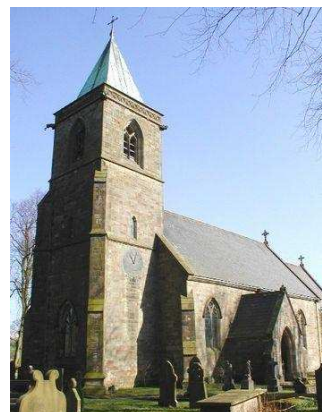




Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown, Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough

December

2008



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

40p



St. Paul's, Newtown



Benefice Directory

Vicar: Vacant

Worship Leader: Miss J. M^cNicol 01298 812053

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Church Wardens	Mr. L. Riley	01538 300313
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Secretary	Mrs. M. Boam	01298 83513
Treasurer	Mr. C. Smallwood	01298 70003
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Treasurer	Mr. C. Belfield	01298 84809
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Magazine Rep.	Mrs. M. Stubbs	01298 84305
Flowers	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396

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Magazine Rep.	Mrs. M. Williams	01298 83350

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Mrs. J. Gregory	01298 84429
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Flash	Mrs. D. Griffiths	01298 23442
Hollinsclough	Mrs. J. Mountford-Lees	01298 83303

Methodist Minister

Rev ^d Colin Smith	01298 23556
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Uniformed Associations

Brownies	Diana Alcock	01538 304225
Guides	Clare Day	01538 381773



Worship Leader's Letter

This month I have dipped into my store of cuttings and articles. The one below was written by a former Bishop of Derby.

Wishing you all a very
Happy Christmas,

Janet

“Welcome, welcome!”

“It will seem like all hell has broken loose sun, moon, stars, earth, sea, in an uproar and everyone all over the world in a panic, the wind knocked out of them by the threat of doom, the powers-that-be quaking. And then ... then!

they'll see the Son of Man welcomed in grand style ... a glorious welcome! When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way!”

These words of Jesus from Luke's Gospel (21:25-28) are found in the bible translation 'The Message'. This, and a number of similar bible passages will be read at services during this season of Advent. Advent is a Latin word meaning *coming* or *arrival*. It is a time of expectation, of waiting for *someone* or something to come. Luke paints a number of word pictures containing strange happenings that are to be revealed one day. This one provides a frightening drama — planets and the natural world all in chaos. In Jesus' time these symbols all had a meaning. Stars represented tyranny; the sun and moon symbolised rulers and empires. Each of these represented powers that seek to control human affairs.

Jesus told his followers to stand tall and hold their heads high because help is on

the way. The powers will be shaken, and he added that many with him at that moment would not die until they saw all these things come about. It is often understood that Jesus was referring to his own death, when, for his closest friends, the world seemed to be falling apart. Indeed, the Roman soldiers, Jewish authorities, the powers, also were witnesses to the end of an old order. Christ on the cross triumphed over all the violence and cruelty of the world.

Christians in every age and place never fail to have these images at their heart when the world appears shaken. And this is certainly true in our own time as we continue to come to terms with continuing acts of terror and other serious instabilities in the world at large. We yearn for the coming of the reign of Christ, the Prince of Peace. We strive as God's people to join others in shaking the powers of injustice and cruelty. We consider how all Christians can be a sign of hope and solidarity with the poor. At the same time in the midst of this yearning, striving and questioning, we will come to celebrate the birth of Jesus and welcome him anew as the hope of all humanity and the joy of the Church. God is indeed with us. In the midst of chaos we are enabled to stand tall, with heads held high.



Benefice News

Local Police Number

0300 123 44 55

For all non-emergency calls

Fly Tipping and Litter

To report to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council call
Freephone 08001693159



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.

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^cNicol who will be pleased to provide you with the necessary information.

Dates for your diary-December

Friday 5th Coffee Morning - Longnor School

Carols by Candlelight - Hollinsclough Chapel

Sunday 7th Santa - Brownsplit Farm

Tuesday 9th Chocolate Bingo - Flash School

Monday 15th School Play - Longnor

Tuesday 16th Christmas Play - Flash School

Toufic - our sponsored child. It is not too late to send a card or gift. See November magazine for details.

Mobile Library

Quarnford /Flash	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
Hollinsclough	Chapel	12.25 - 12.55
Longnor	The Square	2.05 - 2.35
	Old Saw Mill	2.40- 2.45
Barrowmoor	Badgers Croft	2.50 - 3.00
Reapsmoor	Swallow Moss	3.20 - 3.25
	Park House	3.30 - 3.35

2008 Timetable

Friday 5th Dec, 19th Dec.

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

2008 Timetable

Monday 1st Dec, 15th Dec, 29th Dec.

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

Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20th December. Please send to Mrs. L. Bricklebank, Cottage of Content, Hollinsclough, Buxton, SK17 0RG Telephone 01298 83541 or email lynda@coatestown.freeserve.co.uk



General Notices which apply to all villages. **HOW THE MAGAZINE IS PUT TOGETHER**

- 1, All information is sent to Lynda by the 20th of each month.
- 2, Lynda then puts it into the magazine format which you receive.
- 3, It is then emailed to Pam so it can be proof read and the master copy is printed.
- 4, Volunteers then meet at the vicarage where 330 copies of each page are printed.
- 5, Then the magazine is collated and stapled together by volunteers.
- 6, The magazine is then counted and put into village groups and distributed to the people who then deliver it to your home.

When we had a vicar he did everything from point 3 onwards so now to be able to continue with the magazine we need volunteers to come to the vicarage for 2 to 3 hours once a month to carry out points 4,5 and 6. To find out which day please contact Pam Belfield on 01298 84809. We would also like to thank Lynda for doing the magazine and we hope you are feeling a lot better.

SUBSCRIPTION TO MAGAZINE - Yes it's that time of year, could all payments for the magazine please be enclosed in the little brown envelope with your **NAME** on and returned to the person who delivers your magazine or your Church Warden. All subscriptions need to be paid by the end of January 2009. If not you will be no longer entitled to a magazine. To find out who your church warden is please see the inside cover of your magazine.

This is an ideal time for all the churches to say a very big "Thank You" to Lynda Bricklebank for the wonderful job she does in typing up all the articles each month. Thank you Lynda, we very much appreciate all your hard work.

Your Rural Police News

You may have recently seen reports in the local press about 'bogus official' incidents that occurred in Waterhouses and Leek.

I want to pass on some advice to dramatically reduce your chance of being a victim of this particularly cold hearted crime which tends to target the most vulnerable in our society.

Bogus officials/distraction burglars often pretend they are:

- from the water board dealing with leaks, burst pipes or flooding
- from the local council, but have forgotten identification
- sales people
- gas or electric officials
- builders, claiming that the roof needs fixing.

When someone comes to your door, as a general precaution, please follow these simple steps. This advice could stop you from letting a bogus caller into your home:

- Look out of the window or use the spy hole if you have one, to see if you can identify who the caller is.
- If there is more than one person, be suspicious, it is unusual for a company to send more than one person.
- Genuine callers will normally make an appointment first and will carry identification with their photographs attached.
- If you are unsure or have any concerns, do not open the door, phone the police on **999**
- Remember that a genuine caller will not mind if you carry out these precautionary measures.



I would urge you to be vigilant and assist any vulnerable neighbours who have visitors that raise your suspicions.

There are packs with more detailed information surrounding bogus callers and dealing with doorstep sellers available at the village shops in Hulme End and Butterton. If not for yourself, please pick one up for someone you think might benefit.

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

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.



Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church News

Thanks to all those people who give monthly donation to St Bartholomew's, it is very much appreciated. Thanks also to everyone who supports the Church in many other ways.

The members of the P. C. C. wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Benefice Magazine Subscriptions

It is intended to attach a small envelope to each magazine next month to enable the recipient to return the required annual subscription to any P. C. C. member be it Longnor, Sheen, Quarnford, Newtown or Reapsmoor.

Prompt payment of this money would be appreciated to help with the financial administration.

Donation to Longnor Church in memory of Bill from Marian Etches

Birthday Wishes

Belated 90th birthday wishes to Mrs Jane Dunn.



Best Wishes to Mrs Wood and Nora Armitt

News from St Bartholomew's School ...

A few things we have achieved in 2008 - Learning Together, Playing Together, Working Together



- taking part in the Open Door Project at Lichfield Cathedral
- completion of Breathing Places sensory garden and outdoor classroom
- "Good School" status following our Ofsted inspection
- day at the seaside in sunny Rhyl, with visits to the Sea life Centre and the Lifeboat station
- working with UNICEF on the rights of children
- our harvest appeal (food aid for Africa) reached £157
- and we sent 23 shoe boxes of goodies to Operation Christmas Child.

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER**

10.30 am till 11.45 am
Cakes, mince pies, games, toys, puddings,
bric a brac etc.

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME



Monday 15th December - 2.15 pm School Play 'The Grumpy Sheep' we look forward to seeing you all at the concert.

Tuesday 16th December - School Christmas Lunch followed by Carol Concert in Church at 1.30 pm. Rev. C. Scargill will take the service for us.

Thank you to everyone for all your marvellous fundraising efforts, help and support during the past year. From the governors, staff and children of St. Bartholomew's

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Sue Evans, Head Teacher

COME & VISIT SANTA DOWN ON THE FARM



Bring your children to see Santa at Brownsplit Farm, Longnor, on Sunday 7th December, between 5pm and 7pm

Children will be able to see Santa and receive a gift from him. You will also have the opportunity to buy Xmas trees, holly wreaths, door wreaths and Xmas gifts from our shop

There will also be a charity raffle (proceeds to St. Bartholomew's church), charity tombola, gift stalls & a catering van



**Longnor Action Group
MINUTES OF LONGNOR ACTION
GROUP MEETING**

Tuesday 11th November 2008

PRESENT: Sam Kidd, John & Debbie O'Neill, Peter Baker

CHAIR: Sam Kidd

APOLOGIES: Gaynor Parkinson, Tina Ball, Lisa Hall, Samantha Kitchen.

No Contact: Chris Stevenson

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

NEW PROJECT IDEA

Peter suggested an idea to further enhance the village by purchasing planters to be positioned in appropriate areas around the village.



The highways office replied to Peter and advised that a licence to plant is required. However, these are normally issued to the parish council rather than individuals/groups. No further progress to date, carried over to the next meeting.

LEAFLET UPDATE

New leaflet 2009

The group discussed involving the local community and the school in deciding on what the new leaflet should look like and include. This will be discussed in more detail over the next few months.

The school has agreed to the children being involved in the design of the new leaflet and will aim to produce ideas by the February $\frac{1}{2}$ term. This will be run as a competition for the children.

The action group have the following ideas to date:-

Include all community activities.

Get the children's view of the businesses in the area.

Rather than a standard leaflet perhaps a patchwork effect with postcards.

ACTION: Tina will bring some examples for the next meeting-carried over to December meeting.

Need to agree date for village meeting to gain views in first half term of new year

ACTION: IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT OR HAVE IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LEAVE YOUR INFORMATION AT THE REAP OFFICE IN THE MARKET SQUARE OR CONTACT GAYNOR ON THE DETAILS BELOW.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT The web access codes have now been received from Gary

and Tina will view and add them in. The action group agreed that 3 months of action group minutes will be displayed on the website. Tina to update at December meeting.

ACTION: Julie (SMCVS) to produce a poster of the web address to go in the notice boards. Peter confirmed that posters had been placed around the village

ACTION: IF THE COMMUNITY HAVE ANY EVENTS, ACTIVITIES OR INFORMATION THAT THEY WISH TO DISPLAY ON THE WEBSITE PLEASE LEAVE THE DETAIL FOR TINA IN THE REAP OFFICE.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Gaynor and Sam updated the group on their meeting with the school concerning the development of the Adventure playground and the playing field.

ACTION: A consultation will take place at the school on Friday 5 December and 1 day during week commencing 8 December. This will be to encourage children and parents to give their views and ideas. Nothing further to report, Gaynor will update the group at the December meeting.

- REAP will be holding an art auction on the 22 November.

- Sam and Peter will be attending the Rural Forum at Warslow Village Hall on Thursday 23 October 7pm. Sam attended on behalf of the action group and updated the meeting on outcome.

- The action group had a brief discussion about festivals, fete's, special dates such as halloween, bonfire, and Xmas. **ACTION:** Christmas market idea to be discussed in full at next meeting

- Peter suggested that the action group should consider support for the older members of the community, ideas of gifts of coal or arranging a meal were

discussed, the meeting supported the idea in principle, but felt that it would require wider discussion before implementation.

• Contact details for Gaynor Parkinson of Staffordshire Moorlands CVS
01538 381356
gaynorparkinson@smcvs.co.uk

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9 December 2008 7.30pm REAP Office

A new aerobics/Tums and bums class on Wednesday evening starting 1st Oct at 7pm for 1 hour at Longnor school hall.

It is £2.50 for the hour, and just need loose clothing, a bottle of water and a mat or towel.

For more information please call Debbie on 07967098528.

Hollinsclough



**Carols by Candlelight
Hollinsclough Chapel
Friday December 5th 8pm
Hollinsclough Silver Band
followed by refreshments in
the hall**

History Live

This month local historian and author, Margaret Parker, returns to History Live on Wednesday **December 3rd** at Hollinsclough Chapel Hall at 7.30pm. Her subject will be "Beating the Bounds

of Quarnford", illustrated with slides. Anyone with an interest in Quarnford and the surrounding area won't want to miss this evening as Margaret is extremely knowledgeable on the subject.

Our famous refreshments are included in the admission price. For more details please ring Sue 01298 83269



Hollinsclough Chapel

Services for December.

All at 2.30 pm

7th Rev Dr Keith Davies

Holy Communion

14th Mrs Joyce Lawton

21st Colin Smith

28th At Buxton



Christmas Smiles

"Of course I had expected that by the age of 7 it was inevitable for my son to begin to have serious thoughts about Father Christmas, Sure enough, one day he said, "Mum, I know something about Father Christmas, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy." Taking a deep breath, I asked him, "And what is that?" He replied, "They're all nocturnal."

Mother decided that 10 year old Cathy should get something 'practical' for Christmas. "Suppose we open a savings account for you?" she suggested. Cathy was delighted "It's your account darling," mother said as they arrived at the bank, "so you fill out the application." Cathy was doing fine until she came to the space for 'Name of your former bank' After a slight hesitation, she put down 'Piggy'



Quarnford
St. Paul's Church News
Christmas Services

Sunday 14th Carols and Christingle Service with the school at 2.30 pm
 Christmas Day Holy Communion 11 am with Rev George Charles
 We look forward to seeing you.

Donation for the roof fund gratefully received in memory of CHARLES BELFIELD.

Quarnford Quest

Winners for December
 1st prize J.E. Bradley No. 34 £20
 2nd prize R. Berrisford No. 5 £10
 3rd prize J. Mellor No. 59 £7
 Thank you to all our 74 members.

From the Registers

20th October Funeral service for JERALD BLOOR.

Flash School

Excitement at Flash is building. The next few weeks will be very busy for us all. The children are rehearsing the Christmas Play called Stable Story. The performance will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday December 16th at 7 o'clock so do come. The production retells the Nativity in song and verse. We will end the evening with carols and Christmas refreshments.

The children have entered a competition arranged by the Sentinel Newspaper. This is called Class Act which involves interviewing the children about ideas they have to add sparkle to their school environment. We have a chance of winning £5,000 wouldn't that be nice! We have some ideas so keep your fingers crossed.

Don't forget our Christmas Chocolate Bingo on Tuesday December 9th at 7pm in school. A chocolate raffle, tea and coffee and of course chocolate cake will be served. Proceeds from this will go to The Donna Louise Trust our nominated charity. Also congratulations to Mrs Pat Grindey who has just celebrated 25 years cooking our wonderful school meals. All at Flash School wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dehra



We don't sing carols no more... you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!

Sheen

SHEEN PARISH NOTICES

NOVEMBER'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 15	Pat Sutton	£20
2 nd No 112	Myrtle Alcock	£15
3 rd No 33	Hilda Shann	£10
4 th No 7	Catherine Kirkham	£7
5 th No 129	Luke Gregory	£5
6 th No 80	Valerie Shipley	£4

Thank you, to all Members

Exasperated Mother on Boxing Day:
 "William, why ever did you kick your little brother in the stomach?" "It was his own fault. He turned around."



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MONA STUBBS - Mona was

born in Sheen and went to school in Sheen. She was a very hard working lady especially for the church. She once told me it was 71 years since her mother sent her to help with cleaning the brass in church as a big girl. She then met and married Arthur whose family were very involved in the church. She still took her turn once a year with Jean to clean those same brasses. She was PCC secretary for nearly 30 years and a churchwarden for 10 years. She was a very reliable and very well organised lady who will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

DONATIONS - thank you for the donations made in the memory of Mona Stubbs from family and friends.

WORK COMPLETED - the automated wind up system has now been installed and is working. We would like to thank Arthur Spendelow for his many years for maintaining the clock and winding it up on a regular basis. The path has now been completed and it has been finished to a very high standard by Martin Bradley and his team of men.

THANK YOU -once again to Keith for keeping the Church yard grass cut and with our new path finished the Church yard looks very nice.

WAKES COFFEE EVENING - We had a good turnout to the coffee evening and we would like to thank everybody for supporting us. Thank you to everybody who donated cakes, prizes and time. Well done to Freda Critchlow and Tom and Ellen Critchlow for both selling 100 books of raffle tickets. We raised £1301 for church funds.



MAIN RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS -

Charles Pinegar -£50	Irene Mosley - £20
Lesley (Leek) - Whisky	Mark Critchlow - Sherry
Pam Nadin - Biscuits	Wilshaw Bassett - Port
Joe Critchlow - Chocolates	Philip Gould - Towels
Carol Alcock - Tea	Enid Gould - Baileys

ROOM RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Connie Oliver - Cushion	Pat Hall - Chopping Board
Pam Critchlow - Biscuits	Connie Oliver - Chocolates
Marion Belfield - Sherry	Kay Bennett - Chocolates
Doreen Bassett - Soaps	Tracey Austin - Chocolate Biscuits
Pam Critchlow - Mugs	Julie Critchlow - Wine
Hilda -Celebrations	Connie Oliver - Towels
Sylvia Woolley - Blanket	
HAMPER - winner Rose Fearn	MARBLE GAME - winner David Critchlow
FRUIT BASKET - winner Ann Belfield	

Thank you to Joe Critchlow for paying £10 for a sack of potatoes in the auction.

DECORATING ST LUKE'S CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS -20th December at 2pm children and adults welcome.

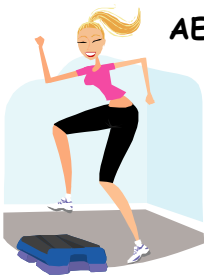
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE -21st December at 6pm with hopefully a visit from Father Christmas for the young ones and Tea and mince pies for the not so



young. Anyone willing to read a lesson please see Ann or George

PCC MEETING - 10th February 2009 7pm in Church

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE - 19th December 2008 at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. All profits go towards the upkeep of St Luke's Church. The last whist drive raised £64. Donation of prizes is always welcome. We would like to wish everybody a happy Christmas.



AEROBICS CLASS -Thursday nights 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

£2.50 per class. For more information please ring Pam on 01298 84809 or Julie on 01298 84507.

VILLAGE HALL MEETING - Monday 8th December at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. This is to discuss New Year anyone is welcome to attend.

BEGINNERS CROCHET CLASS - dates for December 4th ,11th,18th and then we

Seriously Nice Toffee

Ingredients

1lb soft brown sugar

12 ozs butter

1 teasp vinegar

5 fl ozs water

Utensils

5 pint pan (not less than this size)

Jam/Toffee Thermometer (I make jam etc but I wouldn't make this unless I had a thermometer)

Tin 7.5 x 7.5 ins (lightly oiled)

take a break until 29th January 2009 time 1pm to 3pm at Sheen Village hall. £2.00 per session includes refreshments. All you need is a crochet hook and some smooth wool to begin with. To book a place please call Ann on 01298 84396 or Pam on 01298 84809.

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.

Newtown

St Paul's Church Newtown

Everyone is welcome to come and join us for our Christmas Communion and get together which as usual is at 700pm on Christmas Eve. The service will be taken by Rev. George Charles from Leek.

Gradbach Chapel

Services for December:

7th Rev Michael Etheridge 2.30 pm

14th Sunday School 10.30 am

21st Carol Service Rev John Kime 2.30 pm

24th Candlelight Service 7.30 pm

28th No Service

From the Readership

Method

Put all ingredients into pan

Bring them slowly to the boil)

Stir occasionally

When sugar has completely dissolved, turn up heat a bit.

Insert thermometer

Don't stir

When temp reaches 250F or 130C, pour into tin

Leave to set/cool

Break with hammer, put into poly bags or eat!



History Notes

Alstonfield Deanery Magazine November 1918

Longnor

As I write there has come the news that two of our Longnor soldier lads have made the Great Sacrifice. Pte. John Thomas Lownds, of Booseley Grange, and Pte. Sam (Ned) Wheeldon, of Townhead, were both young soldiers, quiet and good working lads on the farm. The former helped his sisters in Newtown Choir, the latter was in Hospital with wounds at Rouen. It is just two years ago that we held a Memorial Service for Ptes. Jos. Mellor and Arthur Caley.

OUR SOLDIERS.

It was a pleasure to hear from our old Chorister, Pte. Edw. Needham, out in Egypt, that he had come across Pte. Isaac Riley. and they were able to be with each other for about a week. Also to hear of the well being of Ptes. Walter Fidler, John Wm. Knowles, Charles Riley, Walter Beresford (Reapsmoor), and John and Thomas Beresford over in good health. Good word is also to hand of a Sailor representative we are proud of, Paymaster Richard Gould, and that he has gained a step in rank.

A. E. H. STANHAM, B.A.,
Vicar and Surrogate.

December 1918

The War has ended *victoriously*.

Soon after eleven o'clock on Nov. 11th, the news of the signing of the Armistice was telephoned to us.

Promptly the bells rang out. The church Tower was mounted and the British Flag flew mast high, to be seen miles away. A short, well-attended Service at 7 p.m.; a volume of heartfelt meaning swelling

upward as voices sang the well known hymns 165, 166, 379 (A. & M.). An earnest prayer by the Vicar, Psalm 46, a few words and the National Anthem. Flags in many windows. However, sickness was prevalent, and the Education Department has deemed it best to close both Longnor and Hollinsclough School till Dec.2nd. One set of patients recover and again others are laid on one side. The trouble can only be described as varied forms of Influenza.

Magazines. In the coming year, 1919, the price for the Magazine, owing to expense of paper, will be 1½d. Our sincere thanks are given to all the distributors for their year's work.

BURIALS.

Oct 31—Hannah Cundy, of Daisy Knowle, aged 27.

Nov. 4—John Gilman, of Church Street, aged 52 years.

9—Nellie May Smith, of Townend, aged 18 days.

15—Rose Hannah Percival, of 6, Queen Street, aged 38 years

BAPTISMS.

Nov. 5—Nellie May, daughter of Moses and May Smith, Townend, Longnor.

15—Lorna Thirza, daughter of Frank and Gladys Thornton, the Cheshire Cheese, Longnor.

A. B. H. STANHAM,
Vicar and Surrogate.

QUARNFORD AND RAMSHAW.

The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Stafford instituted the Rev. J. W. Plant to the Benefice of Quarnford on Oct. 22nd, at 2-45 p.m.



There are many people to whom very hearty thanks are due for their kind and ungrudging help towards making the Harvest Festivals so reverent and impressive. We recognise with the deepest gratitude the untiring energy of those who gave up much of their valuable time to the skill-exacting task of decorating the Churches and arranging the bountiful supply of Flowers, Corn, Fruit, Vegetables, etc., etc.

We ask the following friends to accept our best of thanks for their help, and to permit us also to say how great was our pleasure to see so much gratitude manifested in the practical self-sacrificing work and gifts :—

Quarnford—Mr. and Mrs. Beswick (Northfield), Mr. Beswick (Travellers' Rest), Messrs. Brocklehurst, Brocklehurst (Knotbury), Wood, A. Slack, L. Slack, Findlow, Ash, Tunnicliffe, Wain, Stubb, Mrs. Peate, Mrs. Mellor (Edge Top), Mrs. Mellor (Wickenlow), Masters Townson.

Collections and Sale of Fruit, etc.,
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SHEEN BURIALS

Nov 12—Judith Helen Titterton, wife of Arthur Titterton, of Under Whittle, aged 33 years.

13 - Samuel Arthur Proctor, of Ridge End, aged 42 years.

The Parish Social on Friday in Wakes Week, notwithstanding the drawbacks of sickness and bad weather was very successful. As usual many came long distance. The big programme of dances was thoroughly enjoyed right up to the finish. The usual hearty response of the parishioners was again forthcoming in the way of refreshments, and our hearty thanks are due to the following for their gifts :—The Vicar, Mrs. Rose, Miss Janes, Mrs. Critchbow (Pilsbury), Mrs. Leech, Mrs. S. Stubbs, Mrs. J. Stubbs, Mrs. Manifold, Mrs. R. Gilman, Mrs. W. Gilman, Mrs. J. W. Riley, Mrs. G. Riley, Mrs. Lomas (Drumbus), Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Humphries, Mrs. B. Prince, Mrs. J. W. Titterton, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Calladine, Mrs. Broadhurst, Mrs. Shufflebotham, Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. C. Harrison, Miss Salt, Mr. Hodgkinson, Mr. G. Critchlow, Mrs. Harrison (Old Post Office), Miss Finney, Mrs. Wheeldon, Mrs. Cantrell, and two friends. The result proved to be a very welcome addition to our Church Funds, and will go a long way towards meeting the increased expenditure due to the war.

Advent Sunday, 1st December, is the beginning of a new Church Year, and it should be kept with joy and thanksgiving for deliverance from the cruelest and deadliest war that has scourged mankind.

The petition which for four years and three months has been offered up to God, "Give peace in our time, O Lord," has been answered: the enemy has been vanquished—the mighty has fallen, and we are permitted to look forward to Christmas with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, of pride and gratitude to the brave men who, with indomitable courage and unfaltering determination have crushed the wickedness and tyranny of the enemy.

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Services in the Benefice for December

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 7 th						7 th Rev Dr Keith Davies Holy Communion 2.30 pm	7 th Rev Michael Etheridge 2.30 pm
Friday 12 th					Carol Service 7.30 pm		
Sunday 14 th Advent 3		Carols and Christingle 2.30 pm	Morning Prayer 10 am	Morning Prayer 11.15 am		Mrs Joyce Lawton 2.30 pm	Sunday School 10.30 am
Sunday 21 st Advent 4	Carol Service 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer 11 am	Carol Service 6 pm		Christmas Holy Communion 10 am	Colin Smith 2.30 pm	Carol Service Rev John Kime 2.30 pm
Wednesday 24 th Christmas Eve	Midnight Mass 11.30 pm		Christmas Holy Communion 10 pm	Christmas Carols and Holy Communion 7 pm			24 th Candlelight Service 7.30 pm
Thursday 25 th Christmas Day		Christmas Holy Communion 11 am					
Sunday 28 th Christmas 1			Benefice Holy Communion 11 am			At Buxton	No Service

Newtown - Short morning service 10.45 am followed by "elevenses" each Thursday from 11th September.
If other churches would like a mid-week service please contact your churchwardens.