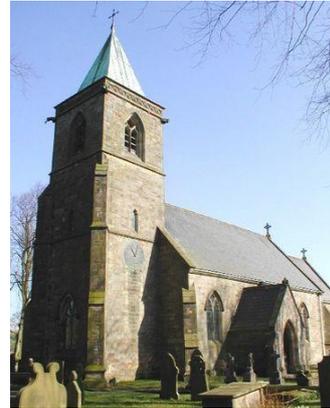


Benefice Magazine

Happy New Year



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

January

2012

Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown
Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor



St. Paul's, Newtown

40p

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

May I start by wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Each New Year brings a sense of expectancy and is a chance to dream about what might take place and I encourage you to dream about and pray for signs of the Lord's blessings on our churches as we begin 2012.

For many people the start of 2012 will be a difficult time, as we have heard a lot recently about the economic downturn with rising unemployment and calls for austerity. For some, January is a very difficult month as they count the cost of Christmas and wonder how they are going to cope financially in this New Year. But there are some good things to anticipate in 2012, as we look forward to the Olympic Games in London and also the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen.

Some of you will be old enough to remember 1948, the last time the Olympic Games were held in London but I don't think anyone alive today will be able to remember the last Diamond Jubilee in 1897! Many of you will recall the Silver Jubilee of 1977 and more the Golden Jubilee of 2002, but a Diamond Jubilee celebrating 60 years of dedicated service by our Queen is something indeed to anticipate and to celebrate.

The idea of a Jubilee is found in the Old Testament. When the Israelites entered the Promised Land they were told that every seven years, the land was to enjoy a 'Sabbath Rest'. For six years the people were to work the land in the normal way, but in the seventh year it was to be left fallow. (God promised that the sixth year would be so productive that there would be enough stored for the seventh year). After a cycle of seven such periods, in the fiftieth year, a Jubilee year was to be held. In that year all property would revert to its

original owners, all debts cancelled and any Hebrew who had been enslaved for debt was to be released. I don't have clear memories of the Jubilee of 2002, but I certainly don't remember anything like that happening! Imagine the impact if it were to take place in this year of 2012 (even though this is a 60th not a 50th Jubilee); all debts cancelled would be a huge relief to many people. The land reverting to its original owners would be an interesting challenge; imagine all the arguments about who first worked your piece of land!

The context of our country in 2012 is obviously very different from Israel in 1000BC (and we don't know how rigorously they kept the Jubilee Year regulations), but behind the precise instructions there are some valuable and challenging ideas. The first is a sense of dependence on God, not just for enough food for each seventh year, but the awareness that the land was the Lord's gift to his people and they were always to think that they were stewards not owners. Then there was the strong sense of community that said that no one should be kept in long-term debt because everyone was valuable in the community and needed equal opportunities. Could our society today adopt similar values?

I don't expect any national initiatives in 2012 to mark the Jubilee, but may each of us enter this New Year with a renewed sense of our dependence on our Lord God, and a commitment to do what we can to make our communities places of support and help for all, where each one feels valued and affirmed.

With best wishes to you all,

James Forrester

Benefice News

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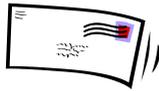
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Paid box adverts at £2/month (£20/year) to be in all editions of the Parish Magazine. Advertisements welcome.

Used Postage Stamps

Thank you to all the people who leave stamps in our churches. Please try to leave a narrow strip round each stamp. They keep coming steadily and are very welcome. One person sorts them into British and foreign and this saves a lot of time. Thank you.



Teddies for Tragedies

Still they come!!! thank you to all our knitters and those who sew teddy bags. Each teddy brings a little happiness to a frightened child somewhere in the world.

Longnor Carol Service

Thank you to those people who volunteered to join our scratch choir for the Longnor Carol Service. I think it was much appreciated by all who came. It would be good if we could now build on that to form a new Benefice Choir, so if you would be interested in being involved in singing on future occasions, please contact me.

James Forrester

Mobile Library

Quarnford /Flash	Springhead Road Junction	11.00 - 11.10
	Flash School	11.15 - 11.35
	Travellers Rest	11.40 - 11.50
	Lower Summerhill	11.55 - 12.00
	Colshaw Lane End	12.05 - 12.10
Hollinsclough	School	1.25 - 1.45
Longnor	The Square	1.55 - 2.15
	Old Saw Mill	2.20 - 2.25
Barrowmoor	Badgers Croft	2.35 - 2.45
Reapsmoor	Swallow Moss (house call)	3.00 - 3.05
	Park House	3.10 - 3.15

Friday 13th January

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 16th January

Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20th January for the February edition. Please send to Mrs. L. Bricklebank, Cottage of Content, Hollinsclough, Buxton, SK17 0RG Telephone 01298 83541 or email lynda356@tiscali.co.uk We are now able to send the magazine by email. If anyone would like to change or to subscribe, please let me know.

Magazine Subscriptions

It's that time of the year again, magazine subscriptions were due at the end of December. Thanking you for your continued support.

Longnor

Coffee and Chat

Our next Coffee and Chat will be on Thursday 19th from 10.30-11.30 in the church. All are welcome. Please come and join us.

Epiphany Event

Instead of our normal All-age Worship this month, we are planning an evening of crafts and activities that will lead directly into a time of worship. This will be on Sunday 8th at 4.30pm in the church. We hope to offer a small number of different crafts and activities to try, then a short service using the materials that have been made, and we shall finish with refreshments. We plan to have finished by 6pm. All ages are welcome, so please come and join us if you can.

Longnor Area WI

Next month's Longnor Area WI meeting is at the Community Room, Longnor Fire Station on Wednesday 18th January 2012 starting at 7.00 pm. Knitting workshop - 'Teddy's for Tragedies' - please bring along size 10(3.25 mm) needles and some coloured double knitting wool (not white). If you can't knit please come along and we'll show you how. If you can, come and join in and pass your skills on.

Longnor Action Group - next meeting Wednesday 11th January 2012 at the Community Room, Longnor Fire Station starting 7.30 all welcome.

Quarnford

All-age Worship

We will be starting a monthly All-age Worship service at St. Paul's this month. The first of these will be on Sunday 22nd at

11.30am. This is a chance for people of all ages to come together and worship the Lord in a simple service that will last about 40 minutes and contain a variety of music. Please come and join us as we start this new venture.

HAPPY NEW YEAR from St. Paul's, Quarnford

Although it seems a long time ago now, the result of the **Christmas Fair**, less expenses, was £689.34. This amount was divided equally between church and school. Thank you to everyone.

We acknowledge, with grateful thanks, a **donation** in memory of Gladys Wardle.

Thank you to Vanda for updating our memorial book.

Magazine subscriptions are due on 1st January.

Quarnford Quest.

Winners for December : 1st Ival Riley, 2nd. Sam Limer 3rd. Mrs. P.Lomas

Epiphany

Three Wise Men

Three small children were presenting the gifts to baby Jesus in the nativity play. Having been told to speak up. the first walked quickly up to the crib and yelled: "I've brought some gold" The second child stepped forward and shouted "Here's some myrrh for you" However, not to be outdone, the third marched boldly forward, clicked his heels and bellowed "and Frank sent this".

Wise men and women STILL seek Jesus.

Sheen

Marriage Reunion

Advance notice that on Sunday 19th February, at 6.30pm, we are inviting all those couples who have been married at St. Luke's, Sheen, and all those who, even if they were married elsewhere but view St. Luke's as their church, to a special service to give thanks and celebrate together. More details next month, but please note the date.

And don't forget that our next **All-age Worship** will be on Sunday 5th February at 11.00. All are welcome.

DECEMBER'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 26	David Belfield	£20
2 nd No 2	Vera Goodwin	£15
3 rd No 52	Keith Walmsby	£10
4 th No 11	Syliva Woolley	£6
5 th No 89	Keith Belfield	£5
6 th No 21	Margaret Gould	£3.50

Thank you, to all 119 Members

ST LUKE'S PCC - would like to wish everybody A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU -to Gemma Robinson and family for donating the Christmas tree and decorating the church so beautifully.

SPECIAL SERVICE - St Luke's warmly invites all married couples with connections to the church here at Sheen to a special celebration service for Valentine's Day on Sunday 19th February 2012 at 6.30pm. Whether you have been married 6years or 60years, please do come along all are very welcome. If you know of any one who has moved out of the area and you feel they

would like to come please let them know. Light refreshments will be served at the ended of the service.



WHIST DRIVE -Friday 20th

January 2012 starts at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall.

All profit goes towards the up keep of St Luke's church. .

FLOWERS - Ann

AEROBICS CLASS - New Year New Class come and join us and start the New Year of right. First class of the year is Thursday 5th January at 7pm in Sheen Village Hall all you need is loose fitting clothing a pair of trainers, bottle of water and a sense of humour. Cost of the class is £3 per session. If you require any further information, please contact Pam Belfield on 84809.

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

No post office on 2nd January 2011

Reapsmoor

On behalf of St Johns Reapsmoor, we would like to express our thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to our Christmas celebrations. Appreciations go to all who gave so generously of raffle prizes & buffet food. Special thanks go to Chris for once again burning the midnight oil to make the lovely flower & holly displays. Thank you to Joan for the music, to Anne & Henry for the buffet and Margaret & Lorna for all their hard work as usual. We kindly acknowledge Christmas donations to St Johns from Roger & Alison.

Hollinsclough

Hollinsclough School

Our Christmas activities are going really well. The visit to The Opera House in Buxton on 14th December was a great success ("Oh yes it was!") - the children and adults all had a lovely time.

Our own Christmas production, "It's A Party", on 16th, was also a great event (well done to all the children!). Mrs Goodyear did a great job as Show Director and Lisa was brilliant as always with the costumes and set. Very many thanks to everyone who came along; we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

On Monday 19th we will be having a party and Christmas Disco for the children.

Tuesday 20th brings our Christingle and Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel with the Reverends Forrester and Smith. On Tuesday we also have our Christmas fair, which we are really looking forward to, and of course the end of term.

We had our visit to Mrs Wolstencroft's farm this month and it was such a good day that the children wanted to go back the next day! We did map reading skills and some orienteering, and enjoyed lovely cups of hot chocolate and juice to warm up. Huge thanks to Mrs Wolstencroft for her hospitality and for the day.

Next term the Key Stage 2 children are working on a project about Hollinsclough and it's surroundings. We would be really interested to hear from older residents of Hollinsclough, Longnor and surrounding areas who went to the school in Hollinsclough and have memories of their time at school. It

would be wonderful if the children could interview some of you! If you have a house or cottage in Hollinsclough which has an interesting history we would also like to hear from you - we are producing a Village Trail leaflet, showing sites of interest in Hollinsclough. Please contact the school on 01298 83303 or email fgoodyear@hollinsclough.staffs.sch.uk if you can help us.

Next term, along with the Heathlee Federation of Longnor and Flash, we will be boarding the 'Museum on the Move'. This is a mobile museum exhibition, housed on a single-decker vehicle. The exhibition uses artefacts and images from the region's museums, alongside text and interactive activities, to explore entertainment during the past 150 years. The focus areas are Outdoor, Urban and Home entertainment covering: theatre, sport, hobbies, seaside, circus, Zoos, radio, television, fetes and carnivals, pubs and internet. The group of schools will also be taking part in the jump! Dance festival at Buxton so we will start to practice for that in our PE sessions at Longnor after Christmas.

We have continued to have lots of interest in our Flexi Schooling approach this month, with many enquiries from other schools and authorities.

The Flexi School Learning Hub remains popular and continues to run every other Friday. The dates for next year are on our website, with Latin continuing later in the year.

On Thursdays we have our "Let's Get Cooking" club after school from 3pm until 4pm. During the run up to Christmas we have been making cakes for our Christmas fair.

Little Berries is our pre-school provision, offering a fun, relaxed and positive environment for the little learners. We had our first OFSTED inspection at the end of November, and are thrilled to report that our provision is "good with outstanding features! A massive well done and thanks to Wendy, Sarah and all involved. Little Berries is available during term time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9am - 3pm for ages 2+. On Tuesdays we have "Play and Stay" between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Please contact Mr Malbon at school on 01298 83303 if you would like any further information.

We hope that the New Year brings peace and prosperity to all.

Action Group

Next meeting is Monday, 9th January in Hollinsclough Chapel Hall at 7.30pm.

Warslow

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.

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Services in the Benefice for January 2012

	Longnor	Quarrford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday January 1 st	Benefice Service 10.30am						
Sunday 8 th	Epiphany Crafts & Service 4.30pm	Holy Communion 11.15am			Morning Prayer & Baptism 9.30am		
Sunday 15 th		Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 6.30pm	Holy Communion 9.30am			
Sunday 22 nd	Holy Communion 6.30pm	All-age Worship 11.30am	Morning Prayer 10.00am				
Sunday 29 th				Benefice Service 10.30am			
Sunday February 5 th	Evening Prayer 6.30pm	Evening Prayer 4.30pm	All-age Worship 11.00am		Holy Communion 9.30am		
Newtown - Short morning service 10.00 am each Thursday							