

# From the Vicarage



As most of you know by now, I am leaving the Church to return to teaching. This has not been an easy decision but

I believe it is the right one. It has been based on a number of factors that have included the length of time I have been in post here, the ever rising cost of oil, and the need to keep James away from coal smoke. As a family we feel the time is right to move on and let new ideas come into the benefice at this time of change. I am sure that you will not have any difficulty in recruiting a new incumbent to this lovely part of the world.

We will not be going far, just moving permanently into our house in Leek. Nor will I be losing all contact with the church as I hope after a few months of getting used to teaching again to do some part time work during the school holidays. No doubt we will continue to see each other around the shops as many of us have in the past.

My last Sunday worship will be in the 31<sup>st</sup> August at the Benefice service and I hope that many of you will come to that. My time here does not officially end until the 6<sup>th</sup> September as I wanted to still be Vicar at Felicity's Wedding which will take place in St. Luke's Sheen at 2pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. I hope that many of you will come and join us for the service and stay on afterwards for a cup of tea. It is always good to have one's friends around at a time of celebration.

Change is always unsettling and most of us prefer things to carry on in the same routine because it is known and therefore

comfortable. We all find security in routine. But we should not forget that Jesus came to institute change in a people who had become bogged down in their comfortable routine and had lost site of the true meaning of their relationship with God.

It is far too easy at times to allow the routine to carry us while our minds become detached from the purpose. Jesus started to challenge many of the assumptions that had been held by people for centuries. He began by choosing companions who were not learned members of the ruling elite but rather simple men who were prepared to listen with open minds to the things that he had to teach them. He showed them that it was not so much the ritual that mattered but the way they treated other people.

He taught them that God had created everyone and everyone had the opportunity to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. He taught them that it was not so much what a person did that mattered but what was in their heart. He showed them that if they truly loved God then this would control how they responded to others. He taught them that God was always available to those who looked for him in prayer and would always forgive those who were genuinely sorry for the things they had done wrong.

As both you and I enter this time of change in our lives let us never forget that God walks with us. Through prayer we will overcome all the difficulties and be strengthened. You will never be far from my prayers and I hope that you will pray on occasions for us as a family as we adjust to our new situation.

May God Bless you all  
David

# Benefice News

**Local Police Number**

**08453 30 2010**

**For all non-emergency calls**

## **Biblelands**

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm

Warslow School

Su M<sup>c</sup>Clellen, the Regional Representative of Biblelands will give an illustrated talk on the work of Biblelands and the situation in the Middle East

Bibleland goods will be for sale

Please try to attend and encourage others to do so. Our sponsored child Toufic is in the care of Biblelands and most of us are familiar with their Bethlehem carol sheets but there is much more to their work than this. The evening is an open meeting of the Deanery Synod.

## **Day Trip from Reapsmoor**

Royal Welsh Show

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

A few seats remaining

Tel: Margaret Massey

01298 84423



## **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.



## **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 - July**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair - Longnor School**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Open Morning - Longnor Pre-School**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Beach Party - Flash**

**Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Garden - Nab End**

## **Art for Health workshops**

Come & relax, express your feelings in a free & friendly art group

led by local artist Ruby Hickmott

Activities include Clay, Painting, Collage, Printing, Drawing

Monday Afternoons 2.30pm - 4.30pm

7th July - Hartington Surgery

14th & 21st July - Longnor Church (Balcony Room - Stair Access)

28th July - Hartington Village Hall

If you are interested in joining this group for all or part of the sessions

please contact Ruby on: 01335 390323

(Ideal for all ages & abilities, no previous experience necessary)

All workshops are funded by the Sustainable Development Fund

& supported by Hartington Surgery Patient's Group

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

### **Fly Tipping and Litter**

To report to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council call  
Freephone 08001693159

**Prize Bingo**  
Cheshire Cheese, Longnor  
Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Doors open 7.30pm  
Eyes Down 8pm  
Proceeds to St. John's Church,  
Repsmoor

### **Mobile Library**

|                        |                          |               |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Quarnford/Flash</b> | Springhead Road Junction | 10.25 - 10.35 |
|                        | Flash School             | 10.45 - 11.30 |
|                        | Travellers Rest          | 11.35 - 11.55 |
|                        | Lower Summerhill         | 12.00 - 12.15 |
| <b>Hollinsclough</b>   | Chapel                   | 12.25 - 12.55 |
| <b>Longnor</b>         | The Square               | 2.05 - 2.35   |
|                        | Old Saw Mill             | 2.40 - 2.45   |
| <b>Barrowmoor</b>      | Badgers Croft            | 2.50 - 3.00   |
| <b>Repsmoor</b>        | Swallow Moss             | 3.20 - 3.25   |
|                        | Park House               | 3.30 - 3.35   |

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> July

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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> July

### **Deadline for the Magazine**

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

### **The Benefice**

Last month we started to look at the work of the General Synod of the Church of England. We looked at the work of the various Commissions. This month I want to look at

The PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

#### **Business Committee**

The Committee is responsible for organizing the business of the Synod, enabling it to fulfill its role as a legislative and deliberative body.

#### **Legislative Committee**

The Legislative Committee is a statutory committee, required by the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and the Constitution of the General Synod. It acts in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the 1919 Act in, inter alia, submitting Measures to Parliament for approval once they have received final approval by the General Synod.

#### **Standing Orders Committee**

The Committee keeps under review the procedures and Standing Orders of the General Synod.

#### **Appointments Committee**

There is provision for the establishment of the Appointments Committee both in the National Institutions Measure 1998 and in the Standing Orders of the General Synod. It is, therefore, a Committee both of the [Archbishops' Council](#) and the [General Synod](#) and it is responsible for making such appointments and/or recommendations on appointments to synodical and other bodies as the Synod or the Archbishops' Council require.

Appointments include:

- appointments to synodical bodies, such as legislative steering or revision committees, the Standing Orders Committee etc

- appointments to Boards, Councils and Committees of the Archbishops' Council
- representatives of the Synod on the governing bodies of theological training institutions
- representatives of the Synod on the governing bodies of mission agencies ([Partnership for World Mission](#))
- representatives of the Church of England at ecumenical conferences
- representatives of the Church of England at the governing assemblies of other denominations

So how is the General Synod made up?  
This can be answered by looking at the CONVECATION  
CONVOCATIONS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

### **History**

The division of the English Church into the Provinces of Canterbury and York dates from 735. By the beginning of the fifteenth century each Province had a Convocation, an ecclesiastical assembly the membership of which consisted of the archbishop and bishops, the abbots and priors, the deans and provosts of cathedrals and collegiate churches, the archdeacons, two proctors for the clergy of each diocese and one for the chapter of each collegiate church. The clergy formed the Lower House and the bishops the Upper House of each Convocation.

The Reformation made no change to the structure or procedures of the Convocations, except that their size was considerably reduced following the dissolution of the monasteries and the canon law made by the Convocations was subordinated to the Crown and to the statute law made by Parliament.

In 1919 the Church Assembly was formed under the Church Assembly (Powers) Act.

It consisted of the Convocations together with a House of Laity and its Constitution and Procedures were under the control of the Convocations. The Church Assembly had power to pass measures which, if approved by parliament, received Royal assent and became part of the statute law of England. The Convocations continued to exist alongside the Church Assembly, retaining their traditional powers. Canon Law continued to be made by the Convocations, meeting and voting separately. In 1970 the Church Assembly was replaced by the General Synod, which consists of the Convocations of Canterbury and York together with a House of Laity. The Upper Houses of the Convocations combine to form the House of Bishops and the Lower Houses combine to form the House of Clergy. The Convocations continue to exist, and although most of their powers were transferred to the General Synod, they do retain some residual rights.

### **Constitution**

Each of the Convocations consists of two Houses, an Upper House and a Lower House. The Upper House consists of all the diocesan bishops in the Province, the Bishop of Dover (in the case of the Convocation of Canterbury), bishops elected by the suffragan bishops of the Province, and any other bishops residing in the province who are members of the Archbishops' Council. The Archbishop presides. The Lower House comprises clergy (other than bishops) who have been elected, appointed or chosen in accordance with Canon H2 and the rules made under it (including deans, archdeacons, proctors from the dioceses and university constituencies and clerical members of religious communities) together with ex-officio members. The Prolocutor chairs

meetings and acts as spokesperson of the House.

**Members of the Convocations**

Canterbury York

**Upper House**

|                        |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Diocesan Bishops.....  | 30        | 14        |
| Suffragan Bishops..... | 6         | 3         |
|                        | <b>36</b> | <b>17</b> |

**Lower House**

|                            |            |           |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Deans                      | 3          | 2         |
| Dean of Jersey or Guernsey | 1          |           |
| Service Chaplains          | 3          |           |
| Chaplain-General Prisons   | of 1       |           |
| Elected Proctors           | 128        | 54        |
| University Proctors        | 4          | 2         |
| Religious Communities      | 1          | 1         |
| Co-opted Clergy            | 0          | 1         |
|                            | <b>141</b> | <b>60</b> |

Next month we will go on to look at some of the business that is being conducted by the Synod at the moment.

*Instruction about Church*

*A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"*

*Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."*

**Longnor**

**St. Bartholomew's Church News**



Our new Architect came to visit at the beginning of June and has gone away to draw up a plan for the work that needs to be done on the church. He will continue to

work with the Church Wardens and PCC to prepare a detailed Faculty Request and will help get the necessary quotes for the work to be undertaken. This will of course mean that we will have to start using some of the money from the fabric account. This will decrease the amount of interest we get on this account which means we will have to raise the difference from additional fund raising activities. I am sure that this will be worth it when people see the improvements to the building that will result. Our only worry at present is the crack under the Balcony by the toilet door. We are going to have this surveyed by a structural Engineer and will we know more when we have his report.

The Confirmation Service was a great success and the Bishop of Stafford welcomed three new members into the church. Our hope now is to see more of our young people.

Congratulations to  
Sian Lowands  
Jack Belfield  
Thomas Belfield

**Clifford Wardle**

We have been asked to add the following to the memorial in last month's magazine: Mr. Wardle also left a sister, Doris, nephew and godson, David and great nieces, Claire and Debbie.

## In Memory

### Doris Prince



Doris was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1919 at Hays Gate Hulme End. Weighing just 2lb here father said that she would fit into a quart jug. At first she slept in a drawer at home to keep her warm.

Doris had a brother Dennis who was sadly killed in WW II and a sister Sylvia who died in 1993. She lived a lot of her early life with her aunt Clara at Hays Gate walking each day up to Warslow School. In the late 1920s her parents moved to Swallow Moss at Reapsmoor and it was from here that she completed her schooling at the age of 14.

Like many girls her age Doris went into service, working at the Light Railway Pub at Hume End. In about 1940 she started cleaning for Sam Prince at Knowle Top. They soon fell inn love and were married here in church on Easter Saturday 1942. They continued to live at Knowle Top and added to their family with Dennis in December of that year followed by Eric in May 1944, John in January 1948 and Winston in October of 1951. As the children grew they were all sent to Sunday school.

Doris enjoyed Gardening and grew her own fruit and veg. Here the children came in handy, being set to do the weeding in the summer. As well as helping on the Small Holding Doris would go and help Judith out in the Fish & Chip Shop in Longnor by doing the cleaning in the café. She also used to save the foil trays from the pies.

Doris and Sam enjoyed going on Holiday to Scotland and would take one of Bernard

Sutton's Coach Tours there. They travelled around visiting many places of interest.

In 1962 the grandchildren started to arrive and sadly in 1973 Sam died at the age of 69 and two years later Doris moved into Longnor. By 1987 the Great-Grandchildren began to arrive and indeed she was here to see the latest addition early this year. In 1989 Doris moved to Leek.

In her later years Doris enjoyed going to Leek Day Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays. She also very much enjoyed going on trips to the Pantomime as well as visiting Llandudno and Blackpool to see the illuminations.

Doris was at heart a quiet person who didn't like a fuss made. She enjoyed doing jigsaws and watching sport on television. She enjoyed watching most sports but snooker was her favourite. She followed with rapt attention the career of Ronnie O' Sullivan and woe betide anyone who rang up when the snooker was on. Doris was also very thoughtful never forgetting to send a card when it was someone's birthday.

Congratulations to the Mellor Family  
All May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Stephen Mellor and Heather Williamson  
were married  
Roy and Linda celebrated their Golden  
Wedding and it was also Stephen's  
birthday

### Longnor Luncheon Club

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Cheshire Cheese from 11.30 until about 2.30. We start with tea or coffee and biscuits followed by a speaker, a sing-song or a quiz or some other entertainment. We then have a cooked meal and a sweet and yet more tea or coffee. We have a raffle, a Table Top sale and also a lending library. The cost is £6 and everyone is welcome.

**9<sup>th</sup> July A representative from Fidler, Taylor estate agents will give us a talk**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> No meeting as we're going on a Mystery Trip.**

**Please come along and join us.  
We are also in need of volunteers to help out. For more information ring Margaret Massey. Tel 01298 84423**

### **MINUTES OF LONGNOR ACTION GROUP MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008**

These came in too late for last month's magazine.

**PRESENT:** Gaynor Parkinson, Sam Kidd, Peter Baker, David Nicol, John & Debbie O'Neil, Tina Ball

**CHAIR:** Sam Kidd

**APOLOGIES:** None

#### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

#### **CHURCH CLOCK**

David has decided that they will go ahead with an application for the Heritage Lottery.

David and Gaynor to arrange a meeting to progress this funding application. Carry over to next meeting.

#### **FUNDING APPLICATION FOR TABLES**

David wants to apply again for funding and this will be included in the above meeting with Gaynor. As above

#### **MARQUEE**

The marquee has been sold and removed by Jackson's.

#### **CONSTITUTION**

- The constitution was discussed and agreed by the group. Sam to sign the original document for the group's file.

#### **NEW PROJECT IDEAS**

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

- Sam has progressed permission for this project and being asked for a rough design of what we would be looking for. Peter will produce design for the next meeting.

- Peter has been around to look at the proposed areas and do some measurements. This has highlighted various possible issues.

- Gaynor to source appropriate funding possibilities. This will be left until we have more information.

- Tina from REAP advised that they may be able to support through a grant they are awaiting a decision on.

#### **TREASURER**

- Gaynor to source appropriate funding possibilities for a lap top-No appropriate funding streams available presently. Tina advised that via REAP's

contacts the group could source 40% discount through an ICT grant.

#### WEBSITE & LEAFLET UPDATE

- A re-print with little change will cost £646 and a full revamp would cost £946. Tina has provided Debbie with an alternative favourable quote at £515 for a re-print.

- Debbie and John will be writing/visiting all those advertised on the current leaflet to gain their support and advise them that the cost will be £25.00, which also includes the website. Debbie and John made contact with all those concerned and did have 2 space spaces, however these have now been taken by REAP and St Bartholomew's Church.

- Website - John has gained access to allow him to input the advertisers from the leaflet onto the site.

As the site does not seem to be being utilised effectively it was decided that after the leaflet has been reprinted more information and work needs to be done on the site.

The action group needs to take control of the website and agree who will be responsible.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- As members of the action group have been out and about gathering information for some of the items above, residents commented on the following issues:-

Condition of the public toilets.

On the Crowdecote Road the 2 old 30 MPH signs need to be taken down and the new one's have slipped out of place.

The overall signage into the village.

Action - On behalf of the residents the action group will send a letter to the Parish Council advising them of the above issues.

- Sam made the group aware that the First Responders were having to take the advanced driving course as part of their development towards blue light training. The cost of this training is £1050.00 which they receive no funding or support towards. Therefore Sam proposed that the group donate £350 towards this training, John seconded this and the whole group agreed. Sam has also made contact with Sheen and Hollinsclough to see if they would be prepared to contribute towards this training, they will be speaking to their action groups shortly. Action - Gaynor to provide Sam with a contact for Warslow action group.

- Arts For Health - Sam up dated the group on this project that started originally in Hartington. A group was started in Longnor and was very successful with a good level of interest. Sam confirmed that the Hartington project now have some further funding and the Longnor classes can start again. As the classes run in the Balcony room David now feels that he needs to put a case forward for the installation of a stair lift.

- Sam extended an invitation to all action group members and the SMCVS Community Development Team to attend the school on Monday 19 May for the official breathing places opening.

- All meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Balcony Room

- Please feel free to join us at any of our meetings, whether you have attended before or not.

- Contact details for Gaynor Parkinson of Staffordshire Moorlands CVS 01538381356

gaynorparkinson@smcvs.co.uk

#### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 June 2008 7.30pm

**MINUTES OF LONGNOR ACTION  
GROUP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2008**

PRESENT: Gaynor Parkinson, Sam Kidd,  
Peter Baker, David Nicol, John & Debbie  
O'Neil

CHAIR: Sam Kidd

APOLOGIES: Tina Ball

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

**CHURCH CLOCK**

Due to David's announcement that he will be leaving in August, it was decided that the application to Heritage Lottery will be left until his replacement arrives.

**FUNDING APPLICATION FOR TABLES**

Action:- Gaynor to ask Heather if the application can be re-submitted with the new constitution.

**CONSTITUTION**

- Sam has signed the original constitution, which Peter will keep and Sam will receive a copy for his records.

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

- Peter is sending his design and a letter to the area surveyor.
- Gaynor to source appropriate funding possibilities. This will be left until we have more information.
- Tina from REAP advised that they may be able to support through a grant they are awaiting a decision on.

**WEBSITE & LEAFLET UPDATE**

Leaflet

Peak Press produced the re-print of the leaflet due to rights of art work. The final cost was £596.00.

In the May minutes it was reported that we had 2 space to fill, however it was actually 3 and the third space was taken by the Post Office.

New leaflet 2009

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

**Website**

All businesses have now been loaded onto the site, just awaiting some further pictures/images. We need to formally apply to Gary advising who will be administering the site and he will provide access codes. We need to keep the services of the web master.

Action: Gaynor to contact Tina and see if someone in her office would be prepared to keep information up to date as and when required together with being a central point for people to deliver information to.

Action: Agree at the July meeting who will have access codes. (Community Development Team at Staffordshire CVS would be useful for uploading minutes etc.)

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

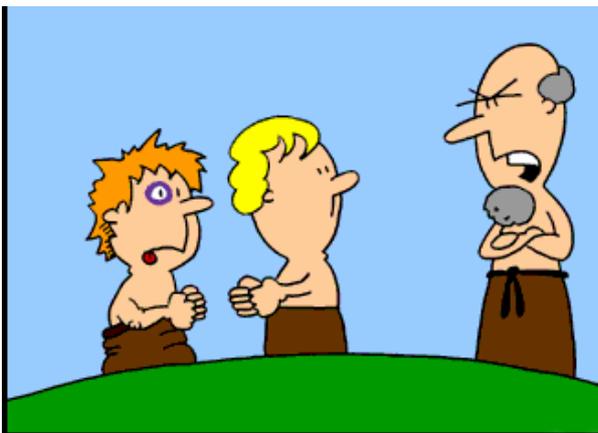
- David Nicol announced at the beginning of the meeting that he will be leaving in August and going back into the teaching profession. He will be greatly missed by the members of the action group.

- Due to Sam making contact with Hollinsclough they have made a donation to the First Responders of £375.

Action - Sam to contact Michelle Cohen 01298 687205 for Warslow action group.

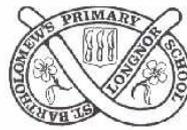
- Event - Tuesday 19 August Medieval Music evening in the Church. During the interval there will be an opportunity for people to try out the instruments.
  - The group decided that it would be useful to display a poster in the notice board with our meeting dates and contact details on. Action: Gaynor to get draft produced for July meeting.
  - All meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Balcony Room
- PLEASE NOTE THE JULY MEETING IS BEING HELD AT THE LONGNOR WOOD CARAVAN PARK - Thank you to Debbie and John for their kind invitation.
- Please feel free to join us at any of our meetings, whether you have attended before or not.
  - Contact details for Gaynor Parkinson of Staffordshire Moorlands CVS 01538381356  
gaynorparkinson@smcvs.co.uk

NEXT MEETING  
Wednesday 16 July 2008 7.30pm



I HOPE YOU DON'T PLAN ON TRYING TO TELL ME THAT YOU WERE FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT AGAIN

## News from St Bartholomew's School ...



**SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR**  
**- SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 12 NOON - 3 PM**

As we come to the end of a successful academic year, we wish our Year 4 pupils every good wish as they leave to start a very challenging new stage of their education at Churnet View. We are confident they will all settle quickly and do very well.

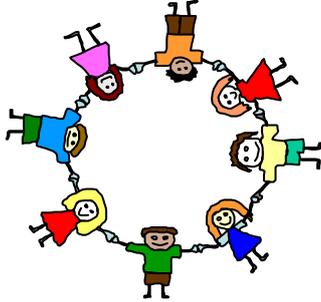
The year has seen many successes, academically, physically and socially. The children have been involved in community projects such as Packhorse Poets, planting up local woodlands and the recent establishment of our Breathing Places outdoor classroom. We were especially pleased with the community acknowledgement in our recent very successful Ofsted.

Our school has immensely enjoyed being host to Hana this term. Hana is one of the children that come to the area from Belarus. Her summer home has been with the Moors family at High Ash. There has been a great deal of cultural exchanges between the children - ours learning some Russian - we improving Hana's English.

Thank you to governors, parents and family for all the support you give to our school and the children. Have a good holiday.

Sue Evans, Head Teacher

# **LONGNOR & DISTRICT PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**



St Bartholomew's School, Longnor

**Tel: 01298 83233**

[www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk](http://www.playgroup.st-bartholomews-longnor.org.uk)

Ofsted Reg. Nr.: 218187

Registered Charity Nr.: 1044161

# **OPEN MORNING**

**WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2008**

**10.00am - 12 noon**

**All families with babies and children of  
pre-school age very welcome**

Call in, have a cup of coffee and a look round our small,  
friendly playgroup; meet staff and have a play!

**Music - cooking - painting - and lots more!**

**We look forward to seeing you ...**

## Quarnford

### St. Paul's Church News



The Flower Festival was a great success this year, not just from the financial point of view but from the number of people from the community who got involved. We are very grateful to those who worked wonders with the flowers and to those who came to help with stewarding.

The final profit of over £1100 was a great tribute to the hard work and dedication put in by so many people. This will make a great difference to our roof fund. I would ask your prayers this month for our school which is starting to seek a new head teacher. These are difficult times for rural schools all of which face falling rolls and so come under threat of review. If you know any young families who are looking for quality education for their children then please put them in touch with our school.

### In Memory

#### Margaret Robinson

Margaret was born at Far Brook Farm on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1941 and aged 3 the family moved to Oxenstytch Farm. From here Margaret attended Ramshaw School, before moving on to Leek County School where she stayed until aged 14. From school she went to work at the IXL Laundry in Buxton until 1969 when the Laundry moved to Leek

Margaret moved to Leek with her mother after the death of her Father and went to work in the Sports Clothing Mill on Macclesfield Road. Here she stayed until her retirement at 60. She remained at



Sherburn Road, living with mum, until her death in 1975 and then she remained alone until about 5 years ago when she and her lifelong friend Peter who was now a widower became companions for each other. Sadly Peter died last year.

In December last year Margaret had an accident and broke her leg. She was admitted to Hospital and it was discovered that she had bone cancer. She had one course of treatment but declined any more when she was told that the cancer was spreading rapidly. She went to stay with Peter's daughter and son-in-law, John and Ann, until she died.

Margaret was a very quiet lady but with a good sense of humour. She had a very infectious laugh that could cheer up any occasion. She was also a person who knew her own mind and was not afraid to speak it if the occasion demanded. She was very independent of spirit and never wanted to be a burden on anyone. She was also fiercely loyal. I remember her coming to our All Souls Service here last year when we said prayers for Peter and the others who had died during the previous year.

Margaret loved this area and would often go walking across the hills and moors. She also had a great interest in local history and village tradition which explains her addiction to the Archers. She also enjoyed reading and watching her two favourite programmes, Eastenders and Coronation Street.

#### Cyril Hudson



Cyril was born at Bank House on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1923 at Back-o-the-Brook. From here the family moved to Croft Bottom. In the mid 50s they moved

again to Thickwithins. During that time Cyril worked with dad on the farm as well as finding other work around the area. He would often be up early and milk the cows before setting out to school. In his teens he helped out with the building of the ammunition stores at Harpur Hill by mixing the mortar for the builders. As a young man he worked for a number of different farmers, including Garnets at Glutton Bridge and at Fawside. I know that he is remembered by many as being a lovely young man with gentle ways. Well he must have had winning ways because he and Mary were married at Longnor Chapel and moved into Gollin Cottage to begin married life together.

In the Mid 60s the family moved to Top House Farm which Cyril did up himself, being one of the breed of farmers who could turn his hand to most things. Here he remained until his death taking care of the farm and of Mary. Cyril enjoyed keeping up to date with farming practices and had a pair of field glasses that he used to see what was going on around him. He enjoyed going to Market and visited Bakewell and Chelford as well as Leek. Like many of his contemporaries he enjoyed a drink at the Angel in Leek after the Market and a chat with other farmers from around the area.

My abiding memory of Cyril will be him sitting in his Land Rover and carefully asking "Now Vicar how much do I owe for the Magazine" But let the last word go to one of his friends who said to me the other day "He was a good Farmer"

**Donations** in memory of Cyril Hudson have been received for church funds, with very many thanks.

## Rhoda Sidebottom



Rhoda was born in Ashton Under-Lyne, Lancashire, to John and Mabel Barber, brought up with her brother Bob in a very humble but loving home. She was 7 when the war broke out and 14 when it ended. These years spent living on the outskirts of Manchester was not easy, living life as normal whilst under constant threat of air raids. This background was the basis of Rhoda's character. Proud to be a lass from the north, tough, resilient but above all able to remain cheerful and deal with whatever life through at her.

She left school at 14 and trained as a short hand typist and worked at a local company in her home town. Rhoda met her future husband, Ron at the age of 15 and they were married in 1953. They went on to have 4 children; Lynda, Paul, Kathryn and Mark. With the family completed Ran and Rhoda bought Lower Dry Stone Edge farm and the family settled into a new life in this area.

Rhoda became the secretary at the village school and totally embraced the country life. She was secretary at Flash School for 12 years. Whilst at the school she helped in the classroom with reading etc., escorting children to swimming lessons in Buxton and at Easter times would dress up as the Easter bunny complete with a fluffy hat, gloves and tail. She would set off and hide the eggs in a local field.

Christmas time would be spent helping with Christmas concerts at the village hall and carol services at this very church.

Rhoda's children all married and she became a much loved mother-in-law to Ken, Joy, Charlie & Helen.

Once the family had started to leave home Rhoda and husband Ran left Dry Stone Edge and settled in Longnor. At this time she took up a position at Dairy Crest, Hartington, working in the office. A job she greatly enjoyed and held for 11 years. Rhoda's husband Ron took early retirement due to the loss of his eyesight and a new edition was added to the family in the form of Melody, Ron's guide dog.

Rhoda became a grandmother to John, Clare, Andrew, Grace, Louise, Michelle, Rebecca, and Luke, and a Great-Grandmother to Sally, Georgina, Samuel, Toby, Matthew and Emma. She loved the simple life and was happiest in her garden or with her beloved family.

When Ron passed away in 1997, Melody was retired as a guide dog and became Rhoda's close companion. She moved to Leek in 1998 to be closer to her family. Melody her beloved dog passed away two years ago and Rhoda adopted another Labrador called Simba who filled the gap left by Melody. They lived together until the last few weeks of Rhoda's life

Rhoda loved to bake, her raspberry buns are legendary gaining a worldwide reputation as far as her nieces and nephews in New Zealand. Rhoda was a much loved aunt, she was always a shoulder to cry on, provide a meal and somewhere to camp out if needed. Always young at heart, loved a practical joke, never serious and always saw the funny side to everything.

Her husband Ron came off worse on more than one occasion. She once slipped on some ice whilst carrying a frozen leg of lamb in a carrier bag, spun around and smacked Ron in the mouth. She once mistakenly gave him sleeping tablets

instead of flu tablets rendering him out cold for a number of hours. One time Ron spent all day Saturday repairing the wiring in the boiler for Rhoda to slip on some oil and rip all the wires back out again. Luckily the family escaped any serious injuries and Rhoda and Ron had a very happy marriage.

Rhoda survived cancer 15 years ago and carried on regardless, steadfastly refusing to give in or make a fuss about it. 18 months ago she was diagnosed with cancer again, and after her and Lynda were told it was terminal she just said 'let's go and get a coffee and I need to look for a new bedspread'.

She refused to tell anyone but her children and older grandchildren. She just carried on in her own way, never complained or moaned or asked why me?

She lived her life as she started it, drawing on her strength of character, borne out of her humble beginnings, a toughness you would never believe such a gentle lady could have and above all a sense of humour and fun a lass from the north could never lose.

Rebecca, Rhoda's granddaughter read Rhoda's favourite poem, Desiderata.

**Donations** for the roof fund received with grateful thanks from: Gwen Kidd, in memory of Ben and from Mr. G.M. Parr.

**Gift Aid** If you are not sure how this works but would like to know, please ask the vicar or Janet (01298 812053). It is a great way to increase any donations if you are a U.K. tax payer.

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

**Winners for June are:**

**1<sup>st</sup> No. 52 £16 Mrs M Frodsham**

**2<sup>nd</sup> No. 5 £10 Mr J S Clulow**

**3<sup>rd</sup> No. 21 £9 Mrs E Smith**

**The Quest has now been running for a year and for most people their membership now expires. We very much hope that everyone will join the scheme for another year and that new members will be found. The membership reached 70, which means that £420 has been put into church funds and the same amount given out in prize money (no expenses have been claimed). To renew, pick up a form in church or send £12 to Janet M<sup>c</sup>Nicol, Wellsdale, Mellor Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith, High Peak. SK23 9SA**

**Flowers, Food, Fun and Fellowship** - the ingredients of the 2008 Flash Flower Festival at St. Paul's, Quarnford.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the festival.

This year there were many more people involved than usual and this made it a real community event. Our experienced flower arrangers were joined by others to whom it was a new experience and the result was wonderful.

Sponsorship was a new venture for us and our generous sponsors covered the cost of the flowers. The services brought in people from far and wide, as did the reunion on Monday evening.

The festival made a profit of £1,185 (this includes the services)

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

## **Flash Back**

In addition to the Flower Festival total, we have received a most generous donation from Margaret Parker from the sale of her book "Flash Back". Copies of this fascinating book about Quarnford parish are still available from Margaret or from Flash Bar Stores. Thank you, Margaret.

## **News from Flash School**

On Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> the village celebrated the Teapot and Flower Festival. The children helped to design the flower arrangement around the font in St Paul's Church. Donations of rosettes won by the children added colour to the horse riding theme. Thank you to Mrs Pownall for all her help.

The art club, parents and friends worked tirelessly to create the Well Dressing. The theme of Noah and the Flood was cleverly crafted with a teapot incorporated for Mr and Mrs Noah's refreshment. The enthusiasm for the Well Dressing is growing every year and the children look forward to the clay work. Thank you to all.

The Flower Festival theme has been continued at school with a mass planting of bean seeds and bedding plants.

We are looking forward to our trip to Llandudno on June 27<sup>th</sup>. This is part of our Sea-side project. More about this next month, please may the sun shine !

Dehra Griffiths

## End of term Beach Party

Flash Village Hall  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2008  
7.30 - 12.30  
Raffle  
Refreshments  
Licensed Bar

Tickets:-

Family £8

Adults £2.50

Children £1

Under 5's free

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult  
For further information please call

Louise Rhead Garlick 01298 78076 or 07866443948.

All proceeds to St Paul's church roof fund.

## Sheen

### St. Luke's Sheen

I hope that most of you have seen the clock that has been repaired. It will be a great asset both to the church and to the village. One of the things that struck me was the way the Air Gun Pellet Marks now show up on the dial. More work on the fabric of the church will be underway soon and we are waiting for our new architect to help us prepare a faculty request for some of the larger tasks.



## June's One Hundred Club Results

|                        |                |       |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> No 23  | Andy Kaminski  | £20   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> No 120 | Pam Critchlow  | £15   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> No 25  | Jackie Birds   | £10   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> No 125 | Noel Alcock    | £7    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> No 3   | Janet Belfield | £5.50 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> No 2   | Vera Goodwin   | £4    |

Thank you, to all 123 Members

**Pcc Meeting** - Please note the change of date for the PCC meeting from 8<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in Church. New members always welcome.

## Gift Day Donations

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mrs D Basset                     | Mr and Mrs J Stubbs           |
| Mrs D Birch                      | Bess and Bob Adams            |
| Mona Stubbs                      | Mr and Mrs Denis Birch        |
| Mr and Mrs G Belfield and Family | Mrs Shipley                   |
| Harris Close                     | J I Gould                     |
| H M Shann                        | Chris, Pam and Family         |
| T E Critchlow Leek               | Mary Bury and Family          |
| Brian and Mary                   | George and Pauline Grindon    |
| Joe and Pam Critchlow            | Mr and Mrs David Critchlow    |
| Race House                       | Mr and Mrs A Birds and Family |
| Mrs C Kirkham                    | Amy Riley                     |
| Manor Farm                       | J and H Critchlow             |
| Brian and Ann                    | N L Wainwright                |
| J and K Belfield and Family      | 3 Anon                        |

Thank you to everybody who has supported our Gift Day Appeal. So far we have raised £501.40. If anyone still has a gift day donation to give in please give to Ann, George or Chris. All donations given in this way go towards the up keep of St Luke's.

## **Sponsorship for Flower Festival**

- anyone wishing to sponsor a display in the memory of a loved one or on the birth of a child or any happy event please contact Ann or George for more information. Ann on 01298 84396 or George on 01298 83264

## **Flower Festival Church Service -**

is on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

**Thank You** -to Paul Storer for trimming the trees we can now see the Church much better.

## **Flower Festival Car Boot -**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am to 4pm at St Luke's Church Sheen. Car boots or table top inside village hall (limited space inside) £5 booked before the day, £6 on the day. Further information contact Ann on 01298 84396 or George 01298 83264. Bacon Baps will be sold inside village hall from 10.30am. All proceeds will go to St Luke's Church. No sellers before 9.30am, thank you.

## **Flower Festival Help**

-people who would like to volunteer to sit in Church while the flower festival is taking place. A rota will be in church so please put your name on or see Ann or George. If you would like to donate Tombola prizes please leave with Ann or George or any member of the PCC or leave at the back of Church with a note on. Anybody wishing to bake cakes for the cake stall or for refreshments would be very much appreciated.

**Flower Festival** - The theme is **SIMPLY RED** we are opening on **SUNDAY MORNING 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** at 10.30am and finishing on Saturday Evening 5<sup>th</sup> July at

5pm. Refreshments will be served from the back of church and toilets are available in the village hall. The Church will be open from 10.30am to 8pm Sunday to Friday and Saturday 10.30am to 5pm.

## **Flower Festival Competition - is**

make a butterfly out of any materials. Open to all ages. Please have entries in Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> before 12noon.

## **Nice To See**

- Mona Stubbs back at home after her short stay in hospital. Mona has decided to take a longed earned rest and is taking a year out from her church duties but she has not retired and she will be back in full swing next year.

## **Clock Repairs**

-Our clock has now been repaired and restored and is back in place and working order. Thank you to Henry Grindon for sorting out the scaffolding and saving us a few hundred pounds in the process

## **Whist Drive**

- 11<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall all profits go towards the upkeep of St Luke's Church. The last whist drive raised £73

## **Aerobics Class**

- Come and get in shape for summer. Thursday night from 7pm. First time free and after that £2.50 per session in Sheen Village Hall. For more information contact Pam 84809 or Julie 84507. All you need is loose fitting clothing, pair of trainers and a bottle of still water.



## **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.

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you from Helen Critchlow and Jenny Hurst to the many people who gave donations for the Race for Life - Cancer Research UK. So far we have raised £700, with some donations still being received.  
Thanks so much for helping this worthwhile cause.

*K.I.S.S.*

*Keep it simple, stupid*

*The kiss acronym is applied from principles of business. Albert Einstein's maxim was "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler".*

## **Hollinsclough**

### **News from Hollinsclough School**



Following SATs week the children enjoyed a fun activity week which included a walk over Chrome Hill, a morning of sports

activities, an afternoon of French activities, a craft morning, pond dipping with Hazel Winder and a games day which included Beetle, Bingo and a treasure hunt.

On the final day we designed and made gardens to be displayed in Hollinsclough Chapel for the Flower Festival. The theme this year was 'herbs' and on the Sunday the children took part in a service, singing songs and reading information about herbs that they had found on the internet.

Along with other local schools the children travelled to Waterhouses to take part in a 'Celebration of Sport' organised by Steve Sergeant. In mixed teams they took part in cricket, rounders, swimming and athletics activities.

Our whole trip this year was to the Monkey Forest at Trentham. The children enjoyed walking through the forest where 140 Barbary macaques roam free. They discovered this amazing species as they exhibited their natural behaviour with no bars or cages to hinder public view. They particularly enjoyed seeing the babies which were only a few weeks old.

Following my retirement as Headteacher the governors successfully appointed my successor who will start in September. Her name is Janette Mountford-Lees and I am sure she will be a great asset to the school.

June Wherry, Headteacher

### **Hollinsclough Action Group**

Next meeting is June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

in the Chapel Hall.

Followed at 7.30 pm by

**"Planning for Real" Presentation  
and Discussion at 7.30pm**

**Please come along if you live in  
the parish.**

### **Hollinsclough Chapel**

Services for July

All at 6.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> Rev Don Sparkes HC

13<sup>th</sup> Davies

20<sup>th</sup> Colin Smith

27<sup>th</sup> At Earl Sterndale



### **Nab End Open Garden**

Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

10.30am to 5pm

In aid of the Chernobyl  
Children's Project



# From the Readership

## St. Swithin's Day

**St. Swithin's Day is 15th July, a day on which people watch the weather for tradition says that whatever the weather is like on St. Swithin's Day, it will continue so for the next forty days.**

There is a weather-rhyme is well known throughout the British Isles since Elizabethan times.

'St Swithin's Day, if it does rain  
Full forty days, it will remain  
St Swithin's Day, if it be fair  
For forty days, t'will rain no more.'

St. Swithin (or more properly, Swithun) was a Saxon Bishop of Winchester and legend says that as he lay on his deathbed, he asked to be buried out of doors, where he would be trodden on and rained on. For nine years, his wishes were followed, but then, the monks of Winchester attempted to remove his remains to a splendid shrine inside the cathedral on 15 July 971. According to legend there was a heavy rain storm either during the ceremony or on its anniversary.

This led to the old wives' tale (folklore) that if it rains on St Swithin's Day (July 15th), it will rain for the next 40 days in succession, and a fine 15th July will be followed by 40 days of fine weather.

However, according to the Met Office, this old wives' tale is nothing other than a myth. It has been put to the test on 55 occasions\*, when it has been wet on St Swithin's Day and 40 days of rain did not follow.

\* source: the book entitled 'Red Sky At Night'

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## LONGNOR

### *The Confirmation at Quarnford.*

Included amongst the Confirmees on 2<sup>nd</sup> June were three, Robert Shirley, Frederick Gilman, Frank Caley, from Longnor, and one, Martha Slack from Hollinsclough. Two others, Charles Bagnall and James Storer, were prepared, the former being unable at the last moment to be present, having to go to London with a relative. Our Churchwardens very kindly took the lads, in the Vicar's absence. The Service, a most impressive and beautiful one, was taken up heartily, by a numerous congregation, and the Bishop of Stafford, after Scriptural precedence, performed the Ceremony of Laying on of Hands, giving some most helpful and encouraging words to those present. May the day be the mark of a very vital decision on each one's part to take up the brave warrior's part and fight life's battle on Christ's side.

The open-air Services at Reapsmoor and Newtown, are shortly to be resumed.

*Our Soldiers.* It is with regret we learn that Pte. W. Beswick has been invalided to a London Hospital, where he has undergone amputation of a leg. We pray for his recovery and for blessing, and succour to the other brave fellows still fighting.

### **Baptism**

May 19—(At Reapsmoor) George Roy, son of George and Mary Elizabeth Boulton, of Chelmorton.

### BURIAL.

June 11—Elizabeth Gilman, of Lane Farm, Longnor, aged ,57~

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

Quarnford and Ramshaw  
BAPTISMS.

May 26—John Poyser Beresford  
RAMSHAW.

May 22- Clement Percival,  
Quarnford

### **Sheen.**

Our children still display considerable energy when "Flag Day" comes round. The North Staffordshire Prisoners of War Fund was augmented by no less than £2 12s. 6d. as a result of their last effort. In acknowledging the receipt of this sum, Mrs. Spink, of the Vicarage, Leek, who is acting as Hon. Secretary of the Leek War Helps Committee during the illness of Mr. Giles, says: "I do congratulate you most heartily on the absolutely splendid sum sent by Sheen School. It is delightfully encouraging, and I know Mr. Giles will feel it so too." - The collectors Were: - Nelly Smith, Margery Gee, Mary H. Prince, Mary Leech, Frances Gilman, Lily Solman, Edith Solman, Evelyn Titterton, Lizzie Harrison, Kathleen Gilman, Charles Goodwin, and Jack Dickenson.

The Sunday School during the last completed year suffered along with the Day School from sickness and bad weather. At the same time it is pleasing to record the success of several of the scholars, and the marks obtained by them. Eight children obtained over 160 marks. The standard required to gain these is one which requires the children to apply themselves well in regularity, behaviour, and general knowledge in Bible and Prayer Book. Appended are those who have displayed the most perseverance, and the number of marks earned by each: Madeline Riley 217,

Frances Gilman 203, Evelyn Titterton 180, Mary Stubbs 179, Hannah Stubbs 174, John T. Riley 171, Mary Leech 109, and Ethel Critchlow 162 It should be stated that Mary and Hannah Stubbs earned their marks in nine months, so that had they been in attendance the full year, their totals would have been considerably more.

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#### **Longnor**

Holy Baptism. "Suffer the little children to come unto me" June 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John's, Reapsmoor. Susan Jean Mellor

#### **Burial**

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Fred Weston. Aged 75 years

#### **QUARNFORD.**

DONATIONS. Mr. and Mrs. H. Fowler, £2/2/-; Dr. G. Willis, Dr. C. E. Paute and Col. and Mrs. H.C. Ling, each) £1.

EVANGELISM. Next Spring, April. 1959. (Church Army evangelists will visit our Parish. I do hope that you will welcome the Sisters to your firesides and really make them feel that their stay with you is made worthwhile.

ALTAR FLOWERS. July 13th. Mrs. S. Kidd; July 27th. Mrs. E. Limer.

#### **SHEEN.**

I should like to thank all those who so kindly made enquiries about me during my illness, and also those who remembered me in sending gifts of fruit, eggs, etc. I hope to be taking services again as soon as the Doctors give me permission.

Thank you all for your donations to the Church.

Below are the names of donors, so far as have come in:— £5: Mr. I. Beresford (Manchester).

£3: Mr. and Mrs. T. Bury, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Critchlow (Slate house), Rev., Mrs. and Miss Philp.

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15/-: Mr, Mrs. and Miss Goodwin.

10/-: Mr. and Mrs. Beardsall, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Belfield. Mrs. Belfield (Ipstones), Mrs. B. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Birch. Mr. and Mrs. D. Blackhurst. Miss C. Bonsall. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bury, Mrs Beresford (Shottle). Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Critchlow, Mr. D. Gould, Mr. R. Grindey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Grindey, Mrs. R. Gilman, Mr. A. Howson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Howson. Miss A. Phillips, Mr. A. J. Prince Mr. A. S. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Raynes (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. A. Riley, Mrs. Riley (Knowsleyl, Mr. and Mrs. Spendelow, Miss J. Sutton. Mr. and Mrs. S. Sutton, Mr. A. Titterton.

7/0: Mr. and Mrs. C. Cope, Miss G. Hayes.

5/3: Mr. and Mrs. K. Blackhurst.

5/-: Mr. J. Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, Miss M. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Titterton. Mr. G. Wilson.

4/-: Mr. F. Thompson.

3/6-: Miss D. Oliver.

3/-: Miss L. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. B. Wooliscroft.

2/0: Miss M. J. Procter.

Church Collection. £3/6/9

Total to date: £91 8s. Od.

BURIAL. May 27th, Harold Sutton, aged 56. Our sympathies go to his relatives.

### Friday's Household

*Draught-proof.*—If you have a draught under your door, take a cycle inner tube and fill it with sand; tie ends and attach to your door. This moves easily with the door.—I. S. MITCHLEY.

*When lagging outside pipes,* bind strips from a disused plastic mackintosh round the lagging to keep it intact and dry. It also stops the pipes from freezing, as cold winds cannot penetrate.—Mrs. THOMPSTONE.

## From the Diocese

### The Lichfield Centre for Christian Studies

The Lichfield Centre for Christian Studies is an exciting new partnership between Lichfield Cathedral, Staffordshire University and the Diocese of Lichfield. It's first project, the M.A. Course in *Theology, Context and the Pastoral Imagination* has received its final validation from Staffordshire University and is currently recruiting to start in August 2008.

This M.A. is shaped by its three key themes:

**Theology** belongs to several contexts: the Church, the Academy and the Public Square; it is diminished if it is excluded from any. Theology is central to the design of the course and all modules relate to it through a reflective inter-connectedness. For example aspects of Doctrine will be illustrated with reference to literature the arts and film as well through cultural history and ideas.

Studying **Context** will involve not just geography but historical and contemporary contexts. An example would be the contribution of the Lunar men and the work of Erasmus and Charles Darwin in shaping the industrial, intellectual and scientific innovations in the late C18 and C19. The term context will include investigation of a variety of socio-cultural contexts found across the West Midlands, from multi-ethnic, interfaith inner city contexts to deeply rural ones.

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The fees are £375 per module (£25 per credit); this becomes £1,500 per annum. They can be paid in monthly instalments by

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If you have any queries about the course please contact: Jane Gledhill on 01543 306006; e-mail: jane.gledhill@lichfield.anglican.org or post: 22b The Close, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 7LG.

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- More information, including details of grant making trusts, can also be found on the LCCS website: lichfieldccs.co.uk.

#### **The *CrossTalk* initiative**

There is now less than two weeks to go before the *CrossTalk* initiatives get underway with the arrival of our overseas partners from Malaysia, Canada, South African and Germany. Bookings for the *CrossTalk* festival on Saturday 12th July are coming in fast and space is now extremely limited. There is still space available at the *CrossTalk* mission conference at Swanwick; the *CrossTalk* youth conference (for 18 to 35 year olds) at Dovedale; and the *CrossTalk/Companionship* service in Lichfield Cathedral on 13th July. Full details are at lichfield.anglican.org/crosstalk or from Michael Sheard on 01922 - 445844 or e-mail: crosstalk.contact@btinternet.com.