hazel, our Peak Park Ranger, joined us for an afternoon. Together we made bird nesting boxes. There was lots of hammering, closely supervised of course, and the finished boxes have been installed in our school grounds. There was evidence in existing boxes that last year they hosted Blue Tits and Great Tits. We hope that all our boxes are used this spring. Our state of the art computers and interactive white boards have arrived. They are really enhancing the learning for our children and are used on a daily basis. We have enough computers for one for each child and a few extra for new arrivals!

We joined in Red Nose Day by baking biscuits and decorating them with 'red noses' (cherries). Our red nose hunt was cancelled due to the awful weather in the afternoon.

We are participating in a special 'Mothering Sunday Family Service' at St. Pauls on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.15am please join us if you can, although I suspect that this will not reach you until after the event.

Finally, just in case you were wondering, female clothing buttons the opposite way to male because rich Tudor ladies were often dressed by a maid and maids found it easier to 'button up' that way, as they were facing the lady, rather than the current male way.

It just goes to prove that you really can learn something new every day!

Carol Gunn, Head Teacher

**Gradbach Chapel  
Open Day  
Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th  
10am 4pm**

**Warslow  
Whist Drive  
Warslow Village Hall  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.45 pm  
In aid of village hall funds**

### **Staffordshire Regiment**

SOLDIERS from Leek will be marching through their home town during a special parade being held next month.

The third battalion of The Mercian Regiment (Staffords), formerly the Staffordshire Regiment, will be parading in Leek at 1pm on Wednesday, April 22, ahead of its posting to Fallingbommel, Germany, in July.

The regiment is expected to remain in Germany for 10 years after leaving its current base in Tidworth, near Salisbury, in Wiltshire

## **From the Readership**

### **GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD**

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional..
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once

- got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## Quarnford Flower Festival

At the meeting last month the theme of "The Four Seasons" was chosen and the organiser for the flower displays this year is Ann Robinson (01298 78976)

Much preparation takes place before the event and cleaning up afterwards. Printing and distributing posters and other advertising has to be done. Baking and serving teas and welcoming visitors are all vital jobs, not to mention the actual flower arranging.

Sponsorship of the displays was a success last year and we very much hope that people will feel able to do this again. Sponsorship could be to celebrate an anniversary, birth, wedding or in memory of a loved one. It could also be from a local business.

It would be very helpful if the form below could be returned by 16<sup>th</sup> May ( the date of the Rose Queen Festival)

Thank you.

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### Flower Festival 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June

I/we will sponsor a flower display

I/we will ask local businesses to sponsor a flower display

I/we will be on the rota to be in church

I/we will help in the following way.....

Other comments/ideas.....

Name, Address, Phone Number

Please return this form to Janet McNicol, 'Wellsdale', Mellor Lane, Chapel en le Frith, High Peak SK23 9SA by 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Thank you**

Gift Aid forms available in church or from Janet



# From the Manse

Dear Friends,  
Some years ago I was in Jerusalem for the Orthodox Holy Week.

On Maundy Thursday Caroline and I joined with the Armenian Community in the services in their cathedral within the old walled city. There were no pews or seats and we sat on the thick rugs spread on the ground. The choir sang the ancient liturgy which went back hundreds of years, telling the story of the night that Jesus shared in a supper with his friends, prayed in agony in the garden, and was denied by one friend and betrayed by another.

As the choir sang through the several hours of the service the candles in the cathedral were extinguished one by one. The light of the world was being taken from us and as the choir sang the final notes of anguish the last light was put out and we finished in silence and in darkness.....

There is ultimately no escape from the anguish of the world. Though, over these last years, we have tried to muffle it with our personal prosperity we know that we all move towards death, the extinguishing of the light of our own lives, and the inner pain and suffering which goes with the gradual loss of all that we have held dear.

Jesus' death on the cross is bloody, agonising and unjust. His nakedness and loss of physical control over his body is humiliating. His isolation from those he has loved, his God and his family and his friends, is a terrible desolation. He dies at one with all who have come face to face with suffering and death.

Nothing can remove the reality of suffering and death.

Three days must pass, three days in which we must grieve for the death of Jesus, for the deaths of all those who have died through cruelty, injustice and the random unfairness of

life, and for the death that awaits us all. So are we left with nothing to do but to cling to the memories and to go and anoint the dead body?

Very early, on the Sunday morning, I went to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where the Armenian community were holding the first Easter Service. We gathered round the tomb, the traditional place where the body of Jesus was laid. Again the choir sang until that moment when a young boy came out of the tomb, an angel dressed in a golden cloak. He sang, "The Lord is risen" - and the choir broke into a song of joy as we began to process around the tomb.

Is it all wishful thinking? Over these last weeks those who have been leading the celebration of the Darwin's publication of "The Origin of the Species" have often used it as an opportunity to be scornful of Christian belief. Their message was simple. There is no God. This life is all there is. There is no wisdom and compassion, no life-giving power, at the heart of creation. "Faith" is nothing more than the projection of our own wishful thinking onto a non-existent being.

In the face of this, we acknowledge the truth in St. Paul's statement, "If Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain." God is either a life-giving force or a dead creation of the human imagination. The challenge to us and the world is this, which is true?

On Easter Day, I urge you to go to your local church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the power of God to give new life, to transform our present and to give new life beyond our physical extinction.

To our Resurrection God, who has the final victory over death, be praise and glory for ever!

Christ's Peace and Joy be with you.

Colin



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# History Notes

## Alstonfield Deanery Magazine

**April 1919**

**Longnor**

**Baptism**

Mar 16-Thomas William, son of John Samuel and Mary Ellen Gregory, Stiff Close, Longnor

**Burials**

Feb 27-Thomas Mellor, Longnor aged 80 years

27-Ellen Pickford, Glutton Bridge, aged 23 years

Mar 6-Joseph Millward, Mount Pleasant, Longnor aged 82 years

8-Joan Wardle Turner, Ferns, Reapsmoor aged 6 months

**Quarnford and Ramshaw**

**Marriage**

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Hall Phillips and Ann Kidd of this parish.

**Baptism**

March 16<sup>th</sup> Edwin, son of Edwin and Prudence Beresford.

**Burials**

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Alice Heauraum? Aged 50 years

Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Ann Elizabeth Mycock aged 9 months

Mar 14<sup>th</sup> Joseph Henry Bradley aged 9 years

**Sheen**

What looked like turning out a failure by the unkind weather prevailing on the evening of our whist Drive and Social turned out one of the most successful social events that have been held. Those who braved the elements went home well satisfied, none more so than the Churchwardens, who desire me to express their deepest thanks to one and all who contributed to the success achieved, A most gratifying response was again made

to a request for refreshments, and the following ladies and gentlemen will have the utmost satisfaction in knowing they contributed in no small way to the enjoyable evening spent:- The Vicar and Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Brandon, Mrs. Broadhurst, Mrs. Calladine, Mrs. Critchlow (Pilsbury) Mrs R. Critchlow, Mrs. Cantrell, Mrs Chadwick, Mr Cundy, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. W. Gilman, Mrs. R. Gilman (Hole End), Mrs. Ralph Gilman, Mr. R. Grindey, Mr. G. Grindey, Mrs Harrison (Old Post Office), Mrs. Humphries, Mrs Leech, Mrs. Lomas (Drumbus) Mrs. Mycock, Mrs Mellor (Brund) Mrs. E. Prince, Mrs. G. Riley, Mrs. J. W. Riley, Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. J. Stubbs, Mrs. S. Stubbs, Mrs. J. Sutton. Mrs. Solman, Mrs. J.W. Titterton, Mrs Wheeldon, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Woolley. To illustrate to what a large extent the gifts of refreshments help to swell the funds it is interesting and pleasing to record that no less than £4 4s 2d was taken during the course of the evening

For the useful and acceptable prizes we owe our best thanks to the Patron, Frank Green. Esq. who is always so ready to help Sheen, to Mr. Edwin Prince and Mr. Sykes (Longnor).

**Marriage.** Feb. 5th. Geo, William Gibbs of Hartington, to Elizabeth Hannah Redfern, of the Sprink, Sheen.

**Burials.**

Feb. 19th, Maria Critchlow, The Brand, aged 57 years.

Feb. 20th. Thos. Richard Cantrell, Crowdicote, aged 11 months.

**April 1959**

**LONGNOR.**

**VESTRY AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.** In the opening prayers silence was kept for a space in memory of Mrs. Annie Bradbury who was a well-loved member of the Church Council and a devoted supporter of the Church.

Mr. C W. Mellor was re-elected Vicar's Warden and Mr. T. H. Belfield, People's Warden. The Vicar expressed his great appreciation of their services during the past year.

The Annual Meeting received with regret the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. E V. Coates, owing to their impending removal to the South of England. The Meeting expressed its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Coates for their unflinching services to the Parish Church, and wished them the best of health and happiness when they move to their new home.

Mr. D.L. Mellor was elected to the Ruridecanal Conference in place of Mr. Coates. Elections were then made to the Parochial Church Council and the body of Sidesmen. At the ensuing Meeting of the P.C.C. Mr T. F. Meehan agreed to continue as the Secretary for the time being, and Mr. J. Coates was re-elected Treasurer. All were thanked for their work and support during the past year.

**HOLY BAPTISM.** Mar. 1st, Beryl Wilson.

**BURIALS** Feb. 28 --Florence Hill, aged 59 years. (Service at the Parish Church, followed by Cremation at Stockport, Ashes subsequently interred in the Churchyard on 15th March).

Mar. 13—Annie Bradbury, aged 67 years.

17—Emma Knowles, aged 77 years.

**THANKS** for donations in lieu of flowers

In memory of Martha Ann Armett — Mr. and Mrs. K. Millward, £1.

In memory of Florence Hill :—Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall, Post Office, £1; Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Meehan 10/6.

In memory of Annie Bradbury --Mr. and Mrs. T. Gould and Anne, £1.; Mr. George Grindey, Mount Pleasant, £1; Mr. W. V. Bradbury. The Slack. £1.

In memory of Emma Knowles: —Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and Family, Sheen, £1  
E.H. Finnemore, Vicar

**SHEEN.**

**BURIAL.** Mar. 5th. Martha Shann of Cross Farm, Sheen, aged 73 years. Our sympathies go to John Shann, her sister and brother and all relations. One by one the older members of Sheen are passing away, and they leave a blank. It is noticeable that few of the younger members even try to step in their place.

In lieu of flowers: Mr. and Mrs. Beardsall, £1; Mr. and Mrs. T. Critchlow, £1; The Misses M and E. Critchlow, The Pool, £1; Willie and John Shirley, "Rewlach" £1; Mr and Mrs. A. Stubbs, £1; Mr. S Stubbs "West View," £1; Mr. and Mrs. Spendelow, £1; Mr. George Thompson. Buxton, 10/-.

Mrs. Shann will be very much missed.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR.** Apr. 5th. Mrs.H. Birch; Apr, 12th, Mrs. Cantrell; ApI. 19th, Miss Jean Sutton; Apl, 26th, Mrs. Beardsall; Apr 3rd. Mrs. Cope; May 10th, Miss Broomhead May 17th, Mrs. Philp.

**QUARNFORD.**

**BURIAL** Mar. 3rd. John Kidd aged 89 years. Donations in memoriam : —Mr. and Mrs. F. Stanley, £1; Holmes Family. 12/6; Mr. and Mrs. Widderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Belfield, Beinbridge familv and Mr and Mrs. Allsop. each 10/-.

**ALTAR FLOWERS.** Apr. 5th, Mrs. B. Steed; Apr. 19th Miss Beswick.

# Notices

## Churchyards in the Lichfield Diocese

An extract from the regulations - from the Chancellor of the Diocese.

The following are **not** permitted in a churchyard without a faculty from the Chancellor:

- (a) Kerbs, railings, photographs, embossed symbols (such as roses, candles, tracery windows) or chippings.
- (b) Vases or glass containers. However, stone vases of good quality, not less than an 8" cube and no more than a 12" cube, which have been securely cemented into a sunken slab may be permitted but must be applied for by faculty.
- (c) Artificial flowers are **not** permitted except in the case of Remembrance Day poppies and Christmas and Easter wreaths, which must be removed after 14 days.
- (d) No advertisement or trade mark should be inscribed on a headstone. The mason's name may be inscribed at the side or on the reverse in unleaded letters, no larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in height.

The full regulations on the right of burial and interment, reservation of a gravespace, procedure to apply to erect a memorial, the burial of cremated remains, provision of flowers and other memorabilia and details of suitable stones are available from incumbents or churchwardens.

## Services in the Benefice for April

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	Family Service with Holy Baptism 4.30pm	Holy Communion 11.15am	Holy Communion 10am			At Earl Sterndale 2.30pm	Rev A. Gibson 2.30 pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday	Benefice Holy Communion 8pm						
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday		Benefice Good Friday Devotions 6.30pm					
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Easter Day	Holy Communion Songs of Praise 6.30pm	Holy Communion 11am	Holy Communion 9am	Holy Communion 10am	Holy Communion 11.15am	Colin Smith with the Band 2.30pm	Sunday School 10.30 am
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Low Sunday					Benefice Evensong 2.30pm	Mrs Isabel Sinclair 2.30pm	D. Harley 2.30 pm
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Easter 3	Evensong 3.30pm	Evensong 2.15pm	Evensong 6.30pm			At Earl Sterndale	Rev R. Pope S.S.A. 11am
Newtown - Short morning service 10.45 am followed by "elevenses" each Thursday (Except Maundy Thursday)							