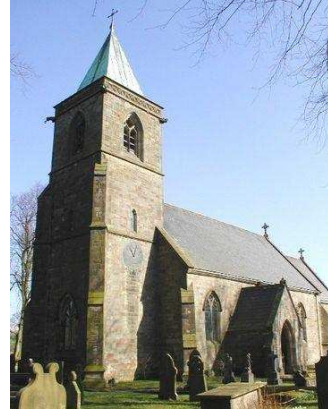


Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

February 2009
Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown
Hollinsclough, Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

40p



St. Paul's, Newtown

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Worship Leader's Letter

This month we will welcome baby Isabelle into the church.

At baptism, she will begin her journey in faith, with the help of her parents and godparents, and when she is older, they will encourage her to come to confirmation and communion.

She will receive the sign of the cross, in water, on her forehead "as a disciple of Christ", cleansed from sin and born again.

The baptism of infants is a service most people are familiar with (please come along to Longnor to welcome Isabelle - the service will be conducted by Canon E. Urquhart).

Ash Wednesday, at the end of the month, is the first day of Lent. Jesus retreated into the wilderness and fasted for 40 days to prepare for His ministry. It was for Him a time of contemplation, reflection and preparation. By observing Lent, Christians join Jesus on His retreat (today the word 'fasting' means total abstinence from all food. In the historic Church, it meant a disciplined diet). It is a time for us to prepare for Easter by prayer, penitence and possibly giving things up for Lent as part of the Lenten discipline.

The Ash Wednesday service is a service of Holy Communion with "Imposition of Ashes".

Last year, someone said to me that they hadn't gone to the service because

they didn't understand what this meant.....

Traditionally, the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service come from burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration, During the service, as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we approach the season of Lent (the preparation of Easter) the congregation is invited to come to the altar, to the foot of Christ's Cross, and receive on the forehead, in ash, the sign of the cross, the symbol of salvation. We are reminded "that you are but dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ".

The church sometimes uses vocabulary not heard elsewhere. A few years ago a person in the Benefice was very suspicious of the service of Compline (late evening prayer) and a friend of mine had not heard the word 'Benefice' (group of churches).

I certainly don't know what everything means so please don't be put off or worried that you might not know what to do. Just as the church will welcome Isabelle in baptism on 8th February, it welcomes each and every one of us, to the end of our lives.

Hoping to see you all on Ash Wednesday, with Rev. I. Winton,

Best wishes,

Janet

Benefice News

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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.

Deadline for the Magazine

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

Mobile Library

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| 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 |

Friday 13th Feb, 27th Feb

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

Monday 9th Feb, 23rd Feb

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



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.

Dates for your Diary

4th History Live - Hollinsclough
9th & 16th Feb - Longnor Church (Balcony Room) 2pm - 4pm
20th Whist Drive - Sheen
25th Ash Wednesday Service - Longnor

Benefice

Ash Wednesday Service

With Imposition of Ashes

8pm

St. Bartholomew's Church, Longnor

Wednesday 25th February

All welcome

'Art for Health' Sessions

2nd Feb - Hartington Surgery
2.30pm - 4.30pm

9th & 16th Feb - Longnor Church (Balcony Room) 2pm - 4pm

23rd Feb - Hartington Village Hall
2pm - 4pm

Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church

News

Donation in memory of my parents, John and Emily Bradbury.

In Loving Memory

Esther Wardman

Many friends and neighbours joined family mourners at St Bartholomew's Church, Longnor, on Saturday January 10th, for the funeral of Mrs Esther Wardman, of Buxton, who died in hospital on Boxing Day aged 90 years.

The service was conducted by Father Terry Warner and was followed by interment in the churchyard.

Esther was born at Spout Farm, Reapmoor in 1918 and was one of six children (3 brothers and 2 sisters). The family moved to Lane head, Longnor when Esther was 6 years old.

She attended Longnor School, and on leaving school like most girls went out to service in Buxton.

In 1941 she married George Wardman and they lived for a short while at Mosscarr Farm, Longnor, before moving to Marnshaw Head, Barrowmoor, Longnor.

In 1947 their daughter Barbara was born and 3 years later a son John was born.

After leaving Marnshaw Head, they moved to Wilshaw Bottom Farm, Hollinsclough where they stayed until retiring to Buxton Rd , Longnor in 1984.

Esther was very much a family lady, and loved farming at Wilshaw Bottom--feeding the young stock and chickens. Her wants were few, but she did enjoy watching snooker on TV and she never missed any major Tournaments. Before her retirement Esther would enjoy holidays to the seaside with her sisters Flo and Mary.

After George's death in 1986, Esther moved to St Anne's House Buxton to be near her daughter.

Family Mourners were- Mrs B Critchlow (Daughter) Mr and Mrs J Wardman (Son and Daughter-in law)

Mr G Critchlow, Mr and Mrs S Critchlow, Mr J Wardman, Mr M Wardman, Mr A Wardman, Beverley, Kirsty and Karen (Grandchildren)

Mrs F Vaines ,Mrs M Armitt, (sisters) Mr and Mrs D Vaines, Mr A Armitt (Nephews and Niece}

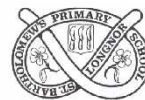
Bearers were Mr G Critchlow, Mr S Critchlow, Mr J Wardman, Mr M Wardman, Mr A Wardman and Mr E Wardman.

Funeral Arrangements were by S Sigley & Sons of Leek.

From the Registers

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Nora Armett, age 82 | 6 th January |
| Esther Wardman, age 90 | 10 th January |
| John Thomas Gibbs, age 85 | 17 th January |

News from St Bartholomew's School ...



We were sorry to lose Mrs. Pownall at Christmas and wish here well in her retirement.

New term - new start - Focus - Going for goals.

Key Stage 2 class topics for this term are pirates and invaders; also we will be taking

part in the small schools football tournament proudly wearing and showing off our new kit. Key Stage 1 and Nursery children are studying the Weather.

The afterschool nature club has been busy making fatballs and erecting our new bird feeding station in preparation for the RSPB Big Bird Watch.

Joined by pupils from Flash and Hollinsclough we have started our New Year activities with a visit from Carl Thomas, international and world martial arts champion, who taught us and set out for us various self-discipline challenges and tasks relating to positive behaviour. We were then asked to complete these tasks in our daily routines at home.

Carl is working with The Children's Safety Education Foundation and came back later in the month to make a presentation to the pupils.

After half term, to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, we are hosting a joint schools French themed day.

Bag 2 School Collection. Fundraising for School and Playgroup. Items are re-cycled by the Bag 2 School Organization and we receive a good percentage in return for what we collect. If anyone has any items, clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, bedding etc. (no bric a brac or electrical - thank you.) Please put in black bin bags. Please bring bags to pre-school for collection at 10 am Wednesday 25th February. Arrangements can be made to store bags from Monday 23rd February if necessary. For further information please contact School or Heather at Playgroup. Tele: 01298 83233.

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.

Sue Evans, Head Teacher

Minutes of Longnor Action Group Meeting

Tuesday, 13th January, 2009

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

Apologies: Gaynor Parkinson, Lisa Hall

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 that variegated ivy would be a possibility for use in the village planters as these need little maintenance and look very striking.

LEAFLET UPDATE

John & Debbie to visit local businesses to discuss the leaflet.

Sam Kitchen to produce a poster asking for old / new photographs of Longnor.

Sam Kidd to discuss the school involvement e.g. drawing of school at the next Governors' Meeting.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

John to speak to Gary at Spring Cottage regarding the access codes.

Debbie & Sam Kitchen to review and update the website.

PROJECT CARBON

No feedback as yet from Tessa Clark

Sam Kidd to contact Jason at Hollinsclough re: possible joint meeting date for Longnor / Hollinsclough Action Group

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sam Kidd agreed to speak to the school regarding their view on the possible Christmas market.

The meeting day was reviewed and will possibly be changed to Thursday AFTER the next meeting if this is convenient with Gaynor and Lisa.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3rd February at 7.30 p.m. in the Balcony Room at the Church.



What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before **Easter Sunday**, so the date varies from year to year and falls between 3 February and 9 March. The name Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began.

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

Reapsmoor

St. John's Church News

Air Ambulance

Henry Mycock would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Air Ambulance fund for his 75th Birthday. The sum of £455 was raised. Thank you all.

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING
BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



THIS IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY
HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING LIKE
THEIR KEYS OR JACKET OR GLASSES

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Sheen

JANUARY'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

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|--------------------|----|-----------------|-----|
| 1 st No | 73 | Mavis Gallimore | £20 |
| 2 nd No | 43 | Nadine Kaminski | £15 |
| 3 rd No | 92 | Freda Critchlow | £10 |
| 4 th No | 98 | Susan Critchlow | £7 |
| 5 th No | 5 | Nancy Bassett | £5 |
| 6 th No | 23 | Andy Kaminski | £4 |

Thank you, to all 122 Members

DONATIONS - thank you to Mrs M Holland and Miss J Holland.

WHIST DRIVE - 20th February 2009 in Sheen Village Hall at 8pm. All profits go towards the upkeep of St Luke's

PCC MEETING - 10th February 2009 7pm in Church

THANK YOU -to everybody who helps to keep the Church and Church yard looking tidy and well maintained.

AEROBICS CLASS -

Start the new year with a new fitness programme. 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, thereafter is £2.50 per class. For more information please ring Pam on 01298 84809 or Julie on 01298 84507.



VILLAGE HALL MEETING - 9th February 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you have any fund raising ideas please come along.

BEGINNERS CROCHET CLASS - 5th, 12th, 19th, February and 5th March 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.

February 2nd Candlemas
commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem.

People believed that Candlemas predicted the weather for the rest of the winter.

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight.*

*If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter won't come again.*

Hollinsclough

Hollinsclough School



Curriculum:-

The children have been "tree detectives" and have learned to identify the twigs and buds of the trees in the grounds. The next step in this process will be learning the shapes of the leaves. However this will have to wait until later in the spring.

The children took part in a "Self-Discipline Challenge" at Longnor (martial arts workshop) and will be joining with Longnor and Flash Schhols for football training and gymnastics this term.

The Rev'd Colin Smith has kindly agreed to come in this term to take assembly each Thursday between 8.30 and 9am. Parents and friends are invited to join in this. They would also be most welcome to join the Art & Design sessions which are held on a Friday afternoon. Please contact the school (01298 83303) for further details.

Future plans:-

An Arts Workshop is being arranged for the children at the Buxton Museum, but the date has yet to be arranged. One date that has been decided is for the Mardi-Gras Day at Longnor on February 24th.

The school is hoping to start a Mums and Toddlers Group in the near future.

We are also raising funds for an Outdoor Classroom so that we can continue to develop the use of our local environment. This will extend to the Action Group pond area, where there will be another dipping session. We shall then be able to see

whether there has been an increase in the number of species in that habitat.

Thanks:-

To the parents who continue to help in the school and to raise funds for projects.

History Live

Wednesday **February 4th** at 7.30 pm in Hollinsclough Chapel Hall.

Lindsey Porter, writer & publisher gives us *The History of Ecton Copper Mines*.

Our renowned refreshments are included in the admission price.

For more details please contact Sue: 01298 83269



Hollinsclough Chapel

Service times for

February:-

All at 2.30pm

Feb 1st Rev'd Colin Smith Holy Communion

Feb 8th Rev'd Richard Mottershead

Feb 15th Rev'd Colin Smith

Feb 22nd at Earl Sterndale

Quarnford

St. Paul's Church News

Donations We acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the following donations:-

In memory of a dear husband, Ben, from Gwen Kidd.

In memory of Mary Belfield from Doris Phillips.

From the Registers

We trust her to God's merciful keeping
2nd January - burial, following service at Gradbach Chapel
Daisy Elizabeth Nadin

Welcome to Mrs Carol Gunn, the new Headteacher at Flash school.

Quarnford Quest

Winners for January:-

1st J Belfield No 58 £20

2nd G Mycock No 42 £10

3rd A Gould No 24 £5.50

Holy Communion

On Sunday 8th February at 11.15am will be celebrated by Rev Ivan Winton from Wincle. This will be his first visit to Quarnford and we would like to have a full church to welcome him.

He will also be conducting the Ash Wednesday service at Longnor on 25th February.

News From Flash C of E Primary School

Here at Flash we have a new Head Teacher, me. I feel extremely privileged

to be here working with such enthusiastic children, supportive parents, willing Governors, talented staff and in such an outstandingly beautiful location. Although at this moment I can just about see the edge of St Paul's Church Yard! Everyone has been extremely helpful and welcoming since my arrival.

In between the frosts we have planted thirty young trees including dogwood, hazel, holly, field maple and hawthorn. These were planted in our wildlife area filling in gaps in the hedge and to form a new hedge by the wall. The trees were kindly provided by the Peak Park and our planting session was led by two local Peak Park Rangers, Hazel and Sally. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting muddy, digging, hammering in stakes and helping to



improve our wildlife area. We will be monitoring the growth of each tree, let's hope they flourish.

Everyone would like to thank Mr. John Kenny for designing, making and installing wooden crosses in school. They enhance our Christian ethos a treat, reminding us all that we are a church school.

On Wednesday afternoons we have P.E. with pupils from Longnor and Hollinsclough at Longnor so that the children can experience a variety of sporting activities. The children told me that they particularly enjoyed the martial arts lesson.

We have hosted an informative training evening on health and safety, when Governors from Ipstones, Rushton and Hollinsclough joined us.

The next meeting of 'The Friends of Flash' is on Wednesday 28th January at 7pm. Everyone who would like to support our school is most welcome, it will be lovely to meet you.

As I look through the window I can now see probably the best view from any school in England. Once again I think how wonderful it is to be here in Flash, real food for the soul, a real privilege.

Carol Gunn, Head Teacher

Newtown

St Paul's Church Newtown

Many thanks to all those who attended our Christmas Holy Communion service and celebration, which took place afterwards.

There was a tremendous turnout with some seventy or so taking part, the Rev. George Charles was delighted with the response and to see so many children in the congregation. We must thank all those who provided the Christmas fare which has now become part of Newtown's Christmas Festivities.

Christmas donations were received with many thanks from Bob and Margaret Frost, Mary, Michael, Sarah and Robert Mellor from The Green, Jackie Ellis in Loving memory of her mum and dad.

The February Holy Communion will be taken by our good friend Rev. George Charles, from Leek who will be pleased to see you all again.

HARTINGTON NETBALL CLUB- NEW YEAR AND NEW MEMBERS

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From the Readership

Perks of reaching 60 or being over 68 and heading towards 75 years of age.

01. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
02. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
03. No one expects you to run-- anywhere.
04. People call at 9 pm and ask, did I wake you?
05. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
06. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
07. Things you buy now won't wear out.
08. You can eat supper at 4 pm.
09. You can live without *** but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans .
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with lift music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.

15 . Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.

17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

19. You can't remember who sent you this list..

Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening

*Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

Robert Frost

From the Manse

Dear Friends,

The fighting between Israel and Hamas has been devastating for the people of Gaza. The carnage of dead, injured and traumatised will further bedevil relationships in the Middle East in the years to come.

No doubt behind the Israeli attack there is the memory of the centuries during which the Jewish people in Europe were often treated with disdain. Blamed for the death of Christ they were frequently humiliated and sometimes attacked or thrown out of their country. The Holocaust was the terrible outcome of hundreds of years of persecution during which the Jewish people were often used as a scapegoat.

The irony is that, in many places where the Ottoman Turks ruled, Christians and Jews lived in a tolerable state of peace with their neighbours. Visiting Damascus two years ago I saw the Jewish and Christian quarters in the old city where they had lived near each other and their Muslim neighbours for hundreds of years.

When Israel was created it was in a land where many Palestinians, both Muslims and Christians, had lived for many years. Many fled the fighting at the birth of Israel and have lived as exiles ever since. The longing to return has remained over the 60 years since Israel came into existence.

Out of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict has come that deep sense amongst many Muslims that the West regards Muslims as expendable. They feel deeply that their dignity is insulted and their religion scorned. When George Bush foolishly spoke about "a Crusade" against evil they remembered the time when the Crusaders attacked Muslims with great ferocity 900 years ago.

So what can Christians do today?

First, we speak of the equal value in God's sight of people from every religion and ethnic background, people of both sexes and many languages. Jewish and Palestinian people are neither more nor less precious in the sight of God than any other people. For God's sake, we treat with respect people of all faiths and none.

Secondly, we explore in Christian hope - the hope that doesn't despair - the path to peace and justice. At present there is talk of the creation of two states, Israel and Palestine, as a first step towards the eventual creation of one nation. That may be a very distant dream - the sort of "unrealistic" dream we had at the height of communist power in Europe and Apartheid in South Africa - but it gives a direction to our hopes and prayers.

Thirdly, yes, we pray with the kind of prayer that leads to action. The present fighting is ending for the time being. The people of Gaza need our practical help to rebuild their infrastructure and their battered economy. A donation to the Christian Aid Appeal for Gaza would be a symbolic sign of our commitment to healing the deep hurt experienced by the ordinary people of Gaza.

We pray, too, for President Obama, a committed Christian whose vision comes from his faith, as he begins his work in challenging times. Under his leadership, we may hope that America will help Israel move towards a new way of living with her neighbours, no longer based on military power but on a shared search for justice and peace for all.

Christ's peace be with us, in our hearts and in our actions.

Colin

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History Notes

Alstonfield Deanery Magazine

February 1919

Longnor

As this goes to press there is sad news. Nellie Thompson, after a few days, and the young child of Mrs. C. E. Weston have died of pneumonia. Mr. P. Kirkham has also lost a child.

Baptism. Dec. 15th, 1918, Gilbert, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Kirkham, The Ferns, Reapsmoor (at Newtown).

Marriage. Jan. 23rd, 1919, Pte. Charles Ball, Brook's Cottage, Butterton, to Miss Nellie Richardson, Fernyford, Newtown.

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

Quarnford

HOLY BAPTISM.

Nov. 24—Moses, son of Ernest William and Isabella May Grindey, Ramshaw.

Jan. 19—Ronald Herbert, son of George Joseph and Harriet Ager, Upperhulme.

JOHN W. PLANT,
Vicar.

SHEEN.

BURIAL.

Jan. 11—Alice Ann Lawton, Endon House, aged 72.

For the Christmas Festival the Church was decorated again very neatly with holly and ivy. This was carried out effectively by Mrs. Rose, the Misses Wilson, Miss Hannah Stubbs and Miss Mary Prince, to all of whom we feel very grateful.

Thanksgiving Day, Jan. 5th, was set apart for special offerings on behalf of Foreign Missions. Weather conditions were not of the most favourable character, but £6 12s. 10d., a most satisfactory total, was realised after the children's Missionary boxes had been opened and special donations had been added. The amount was made up as follows:—Collections in Church, £2 15s. 4d.; Donations from two members of the congregation, £1; Missionary Boxes: Ethel May Critchlow, £1; Mary G. Leech, 16/-; Frances E. Gilman, 12/-; and Catherine Riley, 9/6. We should like to see the efforts of these girls copied by others in our Sunday School. Boxes may be obtained on application to the Superintendent.

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HOLY MATRIMONY. "Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

Dec. 20th, Ronald Mycock and Sylvia Amy Grindey.

BURIAL. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Dec. 23rd, Thomas Carrington, aged 83 years. (Service and Interment at Earl Sterndale.)

THANKS. For donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Thomas Carrington :—Mr. Thomas Nadin, £1; Miss Una Gregory, 10/-; Mr. Wardle, Orchard Farm, Flash, 10/-.

E. H. FINNEMORE, Vicar

Quarnford

CHURCH CARETAKER. MR. Victor Heathcote has undertaken to heat and clean the church. We are all most grateful to him for his really efficient work.

DONATIONS. Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Knight, each £1; Mrs. Donnelly, 10/-.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Feb. 1st, Mrs. E. A. Saxton; Feb. 15th, Mrs. Gardner.

H. W. THOMPSON,
Vicar.

A Weekday Page for Women

Thursday's Cooking

To keep cheese fresh and free from mildew, place a lump of sugar on the cheese. This will absorb the moisture and keep the cheese fresh. A substitute for whipped cream is made by adding a sliced banana to the white of an egg. Beat until stiff. The banana will disappear and you will have a delicious substitute for whipped cream.—

Mrs. STEEL.

Services in the Benefice for February

| | Longnor | Quarnford | Sheen | Newtown | Reapsmoor | Hollinsclough Chapel | Gradbach Chapel |
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| Sunday 1 st Epiphany 4 | | Evensong 2.15pm | | | Evensong 3.30pm | Rev'd Colin Smith Holy Communion | |
| Sunday 8 th 3 rd before Lent | Family Service with Holy Baptism | Holy Communion 11.15am | Holy Communion 10am | | | Rev'd Richard Mottershead | |
| Sunday 15 th 2 nd before Lent | | Family Service 11am | | Holy Communion 10am | Holy Communion 11.15am | Rev'd Colin Smith | |
| Sunday 22 nd Next before Lent | | | Evensong 6.30pm | | | At Earl Sterndale | |
| Wednesday 25 th Ash Wednesday | Benefice Holy Communion with Ashing 8pm | | | | | | |

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