

Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

May

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

2011



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor



St. Paul's, Newtown

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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter before Easter, and then there will be all the excitement (for some people anyway) of the Royal Wedding, so much will have happened before you get a chance to read this. But I hope that you will get it before the 5th May, as I want to encourage you to take very seriously the opportunity to cast your vote that day. It seems likely that there will be elections for various councillors, whether county, district or parish, depending on where you live, but it is certain that, on that day, there will be the referendum on the proposed change to the system of voting in General Elections. Should we, or should we not, change to a new system, that of the Alternative Vote.

I am not going to tell you how I think you should vote on that matter, as I am sure that you will have heard the arguments for and against the change and that you are able to make up your own mind. But I do want to remind you of the great privilege that it is to be able to cast a vote in elections. Even in the history of the early church there is a story about voting, when the decision had to be made about who was going to replace Judas Iscariot in the select band of the 12 Apostles. And while it would hardly be considered a good model of democratic voting, Pilate had allowed the Jewish people to choose between Barabbas or Jesus as the prisoner to be released at the Passover Festival. While the Church of England has yet to adopt voting for its Bishops, the Roman Catholic Cardinals have the privilege of meeting to elect the next Pope, when required. And in our own history, the right to vote has often been something that has been fought for with great passion.

The recent turmoil in some of the Arab states has reminded us that people can feel frustrated when they have no chance to shape the form of government under which they live, and should

encourage us to remember what a privilege it is to be able to register our vote, even if it sometimes seems to be an insignificant thing. I think that it is disappointing when the turn-out at elections is very low, so I encourage you to think of your vote as being a real privilege, and I hope that you will take the opportunity of this referendum and ensure that your opinion is heard.

May is also the month of the season of Rogation, that time when we are encouraged to go out into the fields and look at what is going on, and to pray for the blessing of God upon the work of the local farms. Because of the late date of Easter this year, Rogation Sunday will not be until the 29th May, but we shall still be marking it with a Rogation Walk. As we did last year, we shall be starting the day at Quarnford with a service at 10.00, but the details of where we shall walk after that are still being worked out. Last year we were blessed with a fine day and good fellowship as we walked from Longnor to Newtown to Reapsmoor and on to Sheen, and I hope that you will be able to join us this year as we walk through parts of our parishes and pray together for God's blessing on the work of farmers especially, but also on the work of all who live in this area. Final details of the walking route and the various stopping points will be circulated through the churches in the weeks before the 29th.

The beginning of May is traditionally the time for celebrating the start of summer; we seem already, by the third week of April to have had our share of summer weather, so who knows what May will bring, but I hope that the celebration of Easter, with its message of the victory of God over sin and death will continue to give you joy in this new month.

With best wishes to you all,
James Forrester

Benefice News

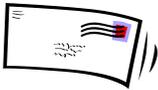
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Teddies for Tragedies

It must have been the cold weather! People have been very busy making teddies because another hundred were sent on their way during March 2011. Keep up the good work!

The scheme is on-going.

ROTARY SUMMER FAIR AND CHARITY BAZAAR - SATURDAY 4 JUNE

Opportunity for local charities/voluntary organisations to fundraise, raise their profile and/or attract new supporters. In recent years up to 50 community groups have taken part, some raising well over £300. Buxton Rotary Club hires the Octagon for the day and covers costs by having stall holders sell a few books of raffle tickets beforehand and by charging a small public admission fee for adults. Book a stall by contacting Lyn Noble 01298 71309 or by downloading a booking form at www.buxtonrotaryishere.co.uk.

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: May

Saturday 21st Rose Queen - Flash
Friday 27th Cheese & Wine Evening -
Newtown
Sunday 29th - June 5th -Hollinsclough chapel
Flower Festival

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 6th May, 27th May,

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 9th May, **1st June** (alternative service for 30th May Bank Holiday)

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

We don't have a date yet for our recruiting evening but we are trying hard to get a few people interested in joining or coming back to the group. Although we are called Flash and Longnor we cover a larger area and would like to have members of the group in the Hollinsclough, Sheen, Warslow, Elkstones, Thorncliffe and Blackshaw Moor areas. We remain optimistic about expanding the group and improving the amount of cover we give although we apparently do better than some groups with five times our numbers.

Its two months since thanking people for their wonderful support and so there's quite a list; The High Peak Livestock Society gave us another donation of £265.25 taking the total to an amazing £1130.29, Victor and Edith Mellor from Newtown gave us £100 after celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Michela Griffith raised £141.60 from the sale of her lovely Longnor calendar, The Kirk family celebrated 30 years at The Three Horseshoes, Blackshaw, with a charity night including a raffle and auction and gave us a monster cheque for £1000 and finally we are very grateful to the friends and family of Arch Allen of Longnor for £350 in his memory. Thank you all very much indeed, we are on course for our new vehicle in about two years time.

KEEP WELL and KEEP SAFE

For any information about fundraising or if you would like to train to become a First Responder please contact;

Peter Baker – 01298 83120

Jackie Ellis – 01298 83436

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.

Church Bloopers

Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Whitby includes all meals

Sunday Morning sermon: --'Jesus Walks on the Water'

Sunday Evening sermon: --'Searching for Jesus.'

Don't let worry kill you off, let the church help

Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church News

On 25th June we are planning to start a new all age service at **Longnor** which will include activities and worship followed by tea. We will probably give this service the title "**Messy Church**". In preparation for this we are planning 2 meetings. The first, on **Weds. 18th May**, to talk about what we think we might do and develop the ideas. The second will be on **2nd June** in order to plan for the first service. These will both take place in the church and you are warmly invited to come to see what we are planning and to add your ideas. There will be all sorts of things to do in order to make this work so please do come to the first meeting and see what we are up to.

In Loving Memory



Arch(ie) Allen

On the 4th April, St. Bartholomew's was full as many people gathered to pay tribute to Arch and to support Olive, Nigel, Neil and Tony, and their families, in their bereavement. Well known in the community where he and Olive had lived for so many years, his family and friends came to remember Arch and to give thanks for all that he had given to others.

Donations in his memory were divided between the church and the local First Responders, and we at the church acknowledge with thanks the generous donation that we received on that occasion.



Church Yard mowing day

Thursday 19th May. Everyone welcome to join us from 10-00am.

Lunch will be provided in the Balcony.

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 17th May -7.30pm

From the Registers

Burial

Archie Allen 4/4/11 Aged 83 yrs

Donation

In loving memory of a very Dear Dad and Grandad, From Les Nannette and family.

Longnor Women's Institute - May meeting at Longnor school on Wednesday 18th May starting at 7.00 p.m.

We look forward to meeting John Wilson who will talk to us about Bird Song Competition: A bird's feather

Quarnford

St. Paul's Church News

It was lovely to welcome a good number of people to our Lent Lunch which raised £60 for the Bishop's Lent Appeal, with further donations placed in the church wallbox. Very many thanks to everyone who provided food and drinks for the event.

We were delighted to have a visit by the Leek Organ School and all fifteen organists played our magnificent organ and enjoyed refreshments in church.

The Mothering Sunday service was well attended by both children and adults and every lady in church received a small bunch of flowers.

Whilst our organist, Miss Belfield, has been unable to play for us we have been helped by Andrew Hall, Brian Lightowler, Kathleen Mason and Wendy Kenny to whom we give our grateful thanks.

Funeral

12th April Patrick Heathcote. We trust him to God's merciful keeping.

Saturday 21st May Rose Queen

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

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

FLASH ROSE QUEEN

Come & celebrate the crowning of our Rose Queen on Saturday, May 21st. There will be a short service in St. Paul's Church, Flash from 1.30pm, then a procession, with her retinue, to the village hall, where the previous Rose Queen will graciously retire & the new Rose Queen will be crowned. She will then perform her first duty & open the Flash Rose Queen Fete. The children of Flash School will perform on stage & there will be stalls, a raffle & home-made refreshments. Do join us...

For more information ring Wanda on 01298 77016 or Jennifer on 01260 227668

Donations

We give grateful thanks for the following: Funeral donations in memory of Mary Belfield and donation in memory of Maureen Kidd.

Quarnford Quest

Winners for April:

1st M. Wood

2nd V. Battram

3rd I. Riley

May Day

In some places in England, May Day celebrations still begin at sunset on 30 April. They include lots of floral decorations and processions through towns and villages.

Rochester Sweeps Festival

Rochester's annual Sweep Festival celebrates

the traditional holiday that chimney sweeps used to enjoy on 1 May. It was



the one time of the year when the sweeps could put away their tools and have some fun.

The **Sweeps Festival** is a colourful mix of music, dancing and entertainment. An opportunity to see some of the traditional dances and hear the songs which have been passed down from generation to generation.

Padstow 'Obby 'Oss

The oldest May Day celebration still taking place to day, is the Padstow 'Obby 'Oss celebration in Cornwall. Its roots date back to the 14th century. Every May Day thousands of people come to see the two famous Hobby Horses, the Old Oss and the Blue Ribbon Oss.

Celebrations in Padstow officially start the night before at midnight, when a groups of 'mayers' meet outside the Golden Lion Inn to

serenade the owner with their Night Song:

**Rise up, Mr. Rickard, and joy to you betide,
For summer is a-come in today;
And bright is your bride, that lays down by your side
In the merry morning of May.**

The whole town is ablaze with bluebells, forget-me-nots, cowslips, and sycamore twigs. Dancing and other celebrations take place all day.

Sheen

APRIL'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 st No 83	Jean Belfield	£20
2 nd No 89	Keith Belfield	£15
3 rd No 109	Michael Wooley	£10
4 th No 22	Mary Bury	£7
5 th No 95	Linda Critchlow	£5
6 th No 53	Ron Blackhurst	£4

Thank you, to all 122 Members

ERNEST WARD - of Buxton died on 25th February 2011 and was buried at St Luke's on 10 March 2011.

WELCOME -to Adrian, Alex and Amy who have recently moved to the village.

FEELING UNWELL - we hope Freda is feeling better soon and send her all our best wishes.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - the theme this year is "MARY" we could really do with 2 or 3 more flower arrangers if anyone wants to come and try they will get lots of help from our regulars if its required.

CHARITY WHIST DRIVE - Friday 13th May at 8pm in Sheen Village

Hall. If anybody would like to donate prizes, please see George. April's Whist Drive made £64 profit for St. Luke's church.

VILLAGE HALL MEETING - Monday 9th May in village hall at 8pm everybody welcome.



AEROBICS CLASS - Starts back Thursday 12th May 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.

Sheen Village Hall AGM

The AGM is being held on **Monday 9th May at 8pm** in the Village Hall. We always need new committee members, so some new faces with exciting fundraising ideas would be particularly welcome! Meetings are held every 2 months, so it's not a huge commitment. Please come along and show your support for the Village Hall, it's such a wonderful asset for us all to enjoy.

Thanks

Marian Belfield would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for gifts, cards and telephone calls while in hospital.

Newtown

St. Paul's Church

Cheese & Wine Evening

Friday 27th May

7.30pm

Draw & Tombola

Admission £5



Many thanks to all those who supported our Lent Lunch. We raised £46.50 for church funds and £47.00 for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Hollinsclough

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, May 10th at 7.30 pm
in the Chapel Hall. Everyone welcome.

History Live

The final meeting of the season for History Live takes place at Hollinsclough Chapel Hall on Wednesday 4th May. Professor David Hey, eminent writer and historian, has agreed to re-visit a subject close to his own heart and to that of History Live - Packhorse Routes of the Peak District. Please note the slightly earlier start time of 7pm. Tea and refreshments are provided. Any queries, please contact Sue:01298 83269.

Warslow



Whist Drive

Warslow Village Hall
Monday, May 23rd at 8pm

Pre School

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

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

Warslow Gala 2011.

This years Warslow Gala will be held on Saturday 6th August under the running of a brand new committee. With this introduction of new blood we want to make the event bigger and better than ever before, by inviting more floats and entertainment and the re-introduction of a

raffle and Gala dance in the evening with live entertainment to name but a few.

The committee will in due course welcome donations of tombola and raffle prizes and would appreciate any help in the run up to and on the day, anyone with ideas or suggestions or volunteers would be welcome to come along please telephone either David on 84984 or Darren on 84820.

ST THOMAS CHURCH BIGGIN

PRESENTS -: An evening of music and song featuring Hollinsclough Brass Band, Biggin School Pupils and Local Talent at Biggin Church on Friday 6th May 2011, 7.30 start.

Tickets £4 adults £1.50 children

Please come along and support this event all money raised goes to our church. On the night please bring your ticket as each ticket is numbered and you maybe a lucky prize winner, first prize £30 lunch voucher, kindly donated by Biggin Hall plus many more.

For tickets and more details please ring Sandra Lovatt 01298 84695, Karen Bradbury 01298 84286. Tickets also available from Hart in the Country Shop, Hartington .

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From the Manse

Dear Friends,

A friend is married to the daughter of a well-known, sports journalist. He writes well and he has received many awards for the quality of his writings. Yet, my friend tells me this very capable man always wants to know what he thinks of his articles. Has he read them? Did he agree with what he said?

I have sympathy with that journalist. Occasionally, as I realise that it's time for me to write my next article for the Parish Newsletter, I wonder whether anyone reads it. If they do, then I wonder whether they think it's a load of old rubbish!

We live in an age where communication has become easy. How quickly the world has changed. In 1988 I went to India for the first time and I only made one phone call back to England. I queued for over an hour to speak on the one international line from Calcutta Post Office - and then only got through to our answering machine. The next time I went to India in 1996, there were phone booths which quickly put me through to our home number. In 2003, I just took my mobile phone with me!

Many people communicate by mobile phone, email, Twitter and Facebook. They share the stories and photos of the mundane events of their lives - getting up, breakfasting, reading a book - with anyone who is interested. Yet, at its best, new technology keeps children in touch with their parents, young people in touch with their friends, and provides a

means by which young and old don't need to feel isolated or forgotten.

As with everything, what can be used for good can also be harmful. When I recently went on a Child Protection Course we were told stories of how these new means of communication are being used to bully, spread malicious rumours and belittle other people - sometimes not only through words but also by photograph. Good communication can enrich our lives but it can also be a means of just passing the time, without point and even destructively.

For Christians there is the challenge to communicate well. No one needs to tell me how badly I sometimes communicate the good news of the Gospel, lifeless, boring and irrelevant. Yet, the Christian story, if true, is about life and its purpose, about God's gift of fullness of life the journey towards the fulfilment of our deepest hopes and dreams.

This May is the season of resurrection! It speaks of hopes fulfilled and life transformed. The stories of the risen Jesus communicate the news of life triumphant over death, love offered to all, and the new possibilities which can be ours.

The Church, you and me, has been offered the privilege of living this life, communicating the love God has for all people and being witnesses to the new possibilities God wants people everywhere to enjoy.

But will we?

Warm greetings, Colin

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Services in the Benefice for May 2011

	Longnor	Quarford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday May 1 st			Benefice Service 10.30am			Rev Colin Smith Holy Communion 6.30pm	
Sunday 8 th	Study & Prayer 6.30pm	Holy Communion 11.00am				At Monyash 2.30pm	
Sunday 15 th	All-age Worship 11.00am	Evening Prayer 4.00pm	Holy Communion 6.30pm	Holy Communion 9.30am		Rev Don Sparkes 6.30pm	
Sunday 22 nd	Holy Communion 10.00am	Morning Prayer 11.30am	Evening Prayer 6.00pm		Evening Prayer 5.30pm	At Earl Sterndale	
Sunday 29 th		Rogation Service followed by Rogation Walk 10.00am				Flower Festival Hayter 10.00am	
Sunday 5 th June	Holy Communion 6.30pm	Morning Prayer 11.30am	Morning Prayer 10.00am	Evening Prayer 4.30pm			

Newtown - Short morning service 9.45 am each Thursday