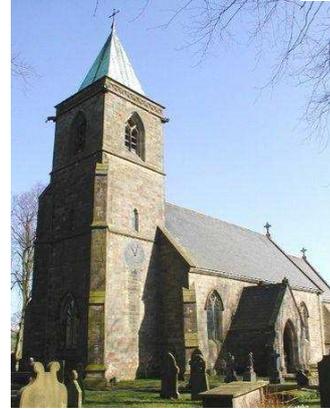


# Benefice Magazine



St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

November

2008

Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown  
Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough



St. Bartholomew's, Longnor



St. John's, Reapsmoor

40p



St. Paul's, Newtown

## Benefice Directory

Vicar: Vacant

Worship Leader: Miss J. M<sup>c</sup>Nicol 01298 812053

	<b>St. Bartholomew's, Longnor</b>		<b>St. Paul's, Quarnford</b>	
Church Wardens	Mr. L. Riley	01538 300313	Miss J. M <sup>c</sup> Nicol	01298 812053
	Mrs. A. Evans	01298 83537	Mrs. B. Kidd	01298 23902
Secretary	Mrs. M. Boam	01298 83513	Mrs. M. Owen	0161 4913323
Treasurer	Mr. C. Smallwood	01298 70003	Vacant	
Organist	Mrs. N. Twigg/Mrs. J. Hollingshead		Miss G. Belfield L.R.A.M.	
Deanery Reps.	Mr. J. Gilman	01298 83486	Miss J. M <sup>c</sup> Nicol	01298 812053
	Mrs. M. Gilman	01298 83486		
Magazine Rep.	Mr. G. Roe	01298 83101	Mrs. V. Battram	01298 22758
Flowers	Mrs. A. Evans	01298 83537		

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Church Wardens	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
	Mr. G. Grindon	01298 83264
Secretary	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
Treasurer	Mr. C. Belfield	01298 84809
Organist	Vacant	
Deanery Rep.	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396
Magazine Rep.		
Flowers	Mrs. A. Belfield	01298 84396

	<b>St. Paul's, Newtown</b>		<b>St. John's, Reapsmoor</b>	
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Treasurer	Mr. J. Gilman	01298 83486	Mrs. M. Mycock	01298 84585
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Magazine Rep.	Mrs. M. Williams	01298 83350	Mrs. J. Gregory	01298 84429

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Flash	Mrs. D. Griffiths	01298 23442
Hollinsclough	Mrs. J. Mountford-Lees	01298 83303

	<b>Methodist Minister</b>	
	Rev <sup>d</sup> Colin Smith	01298 23556

	<b>Uniformed Associations</b>	
Brownies	Diana Alcock	01538 304225
Guides	Clare Day	01538 381773

# Worship Leader's Letter

Curbar Edge on a wild, windy day is, in my opinion, a wonderful place to walk. The views on all sides are stunning whether they be the parklands and fountain at Chatsworth, the rocky outcrops and moors looking towards Sheffield, or down onto Cliff College and the river. At the beginning of my regular walks on the Edge is a rough boulder of rock with the inscription Heb.7:25 When I eventually looked up this verse from the book of Hebrews it read 'And so He is able, now and always, to save those who come to God through Him because He lives for ever to plead with God for them'. I think this verse is especially helpful for November - a month of remembering and looking back, but also looking forward to the future.

The first Sunday in November is All Souls'. Coping with bereavement can be one of the hardest things any of us has to face. Particularly in the first year after loss, it can be difficult to sum up feelings and thoughts. A funeral service can sometimes pass by in a blur, because emotion is high. At our All Souls' services we want to offer those who have been bereaved, particularly in the last twelve months, opportunity to share in a service of thanksgiving and remembrance at church. All those whose funerals have taken place in our parish churches in the last year will be remembered and named during the services. Everyone is welcome to come and give thanks for loved ones lost over the years.

Remembrance Sunday services give us the chance to honour those men and women

who have given their lives for their country - for us. Not just in the two world wars, but in recent and ongoing conflicts.

23rd November (next before Advent) is now designated the festival of Christ the King. One organisation welcoming this is the Servants of Christ the King (SCK). The object of the organisation, founded in 1943, is simply to serve Christ better. One of their members wrote "The important thing about SCK is that it is not so much a group or a movement even, but a way of being. I feel it is very fundamental to the Christian life to learn how to 'let God in on our lives', and to support one another" The Sunday before Advent used to be called 'Stir up Sunday' because the Collect for that day begins 'Stir up we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people'. In the days when plum puddings used to be made at home more than they are now, Stir Up Sunday was the day chosen for making the Christmas pudding and all the members of the family would take a turn at stirring the mixture.

This brings us to the first Sunday of the new church year -Advent Sunday. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin 'Adventus', meaning 'Coming', and the period of Advent (which lasts until Christmas Eve) is regarded by the Church as a time of preparation for the great festival of the Nativity.

As we make our way towards Advent, let us look back, and then forward, with Him.

Best wishes,  
*Jaret*

# Benefice News

**Local Police Number**  
Staffordshire Police have a new  
number for non-emergency calls  
0300 123 4455



**Remembrance Day  
Parade and Service  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Would parade people  
please meet in Longnor Market  
Square for 9.45 am for a 9.50 am  
parade to St. Bartholomew's  
Church for the Remembrance Day  
Service at 10 am.

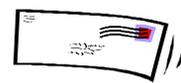
## **Christian Aid "Teatime"**

The total raised was £108.89 and one project the money will support is in Sri Lanka where Chitrani Namanathan is the leader of a woman's group at the Kobbsnills (tea) Estate. Since Christian Aid's partner the Institute for Social Development has been working with the women there, many have become literate and more aware of their rights. "Most importantly, I now have the courage to confront management and negotiate better conditions". Christian Aid believes in strengthening people to find their own solutions to the problems they face. They do whatever is needed to support poor people and their communities, whether it's speaking out against the causes of poverty or funding vital work on the ground. The generosity of supporters means they are currently able to support over 600 partner organisations around the world as they work towards ending the injustice of poverty.

**TOUFIC** - our sponsored child in Lebanon

As we begin to think about Christmas, please spare a thought for Toufic and the other children at his residential school. A card, small, lightweight gift such as stickers or bookmarks and/or a donation for Christmas will mean so much. Please send to Biblelands, PC Box 50, High Wycombe, Bucks HP15 7QU and put reference number 120995/CCM/007 on everything. Cheques should be made payable to 'Biblelands'.

## **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-November**

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> 10 am Remembrance Day  
Service - Longnor

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair -  
Longnor

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Art Auction - Longnor

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair - Flash

December, 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Trip to Chester

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December Coffee Morning -  
Longnor School

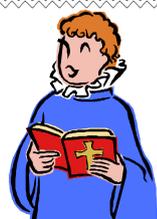
## Teddies for Tragedies

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 M<sup>c</sup>Nicol who will be pleased to provide you with the necessary information.



## Fly Tipping and Litter

To report to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council call  
Freephone 08001693159



## Benefice Advent Carol Service

St. Bartholomew's,  
Longnor Sunday 30th

November at 6.30pm.

The service will be conducted by  
Prebendary Roger Bould from  
Stafford.

It would be lovely to see all the  
five churches well represented on this  
special evening.

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

## Deadline for the Magazine

All material should be delivered to Lynda by 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please send to Mrs. L. Bricklebank, Cottage of Content, Hollinsclough, Buxton, SK17 0RG Telephone 01298 83541 or email [lynda@coatetown.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:lynda@coatetown.freeserve.co.uk)

<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 - 12.05
	Colshaw Lane End	12.10 - 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>Reapsmoor</b>	Swallow Moss	3.20 - 3.25
	Park House	3.30 - 3.35

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

<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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

## Day Trip From Reapsmoor

To

CHESTER

Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

£7.00 Each

Like To Join Us?

Tel Margaret Massey 01298 84423

**Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow a mystery.  
Today is a gift.  
That's why it's called  
the present!**

## **Volunteers needed to help put the December Magazine together.**

Ideally we would like to assemble the mag on Wednesday 26th November or Friday 28th November. Volunteers to meet at the vicarage at 1pm. Please contact Pam Belfield 84809

# Longnor

Donation to Longnor Church in Loving Memory of Richard Dale, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from Doris and family.

## Christmas Fair



Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November  
in church at 2 pm.  
Cakes, Tombola,  
Raffle, Refreshments  
Games and Magic  
with Chris Stevenson.

Any donations of cakes, raffle prizes or help on the day would be very much appreciated.

## Band Concert

In church, 9<sup>th</sup> December 8pm  
Hollinsclough Silver Band

## Harvest Festival

Thanks to everyone who gave produce, donated to the church and attended the Harvest Sale, gave prizes for the Harvest Draw and sold raffle tickets, especially Helen, Della, Norma, Eric, Millie and family. The Harvest Service was led by Rev Sparkes and the lessons were read by his wife. Out thanks to them and to everyone who attended the service.

Donations were gratefully received from Mrs Hollinshead and Mrs Barbara Mellor.

	£	p
Collection	67	50
Sale	217	70
Harvest	333	00
Draw		
Donations	20	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>20</b>

## Harvest Draw Prizes

£25	Elsie Fiander
Whiskey	Mary Higton
Rum	Ann Nadin
Sherry	Martin Tilson
£10 M & S Voucher	Sue Hewson c/o D Williams
Box of Fruit	Mark Riley
Coffee Set	L Fletcher
Martini	Carl Douglas
Box of Groceries	Simon Perkins
Wine	F Bagnall
Biscuits	David Critchlow (Sheen)
Box of Veg	Chris Kunz
Mugs	Monty Belfield
Cream Jug	Charlie Wardman
Chocolates	Ashley Williams
Wine	Mark Grimshaw
Toiletries	Charlie Wardman
Plant	Amy Bagshaw
Body Wash	Brenda Oliver
Fruit	Mavis Storer
Grater	Millie Williams

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

The harvest assembly went really well in school thanks to Rev. C. Scargill who presided for us and the children braved the elements to deliver their baskets around the village. Apologies to anyone we missed this year - we only have 30 baskets to distribute.

Everybody would like to say thank you to Miss Vicky for preparing and cooking two lovely celebration lunches for us - Harvest time and Grandparents Day.

KS1 children dressed up and went to Manifold to take part in the 'Fire of London' workshop.

Flash and Longnor schools joined together to begin work on UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award and worked with the UNICEF 's representative Cath Hayes on the matter of clean water.

We are holding an open morning for parents with children aged 2+ in Playgroup, Nursery and Reception Classes on Wednesday morning 5<sup>th</sup> November - do come along and see what we can offer you and your family.

Table Top Sale. Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> 10 - 12. To book a table please contact school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. £5 a time.

Advance notice of our coffee morning.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY  
5TH DECEMBER

10.30 am till 11.45 am

Cakes, mince pies, games, toys, puddings,  
bric a brac etc.

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME



Sue Evans, Head Teacher

**Customer:** "I've been ringing 0800 2100 for two days and can't get through to enquiries, can you help?"

**Operator:** "Where did you get that number from, sir?"

**Customer:** "It was on the door to the Travel Centre".

**Operator:** "Sir, they are our opening hours".

A new aerobics/Tums and bums class on Wednesday evening starting 1st Oct at 7pm for 1 hour at Longnor school hall.

It is £2.50 for the hour, and just need loose clothing, a bottle of water and a mat or towel.

For more information please call Debbie on 07967098528.

## The Last Post and Reveille



The military have used bugle calls from Roman times, but they were officially introduced to the British army by George 11 (1760—1820).

The last post has passed down through history and is universally recognised as part of the impressive rites of a military funeral

Reveille was composed by Franz Joseph Hayden (1732-1809), taking its name from the old French 'to wake again'. Interestingly, it is not Reveille which is played at remembrance services; the whole piece is too long. Rather, a shortened version known as Rouse is used.

There is eternal symbolism in the solemn act of remembrance. The Last Post forms a lament and valediction. Respectful silence follows. Then, triumphantly, the silence is broken with a call to rise again. Paul wrote, "The trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised." (1 Corinthians 15:52) Resurrection faith is encapsulated in this moment.



## Rural Art Goes Under the Hammer In time for Christmas!

An impressive range of rural art, photography and crafts are set to go under the auctioneers hammer at The Cheshire Cheese Pub in Longnor at 4.30pm on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

Beautiful limited edition photographs, original artwork and unique craft objects lovingly created will be available at competitive prices auctioned off by Leek's professional auctioneer Bruce Daniel of 'Daniel & Sons' in a fun environment – and in time to make your loved ones Christmas stockings!

The fundraising event aims to assist the continuation of REAP's (Rural Education & Arts Project) community work and promote the rich mix of local, professional artists, craft persons and creative's who have each donated a piece of artwork in support of the organisation.

REAP's offices in the will be open from 2pm – 3.30pm to view all pieces, with the actual Auction taking place at The Cheshire Cheese Pub, Longnor at 4.30 pm.

### **Tina Ball, REAP's Projects Director says:**

*"The regions artists, photographers and craftspeople have gifted us some beautiful work for this fundraising event. We hope that families and friends come down and take advantage of this unique occasion to get something beautiful for their loved ones. REAP Is committed to supporting rural artists and 100% of funds raised will go towards trying to maintain the organisations role through these challenging financial times".*

If you've never been to an auction before – don't worry – one of the friendly REAP team will be on hand to help you do your bidding.

So, whether you are looking for an original artwork, an early Christmas present, or whether you simply want to demonstrate your support for the work of REAP, please come along and join us for an exciting, arts-filled afternoon....and if you can't wait, REAP's ground floor space will be open to the public, to view all of the artwork on offer from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November onwards.

More information on the artists and artworks available will be announced towards the end of October, in the meantime for any further details or directions, please contact REAP (or call in to the office) on: 01298 83500 / [enquiries@reapweb.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@reapweb.org.uk)

**[www.reapweb.org.uk](http://www.reapweb.org.uk)**

**MINUTES OF LONGNOR ACTION  
GROUP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2008**

PRESENT: Gaynor Parkinson, Sam Kidd,  
Tina Ball, Lisa Hall, Samantha Kitchen,  
John & Debbie O'Neil

CHAIR: Sam Kidd

APOLOGIES/POSSIBLY MISSING IN  
LONGNOR PARISH: Peter Baker, Chris  
Stevenson

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were  
agreed as a true record. An error on the  
date of meeting has been rectified to show  
the 10 September.

**FUNDING APPLICATION FOR TABLES**

Tina and Gaynor met on the 27 August and  
agreed the application could be  
resubmitted, but may need to wait until a  
new vicar is in post.

**NEW PROJECT IDEA**

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

The highways office replied to Peter and  
advised that a licence to plant is required.  
However, these are normally issued to the  
parish council rather than  
individuals/groups.

No further progress to date carried over  
to the next meeting.

**LEAFLET UPDATE**

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.

The school has agreed to the children  
being involved in the design of the new  
leaflet and will aim to produce ideas by the  
February  $\frac{1}{2}$  term. This will be run as a  
competition for the children.

The action group have the following ideas  
to date:-

Include all community activities.

Get the children's view of the businesses in  
the area.

Rather than a standard leaflet perhaps a  
patchwork effect with postcards.

**ACTION:** Tina will bring some examples  
for the next meeting

**ACTION:** IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE  
COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO GET  
INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT OR  
HAVE IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LEAVE YOUR  
INFORMATION AT THE REAP OFFICE  
IN THE MARKET SQUARE OR CONTACT  
GAYNOR ON THE DETAILS BELOW.

**WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

The web access codes have now been  
received from Gary and Tina will view and  
add them in. The action group agreed that  
3 months of action group minutes will be  
displayed on the website.

**ACTION:** Julie (SMCVS) to produce a  
poster of the web address to go in the  
notice boards.

**ACTION:** IF THE COMMUNITY HAVE  
ANY EVENTS, ACTIVITIES OR  
INFORMATION THAT THEY WISH TO  
DISPLAY ON THE WEBSITE PLEASE  
LEAVE THE DETAIL FOR TINA IN THE  
REAP OFFICE.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

• Gaynor and Sam updated the group  
on their meeting with the school

concerning the development of the Adventure playground and the playing field.  
**ACTION:** A consultation will take place at the school on Friday 5 December and 1 day during week commencing 8 December. This will be to encourage children and parents to give their views and ideas.

- REAP will be holding an art auction on the 22 November.
- Sam and Peter will be attending the Rural Forum at Warslow Village Hall on Thursday 23 October 7pm
- Tina's family learning project has not been successful at his time.
- The action group had a brief discussion about festivals, fete's, special dates such as halloween, bonfire, and xmas.  
**ACTION:** They would like feedback from the community on the interest in these types of activities in the village.
- Contact details for Gaynor Parkinson of Staffordshire Moorlands CVS 01538 381356  
gaynorparkinson@smcvs.co.uk

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 November 2008 7.30pm The Balcony Room  
Tuesday 9 December 2008 7.30pm REAP Office

## Reapsmoor

### St. John's Church News

St John's Church, Reapsmoor wish to thank everyone who participated in our Harvest Thanksgiving. Thankfully the weather cleared just in time to make our service so extra special. Firstly may we say thank you to Janet for all her co-operation and a lovely service. We realise that she does very well considering her responsibilities for all the Churches in the area, together with her work for the RSPCA & the Brownies.

Thank you to Joan for all your work & also paying for the flowers. Many thanks to Chris for the lovely floral arrangements, to Liz Hallam for her lovely voice & to Gwynne for ensuring the Harvest Sale runs smoothly after a hazardous journey through the fog. Thank you Henry for redecorating the water damage in both buildings & to you & Anne for the buffet duties. Finally & importantly many Thanks to Les, who despite a "senior moment" does a terrific job at our Harvest Sale.

There were too many people to mention who did such a good job in providing food for the buffet, which we consider to be the best ever. Many thanks to the following people for their generous donations

Mr R Pegg  
Mr John Gould  
John & Mavis  
Miss D Mellor  
Mrs Hilda Smith  
Mrs Joyce Mellor  
Mr & Mrs R Simpson  
Mr W Gould  
Mrs May Lownds & Don  
Mr A Gee  
Les, Lorna & Andrew  
Mr & Mrs V Ferns

Results were as follows

Donations	£170.00
Collection	£155.02
Sale	£184.98
Total	£510.00

Donation to Reapsmoor Church in Loving Memory of John Mellor from his sister Anne.

## Hollinsclough

### History Live

Wednesday 5th November at 7.30 pm in  
Hollinsclough Chapel Hall

Jim Sutton , Local Historian & Keele Adult  
Tutor.

#### Eleven Horses & a Tumbrel

##### - the story of a country carrier?

We are a very friendly group who will give  
you a warm welcome and our famous  
refreshments are included in the admission  
charge. Contact Sue 01298 83269 for  
further details.

### Hollinsclough Chapel

Services for November All at 2.30pm



2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion Colin  
Smith

9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Audrey Getliffe

16<sup>th</sup> Mrs Brenda Bryant

23<sup>rd</sup> At Earl Sterndale

30<sup>th</sup> Rev Richard Mottershead



*Papaver rhoeas*. The

Flanders Poppy

*The Flanders poppy has  
been the symbol of*

*remembrance since*

*1920. The red poppies*

*were among the first plants which  
sprouted from the devastated  
battlefields of northern France and  
Belgium. Soldiers' folklore had it that  
they were vivid red from having been  
nurtured in ground drenched with the  
blood of their comrades*

## Quarnford

**HARVEST THANKS** ... to everyone who  
contributed in any way to our successful  
and happy harvest-time.

Harvest donations are acknowledged, with  
thanks from The Green family, Betty and  
Frank Smith, Anon.

**Donations to church**, received with  
grateful thanks from Dorothy Hall, the  
Collins family, Doris Phillips and in memory  
of Martha Naden.

### Quarnford Quest

Membership now stands at 73

Winners for October are:

1st	D.Phillips No 12	£15
2nd	N.Riley No.26	£12
3rd	J.Barton No.41	£9.50

### Church Roof

A rough estimate of the amount required is  
£25,000. We are at present waiting for a  
further report from the architect and we  
will let you know the outcome as soon as  
possible.

### November services

We have visiting clergy on 2nd for All  
Souls<sup>†</sup> (Canon Blowers from Derby), 9th  
Remembrance Sunday (Canon Urquhart  
from Ashbourne) 16th Holy Communion  
(Rev.P.Walley, the Bishop of Lichfield's  
Assistant) and 30th Benefice Advent Carol  
Service at Longnor (Prebendary R.Bould  
from Stafford).

Please try to come to some or all the  
services, it will be very disheartening if  
there are only a couple of people in church  
when clergy have travelled a long way to  
help us.

## Quarnford Church & School Christmas Fair



**Saturday 29th November  
2 p.m.  
in the Village Hall  
Lots of stalls, fun & games  
Don't miss it**

### Prayer

Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved, the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of Thy great goodness in past years, and in the sure expectation of a joyful reunion in the heavenly places; and this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## News from Flash School

The children at Flash School have worked hard during this half term and deserve the coming week's holiday. Our wildlife regeneration project is progressing well. Hazel our Peak Park Ranger with volunteers has dug out our pond and found not a puddle but a lagoon! We will have an interesting pond and nature area when the spring arrives.

We had an outstanding Pea and Pie Supper on Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup>. We fed more than 60 people, played Beetle and laughed

a lot. Thanks to all who came and helped. Look out for our next event in December. This time it will be a chocolate bingo. The date is still to be arranged please phone me 83741 or school for details.

The Christmas Fair in Flash will be held on Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the village hall. The children will be singing and running a Christmas stall so do come along. We will be holding a photograph competition during the afternoon. This time the theme is winter so bring a photograph to be judged.

Look forward to seeing you.

Dehra

### Quote .Unquote

"Never, never, never believe any war will be smooth and easy, or that anyone who embarks on the strange voyage can measure the tides and hurricanes he will encounter. The statesman who yields to war fever must realize that once the signal is given, he is no longer the master of policy, but the slave of unforeseeable and uncontrollable events." Sir Winston Churchill

## Sheen

### OCTOBER'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1 <sup>st</sup> No 113	Graham Belfield	£20
2 <sup>nd</sup> No 75	Ian Redfern	£15
3 <sup>rd</sup> No 38	Ann Belfield	£10
4 <sup>th</sup> No 46	Jean Thompson	£7
5 <sup>th</sup> No 101	Kay Bennett	£5
6 <sup>th</sup> No 98	Susan Critchlow	£4

Thank you, to all Members

**THANK YOU** TO Wendy and John Kelly for taking our Church Service on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**THANK YOU** to Jim and Heather Stubbs, Gwen Maurice and Family for their harvests donations. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Hopkinson and 1 Anon for their kind donations made to St Luke's.

**BENEFACTIVE HARVEST SUPPER** - The harvest supper went very well and thank you to everybody who came and supported it. I would like to thank the waitresses and kitchen staff and Mary and Arthur for the excellent entertainment. We made £181 profit for church funds.

**PCC MEETING** - 11 November at 7pm in Church.

**WHIST DRIVE** - 31<sup>st</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall all profits go towards the upkeep of St Luke's Church. The last whist drive raised £46.50. Donation of prizes is always welcome.

**NEW AEROBICS CLASS** -Thursday nights at 7pm in Sheen Village Hall. All you need is loose fitting clothing, a pair of trainers and a bottle of still water. First class is free there after is £2.50 per class. For more information please ring Pam on 01298 84809 or Julie on 01298 84507.

**VILLAGE HALL MEETING** - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**NEW BEGINNERS CROCHET CLASS** - starting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1pm to 3pm at Sheen Village hall. £2.00 per session includes refreshments. All you need is a crochet hook and some smooth wool to begin with. To book a place please call Ann on 01298 84396 or Pam on 01298

84809. The dates for November are 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December

### **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.

## **Newtown**

### **St Paul's Church Newtown**

Last month we had the Rev. *Godfrey* Stone the Archdeacon of Stoke on Trent to take our service of Holy Communion. This month on the 23rd November at 10.15am we shall have the Rev. George Charles to take our service. This gentleman who lives in Leek, is an Australian and so I feel sure that this will be a first for Newtown.

## **From the Readership**

*What a wonderful way to explain it*

*A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room, and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side".*

*Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know".*

*"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"*

*The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.*

*Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing I know my Master is there and that is enough".*

# From the Manse

Dear Friends,

I wandered into the church hall after the Harvest Thanksgiving at Hollinsclough and was told to sit down and enjoy my harvest tea. Being an obedient person, and the tea looking delicious, I did as I was told - and thankfully. Looking around I was thankful for the familiar faces who were already tucking into their ham salads and who had come to share in our harvest; thankful for the band of workers bustling around with their usual kindness and efficiency; and thankful for food to eat and tea to drink.

Yet, I'm conscious of how much I often take for granted and the people I never thank. Sometimes I take for granted that I live in a country where I can vote, protest, and not live in fear of the night-time knock on the door and forget those who have fought and died for my freedom. I forget those who make the decision and do the work which keeps our transport running, electricity supplied, and food in the shops. I can take for granted the older people who give me time, inquire about my well-being with kindly tact, share their stories and tell me they remember me in their prayers.

In the next few weeks there will be special times to remember and be thankful. All Saints Day on November 1st is traditionally a time to remember those we have loved and to give thanks to God for all that they have been to us. A few days later, on November 9th, it is Remembrance Sunday when we recall those who have been killed in war and those who have experienced its physical, mental and emotional pain.

But why does thankfulness matter? In our day to day lives, thankfulness for family and friends, for little kindness and gifts of thoughtfulness enriches and deepens our relationship with each other. On the other hand, Sandra Fach makes the interesting observation that "ingratitude is an eye disease every bit as much as it is a heart disease. It sees only flaws, scars and scarcity." Where there is no thankfulness everything around us seems colourless, useless and disappointing. Life loses its wonder and significance and becomes pointless.

At the heart of Christian worship is thanksgiving centred upon the constant and never-failing love of God revealed in Jesus. It is a love for all people in every place and age, a love that forgives and creates new possibilities for our lives. So whether it is in the saddest time or the time of well-being, we give thanks for God's everyday gifts and for the indestructible love that holds and guides us.

Through such thanksgiving we open ourselves to the richness of the life God wants for us!

Christ's peace be with you  
*Colin Smith*

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## Services in the Benefice for November

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> All Souls'	All Souls' Memorial Service 4.30 pm	All Souls' Memorial Service 11 am	All Souls' Memorial Service 6.30 pm			Holy Communion Colin Smith 2.30 pm	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday	Remembrance Service 10 am	Remembrance Service 11 am	Remembrance Service 9.30 am			Mrs Audrey Getliffe 2.30 pm	
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 2nd before Advent	Holy Communion 6 pm	Holy Communion 4 pm				Mrs Brenda Bryant 2.30 pm	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Christ the King		Family Service 2.30 pm	Holy Communion 11.30 am	Holy Communion 10.15 am	Evening Prayer 7 pm	At Earl Sterndale 2.30 pm	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday	Benefice Advent Carol Service 6.30 pm					Rev Richard Mottershead 2.30 pm	
<b>December</b>							
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Evensong 5pm	Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Baptism 3 pm			Holy Communion 2.30 pm	