

From the Vicarage



May I begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year from all the family. It seems that 2008 is going to be a year of great changes for us. There is already the scent of an engagement in the air and by the time you read this it might be official. Helena will be sitting her A Levels in June and is then off to University. As a consequence ours is going to seem a very empty household; and of course these are just the changes that we know about. As we

stand on the brink of a New Year who knows what other events await us?

In the second half of the second chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke we read of the naming and circumcision of Jesus He was just eight days old when this took place and marks a great change in the life of Mary and Joseph. Instead of only having themselves to consider they now have a child who needs their constant attention. They also need to follow the law on its upbringing. So why do the Jews Circumcise their male children?

Brit Milah, or circumcision, is performed on a Jewish male eight days after he is born. The procedure is performed by a *mohel* -- a person who has mastered the set of Jewish laws regarding circumcision and received extensive practical training. At a *Brit Milah*, the *mohel* removes the baby's foreskin and draws blood from the reproductive organ, after which the baby is given a Jewish name. *Brit Milah* literally means "covenant of circumcision." Abraham, Judaism's founding father, was the first person in history to have a *Brit Milah*. In fact, he circumcised himself. Abraham vowed that he would teach his descendents to serve God with perfect devotion. In return, God promised to guarantee the survival of Abraham's progeny -- the family of Hebrews that became the nation of Israel that have since been known as the Jews. As long as there would be human beings in the world, God assured Abraham, there would always be Jews. This covenant or pact between God and Abraham was sealed through the act of circumcision. Today, by performing the act of circumcision, Jews perpetuate the covenant and make their children a part of that eternal promise. Thus it was that Jesus became part of the eternal covenant with God. This was necessary if he were to be considered truly human.

The New Covenant, of which we are members, requires us not to make physical sacrifices, but rather spiritual ones. Our devotions are in the way live our lives. We are required to put others before ourselves and to love all of God's creation. So at the start of this new year let each of us resolve to renew our commitment to God. Let each of us make a resolution to change one thing in our daily routine to allow us more time for our devotions.

As Jesus came to be with us let us make time to be with others who need our help, and as circumstances change let us grasp that change as an opportunity to move closer to God. In this first month, the new year is full of possibility and hope. Let us grasp that and move forwards on our Christian journey with confidence and expectation.

May God Bless you all, David

Benefice News

Local Police Number

08453 30 2010

For all non-emergency calls

Used postage stamps



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

Church of England Children's Society

At the last Deanery Synod meeting the speaker was from The Children's Society. The following report is taken from minutes of that meeting:

MR. ALLAN BALDWIN, C OF E CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mr. Baldwin is an Anglican Reader, he became a voluntary speaker for The Children's Society and then a year ago moved to his post as community and fundraising manager for the Society in the Lichfield and Birmingham Dioceses. He is the link between the parishes in our deanery and is here to help. He will be pleased to talk to parishes or help with events for the Society.

Mr. Baldwin stressed that the Society is still the CHURCH OF ENGLAND Children's Society. It began 126 years ago opening a home for "waifs and strays". Since then it moved into fostering and adoption but was

always looking at areas where no other organisation was working. This led, in the 1980's, to looking at ways of helping

- 1) Runaways - children on the streets
 - 2) Youngsters in trouble with the law
 - 3) Disabled youngsters
 - 4) Young, unaccompanied asylum seekers
- Their mission to youngsters is always driven by Christian principles.

In order to survive and avoid returning home, some children see no option but to live dangerous lives on the streets.

The Society provides food, shelter, understanding, protection, hope - whatever needs a Child on the street may have. The goal is to support them and ensure others do too. Local authorities are slowly responding, and setting up "safe houses". Many factors can lead a child to commit crime. The goal here is to guide them to find a new way to live that is best for the child and for society as a whole.

The Children's Society are able to be independent of the government and local authorities because all money comes from voluntary sources. Its work and independence are more important than ever. A fairly new venture is to help young carers by trying to arrange help for them and some "childhood" for them.

'The Good Childhood Enquiry' has been commissioned by The Children's Society, but not run by them, so it is independent. The outcome will decide what the Society will do next. So far, results show that families, friends, learning, being wanted and loved are the main points highlighted. 'Stand By Me' is a campaign to get the government to realise that they need to do something about children in care and their

need for a voice.

There are many ways in which individuals and parishes can help support the Children's Society and Mr. Baldwin said that he found it humbling that so many continue to do so.

1) Have a collecting box - these are the main source of support in the parishes. Boxes bring in the biggest income (approx 2½ million pounds each year), apart from legacies.

2) Support a Christingle service - a great opportunity for evangelism.

3) Include The Children's Society as part of the church charitable giving.

4) Become a speaker in your local area.

5) Donations in memory of loved ones.

In conclusion, Mr. Baldwin thanked parishes for their support which is very much appreciated.

He emphasised the need for more people to have boxes and anyone who would like one may contact him on 01827 897954

Fly Tipping and Litter

To report to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council call

Freephone 08001693159

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



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	10.20 - 10.35
	Flash School	10.45 - 11.30
	Travellers Rest	11.35 - 11.55
	Lower Summerhill	12.00 - 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	2.55 - 3.05
Reapsmoor	Swallow Moss	3.25 - 3.30
	Park House	3.35 - 3.40

4th Jan, 18th Jan,

Magazine Subscriptions are now due

Dates for your Diary: January

24th Beetle Drive - Flash School

The Bishop

This month, after the visit of Bishop Gordon to St. Luke's I thought I would include a piece on the role of the Bishop within the Church of England. In the first days of Christianity, over 2000 years ago, the twelve apostles (Jesus' disciples) were the sole directors and administrators of the Church. They appointed seven 'deacons' to help with practical tasks, and later the work of 'presbyters', or 'priests' began to emerge.

They were modelled on the elders of the Jewish synagogues, and were responsible for administration, government as well as teaching and worship in the local church. The word 'bishop' and 'presbyter' were interchangeable. Historians suggest that the 'chairman' of the 'college' of presbyters became known as bishop (which can mean 'overseer').

These days in the Church of England the bishop is understood to >lead the Church's mission

- >teach the Christian faith - through preaching, writing, in synods and councils and in the media
- >ordain men and women for the ministry of deacon and priest
- >confirm new Christians, young and older
- >administer Church affairs, in partnership with others
- >meet with fellow bishops, nationally and internationally
- >be involved in the secular world, having links with community leaders in industry, the public sector and voluntary service (27 senior bishops are members of the House of Lords)
- >minister to the clergy - they are licensed under the authority of the bishop and are answerable to him
- >model effective Christian leadership and lifestyle for clergy and lay people

So the Bishop plays a key role resourcing and inspiring the whole Church, particularly the clergy, who in turn lead and care for the lay people, who are daily in the front line of Christian mission - in their homes, schools, communities and workplaces.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes have started at the Vicarage but it's not too late to join. We will be meeting again on Tuesday 8th January at 7pm We have only so far had two sessions so there is very little to catch up on.

In the past Confirmation Classes have been run exclusively for those who are looking to confirm the promises made on their behalf at their baptism and so join the Church of England. This year I want to open these classes to anyone who wants to learn more about the church, its faith and beliefs and the rituals and practices that it has adopted over the centuries. Those seeking Confirmation should be 11 years or

over. I hope that a number of people will use this opportunity to come along and find out more about the Christian faith. Should you wish to know more about what we will be doing, then please ring the vicar on 01298 83742.

Deadline for the Magazine

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

Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church News



December began with the delivery of the Christmas Tree and at our family service the children had great fun decorating it. The adults enjoyed tea and mince pies and gave advice from the pews. A good time was had by all and the tree looked wonderful when it was completed. A Big thank you to David Twigg who shaped the trunk and set the tree up on its base for us.

The Christmas Band Concert was well attended again this year despite the weather and we were treated to a medley of Christmas music and sing-a-long carols by the Hollinsclough Silver Band. I am delighted to report that after paying the Band we made a profit of £112 which will go to church funds.

The church was given the opportunity to have a stall at the official opening of the Skate Park. Thanks to all those who made cakes and produce for it we made nearly £40 in the morning despite the snow and the cold.

As you all know the church was not able to pay its Parish Share in full this year. Despite the Diocese being told of this in February they made no allowances. It was our intention to pay the same amount as last year plus inflation but we have managed to do a little better and have paid £12,000 this year as well as meeting all our other financial obligations. This will leave us a debt of just over £1000 which will be added to our share for 2008. I am still talking to the Diocese about this and hope to get a resolution on a sustainable figure in the near future.

PCC Meeting Monday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Balcony Room. The first item on the agenda will be a presentation by the Parish Funding Unit. Anyone who is interested in helping us to raise funds is very welcome to attend this presentation.

Brownsplit Farm

Results of the church Christmas raffle that was held at the Santa's Grotto event on 9th December;

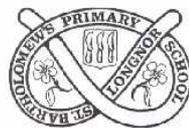
Mrs C Gould - Christmas tree
 Mrs A Pool - chocolate biscuits & teddy bear
 Mr S Hitchen - chocolate biscuits
 Mrs B Mathews - dairy milk chocolates
 Mr A Hall - red wine
 Jackie Critchlow - red wine
 Mrs S Williams - red wine
 Mr T Oddy - white wine
 Mrs J Edmunds - white wine
 Mr J Riley - sherry
 Mr H Hine - tapestry cushion
 Mrs K Randle - tapestry cushion & soap set
 Mr J O'Neil - after eight's
 Mr D Bainbridge - scarf & gloves set
 Maurice Nadin - harris tweed scarf
 Mr R Witham - coffee set

Pam - calligraphy set
 Lisa Smith - Porcelain doll
 Mrs Shenton - Christmas cards
 Robert - teddy bear
 Amelia Allen - children's books
 Harry Johnson - colouring set
 Jane - tea towels
 Mrs E Fiander - puzzle book
 Mr Perkins - tots tv bag

The raffle raised £165 for church funds, and the tombola raised £45 for Longnor & district pre-school playgroup funds.

The evening was a big success and we would like to thank everyone who supported us by coming along, donating prizes and selling raffle tickets around the village. A special thank you to Jackie Critchlow who spent a lot of time helping us to prepare and decorate the premises.

News from St Bartholomew's School ...



THANK YOU

To Flash school for inviting our infants and juniors to join them at the village hall to see a theatre production of Christmas Carol.

To parents, family and community for supporting a most successful coffee morning.

To everybody who helped in any way to make our end of term play, FAIRYLAND FANTASY a big success. The children sang and performed to a 'full house' who now know the way to Amarillo!

To Miss Vicky for the lovely Christmas lunch. 64 children and adults enjoyed the meal together. Did you know our weekly

roast dinner is still one of the most popular lunches with the children.

Our trip to the panto at Buxton was another treat - thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who went and our carol concert in Church told the Christmas story.

Hopefully, from January, St. Bartholomew's School will be the new venue for the afterschool club **ACTIVATORS**, which most of you know has been based at Earl Sterndale. For more information on this please contact Newcastle Play Council. Telephone 01782 615378.

Happy New Year.

Sue Evans, Head Teacher

A little girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mummy," she said, "can we leave now?"

"No," her mother replied.

"Well, I think I have to throw up!" exclaimed the girl.

"Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush," said her mother.

After about sixty seconds, the little girl returned to her seat. "Did you throw up?" her mother asked.

"Yes," the little girl replied.

"How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?" her mother asked.

"I didn't have to go out of the church, Mummy. They have a box next to the front door that says, 'For the Sick.'"

Repsmoor

St John's Church News



The church looked lovely for our Carol Service this year. Despite the cold and the lure of another event our numbers were up. Thank you to all those who

decorated the church and to those who agreed to read the lessons. A special thank you to all those who contributed to the refreshments afterwards which were splendid and to the raffle which raised much needed church funds. The whole evening was a wonderful occasion.

Thank You

St John's Church, Repsmoor, would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in our very inspiring Carol Service. We wish to say how much the following people were appreciated: Lorna & Margaret for the raffle, Henry & Anne for their buffet duties & decorating the room, Joan for playing the organ, the Layton brothers & Dad for the readings & posters & everyone who gave the super refreshments & raffle prizes, thank you all. The community spirit still lives on in our Parish.

It was lovely to welcome Miriam back amongst us, looking much fitter after her serious illness.

The financial results were as follows

Raffle £184.61

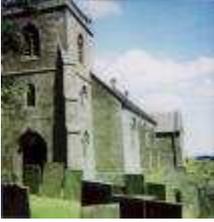
Collections £ 80.06

Donations £ 25.00 (gratefully received from Roger, John & Margaret Gould & Mr & Mrs J Mellor)

Bingo Night

On behalf of St John's Church Repsmoor may we express a very sincere thanks to the Butchers Arms and especially Donna, for the fantastic bingo fund raising event which made a staggering £445. Thank you again, Lorna & Margaret for selling the raffle tickets etc, thank you Carl & Donna for your hospitality & for helping with our Church finances for another year.

Quarnford St Paul's Church News



The church looked wonderful for the Carol service this year. A Big Thank You to all those who spent time decorating it. It was lovely to see so many young people in church and to have them read the lessons. A special thank you to Mrs. Caroline Green for playing our Christingle hymn for us on the keyboard. There was a very special atmosphere in church this year that truly reflected the spirit of Christmas. I very much hope we can now build on this and encourage more young people to come to our family service and perhaps read a lesson or help us with our prayers. If you have any ideas of special events that we could all do together like perhaps a Spring Church Picnic then let us know.

Donations

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother from Thelma, Jim, Kerry and Gemma

In memory of Martha Nadin.

Quarnford Quest

Membership forms are available in church, Flash Bar Stores or from Janet Tel: 01298 812053

Winners for December:

1st R.E. Finney No.8 £15
2nd J.A.Wooster No. 23 £10
3rd J. Mellor No. 59 £8.50
Thank you to all 67 members

News from Flash Primary School



Happy New Year from all at Flash CE Primary School.

It's strange to think that by the time you read this all the excitement will be over. The children are currently at the village hall rehearsing one last time before tonight's performance of 'A Christmas Carol'. Well done to everyone who worked so hard to make this a success (including staff and parents, as well as children). The children have been learning about the Victorians so this has been a good way to round off the term.

We've been pleased to welcome several new pupils this term; they've settled in well and seem like they've always been part of the school.

Our new system for teaching all children in small groups for English, Maths, Science and ICT is working really well and we've had positive feedback from everyone involved, including pupils, teachers, parents and governors. We're always available if you know anyone who'd like to look round and see us in action.

We are very proud to tell you that we have just been awarded National Healthy School status. This has taken a lot of thought and hard work but we've done it now and just need to ensure we continue to be aware of healthy issues. Part of this health drive has also enabled us to achieve 'Activemark' for the second year running. This award is for quality delivery of PE.

There's a 'Friends of Flash' meeting on Thursday, January 10th to which all are invited, it'll be in school at 7 p.m.

We have a Beetle Drive and supper evening planned for Thursday, 24th January between 6 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Please contact school for tickets if you'd like to join us.

Our next Family Service in church will be on Friday, 1st February at 2.15

2008 Quarnford Flower Festival – or not????

At the Church Council meeting in December the annual flower festival was discussed at length. If the 2008 flower festival is to go ahead we need financial and practical help.

Many churches, including Sheen in our own Benefice have sponsors for the flower arrangements and these are acknowledged, either on a card by the display or on a list in church. Families sponsor to celebrate an anniversary, birth, wedding or in memory of a loved one.. Local businesses also provide sponsorship, which helps to pay for the flowers.

A Tombola was suggested and prizes and a person to run it would be needed if we go ahead with this idea.

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

After the problems experienced last year the vicar suggested that the rota of people "on duty" during the festival be printed and distributed by the PCC before the event.

The parish church is there for everyone in Quarnford and the small weekly congregation cannot run a flower festival without help.

Please will you make a commitment by filling in the form below. The response will determine the future of the 2008 flower festival. A decision will be made at the PCC meeting on 15th February.



Flower Festival 14-17th June 2008

I/We will sponsor a flower display

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

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

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

Other comments/ideas.....

Name, Address, Phone Number

Please return this form to Janet M^cNicol. 'Wellsdale', Mellor Lane, Chapel en le Frith, High Peak. SK23 9SA by 14th February or leave it in the box in church near the font.

Thank you

Sheen

St. Luke's, Sheen

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Gordon to our Carol Service this year. Despite getting a little lost he managed to turn up before the Vicar and was ready and willing to take the service.



The trouble was the vicar had the carol sheets. The Bishop's Christmas message was to remind us that it is often in the simple things that people find the greatest comfort. Jesus himself just came to be with us; to share our lives, our hopes and fears. So we too can bring great comfort to others by being willing to share their lives. The children were delighted by the visit from Father Christmas while the adults enjoyed the refreshments.

A thank you to everyone who contributed to make the whole event such an enjoyable time. The Bishop was very impressed by our spirit of community together.

We have not given up on the idea of a Sunday School and on Sunday 20th January we are inviting children to come to our family service at 2.30pm and stay for some fun activities afterwards. If there are enough people interested we can then run a Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday throughout the Year. Come along and give it a try!

WHIST DRIVE - 25th January 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. We are pleased to say the Christmas Whist Drive made £ 164.50 for St Luke's Church. We would like to thank everybody for turning out and making up 14 tables I think this is a record for Sheen.

DECEMBER'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 112	Myrtle Alcock	£20
2 nd No 95	Linda Critchlow	£15
3 rd No 17	Freda Critchlow	£10
4 th No 29	Jean Belfield	£7
5 th No 69	George Grindon	£5.50
6 th No 70	Rose Gregory	£4

Thank you, to all 121 Members

If anyone would like to join the 100 Club please phone Ann on 84396 or see George Grindon or any PCC member. It costs just £12 a year and the money raised is split equally between the church and prize money.

CAROL SERVICE - Thank you to everybody who attended the Carol service it was nice to see so many of you. Thank you to our readers who all read very well. Thank you to everybody who made mince pies and cakes. It was nice to have the tea and mince pies served by the young people of Sheen. It was great to get extra volunteers to help with the drying and tidying up afterwards. Also would like to thank the Bishop for coming. And a very big thank you to Santa, we know how busy he is at this time of year.

Sheen PCC would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful new year.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS - Thank you to Jane Upton and Mrs M and Miss J Holland and Sarah Holland for their generous donations.

SHEEN WI - January meeting is on Thursday 24th in Sheen Village Hall at 2pm ,please feel free to join us. We have guest speakers and refreshments are served.

AEROBICS CLASS -

New Year!!!! New Class

Come and get in shape for Easter, it's early this year so no time to waste come and join us Thursday, 10th January 7pm. First time free and after that £2.00 per session in Sheen Village Hall.

For more information contact Pam 84809 or Julie 84507.

All you need is loose fitting clothing and a pair of trainers

NEW CLASS - Learn to Crochet Thursday 10 January 1pm to 3pm in Sheen Village Hall. You only need a 3.5 or 4mm crochet hook and ball of smooth double knitting wool. It's a 10 week course and it costs £2.00 per session. For further information or to book a place please contact Ann on 84396. In case of snow contact Ann.

POST OFFICE OPENINGS IN SHEEN

Sheen Post office opens as normal Monday mornings 9am onwards.

SPEEDY RECOVERY - to Jean Warmby after having her knee operated on just before Christmas.

Sheen	Dovefield	12.35 - 12.45
14 th Jan, 28 th Jan	Cross Cottage	1.55 - 2.05
	Ball Ridge Farm	2.10 - 2.20
	Woolaway	2.25 - 2.40

Christian One-Liners

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

Hollinsclough News from Hollinsclough School



Our Christmas Fair proved a great success when the crowds turned up to enjoy the wide variety of craft stalls and games. Santa was a popular attraction with children eager to tell him their Christmas wishes.

The children performed two evening performances of our Christmas Play, Red Riding Hood, to packed audiences. All the juniors had speaking parts and delivered their lines well. The infant and nursery children, dressed as woodland creatures, joined in all the songs. It was particularly nice to see all the past pupils who returned to watch this year's production.

The children enjoyed singing a traditional Christmas carol for High Peak Radio. It took only one take to make the recording and it sounded very good when played back on the radio.

As always the last week of term was very busy with the children taking part in many activities including a trip to the Opera House to see Snow White and the seven Dwarfs, dancing at the party to Mr. Keeling's disco and the Carol service in Hollinsclough Chapel.

June Wherry, Headteacher

Hollinsclough Action Group
Next meeting Monday, January 7th at
7.30pm in Hollinsclough Chapel Hall.
Everyone welcome

Raffle Results

First Hamper Charlotte Newton
Second Hamper Jill Norman
Bottle of Scotch Jessie Etches.

History Live

Wednesday January 2nd at 7.30
New Year Celebration for members
Contact Sue for more details
0129883269

Hollinsclough Chapel

Services for January, all at 2.30pm
6th Colin Smith HC
13th Rev David Hall
20th Rev Don Sparkes
27th At Earl Sterndale



From the Readership

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest ...
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!
- William Arthur Ward

**NICK LUCKING
PAINTING AND
DECORATING
LOCAL MAN
FROM SHEEN**

**TELEPHONE 01298 84638 MOBILE
07969 828376**



CHIMNEY SWEEP

Sam Eldershaw

For a Clean, Professional Service
Call "SAM THE SWEEP"

T: 01298 213359

M: 07743 874 645

Fully Insured



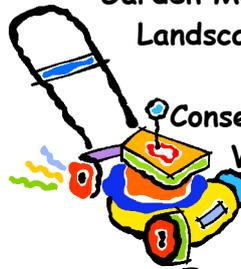
Greenfingers Landscapes Buxton

Telephone Philip or Dawn on 01298
79402 (Answer phone)

For all your gardening requirements.

Garden Maintenance Service
Landscaping and Full Planting
Service

Conservation Tree and
Wildflower Planting
Based at Knotbury,
Quarnford
Established 1985



ALL SEASONS GARDEN & PET FOOD SUPPLIES



BROWNSPIT FARM, LONGNOR
01298 83241

Specialising in small & large quantities of wild bird
feeds.

Horse feeds & bedding
Stockists of Dr John dog food & Gem
Composts and decorative barks.

Also in stock dog kennels, rabbit hutches & other
pet foods.

Potatoes also in stock
NOW STOCKING CALOR GAS
All at very competitive prices.

History Notes

From the Alstonefield Deanery Magazine
January 1918 Longnor

A quiet wedding, yet one which drew a good number of friends together, took place in Longnor Church on Dec. 11th, when Miss Helena Fidler was married to Mr. J. W. Ball. Bright beams from the sun gave light and colour to the scene, and dispelled Winter's gloom. We sincerely hope such will be their privilege on the journey of life, by God's goodness, and His protection to the bridegroom, who is called for service in the Army soon. Also to Henry Beresford and Miss Gladys Thompson, who were married on the last day in the old year.

The Whist Drive held in the School, Longnor, on Dec. 27th, the Dove Valley Band in attendance, and the Band Dance in the New Year, were most attractive. Mr F Gould and Mr. W. Johnson very kindly gave prizes for the previous Drive, Mr. John Grindey, Mr. B. Wylde for the above. We should like to see as good a muster at Church sometimes.

Money collected for Wool for soldiers' socks, £4. Collectors Dorothy Gregory, Lily Armett, Ada Knowles, Phoebe Wheeldon, Thomas Johnson, Harriet Prince, Dolly Caley, Esther Sykes

MARRIAGE.

Dec. 11—John William Ball, of Longnor, and Helena Fidler, of Longnor.
31—Henry Beresford and Gladys Thompson (Longnor).

BURIALS.

Dec. 6—William Bradbury, of Longnor, aged 57 years.
20—Frederick Beresford, of Sheen, aged 70 years.
21—Charles Tunnicliff, of Blackshaw Moor, Leek-
A. E. H. STANHAM B.A.- Vicar and Surrogate.

QUARNFORD AND RAMSHAW.

We desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, of Knotbury; Mr. and Mrs. Milner, of Gollin Gate, for the use of their houses for, Advent Services.

January 1957

LONGNOR.

HOLY BAPPISM. "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Nov. 24th, Pauline Anne Smith; Nov. 24th, Janice Angela Grimshaw; Dec. 15th, Jane Ann Watson.

BURIALS. " I am the Resurrection and the Life."

Nov. 28th, Kenneth Saunders Chadwick, aged 23 years;

Dec. 6th, Aubrey John George Gregory, aged 75 years;

Dec. 13th, Hannah Riley, aged 83 years.

THANKS. For donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Kenneth Saunders Chadwick: Longnor Church Drama Group, £5; Longnor Fire Brigade, £3 15s. Od; Staffordshire Fire Brigade, £2 2s. Od.; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Mellor and Ann, £2; Mr. and Mrs. W. Lownds and children, £2; Mrs. Wood and Ivan, £2; Mr. and Mrs. Massey, Roy and June, £2; Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward, £2; Alice, Ike and Family, £1 5s. Od.; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Mellor and children, £1 5s. Od.; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Meehan, £1 is. Od.; Mr. and Mrs. Standard,

£1; Mr. and Mrs. K. Millward, £1; Mrs. Sykes and Mr. Kidd, £1; Mr. and Mrs. S. Riley and Joe, £1; Miss Hoe, £1; Mr. and Mrs. T. Chadwick, £1; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pattinson, £1; Mrs. S. Wiskar and Miss N. Chadwick, £1; Mr. and Mrs. Caates and Michael, £1; Mr. and Mrs. F. Gilman and Stewart, £1; Dennis and Edna Thompson, Tom and Henrietta Wood, Mrs. Brough and Mrs. Dunn, 15/-; Mothers' Union and Sunday School, 15/-; the Rev. F. Chadwick, 10/-; Mrs. Preston, Jack and Joyce, 10/-; Mrs. Weston and Irene, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. F. Lownds, 10/-; Connie and Dick, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. J. Chadwick, 10/-; Mrs. Sharples and Billie, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mellor, 10/-; Billie Johnson, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. T. Carr, 10/-; Mrs. R. Tunilty, 5/-; Mr. I. Thompson and Peter Webster, 5/-; Mrs. Peto, 2/6; Mrs. E. Riley, 2/6. Total, £41 13s. Od.

THANKS. For donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Aubrey John George Gregory: Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolley, £1; Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilman, £1; Mr. and Mrs. R. Gregory, 10/-.

THANKS. For donation in memory of John Whiston Coates: Mothers' Union and Sunday School, 15/-.

F. H. FINNEMORE,
Vicar.

QUARNFORD.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. We are most grateful to those Who helped and provided at the recent bazaar. We are especially grateful to Mr. F. A. Saxton, our treasurer, to the stallholders and canteen servers, who all worked so enthusiastically for the welfare of the Church.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. On Friday, January 3, there will be held a New Year's dance in the Quarnford School at 8 p.m. Mrs. F. Wain's band will play. On Friday, January 10th, there will be the monthly whist drive. We should be most grateful if those who play would offer prizes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. All who have not yet paid their annual magazine subscriptions are asked to do so at once. Would you pay those either to Mrs. F. Wardle, the New Inn, or direct to myself? Would you all note that your magazine now costs fourpence. Because of increased expenses this extra charge has been made.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Jan. 5th, Mrs. L. J. Baker; Jan. 19th, Mrs. L. Slack.

R. W. THOMPSON,
Vicar.

