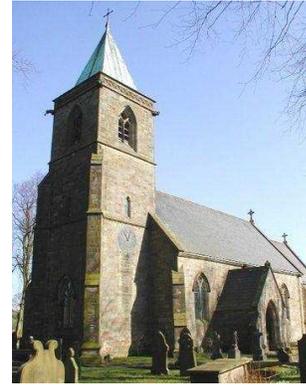


Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

February

2010

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



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

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St. Paul's, Newtown

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Before we moved in, people said to us 'We don't get severe winters anymore!' But this has certainly been an interesting and challenging start for us to the New Year and to the ministry here in the benefice. I am looking out at the remains of the snow, and hoping that we will not get too much more in the next weeks, and that we can begin to settle in to a more normal routine of life. We also know that it could have been much worse, and we are grateful for warmth and shelter in the cold, even if getting around has been rather a struggle.

This month sees the start of the season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday being the 17th. There will be a Benefice Service at Longnor that day, at 7 pm, and all are welcome to come and share in that. But how else might we mark the 40 days of Lent, which traditionally has been a time for seeking to deepen our relationship with God? You may be in the habit of denying yourself some luxury; giving up chocolates or alcohol, for example. Perhaps you have tried in the past giving more time than usual to reading the bible or praying. I would like to offer a suggestion for you to use this Lent.

At the service on the 5th December, as part of the Act of Commitment, this question was put to all who attended:

'Will you, the people of God, read the Scriptures day by day, be open to God's living word for you, and allow its truth to shape your lives?', to which you responded 'With God's help, we will.' The habit of reading the bible regularly is one that I believe is invaluable for us all if we want to

grow in faith, but it is not always easy to know where to start, and how to find answers to the questions that will inevitably come from such reading. So I am planning to offer you a set of readings from the bible to use during Lent, and we will also be arranging a group to meet, probably once a week, to talk about what you have read, and to give an opportunity to discuss any problems you have met, or questions that you have from the passages.

Reading the bible regularly is one of the ways in which we may be able to hear God's voice speaking to us, and I hope that the readings from the bible will help you to deepen your understanding of God, and walk more closely with him. It can be about developing a deeper relationship with the Lord, and not just acquiring more information, interesting though that will be.

At the moment, we have not finalised when and where such discussion groups will meet, but we may try to organize at least one in an evening, and one during the day, so that more people can be involved. I will make sure that the details of the groups are made known in each of our churches, as well as the details of what passages of the bible I am asking you to read.

Please ask if you want to know more, and my best wishes to you all.

James Forrester

(ps Most of you will have heard that we are now proud grandparents to Sylvie Rae, born safely on the 10th January in Oxford.)

Benefice News

**Local Police Number
0300 123 44 55**

For all non-emergency calls

Dates for your Diary - February

Wednesday, 3rd History Live - Hollinsclough
Monday, 22nd Whist Drive - Warslow

Toufic-our sponsored child in Lebanon.

Toufic sent us a Christmas card, thanked us for our continued support and wished us all a Happy New Year.

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

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

Friday 12th Feb, 26th Feb

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 8th Feb, 22nd Feb

In Touch Project



Staffordshire Moorlands CVS has been asked by Health and Social Care to pilot a project in the Dane and Manifold Wards. The In Touch project brings together a package of preventative services available to older people in their own homes. The services will be provided by a number of different organisations such as Beat the Cold, North Staffordshire Home Improvement Agency, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue, North Staffordshire Age Concern and the Financial Assessment and Benefits Team.

For the project to be successful we need to make direct contact with residents in the Dane and Manifold Wards who qualify for the scheme. Residents need to be 60 years and over. I am sure there are many people who would welcome loft insulation, checks on their smoke alarms, electric blankets etc, adaptations to their home. Some residents may not be claiming the appropriate state benefits. Help is at hand for a variety of services.

Prepaid request cards have been circulated to all villages in the Dane and Manifold Wards and are available in village halls or shops where appropriate. Alternatively please give Sheila Allen a call on 01538 398689 or e.mail: sheilaallen@smcvs.co.uk.

We are here to help and provide a friendly service.

**Flash and Longnor First
Responders Monthly News**
www.falfr.org.uk

Hi Folks, The winter weather has certainly made for some interesting callouts for us. Thank heavens our little ambulance is a 4x4, it has earned it's keep over the last few weeks and got us to some fairly remote places where we have been able to help and reassure people while waiting for the big ambulance to be towed in or in some cases have taken casualties to meet the ambulance. Mind you we have been stuck a couple of times and thank you to the people who towed us out with their tractors. It has been quite a busy time with a lot of calls related to the weather. One week two of us gave 148 hours of cover because no one else in the group could get out!

We have had some very generous donations over the last two months and thank you to everyone for your support; £30 Christmas donation from Ewart and Pauline Hall and family, £40 from Swainsley Cottage, £20 from the Bowers, £27.52 from the collecting box at the Red Lion in Thorncliffe, £1.92 from Brownsplit Farm in Longnor, £48.53 from The Greyhound in Warslow, £390 in memory of Mr Frank Goodwin from Wallbrook, £600 in memory of Phyllis Gould from Longnor, The bonfire night and some other functions at The Greyhound raised £359.11 and Warslow Village Hall Carol Singing £142. Thank you all again for keeping us running and a special thank you to the families of Frank Goodwin and Phyllis Gould at this sad time.

Keep your ears open for news of Emma Wentworth from Quarnford who is running the London Marathon for us and will be looking for some sponsorship. Her details and training progress will hopefully be posted on our website. Good luck Emma.

We have just heard that the sales of the Longnor Calendar, with its wonderful photographs of the area, went very well and have raised £151 for us. Thank you Michaela

KEEP WELL and 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*

Teddies for Tragedies



When the teddies leave our Benefice they go to a large warehouse where they are stored with blankets, medicines, tents and other vital equipment. When a disaster strikes anywhere in the world everything is ready packed to be sent where it is needed, straight away. I'm sure we have all seen the terrible pictures of the suffering in Haiti and the heartbreaking scenes of small children who have lost family, homes and possessions. Our teddies have gone to Haiti to give just a little comfort to a sick or frightened child.

This is an on-going project - please keep knitting.

See page 13 for knitting pattern

Ruby "Art for Health"

on Mondays

Feb 1st Hartington Surgery, Meeting Room 2.30pm
- 4.30pm

Feb 8th Biggin Village Hall 2pm - 4pm

Feb 15th Hartington Village Hall - 2pm - 4pm

Feb 22nd Longnor Church, Balcony Room (Stair
access) 2pm - 4pm

Deadline for the Magazine

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



Hartington

Invites you to their cheese festival.

February 28th 10-2

With special guest, ex corrie star

SEAN WILSON

(Martin Platt)

*Come along, meet Sean and taste some
fantastic cheese.*

*Free tea and coffee available for all
customers.*



(See Genesis 3:27)

IT WAS JUST METHUSELAH'S BIRTHDAY
CANDLES AGAIN!

Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church News

Quiz (the new Vicar) Night

At the Cheshire Cheese

On Thursday 25th February

From 7.30pm

All welcome

This is an opportunity to meet James and ask him questions about his life and his Christian faith; James reserves the right to phone a friend if the questions are too difficult! Tea and coffee will be available free, and other drinks can, of course, be bought from the bar. There are no prizes, not even for the most obscure or difficult question! We hope that you will come and enjoy the evening.

Christmas Fair

Thanks to everyone who attended, helped or gave prizes on the day.

Thanks to Chris Stevens for entertaining the young and the not so young and giving his time so freely
£1065-62 was raised.

Donations-D Johnson and T Riley.

Prize Winners

Hamper- Sue Storer

Christmas Cake-Sam Sharkey

Whiskey- Jim Whitehill

Wine- Shirley Riley

Biscuits-Luke Wigley

Coffee- Jayne Wilton

Bonus Ball-Helen Mellor

Teddy Bears Picnic-Jane Dracup

Main Raffle

Claret- Mrs Fox

Roses-Kelly Pointon

Crackers-Peggy Leese

Whiskey- Helon Grimshaw

Toiletries- Mavis Storer
 Towel-Elizabeth Simpson
 Teddy- Sam Sharkey
 Wine- June Higton
 Teddy- Andrea Perkin
 Tray-Sma Sharkey
 Holiday Bag- Mavis Storer
 Candles-Karen Wigley
 Bag- June Davenport
 Picture Game-

Thanks to the family and friends of the late Mrs Phyllis Gould for the very generous donation of £750 to the organ fund.

Donation in memory of Simon Braddock from Mum, Dad and family

The Band Concert

The band concert was well attended and the band played some lovely Christmas music, our thanks to them.

Congratulations to Paul and Tracey Bagshaw on the birth of James David.



Longnor & District
 Pre-School Playgroup
 High quality care and education for 2-5 year-olds Ofsted rated: 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
 www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk
 Reg. Charity: 1044161 Ofsted: 218187

Christmas Event at Brownsplit Farm

Jason and Helen would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the event such a resounding success.

Raffle in aid of Longnor Church

Sam also wishes to thank all the people who donated prizes or sold raffle tickets which raised a total of £271.00 for church funds.
 Money raised from sale of book £142.00
 Grand total £413.00

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| Xmas Tree | Doreen Hails |
| Red Wine | Mrs Murray |
| Home Creation | Addie Poole |
| Square Box Biscuits | Addie Poole |
| Xmas Cards | Joanne Critchlow
Newton |
| Bird Book | David Fryer Winder |
| Terry All Gold Chocs | Elsie Willott |
| Toy Story Chocs | Henry Kidd |
| Selection Box | Claire Wolstencroft |
| Chinese Bowl Set | Mark |
| Cinderella Puzzle Book | Nev Williams |
| Xmas Cushion | Sian Lownds |
| Wooden Puzzle Set | John Stubbs |
| Counting Puzzle | Brian Beresford |
| Sloe Gin Set | Sue Storer |
| Furry Hot Water
Bottle Cover | Elizabeth Simpson |
| Stripy Teddy Bear | Sam Garlick |
| Tall Tin Biscuits | Mr Murray |
| 4 Children's Books | Norma Twigg |
| Bath Set | Linda Mellor |
| Jigsaw Puzzle | Jamal Johnson |
| 3 small bottles Wine | Eric Williams |
| White Wine | Gary Bills |
| Fuji Teddy | Chris Carter |
| Address Book | June Higton |
| Honey Pot | Jason Hails |
| Large Teddy Bear | Anne Anderson |

Photo Album	Noelene Roe
Photo Frame	Kempster
White Wine	Stan Goodwin
Tawny Port	Michael Winder
Counting Puzzle	Alison Turner
White Wine	Mrs C Gould
Spanner Set	Joe Critchlow
Porcelain Doll	Eve Marsh
Simpson Pencil Case	J. Ball
Stationery Set	Billy Prince
Place Mats	Sue Williams
Xmas Wrapping Paper	Charlotte Newton
Photo Frame Set	Olive Francis
Classic Collection	Roland Etches
Activity Books	Pam Critchlow
Scent	Vanda Simpson
Perfume	Mavis Gilman
Torch	Estelle Wall
Tin Chocolate Biscuits	Sue Hall

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time.

This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?"

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This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting on my shoes!"

Quarnford St. Paul's Church News Christmas

It seems a long time ago now!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair with the school, and also the Christmas services, including the Christingle.

Thank you to the school children for making the christingles and for singing at the service. **Thank you** to Margaret and John Clulow for donating the Christmas flowers and for decorating the church. - not forgetting John and Barrie's help with snow clearing.

Donations are gratefully received from the Carrington family, Mrs. M. Parker, K.J. Tysall, Mr. and Mrs. E. Belfield, Mrs. A. Wardle, Mrs. G. Kidd and from the proceeds of the Quiz Night.

Allotments in Longnor - Interested?
 Longnor Parish Council are looking into the possibility of getting allotments for the residents of Longnor. If you would like to have an allotment please let a parish councillor know of your interest.
 Longnor Parish Council

The Talking Centipede

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him.

Roof Appeal

There have been two P.C.C. meetings since the last parish magazine was printed. Both of these were to discuss the roof and the finances to fund it.

In order to be eligible for one of the grants, work must begin by the end of March, 2010 and we need at least another £13,000. Planned giving was discussed and we hope that some people will take part. This is for individuals to agree to pay a fixed amount each week or month into church funds so that the church has a regular income to pay running costs such as electricity, insurance, parish share etc.

Please contact Janet M^cNicol if you are able to take part in this scheme. We will keep you updated on the progress.

Quarnford Quest

Winners for December: R. Beresford, G. Finney & M.J. Green.

Winners for January: D. Hall, E.L. Belfield & A. Ridgeway.

Thank you to all our members.

News From Flash C of E Primary School



As I write this Christmas seems such a long time ago. However I feel that I must mention what a fabulous time the children had. The last

week was packed with fun activities. On the Monday we welcomed Fiona Angwin for an afternoon, an expert puppeteer, who retold Greek Myths using her fantastic handmade puppets. The usual Christmas party followed on the Tuesday. On Wednesday we all went to The Churnet Valley Railway for a Santa and Steam experience. We arrived not really

sure of what to expect but this activity had been chosen by the children. We were entertained by a balloon sculptor who twisted balloons into anything the children asked for. We boarded the stream train and enjoyed the clown entertainer. The magician marvelled us all. We all enjoyed a drink and chocolate on the train. Then of course we had a very special visitor, Father Christmas who gave every child a present. We were all very impressed by the quality of the presents and lots of wows could be heard. The visit ended with lunch at the Froghall Station Cafe. Thanks to Mrs Kenny for coming with us and joining in the fun. Thursday was Christmas Dinner day when all staff, children and guests enjoyed a lovely dinner prepared by Mrs. Grindey.

We all met our new vicar before Christmas, Rev James Forrester who spent time making and telling us about Christingles. We then joined him at St. Paul's Church for a Christingle Service that was well attended and very enjoyable. Thanks to everyone involved.

I would also like to thank Mrs Caroline Green, who has been a Foundation Governor for many years, but has now ended her term of office. Mrs Green is very generous with her time and we are grateful for her continuing support in school with music.

We have given every child a snow pack. (I hardly dare mention the word.) This contains activities and mental challenges for the children to complete if we have to close the school because of the 'white stuff'.

Our Mums and Tots meet every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm - 2.45pm. For further details please phone school on 01298 23442.

Carol Gunn, Head Teacher

Sheen

DECEMBER'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 26	David Belfield	£20
2 nd No 78	Jane Bury	£15
3 rd No 77	Elizabeth Mapperson	£10
4 th No 12	Heather Stubbs	£7
5 th No 40	Colin Belfield	£6
6 th No 106	Claire Pitcher	£4.50

JANUARY HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 102	Julie Willis	£20
2 nd No 56	Brian Stubbs	£15
3 rd No 120	Pam Critchlow	£10
4 th No 124	Cliff Green	£7
5 th No 127	Ken Kidd	£6
6 th No 13	Emma Belfield	£4.50

Thank you, to all 125 Members

GET WELL to Freda Critchlow

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE - Thank you to everybody who turned out in the snow and ice to make our Christmas whist drive a great success and we raised £163.10. We would like to thank everybody who helps in any way. Donating prizes, giving refreshments, the ladies in the kitchen and John for calling and everybody who supports month by month by playing. .

FEBRUARY'S Whist Drive is Friday 19th at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL MEETING - No meetings for February



AEROBICS CLASS - Thursday at 7pm in Sheen Village Hall with Wendy. All you need is loose fitting clothes, pair of trainers and a bottle of water. The class costs £2.50 per session. For more information phone Pam 84809 or Julie 84507.

THANK YOU to Mr Frost, Mr Gould and Mr F Bethall for doing there best in keeping the roads open through the recent snow. We do appreciate it - from the residents of Sheen.

EVERYBODY from St Luke's would like to wish you all a belated Happy and Peaceful New Year.

POST OFFICE OPENINGS IN SHEEN - Monday mornings 9am to 1pm in Sheen Village Hall.

MEET AND GREET the new vicar in Sheen Village Hall on Monday 15th February from 10am onwards. Come have a chat and a cup of tea. This invitation is to everybody.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWTOWN

Christmas and New Year are behind us and now is the time to say thank you. Thanks to Jason and Helen Kidd for the gift of our Christmas tree which when decorated with its baubles and Christmas lights was a lovely sight and lifted our spirits on a snowy Christmas Eve. This brings us to thank those who braved the elements to join James our new Vicar and his wife Marion to their first Christmas Eve service and celebration at St. Paul's. These celebration would not be what they are if it were not for the generosity of local people binging their Christmas fare.

Thanks to Jackie Ellis who gave us a Christmas donation in memory of her Mum, Dad and Miss Airmyn Harpur-Crewe and last but not least to our organist Joyce for playing for us throughout the year.

WANTED:- People to sponsor the restoration of our Church Bible.

This bible was given to the church by the Turner family some of whom emigrated to Canada many years ago. Mr. Turner Snr. was

the head game keeper for the Harpur- Crewe estate and lived at Hay Head. A price of between £80 & £120 has been quoted for this work and it would be nice to have it restored, If we are successful in our appeal and we raise in excess of the required amount the residue will be added to church funds unless anybody has any further idea for its use.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Reapsmoor

St. John's

Reapsmoor, St. Johns would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who supported our annual carol service. This gave us an opportunity to meet our new vicar James ,and from all accounts a very pleasant one too.

We would like to thank everyone who gave prizes for the raffle and refreshments for the buffet. Special thanks go to Lorna and Margaret for their brilliant efforts with the raffle and Anne and Henry for the decorations, also Christine for her lovely Christmas arrangements.

Thank you everyone, and a healthy ,happy New Year.

Hollinsclough

Hollinsclough School



We would like to welcome Ryan and Ruby Light who have joined us. Ryan and Ruby live in Buxton.

Key Stage 2 children learned a lot from their visit to Shire Hall to see "Light Fantastic" at the end of January.

The programme of events at the school this month include a film night on Saturday

February 27th. This is organised by the PTA and entrance is free. Light refreshments will be served and the film, which has been purchased, will be auctioned off to defray the costs involved. Everyone is welcome. The shelving and cupboards throughout the school, some of which are becoming the worse for wear, are being refurbished this month.

Daffodil bulbs are being planted in support of the Marie Curie Cancer Care campaign. In this project, the children have a daffodil bulb, a plant pot, some bulb fibre and a plant-pot wrapper. Children will be encouraged to get sponsorship for their bulb and to use their creative talents in designing and colouring their plant pot wrapper. The most decorative wrapper/s will be entered in the national competition, first at regional and then at national level.

Key Stage 2 children are studying the Tudors this term and "Ten Frames per Second" are coming to help to bring the period to life through drama, games and animation. Key Stage 1 and the Early Years are looking at toys and this will culminate in a Teddy Bears' Picnic on February 11th.

Half Term is from Monday February 15th to Friday February 19th.

On March 8th the Wild Trout River Trust and Severn Trent will be working with the children to study and grow mayflies. These will be released into the river as a source of food for the wild trout which should be coming to the end of their spawning season by then. Also early in March the children will be dressing up as their favourite character for World Book Day.

The school prospectus is now available from the school website

www.hollinsclough.staffs.sch.uk then follow the link, or a copy can be ordered/ collected/ e-mailed from the school office. For any parents who might be interested the e-mail address is office@hollinsclough.staffs.sch.uk

History Live

History Live meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September until April in Hollinsclough Chapel Hall at 7.30pm. Our famous refreshments are included in the entrance fee of £2.50 for non-members and £1.50 for members. We are a very friendly group who love to welcome new faces and to catch up with old friends.

Next meeting is 3rd February.

Macclesfield & Como - Two Silk Towns

A talk with slides by Richard De Peyer,
Director of Macclesfield Silk Museum.

For more details contact Victoria 01298 83721

Action Group

Next meeting Monday 1st, February at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

Hollinsclough Chapel

Services for February:-

7th Holy Communion Rev Robert Davies
14th At Earl Sterndale
21st Rev Colin Smith
28th Rev Michael Peat
All at 2.30pm

Warslow

Whist Drive

Monday 22nd February at 8pm

The previous whist drives we held in 2009 made a total of £454.00.

Thank you to those who supported them, either by attending, giving prizes or helping in any way. £454.00 has been passed onto to Village Hall funds.

Manifold Pre School

Open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Admission from 2 years old with funded places for 3 year olds.

Ofsted registered : 218188.

Planned activities based on Early Years Foundation.

All activities based in the safety of the Manifold Primary School site.

Please contact us to arrange a visit or to register your child to secure a place for future years. Contact the Pre School Leader Sarah Broadley on 01298 84320 at Manifold Primary School.

TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES

(This is an on-going project. There is no time limit –can you help?)

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO TO KNIT A LITTLE TEDDY?

Doctors who treat children in third world countries are asking for them, as they have found that children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps its own teddy and can take it home so the Doctors need a continual supply.

Full instructions are given below, they are very simple to make and can be stuffed with old tights or any chopped up clean fabric (Not foam rubber) If you can make a little bag for your teddy that would be most welcome. Bright, cheerful material to make a finished bag measuring approx. 10" x 13" with a drawstring attached would be suitable.

TEDDY KNITTING INSTRUCTIONS

Double knitting wool, and size 10 needles.

Main colour for head and paws (Please do not use white for the face, as this colour has sad connotations in some countries.)

A trouser colour, another for the jumper, another for the scarf.

Instructions.

(For the leg) Cast on 10 stitches in main colour, knit 10 rows. Change to trouser colour and knit 30 rows. Make another leg the same.

Knit across 20 stitches and work 16 rows. Change to Jumper colour and knit 24 rows. Change to main colour for head, which is knitted in stocking stitch, and work five and a half inches, then change to Jumper colour, and work the remainder of the teddy in reverse order.

Stitch down the side of the head. With Jumper colour, pick up 8 stitches on either side of the neck, join and knit 20 rows. Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for the paws. Sew up teddy leaving an opening in the crotch. Please stuff teddy with kapok or other healthy padding, making him fat and chubby. (FOAM RUBBER IS NOT RECOMMENDED, AS BABIES MAY CHEW IT AND CHOKE)

Then draw a thread around the neck. Sew diagonal top corners for the ears. Sew a HAPPY face on the teddy, preferably using a dark wool for this.

Scarf. Cast on 50 or 60 stitches. Knit 4 rows. Cast off. Tie scarf on teddy and sew to back of neck only.

GOOD LUCK WITH THE TEDDY. A LITTLE CHILD IS WAITING FOR ONE!

From the Manse

Dear Friends,

Over the New Year, I found myself under strict instruction not to attempt to try and visit Hollinsclough. The snow and ice made simple journeys treacherous or impossible. In a strange way, I felt isolated and cut off from a community I value greatly!

Warnings, treachery and isolation were also part of Jesus' life, though in a very different context.

There came a time in Jesus' ministry when he was warned to flee and his disciples were amazed that he was heading towards Jerusalem and the hostility of the religious leaders. In many situations there was an increasing chill in the atmosphere as the religious leaders saw him not as a blessing but a threat to the old ways. He felt the treachery in the hearts of those who wanted to be rid of him. He became an increasingly isolated figure until that day he hung from a cross set up on a hillock outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Lent will begin on 17th of this month. One of the ways we can use the period leading up to Good Friday is by sharing in that journey with Jesus towards the cross. For instance, we might choose to read Mark's Gospel each day during Lent, a few verses at a time, from the beginning to the end. As we read the Gospel, we will pause to listen to what God is revealing to us through this man.

Whether or not you are reading through Mark's Gospel, may I invite you to come to two morning sessions on Mark's Gospel at the Methodist Church Hall in Hollinsclough. The first one will be on Thursday, 4th March and the second on Thursday 25th March, from 10.00 - 12.00. We will explore together Mark's account of Jesus and his journey to the cross - and beyond. Everyone's welcome!

With warm greetings,

Colin

PS. If anyone would like a reading plan for Mark's Gospel during Lent, do let me know!

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History Notes

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January 1920

Longnor

We regret that Mrs Wheeldon of Hollinsclough has lost a little one.

Baptism

Christmas Day-Winifred, daughter of Charles Edward and Mary Weston, 8. Church Street,

Burials

Nov 29 - Jane Cooper, Manor Farm, Newtown and Upper Elkstone aged 78 years.

Dec 17 - (At Sterndale) Jasper Allison Wheeldon, son of Hy. And Ann M. Wheeldon, Hollinsclough aged 13 months.

Dec 22 - Joseph Riley, The Butcher's Arms (interred at Alstonefield) Reapsmoor aged 77 years.

Quarnford Marriage

Dec 18- Joe Belfield, Swainsmoor, to Charlotte Kirkham, Swainsmoor.

Deaths

Abraham Brocklehurst aged 81.

February 1920

Reapsmoor

On Thursday, Jan. 15th a full gathering of parents and children at Reapsmoor assembled to enjoy a happy evening. A substantial tea was provided by Miss Shaw and served by Mrs. Cope, Mrs. U. Cope, Miss Prince and others. Then the presenting of Prayer and Hymn Book Prizes by Mrs. Stanham to the Sunday School scholars, given by Hon. Lady Crewe. Then the Christmas Tree, laden with gifts for all the children and after that, happy games for young and old, and thanks to all givers, including Mr. Cope (Organist) whose musical efforts throughout the evening were appreciated.

A.E.H. Stanham, Vicar and Surrogate.

Quarnford and Ramshaw

Christmas Social The School Managers are under a deep debt of gratitude to all the friends who assisted to make the evening so great a success, and especially for the handsome balance, over £10. which has been handed in for School purposes. We tender our warmest thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly helped in the preparation of the Refreshment Stall, and Mrs. Plant, Miss B. E. Beswick, Mrs. M. Mellor, Mrs. J. Brocklehurst and Miss Bennett, Mr. J. Tunncliffe, Mr. J. Beswick, Mr. J. Brocklehurst. Prizes were given by Miss B. Beswick, Miss Bennett, and another.

A special word of thanks must be given to the members of the Hollinsclough Band who again generously and kindly gave their much-appreciated services.

BURIAL. Isaac Kirkham. Aged 76.

January 1960

Longnor

Baptism

Dec 6th Ian Heathcote

Burials

Dec 2nd Frederick Mellor Wardle aged 74 years,

Dec 9th Thomas Edward Thompson aged 87 years.

Thanks for donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Frederick Mellor Wardle; Mr. J. Hill, £1; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall, Post Office, £1; Mr. Albert Mellor, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. T. Gould and Anne, 10/-; N. and F.T. Coates, 10/-; Mr. R. Wood, 10/-; Mr. George Wilson, 5/-. Total £4 5s Od.

February 1960

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In Memoriam

It is with profound regret that we record the death on 17th January of Charles William Mellor, Vicar's warden. He will be sorely missed by the Vicar and Church council. Mr. Mellor was appointed in 1924 and his length of service was in itself a tremendous help to the Vicar and Council for it gave him a wide experience and knowledge of the Church affairs; and to all matters that had to be discussed he brought his own illuminating gift of wisdom

The deepest sympathy of the vicar and Council goes out to his widow and family in their grievous bereavement. Our great natural affliction at this time should be tempered by the knowledge that this was the passing of a truly Christian gentleman who now rejoices upon a different shore and in a greater light.

E. H. Finnemore, Vicar

Quarnford

Altar Flowers

Feb 7th. Mrs. Gardner, Feb 21st. Mrs. Fountain.

Services in the Benefice for February

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 7 th		Evening Service 2.30pm	Morning Service & Baptisms 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.30am		Holy Communion Rev Robert Davies 2.30pm	
Sunday 14 th	Family Service 9.30am	Plough Sunday Service 11.15am	Holy Communion 6.30pm		Evening Service 2.30pm	At Earl Sterndale	
Wednesday 17 th	Ash Wednesday Service 7.00pm						
Sunday 21 st	Evening Service 6.30pm	Holy Communion 11.15am		Morning Service 9.30pm		Rev Colin Smith 2.30pm	
Sunday 28 th	Holy Communion 9.30am	Morning Service 11.00am	Evening Service 6.30pm	Evening Service 2.30pm	Holy Communion 11.00am	Rev Michael Peat 2.30pm	
Newtown - Short morning service 9.45 am each Thursday							