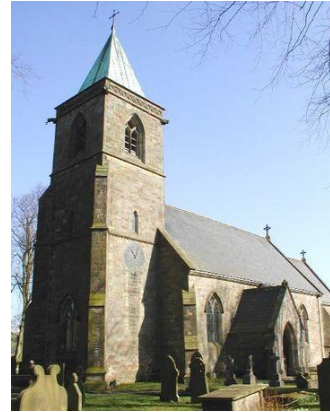


Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

June

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

2011



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

40p



St. Paul's, Newtown

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

The month of June this year sees two important Christian Festivals. On the 2nd we will be celebrating Ascension Day, the day we remember Jesus returning to heaven at the end of the Easter period. As it always falls on a Thursday, Ascension day is often overlooked, but it is an important day, and we shall be holding a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm at Reapsmoor, for all who would like to come. (There will also be the usual Morning Service at Newtown that day.) Ascension Day is exactly 40 days after Easter, and 10 days later is the Day of Pentecost (the word literally meaning 50 days), when we recall the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early Christians 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus.

In years past, Pentecost, which is also known as Whitsunday, was marked more clearly than it is now because the only Bank Holiday in May (or early June) was always Whit Monday, and some churches organized Whit Walks or other celebrations to mark the day. In one of my previous parishes, Ecclesfield, we continued a form of that tradition by having a parade through the village, and then an outdoor service on Whitsunday, an event supported by the other churches in the community. That seemed appropriate because the first Christian Pentecost (the Jews had been keeping Pentecost as a Festival for generations) was the time when the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, went out on the streets of Jerusalem and spoke powerfully and effectively about the great works that God had done in Jesus, and especially in his death and resurrection. So Pentecost has a strong mission emphasis in the history of the church.

Before he was crucified, Jesus had told his disciples that a new era was coming with the gift of the Holy Spirit to equip them for their work and witness, and he reminded them of that promise on Ascension Day, just before he left them. It is clear if you read the story of the early church in the book we call 'The Acts of the Apostles' that the story of those days could be more accurately called 'The Acts of the Holy Spirit', for there is much in that book that speaks of the way the Spirit leads and guides the early church. God gives that same Spirit today to all who respond to his love and ask Jesus to be their Lord and Saviour; that is one of the great privileges and blessings of being part of God's family.

Our experience of the work of the Holy Spirit can be very varied. As an example, some of you will know and love the hymn 'Breathe on me, breath of God', which is a prayer to the Spirit. At other times we might need to be praying to God in words more like those written by William Booth 'O God of burning, cleansing flame: send the fire!'

Without the Holy Spirit there would be no church and we would be left simply with a set of rules to keep in our own strength. So on the 12th we shall be celebrating as we remember the day when the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire and ecstatic speech upon the early church, and I hope that you will join us as we worship God with a service of Holy Communion at Quarnford in the morning, and a special service of Praise and Prayer at Longnor in the evening.

With best wishes to you all,
James Forrester

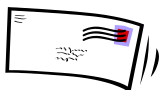
Benefice News

**Local Police Number
0300 123 44 55**

For all non-emergency calls

**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

"Thank you" to the person who left a bag of beautifully knitted teddies in Longnor church in April. With the teddies was a crochet hook. If you would like the hook returning, please give me a ring on 01298 812053.



The scheme is on-going.

The Reapmoor Day Trippers Are Going

To

The Great Yorkshire Show

Wednesday 13th July 2011

Like To Join Us?

Tel Margaret Massey 01298 84423

**Longnor Players
New production for 2011
"Anne of Green Gables"**

Rehearsals

**Sundays 8th May - July 17th 2pm - 5pm
(Longnor school)
then Sundays 11th Sept – 23rd Oct
(Warslow school)**

**Technical & Dress Rehearsals
Mon 24th & Tuesday 25th October
(provisionally)**

Performances

**Thursday 27th & Friday 28th October
evening
Saturday 29th October : matinee and
evening
There are parts available for all ages
(7+).**

**Most of the children required need to
be 11 to 16 yrs with some roles for
younger children, plus parts for adults.
We are also looking for people who
would be willing to help with all
aspects of the production such as
costumes, set design, etc**

**For more information and cast list see
www.longnorplayers.org.uk
or speak to a member of Longnor
Players committee:
Will Hurst (84872), Lizzie Nicolls
(83639) or
Ged Fitzgibbon (83571)**

Dates for your diary: June

**Sunday 29th May - June 5th -Hollinsclough
chapel Flower Festival**

July 7th Munch Brunch - Flash

Confirmation

A few people have asked me about the possibility of being confirmed, which is when a person has the opportunity to be accepted into full membership of the church as the Bishop prays for them and lays hands on them. It would help if anyone who is interested, of any age from, say 12 or 13 upwards, (and this includes adults), would contact me and then I can work out how we might be able to get a group together to prepare for Confirmation, with a view to starting the group in September.

James Forrester (01298 83742)

Mobile Library

Quarnford	Springhead Road Junction	10.25 - 10.35
/Flash	Flash School	10.45 - 11.05
	Travellers Rest	11.10 - 11.20
	Lower Summerhill	11.25 - 11.30
	Colshaw Lane End	11.35 - 11.40
Hollinsclough	Chapel	11.55 - 12.10
Longnor	The Square	1.20 - 1.50
	Old Saw Mill	1.55 - 2.00
Barrowmoor	Badgers Croft	2.10 - 2.20
Reapmoor	Swallow Moss	2.40 - 2.45
	Park House	2.50 - 2.55

Friday 17th June

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 1st June (alternative service for 30th May Bank Holiday), 20th June

Toufic - our sponsored child. Toufic will be 16 years old on 5th June. He sent a short letter (written by his teacher) and a card at Easter.

HARTINGTON SURGERY VOLUNTEER DELIVERY DRIVERS

If you have any free time on Wednesdays and would like to join our team of volunteer delivery drivers please contact Julie Coles at Hartington Surgery on 01298 84315.

This small group of volunteers operates a rota system to deliver medication to many vulnerable and housebound patients who may otherwise have difficulty in obtaining their medication.

Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20th June for the July 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.

Real Country & Western Song Titles

I'm So Miserable Without You, It's Like Having You Here

I Liked You Better Before I Knew You So Well

How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?

I Keep Forgettin' I Forgot About You

I'm Just A Bug On The Windshield Of Life

If The Phone Doesn't Ring, It's Me

My John Deere Was Breaking Your Field, While Your Dear John Was Breaking My Heart

The Moorlands Brunch Brunch

A Free Afternoon Tea!

Thursday 7th July,
2pm-4.30pm

Flash Village Hall

All Welcome



Please come along if you can, we so very much want you to be there! To help us with our preparations, please contact one of the following people if you can - or just turn up on the day!

Doreen Hails

Barbara
Bellaby

Lesley Morgan

Sheila Bird

01298 83515

01298 83444

01298 25733

01538 750511

The Moorlands Connect Bus Service is now available but between us we can organise lifts to the event if you let us know in advance.

Earlier this year we surveyed Flash and Hollinsclough parishes to find out whether there was an interest in people regularly meeting together in friendship. Thank-you for your replies. They have been really helpful in identifying what people would like to see happening in our area.

We found that there is a definite interest in the formation of a social group. People said that they would like to meet monthly, and that Thursday would be a suitable day.

People suggested a range of activities that they would like to do, including a lunch with time to chat, dancing, walking, creative activities, films and outings. There was also a strong feeling that we should support the local economy by making use of our village halls, local eating places, shops and talented residents who may be able to share their knowledge and skills with us. Over time we will try to include the whole range of things that people have requested and we shall vary the times to fit in with people's routines. People will be able to dip into those events that interest them.

Thursday 4th August

Lunchtime visit to the Tea Junction at Hulme End with an opportunity to take a stroll along the Manifold Valley for those who wish.

Thursday 1st September

Lunch at the Knight's Table at the Traveller's Rest, Quarnford followed by free tea and coffee at Flash Bar Stores with an opportunity to view beautiful crafts created by local people.

Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church News

Flower Festival

Saturday 23rd - Tuesday 26th July

We are planning to hold a Flower Festival at St. Bartholomew's this year, and are looking for people to help in various ways. Sharon Ford (83512) is coordinating the event, and would be pleased to have offers of help with the preparations on the 21st and 22nd of July, and then with manning the church during the Festival itself. Also, if anyone would be willing to make some cakes or biscuits to sell with refreshments while the Festival is open, please let Sharon know. If you know other people who might be willing to help with this in any way, please let Sharon know.

Donations

We acknowledge, with thanks, donations made recently by Jean Ball and Mrs. C.Wardman.

Also, In Loving memory of John from Mavis and family



Congratulations to Mark and Beth Riley on the safe arrival of Samuel James on 5/5/11

Best wishes to Neil Gould and Becky Newton who will marry at St Bartholomew's on Saturday 4th June.



From the Registers

Burial

Eileen Mary Colebourne 19/5/11 aged 92 yrs

Church Yard Mowing Day

Thanks to the regular band of helpers who made the mowing day such a huge success. To everyone who contributed to the lovely lunch and to the ladies who served it. Special thanks to Richard and Carol for the use of their tractor and trailer and disposing of the grass.

Parish Council

A new sewage treatment plant for Longnor? Have your say!

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday June 8th at 7.30 pm in the school hall to discuss the proposals for the construction of the new waste-water treatment works for the village

Severn Trent Water, Peak District National Park Authority and their consultants have agreed to attend and will explain the various options for the new sewage plant and give residents the opportunity to ask questions. The plans are available on the Peak Park's website or contact Janet Nash on 01298 84624 or email:

clerk@longnor.staffslc.gov.uk if you would like to see a paper version before the meeting.

Best Kept Village competition - Longnor can do it this year!

Last year's competition was really close and in their summary judges felt that Longnor had done so well that this year (with just a little bit of work!) the village could 'challenge for the top honours'. Inspectors will make 2 visits to the village, any time between now and the end of July They particularly complimented private gardens, planting at the pubs and around the village

in general, good shop frontages and a tidy war memorial and said that they found Longnor to be an attractive, well-kept village with clear signs of community involvement. Only a few details let the village down, these included dog fouling, small areas of litter and a few areas which were weedy. This year again, there is a competition for school children, - last year's Staffs Moorlands winner was Sarah Green from Longnor!

If you would like to know more about the competition and how we can all help, please speak to one of the councillors - their names are on the noticeboards outside the Post Office and the Craft Centre.

So what does the Parish Council do anyway?

If you've ever asked that question, why don't you come along to the Annual Parish Meeting at the school on Monday June 6th at 7.30 where the Parish Council will be presenting its annual report and describing some of the areas where it has been working hard for the village over the past year. Councillors also want to hear from you about the issues and concerns that matter to you so that we can all work together to improve life for residents in the future. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible there.

If you would like to more about the work of the Parish Council, or if you have an issue to raise and are unable to come to the meeting, please speak to any of the councillors or contact the Clerk, Janet Nash on 01298 84624 or email: clerk@longnor.staffslc.gov.uk

Longnor Parish councillors are: Jason Deaville; Kenneth Dunn, Michela Griffith, Roy Mellor, Tony Storer, Simon Turrell and Rose Woolley

Longnor Action Group have received a letter as follows from Community Spaces: 'Congratulations! On behalf of the Community Spaces programme I am pleased to offer Longnor Action Group a delivery grant of up to a maximum of £48,488.32 (the 'grant'). This comprises £47,988.32 capital and £500 revenue. This grant is specifically for the purpose of Regeneratiion of Longnor Playground ...'

This is the FULL amount that we applied for and in addition the Parish Council, who as you may remember, have agreed to act as the Accountable Body are claiming back the V.A.T. which is additional to the above money. This means that in addition to the playground shown at the Action Group Meeting there will be a fire engine (appropriate as the playground is next to the fire station) and also a quartet see-saw.

The necessary paperwork has been signed by Sam Kidd & myself on behalf of the Action Group and I am meeting Janet Nash (Clerk to the Parish Council) on Thursday to hopefully get the necessary paperwork from the Parish Council so that it can be sent off altogether. There was a form that should have been signed by the Chair of the Parish Council but, unfortunately, the 'new' Parish Council met last night but didn't appoint a Chair or Deputy I believe because a number of members didn't attend the meeting. I understand the next meeting isn't until 6th June so our contact at Community Spaces has agreed that Janet Nash can sign the paperwork so as not to delay the playground regeneration.

Our 'Facilitator' has advised that as the Parish Council are claiming back the V.A.T. they should place the order with Kompan, the equipment manufacturer (the invoice needs to be in the name of the Parish

Council). Once the order has been placed Kompan advise that the 'lead time' is seven weeks with a two week installation period.

The grant allows £500.00 to be spent on a 'launch event' for the playground. The Big Lottery places HUGE emphasis on celebrating the playground and on the grant application there was a whole section on how we intend to publicise and launch our project. Ideas included village posters, local papers, tourist information centres, new village website, Facebook, school weekly newsletter + other local schools, article in the local Benefice Magazine and it was stated that the project would be launched with a special teddy bears' picnic on 10th September to coincide with the end of Wakes week and the Longnor Market now named 'St Bartholomew's Fayre'. I understand that at a meeting, in my absence (only one of two Action Group Meetings that I have missed in five years) it was decided that it would not be a good idea to hold the opening on the same day as the market. I strongly disagree with this as I believe that people with children need to 'entertain' them and I believe that the essence of both grants is to be 'inclusive'. I also think that with the £500.00 to be spent on the launch event there is an opportunity for the advertising to cover the market as well as the playground. There are lots of ideas that could be discussed and I would like the opportunity to raise this at the next meeting. I am not saying that the two events have to be on the same day but if the date is changed I have to let the Big Lottery know as they MAY send a publicity officer along to the launch event.

If anybody has any further ideas or would like to help with the launch / advertising the launch etc please could you let me know

/ bring ideas to the next meeting.

Anyway - I hope that you will agree that it IS great news and that we are lucky to have the opportunity to be in the position of discussing the launch event!!!!

Very best wishes, Debbie O'Neill

Quarnford

St. Paul's Church News

18th - 21st June Flower Festival Theme "Books"

We hope that lots of people will come to these events.

Flower Festival

June 18 -21

11am - 8pm

Theme: Books

Sat 18 2pm Teapot2 Service & Blessing of the Well

June 19 7pm Songs of Praise Service

Mon 20 7.30pm Reunion/Social Evening with refreshments

Please try to bring any old photographs to share.

Flower festival

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of people to our four-day festival, not only to admire the flowers but to take part in the services, visit the well-dressing and make or renew friendships.

Our very small parochial church council would welcome any help with the flower festival, whether it be to make a cake, donate tombola prizes, join the rota of people in the church, sponsor a floral display or.....

Please contact either of the churchwardens, Val or Janet.

Sponsorship

The sponsorship of a floral display could be to celebration event or anniversary, in memory of a loved one or from a local business.

For details, or a form, please ask Janet 01298 812053.

Donations

We acknowledge, with grateful thanks, donations in memory of Patrick Heathcote and a donation in memory of Martha Naden.

Funeral

17th May Leonard Belfield "We trust him to God's merciful keeping"

Bad News and Good News

Our chest of drawers in the vestry is no more! The passing years, damp and finally, woodworm all contributed.

The good news is that Philip from Oakley Builder donated the oak for new drawers and a cupboard and Karen Kidd gave us the proceeds from her recent Tractor Rally which will pay for the work to be done.

Brilliant! Thank You.

Quarnford Quest

Winners for May:

1st A. Ridgeway

2nd J. Collins

3rd L. Bricklebank

Bloopers in the church

The following are actual church bulletin board bloopers found in churches across the United States.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

Potluck supper: Prayer and medication to follow.

Sheen

MAY'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 76	Helen Bury	£20
2 nd No 85	Audry Morson	£15
3 rd No 109	Michael Wooley	£10
4 th No 41	Pam Belfield	£7
5 th No 31	Barbara Birch	£5
6 th No 100	Frank Redfern	£4

Thank you, to all 122 Members

GIFT DAY SERVICE - Sunday 19th June
see back of magazine for time.

FLOWER FESTIVAL MEETING -
Wednesday 8th June in Church at 7.30pm.
There's still time to volunteer. If anybody is able to donate prizes for the tombola or bake cakes for the cake stall or refreshments it would be appreciated. If you would like to sit in church while the flower festival is on a rota will be put in church in due course.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - the theme this year is "MARY" Saturday 2nd July to Friday 8th

July 2011. Opening times Saturday 2nd July to Thursday 7th July 10.30am to 8pm and Friday 8th 10am to 12noon. Refreshments and toilets are available.

CAR BOOT - Saturday 2nd July at 10.30am at St Luke's. Bacon baps etc sold in village hall between 10.30am and 2pm Anybody requiring a place please call Ann on 01298 84396 No seller before 9.30am thank you. £5 pitch all proceeds will go to St Luke's. Space inside the village hall is very limited so if you require a place please book early

FASHION SHOW - Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm in Sheen Village Hall. Admission £3 including refreshments. SOS Fashion will be modelling clothes from shops such as New Look, M & S, Top Shop, River Island, Next, Country Casuals, Principles, Wallis, Evans, Monsoon and many more. Clothes are sold at $\frac{1}{2}$ price or less They have clothes to fit all shapes and sizes. Volunteers are also wanted to model some of the clothes.

CHARITY WHIST DRIVE - made £136 for Dovedale House. Thank you to everybody who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets, and came to the Whist Drive.

WHIST DRIVE -Friday 10th June at 8pm start in Sheen Village Hall. All profit goes to St Luke's church

THANK YOU - to everyone who has shown an interest in dedicating a hymnbook. It doesn't have to be in the memory of someone it could be for a celebration eg birth, wedding etc. If you require any more information please contact Irene Gould.

DONATION - thank you for the 1 Anon donation.

WELCOME -to Jonathan and Sarah Bate who have recently moved to the village.

BRASS CLEANING - Pam and Susan

AEROBICS CLASS - Starts at 7pm in Sheen Village Hall. All you need is loose fitting clothing, trainers, bottle of water and a sense of humour. Your first class is free there after it 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.

Reapsmoor

St John`s Church, Reapsmoor are organising a fund raising Bingo & Raffle at the Cheshire Cheese Longnor on Sunday June 19th at 7.30p.m. Any prizes large or small would be gratefully accepted and can be left with Margaret, Marjorie or Joan.

Thank you so much for your past generosity.

Hollinsclough

News from Hollinsclough School

On 9th May we had a very exciting afternoon when staff from St Thomas More came for a Forensic Science afternoon. The children took fingerprints and did some investigative work with them, and then we did some chromatography with felt tip pens, absorbent paper and water. Our work with St Thomas More continues on 16th May with a 'whodunnit' mystery using their forensic science skills and with an Eco Group meeting on 19th May.

Week commencing 9th May has been SATS week for our year 6 pupils.

Our Outdoor Project with Creative Partner Sue Lawty is progressing brilliantly. Very many thanks again to all the helpers, it has made such a difference. The project is looking fabulous, but we still have some work to do, so if anyone can lend a hand, you'd be more than welcome! Sue is with us again on 19th May and then for the final day on Friday 20th May when we will hold a Celebration Day between 1pm and 3pm. Invitations will be sent around the local community, and all are welcome to join us celebrate our new outdoor space.

On the 17th May we visit Stapeley Water Gardens and their Oasis Palm Centre, to support our Rainforest/Saving The World topic.

On 21st June we will have a drama production about Internet Safety to which Longnor and Flash schools have been invited.

Lloyds TSB will be visiting us on 23rd June for a Money workshop to support our numeracy topic about money.

27th June to 1st July is National Sports Week and we have a busy and energetic schedule! On Monday we will be having a Fun Run, on Tuesday (weather permitting) we will have a walk up Crome Hill for Key Stage 2 children and Pond Dipping for Key Stage 1. On the Wednesday we have PE with BTEC students from Buxton. On Thursday we have our Cluster Sports Activity at Waterhouses, and on Friday the children go swimming!

On Saturday 25th June from 1pm to 4pm we will have our annual Summer Fete and the Fell Race will take place. Stall holders are welcome for the Fete - please contact Mr Malbon at school for further

information. For enquiries and entries for the Fell Race please contact Mr Dennison at Upper Limits, Leek College.

Some of the children have been having lunches provided by Miss Vicky at Longnor. They are excellent and are proving popular with some of the children (and some of the staff!)

Our Flexi School Learning Hub, which aims to help facilitate a relationship between the school, parents who choose to home educate their children (and the children themselves) continues to be popular. In June, the Learning Hub will operate on Friday 10th and Friday 24th, between 10am and noon. On 17th June Mrs Mountford-Lees, Mrs Mufwoko and Mr Malbon will be in London co-hosting at a conference to talk to MPs, the DFE, Educationalists and Researchers about Flexi Schools. In attendance will be Professor Ian Cunningham - Self Managed Learning, Sr Jim Rose - Government Advisor on Education, Sir John Daniel - Educationalist and Peter Humphries - Personalised Education. For further information about the conference or the Learning Hub please contact school.

Little Berries is our pre-school provision, offering a fun, relaxed and positive environment for the little learners. Little Berries is available during term time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am - 1pm for ages 2+.

Please ring 01298 83303 if you would like more details.

On Tuesdays 3pm - 4pm we have a maths club, and on Wednesdays from 3pm we have a yoga club with creche available - if you are interested in these please ring school on 01298 83303 for more information.

Hollinsclough Chapel

Flower festival

Sunday May 29th - Sunday
June 5th

Open daily 12 midday to
6.00pm

Refreshments available

Theme

"Celebrating 400 years of
the King James Bible"

Action Group

Next meeting Monday, June 6th at 7.30 pm
in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

Hollinsclough Action Group Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who responded to
our questionnaire - about two thirds of
residents (32 households) took the time
and trouble to reply. Wonderful.

There really was a £10 prize and it was won
by Mark Rogers. However, he has donated
it to the First Responders. Thank you.

The Action Group has started to discuss
and address the issues which you have
raised. Not surprisingly roads and rubbish
arouse strong feelings. But, it depends on
where you live in the parish as to your
specific comments.

As about half of residents say that they
look at the notice boards, I will post the
detailed responses there and also email
people who have given me their addresses.

We have started to take some actions and I
will give an update in next month's magazine.

Victoria Rowe

Factoids:

Gravity To lose weight, move to the equator
Gravity is about 0.5% stronger at the
North and South poles than at the equator
- so, if you weigh 80kg (about 176 pounds)
at the pole, you would lose 0.4kg (about 14
oz) by moving to the equator.

Flies "Nothing seems to please a fly so
much as to be taken for a currant, and if it
can be baked in a cake and palmed off on
the unwary, it dies happy" - Mark Twain

The Earth orbits the Sun - Official
- but Galileo was tried for heresy in 1663
for promoting this idea, rather than that all
other bodies orbit the Earth. He was
initially imprisoned, then subjected to
house arrest for the rest of his life. The
Catholic Church officially accepted that the
Earth orbits the Sun on 31 October 1992.

Time Immemorial

In English law, "time immemorial" means any
date prior to 3rd September 1189, the date
when King Richard I was crowned.

Weird British Laws

It is illegal:

to be drunk in charge of a cow (The
Licensing Act, 1872)

to eat mince pies or Christmas pudding on
Christmas day (banned by Oliver Cromwell)

for anyone to wear armour to Parliament
(Royal Prerogative, 1279)

to use any slide upon ice or snow (Town
Police Clauses Act 1847)

to shake out your doormat in the street after 8AM (Town Police Clauses Act 1847)

to dispose of any whale washed up on the coast without first offering the it to the sovereign. The head belongs to the king and the tail to his consort " to furnish the Queen's wardrobe with whalebone". (From a statute of 1324)

to die in Parliament. (Anyone who dies in a royal palace is eligible for a state funeral; Westminster is a royal palace; If you die there, your body will be removed to hospital before a death certificate is issued, to avoid the cost of a state funeral)

to drive to church on Christmas day (the Holy Days and Fasting Days Act of 1551 requires everyone to attend church on Christmas day on foot)

Warslow



Whist Drive
Warslow Village Hall
Monday, June 27th at 8pm

Pre School

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

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

Ofsted registered : 218188.

Planned activities based on Early Years Foundation.

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

Please contact us to arrange a visit or to register your child to secure a place for future years.

Contact the Pre School Leader Sarah Broadley on 01298 84320 at Manifold Primary School.

Warslow Gala 2011

This years Warslow Gala is to be held on Saturday 6th August.

The new committee would like to invite more floats to take part in the procession around the Village from 1.30pm. Judging of the floats will take place following the procession.

We shall also be holding 2 children's competitions and invite entries for the following

1) Under 11 yrs - A picture depicting the artist's interpretation of Warslow Gala.

2) Under 15yrs - Build a Scarecrow no more than 1.5 metres tall.

Entries are free to all children and all entries must be delivered to the village hall from 10am. Judging will take place at 3pm by our guests - Gala Opener and MC, Mr & Mrs Mark Simcock.

Other attraction to include:-

- Pet show in the field beside the village hall from 12 noon, classes will be notified shortly.
- Side shows and stalls
- Professional Children's entertainer.
- Raffle and Tombola, we would welcome many more donated prizes for both.
- Car Boot sale will take place in the field opposite the Village Hall.
- Live entertainment for the evening and tickets will be available in due course.
- Warslow Open Garden, courtesy of the Peach's

For further details or to offer any help or assistance or if you have any suggestions please contact Darren on 01298 84820.

Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ

To raise funds for the Gala we are holding a Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 26th June @ 2.30pm departing from the Greyhound Inn, Warslow, entry fee only £2.50 per person including BBQ (donated by the Greyhound Inn) at the finish (under 5's go free).

Wincle

If you happen to be around and free on Saturday 4 June you might like to enjoy our traditional Wincle Fete starting from 2pm. As well as plenty of entertainment such as duck herding and the dog show, the WI cakes and sandwiches are always highly recommended.

Special days in America!

June 4 is Old Maid's Day

June 5 is Festival Of Popular Delusions Day

June 9 is Donald Duck Day

June 14 is Pop Goes The Weasel Day

June 18 is International Panic Day

June 19 is World Sauntering Day

June 21 is Cuckoo Warning Day

June 25 is Log Cabin Day

From the Manse

Dear Friends,

The 24th May was marked in my diary as Wesley Day. It's the date on which in 1738 John Wesley went "very unwillingly" to a meeting in Aldersgate in the City of London. He was a studious Oxford fellow, a failed missionary to Georgia in America, a conscientious and rather priggish minister in the church and a man who longed to be at peace with a God who seemed distant and forbidding.

His story reminds us of how at different times God has given to the church women and men who helped to renew its life. The Catholic Church has often managed to keep its reformers within its bounds. St. Francis of Assisi challenged a church which had become rich and powerful to remember that Jesus was a man who travelled without wealth or prestige, dependent upon the kindness of others. The Franciscan Order continues to remind the church that it exists for the sake of the poor - and not the other way round!

One reformer it failed to retain was Martin Luther, the German monk and university lecturer. As a young man he thought that for God to accept him, and not to condemn him to hell, he must lead a perfect life. He developed a way of life in which he scrupulously tried not to sin either by what he did or what he failed to do. Yet, he was conscious that, even when he went to confession, he never managed to remember every fault - real or imagined!

His Biblical studies for the lectures he was giving his students, especially his reflection on the St. Paul's "Letter to the Romans", convinced him that we enter into a right relationship with God ("justified" is the Biblical word) not by being perfect, which is a human impossibility, by accepting the love God has for us and his forgiveness, whoever we are and whatever our past!

In the Meeting House in Aldersgate, John Wesley listened to someone reading Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. He recorded in his diary: "About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine....."

The outcome of that evening was that John Wesley began to preach what he called "saving faith", his conviction that all people can know the love of God in Jesus, the forgiveness that is offered to all, and the new life all can enjoy. He preached not only in churches but, increasingly, in the open air in the new industrial towns and colliery villages where there was no church.

He encouraged those who became members of the Methodist Societies to worship in their parish churches and, if possible, to receive communion weekly - then very rare in most parish churches. They gathered together each week in small groups so as to grow in their faith, to support and encourage each other, and to be equipped to serve Christ in the world.

He also encouraged "social holiness", a concern for the well-being of all people within society: the conditions in which people worked and the payment of fair wages; for the care of the elderly and the treatment of the sick; the way prisoners were treated and the abolition of the "execrable" slave trade.

I doubt if God intends the Methodist Church to be around for ever, but it seems to me that the whole church will always need to continue the search to be both catholic and evangelical, concerned for individual need but also for creating a more just world.

With warm greetings,

Colin

PS Though John Wesley was widely read, he found his insight into who God is and what God wants, from the Bible. This is the International Year of the Bible and it is being celebrated in the Flower Festival at Hollinsclough. If you can go there (From Sunday the 29th May for a week) you'll be very welcome.

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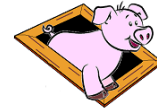
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Services in the Benefice for May 2011

	Longnor	Quarford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Thursday 2 nd June Ascension Day					Holy Communion 7.30pm		
Sunday 5 th June	Holy Communion 6.30pm	Morning Prayer 11.30am	Morning Prayer 10.00am	Evening Prayer 4.30pm		Botham Flower Festival 6.30	D. Harley 2.30pm
Sunday 12 th	Pentecost Prayer & Praise 6.30pm	Holy Communion for Pentecost 11.00am				At Earl Sterndale	No Service
Sunday 19 th		Flower Festival Songs of Praise 7.00pm	Morning Prayer 10.00am			Mrs Brenda Bryant 3 6.30pm	BBC Radio Stoke are coming to the service 2.30pm
Sunday 26 th	All-age Worship 11.00am	Evening Prayer 4.00pm	Holy Communion 6.30pm		Holy Communion 9.30am	At Earl Sterndale	Rev R Pope 11.00am
Sunday 3 rd July			Flower Festival Songs of Praise 6.30pm	Holy Communion 10.30am		Rev Colin Smith Holy Communion 6.30pm	Chapel Anniversar Y 2.30pm D Johnson

Newtown – Short morning service 9.45 am each Thursday