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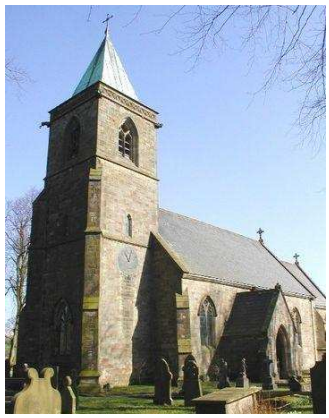
St. Paul's, Quarnford



St. Luke's, Sheen

October

2008

Longnor, Quarnford & Sheen with Newtown, Reapsmoor & Hollinsclough

St. Bartholomew's, Longnor

St. John's, Reapsmoor

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St. Paul's, Newtown

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Worship Leader's Letter

I am a great hoarder. I cut interesting bits out of newspapers, magazines, leaflets, etc. and carefully store them away - often in places where I will be unlikely ever to find them again! Occasionally, these words of interest and wisdom come to the surface and I re-read them. One cutting is by the former Bishop of Lichfield, Bishop Keith

"In my opinion, one of the deepest problems for all our churches today is simply this - how do we enable men and women to truly believe in God? In many parishes within our diocese of Lichfield there is much strong fellowship, much dedicated service, much committed leadership and sacrifice from both clergy and laity. Yet the wider situation remains uncertain.

The same is true for many church people. I often tell the story of an Anglican member of a South London church who, over a two or three year period, regularly pushed the church magazine through the letter box of a large house near her parish church. One day the man of the house, whom she had never seen, came to the door and thanked her for delivering it. He then told her that he had three serious questions about God and would be grateful for help on them. The lady felt some confusion and immediately found herself replying 'I'm terribly sorry but we are not very good on God at St. Mary's.'

I recognise myself in that story. For me, incomparably the most disturbing experience during my first two years as Bishop of Lichfield was the searing difficulty, during a teaching mission in Tettenhall Wood, of speaking about trust in God to groups of Midlands people alienated by honest doubt from the experience of faith. As we begin another autumn's work, I would encourage everyone to grapple continuously with this challenge. We have an overriding duty to do so."

Part of another cutting (author unknown)

"One of the lessons I learned early in life was the importance of saying 'thank you'. Although I'm sure I did not always respond with a glad and generous heart, I am pleased that I was taught a fundamental courtesy.

But thank-you's are not just reserved for childhood, of course. We find ourselves using the phrase on all manner of occasions, and there are many situations when 'thank—you' is the only appropriate response, and maybe is all that can be said. But in saying that one phrase we are saying a great deal more besides. A key element in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible is Thanksgiving. In the bad and difficult times when God's people found themselves up against it; when they thought God had forsaken them; when they themselves had more often than not forgotten and forsaken God; just as much as in the good, positive and harmonious times, there is always the theme of Thanksgiving to God.

At the end of our first month without a vicar, may I say 'thank you' for the encouragement I have received from the Benefice. As I said in the September magazine, mistakes will be made, there will have to be some changes in service times, but let us continue to work together.

Whatever we do, in word or in deed, let us do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God our Father through Him.

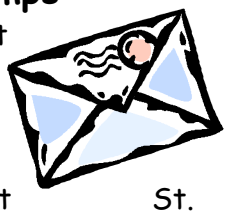
With very best wishes, *Janet*

Benefice News

Local Police Number

Staffordshire Police has a new number – 0300 123 4455 - for non-emergency calls.

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.

Mobile Library

Quarnford /Flash	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
Hollinsclough	Chapel	12.25 - 12.55
Longnor	The Square	2.05 - 2.35
	Old Saw Mill	2.40- 2.45
Barrowmoor	Badgers Croft	2.50 - 3.00
Reapsmoor	Swallow Moss	3.20 - 3.25
	Park House	3.30 - 3.35

Friday 10th Oct, 24th Oct,

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 6th Oct, 20th Oct,

Fly Tipping and Litter

To report to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council call Freephone 08001693159

Teddies for Tragedies

Keep up the good work for all those children traumatised by conflict. If you would like to join in the scheme for knitting Teddies then please contact Janet McNicol who will be pleased to provide you with the necessary information.

Dates for your Diary – October

Wed 1st History Live – Hollinsclough
Fri 3rd & Sat 4th Open Day at Hollinsclough School
Sun 5th Harvest - Reapsmoor
Thurs 9th Pie & Pea Supper – Flash School
Fri 24th Coffee Evening – Sheen
Thurs 30th, Fri 31st & Sat 1st Nov
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang - Warslow

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

All Souls' Service

Sunday 2nd November

When we will be remembering by name all those who have died, or been laid to rest, in the Benefice during the last twelve months. Everyone very welcome.

Longnor 4.30pm
Quarnford 11am
Sheen 6.30pm

We are most grateful to Canon Urquart and Canon Blowers for agreeing to come and conduct these services.

Deadline for the Magazine

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

Your Rural Police News

I have kindly been invited to pass on details of local Policing through the newsletter.

In this edition I want to tell you a little about your neighbourhood Policing team and the various ways you can get in touch. There is also some crime prevention information which may be of interest.

I am PC Andy Beresford and have worked the rural section for over two years but have twenty years wide and varied Policing experience. Having been born and raised in a farming family in the small village of Ramshorn, (near to Oakamoor) I have a good understanding of country life, relevant issues and what warm and friendly people live in these parts. It is a genuine pleasure to be serving where my roots are.

Including myself there are three full time officers based at Waterhouses and between us we cover a large geographical area including the villages reached by this newsletter. We are keen to listen to the matters that concern you the most so our priorities can reflect yours and our resources can be targeted most effectively.

In this area we benefit from a low crime rate and this is due in no small part to the strong sense of community that still exists. However, we should never become complacent and do whatever is possible to keep our property secure. At the moment we are seeing a rise in the theft of metal and fuel (including heating oils) due in part to the increasing value of these goods. It would be wise to review your security arrangements in general but in particular if you have either of these commodities.

We can arrange a visit from one of our crime prevention officers who offer a free and independent review of your current home or business security. You can then choose to implement whichever of the recommendations you wish. This can range from state of the art CCTV and alarm systems to suggestions which will cost nothing.

As part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme we offer a 'watch-out' service which is an easy to understand computerised telephone information system and is completely free. It rings your home or mobile phone at a time convenient to you and gives a recorded message detailing crime which has occurred in your area so you can be on your guard and help prevent it happening to you or your neighbours. For more information about this service or to subscribe to it collect a simple to fill-out leaflet from a local Police station or from the village shops in Butterton and Hulme End. There are also other crime prevention materials available at these locations.

If you need any further advice on any Policing issues contact me or either of my colleagues at Waterhouses; Pc Brian Millward and PCSO Paul Flowers.

For non-emergency matters contact us on 08453 30 20 10 quoting a name to the operator.

If we're not in the office please leave us a voicemail message. I check mine every duty day.

You can also email me on andrew.beresford@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

In the event of an emergency you should always ring 999 and even if there are no Waterhouses officers available there is continual 24/7 cover from one of our neighbouring stations.

Longnor

St. Bartholomew's Church News

We would like to say a big thank you to Kirsty Gerrard and her team of helpers for keeping the tradition of dressing the well alive. It was a great success and looked beautiful. Hopefully everyone will get together next year ,when new recruits would be made very welcome. Thanks also to Rev. Peter Dakin for taking the Wakes Service and Blessing the Well and last but not least thanks again to Hollinsclough Silver Band for providing the music and to the people who attended the service..

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHRISTMAS FAIR to be held in the Church on SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER AT 2PM..

Donations

To Longnor Church from Barbara Mellor, The Green, Longnor.

Longnor Luncheon Club would like to thank everyone who came along and supported our Macmillan coffee morning. Also many thanks for the donations we received.
We made a grand total of £155.00.

New aerobics/Tums and bums class

Wednesday evenings 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.

News from St Bartholomew's School …

Everybody is settled in and we are pleased to welcome 7 new pupils this term. The term got off to a cracking start with Longnor and Flash School enjoying a science production by the Quantum Theatre called Tinsel Town, which was all about light and electricity.

Children distributed gifts for harvest again to local residents as this is an important way of teaching them how to share. This year we are working towards the Right Respect School Law, which is based on the UNICEF rights of the children; with rights come responsibilities. For example we have a right to clean water and good food but we have a responsibility not to waste and to share what we have with others.
Flash School is joining us in working towards the award and Longnor and Flash are also working together to deliver the PE curriculum.

We are hoping to continue work on our Breathing Places outdoor class room this term and to sow and plant wild flower seeds for our meadow and begin work on planting the willow tunnel.

Sue Evans, Head Teacher

Longnor Players

Box Office Opens for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Longnor Players are now selling tickets for their forthcoming production, 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang', to be performed this half term at Manifold School, 7.15pm Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October and Saturday 1st November, with a matinee at 2.15pm on the Saturday. This version of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' has been specially adapted by Lizzie Nicholls in Longnor and will feature all the familiar characters from the 1968 film, including Caractacus Potts, Jeremy and Jemima, Truly Scrumptious, the Child Catcher and Baron and Baroness Bonhurst. It is a story of love and adventure, of good and evil and of a family in search of something missing - all brought together by a fantasmagorical car!

The special character of Longnor Players' productions is that they include adults and children of all ages in the production and aim to involve the whole community. This show is no exception, being the local group's largest and most ambitious project. This is a full scale musical with an enormous cast, fantastic dancing and superb props, including the stunning car.

Although the book by Ian Fleming was published 44 years ago, the story is best known as the 1968 film starring Dick Van Dyke, with a screen play written by Roald Dahl. We are very fortunate to have a short run by Longnor Players this autumn and it is expected that tickets will sell fast. So make a point of booking up early; tickets are £5 (£3 concessions) and available from the shops in Longnor, Butterton, Hartington and Hulme End.

MINUTES OF LONGNOR ACTION GROUP MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST 2008

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

CHAIR: Sam Kidd

APOLOGIES: NONE

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

FUNDING APPLICATION FOR TABLES

Tina and Gaynor will meet on the 27 August to discuss re-submitting the application.

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.

ACTION: Group to request support in writing from the parish council. As at the 13 August no reply as yet.

WEBSITE & 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.

Website

Tina has agreed for the Reap office to act as a local base for people to take in information for the action group and/or the website.

Access codes for the website have now been agreed and John will now formally apply to Gary.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The dates and venues of the meetings up to the end of 2008 will be agreed during the September meeting and displayed on a poster in the notice board as well as on the website.
- Event – Tuesday 19 August Medieval Music evening in the Church. Prior to this event the Action Group committed to cover any shortfall. Due to the weather and the change of date to the 11 August there was a shortfall of £150, the Action Group has honoured their commitment to the church.
- Longnor Races – Both Tina and Gaynor were interested to find out the history of the races and also the wakes that took place at the same time.
- Ruby who runs the art class is putting an application in to fund a stair lift to improve access to the Balcony Room.
- At the end of September Tina should have the results of a project for family learning, this could possibly involve the Action Group.
- Once the schools are back in September Sam will discuss with the Head teacher about any ideas/projects for partnership working.
- Contact details for Gaynor Parkinson of Staffordshire Moorlands CVS 01538 381356 gaynorparkinson@smcvs.co.uk
- Contact names and details for all current action group members.

SAM KIDD (Chair/Secretary) 01298 83474
PETER BAKER (Treasurer) 01298 83120
JOHN & DEBBIE O'NEIL 01298 83648
DAVID NICOL 01298 83742
TINA BALL 01298 83500

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10 September 2008 7.30pm

Art For Health
Come & relax, enjoy being creative in a free & friendly art group led by local artist Ruby Hickmott
Activities will include Clay, Painting, Collage, Printing, Drawing etc
Monday afternoons 2.30pm - 4.30pm
29th Sept - Hartington Village Hall
6th Oct - Hartington Surgery
13th & 27th Oct - Longnor Church (Balcony Room - Stair Access)

This ought to make you feel better about your computer skills!

Tech support: *Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.*
Customer: *Your left or my left?*

Tech support: *What's on your monitor now, ma'am?*
Customer: *A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at Woolies.*

Reapsmoor

St. John's Church News

Reapsmoor Church gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of £285 in loving memory of Mr John Mellor. Thanks to all concerned.

St John's Church, Reapsmoor will celebrate their annual Harvest Service on Sunday October 5th @ 2.30pm. With great pleasure we welcome Liz Hallam as our soloist. The service will be followed by a buffet tea in The Old Schoolroom. Everyone will be most welcome.

Hollinsclough

History Live

Wednesday, 1st October at 7.30 pm at the Chapel Hall.

This should be a fascinating evening as we welcome Jonathan Wright, Lecturer at Derby University with

A History of Forensic Science

We had a very successful season last year and welcomed lots of new faces and we love to see our loyal friends, too. Become a member or just come along to the events that are of interest, it's entirely up to you. Membership costs £5, which entitles you to a reduced entry charge at each meeting. We are a very friendly group who will give you a warm welcome and our famous refreshments are included. Contact Sue 01298 83269 for further details.

Hollinsclough Chapel

Services for October
All at 2.30 pm

5th Rev Colin Smith HC
12th Mrs Janet Evans Harvest Festival
19th Rev Richard Mottershead
26th At Earl Sterndale

Sale of Produce
Monday, October 13th at 7.45 pm

Hollinsclough School

Open Day

The public are invited to look round the school

Friday October 3rd and Saturday 4th October Open Day 1pm – 4pm

Maypole dancing and refreshments provided by the PTA will add to the fun

Life Tip

It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice

Quarnford

St. Paul's Church News

More Dates for your diary
Sunday 2nd November
All Souls' Service 11am
Sunday 9th November
Remembrance Day Service 11am

Thank You

- To Karen Kidd and friends for organising a most successful event on 7th September. There was a vintage car and bike show, sponsored walk, table top sale and refreshments. The proceeds were divided between the East Cheshire Hospice and the church roof fund. An excellent total of £565 has been banked towards the roof repairs. Well done – and thank you.

- To the Peak District National Park Authority for a grant of £100 towards the churchyard noticeboard.
- To Bessie Kidd for a donation in memory of Joe Phillips.

Christian Aid " Teatime". At the time of the magazine deadline, the total raised is not known.

Christmas Fair
This will be later than usual. Please make a note in your diary for Saturday, 29th November.

Quarnford Quest
Membership now stands at 71.
Winners for September are:

1st	No. 38	D. Goodwin	£15
2nd	No. 11	G. Loy	£12
3rd	No. 40	I. Riley	£8.50

Mystery?
A bag of clothing was left on the church doorstep. Does anyone know anything about it?

Vintage Car & Bike Show
Thanks to all who helped out and to everyone who supported us. We made an amazing £1130 etc for the East Cheshire Hospice & the church roof fund.

Flash Primary School

A new term has begun again at Flash Primary School. As I am writing this the sun is streaming through the window. The last few days have lifted our spirits and given us the opportunity to enjoy our lovely school setting.

This term we are working with St Bartholomew's School Longnor to achieve the U.N.I.C.E.F. Rights Respecting Schools Award. We are looking forward to our joint school study days and know that the children will both enjoy and benefit from this work.

We are also continuing our John Muir Award Scheme, hoping to regenerate our pond area and outdoor learning provision. Many thanks to the Peak Park for donating a number of trees for the project.
The school has also adopted The Donna Louise Trust as our charity of the year. This charity supports families with seriously ill children and is based fairly near us in the Newcastle area.

The need to always be aware of children's safety has led us to work on Road Safety Training this term. We will take part in the Walk to School Week and feel that road sense is vital for us all.

We would like to wish Mrs Pownall, a member of our staff, a speedy recovery from her knee operation. I know that the children are missing her very much.

We are holding a Pea and Pie Supper and Beetle Drive on Thursday October 9th at 6.30pm please join us. Tickets will be available at school.
More next month.

Dehra Griffiths

Sheen

SEPTEMBER'S ONE HUNDRED CLUB RESULTS

1st No 20	Gwen Blackhurst	£20
2nd No 68	Arthur Spendelow	£15
3rd No 130	Connie Gould	£10
4th No 59	Jean Wharmby	£8
5th No 125	Noel Alcock	£7

Thank you, to all 125 Members
THANK YOU for the donations made in the memory of Myra Critchlow and Edna

Flower from their families and friends to St Luke's Church.

PROGESS REPORT –This year we have spent £6,500 on the restoration of the church clock face and mechanism and it will take a further £3,800 to install an automated wind up system. We are gaining quotes to repair the guttering and down spouts and work should be starting very soon on replacing the old path and creating a new path down to the newest part of the church yard.

WAKES COFFEE EVEING – Friday 24th October at 7.30pm in Sheen Village Hall. Stalls, Games, Refreshments, Raffles plenty of things to do for all the family please come and support us as this is one of the main fund raising events for St Luke's Church. All profits go towards the upkeep of the church.

Volunteers are required to help on stalls or help with games if you have any new ideas to raise funds please see Ann or George. Donations for raffle and tombola prizes or cakes for the cake stall would be most appreciated.

WHIST DRIVE - 3rd and 31st October at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall all profits go towards the upkeep of St Luke's Church. The last whist drive raised £53.50.

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 13th October at 8pm in Sheen Village Hall. This meeting is to sort out if we are having a New Year's Eve Party. If anybody is interested please come to the meeting. It's a village party, we need village people to help. Everybody is welcome.

NEW BEGINNERS CROCHET CLASS – starting Thursday 6th November 1pm to 3pm at Sheen Village hall. £2.50 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.

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.

HARVEST SERVICE It was nice to see so many people in church and we would like to thank Mary Jephcott for taking a very enjoyable service

HARVEST SALE We had a record number of people at the sale (approx 45) and we raised £470 for church funds. The highest bid of the night was £10 for a bottle of home made wine. We would like to thank everybody who donated the produce and to everybody then who bought it back. Thank you John our auctioneer for making it a memorable night once again.

WAKES SERVICE 19th October at 6.30pm

Newtown

St Paul's Church Newtown

Many thanks to Janet McNicol for conducting a lovely Harvest Service and this was made more enjoyable due to the large congregation which enhanced the occasion. A big thank you is due to all those who gave fruit, flowers and provisions which were skilfully used by the large team present to make a wonderful job of decorating the church. To add to this we are also indebted to all the people who gave so generously with their donations and to our auctioneer John Mellor and his team of helpers, and finally not forgetting all those who came to the sale and made it a great success.

Donations are acknowledge with many thanks from:- Stan Riley & family, Henry & Marjorie, Joan Gregory, Rex & Neil Woolley, John & Wendy, Frank & Gill Grindey, Richard & Val Gee, Rene Mellor, Florrie Gee, Les, Nannette & family, Joyce & Barbara, Margaret & Bob, Mary & Brian Hudson and Mavis & John.

Donations	195.00
Collection	86,70
Sale	185.65
GrandTotal	467.35

Thanks

Thanks to Ewart and Daniel for the repairs to the church lane, this worked a treat just in time for the harvest and also to Andrew for mowing the path around the church which he does on a regular basis but which made things nice and tidy for the harvest.

This has been a busy week for Newtown with our Christian Aid Tea Time on Friday where we raised £30 for this noble cause.

From the Readership

I LIVE ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord stay by my side.
In all my daily needs, please be my guide.
Grant me good health, for that indeed I pray
To carry on my work from day to day.
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed
Let me be kind and unselfish in my neighbour's need.
Spare me from fire, floods, malicious tongues
From thieves, from fears from evil ones.
If sickness or accident should befall
Then humbly, Lord, I pray, please hear my call
And when I'm feeling low or in despair
Light up my heart and help me in my prayer
I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear
Because I feel Your presence very near.

RAIN

It rained and rained and rained,
The average fall was well maintained
And when the tracks were simple bogs
It started raining cats and dogs.
After a drought of half an hour
We had a most refreshing shower,
And then, most curious thing of all,
A gentle rain began to fall.
Next day but one was fairly dry.
Save for one deluge from the sky,
Which wetted the party to the skin,
And then at last the Rain set in. *Anonymous*

From the Manse

Dear Friends,
The world is changing so fast – banks collapsing, being nationalised and taken over - that I don't know what will have happened by the time you read this.

Many people are speaking of the almost incredible arrogance, greed and folly which lay behind the near-collapse of the banking system. We can point to bankers, to politicians and to regulators, but we know that we also have to point at ourselves. We have been ready to believe that the good times would last for ever, that people would always be able to afford their ever-growing mortgage repayments, that the billions of pounds paid in bonuses to those who took ever greater risks in their lending, was money well spent.

Already, many ordinary people have lost their jobs and many more undoubtedly will. Ain America, others have lost their homes and there are fears for some in this country. The consequences of these last weeks for the British economy are uncertain but few doubt that there will be painful consequences for both household incomes and employment.

So where is God in all this?

1. Christians may recognise we are living with what Paul calls "God's wrath". It's an unfortunate term (because of the way we usually use that word) but when Paul uses it he doesn't mean personal anger but the impersonal outcome of our folly and our disobedience to God, the very things we recognise at the heart of our current crisis.

The homeless and the unemployed are already a sign of the consequences of what happens when we go against God's will. No doubt, in the coming months, we will all experience God's "wrath" in one form or another. It won't be God being angry with us but God allowing the natural and inevitable outcome of our human folly to take place.

2. Yet, deep in our Jewish/Christian tradition there is the belief that God is not only a God of "wrath" but also a God of mercy. The story of Jonah tells us of how he sulked when God refused to destroy the great city of Nineveh after the city repented. Jonah complains bitterly, ***"I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing."*** God does not treat us as we deserve. When we admit that we have screwed up on the past but now seek to put right what is wrong, we find that he is the God who is waiting to show us mercy. Through his mercy, we do not suffer the full consequences of our actions and find in him a source of hope.

3. So, is there a place of security when the world is shaken? Long ago the Psalmist wrote:

> ***God is our refuge and strength:***
> ***a very present help in time of trouble.***
> ***Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved***
> ***and thought the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea.***
> (Psalm 46)

God gives us our ultimate security because he draws us into his eternal being. Yet, he is also the God who enables us to shape the future, to help those who are in trouble because of the turmoil that has engulfed them, and to work for a more just and sustainable future for all. The future is no closed but, by God's mercy, full of potential!

So, Christ's peace be with you and me in troubled times!
Warm greetings, Colin Smith

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Our so1diers. Home visits have recently been paid by some of our brave lads from the Front. Ptes. John and Thos. Ralph Beresford, the latter recovering from a wound, Pte. G. Wheeldon, all looking well. Ptes. E. Needham, C. Cope. doing well, Duncan Gregory recovering, and our Prisoners of War well. Again we remind all of the Intercessions each Sunday in Church. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven."—Matt. xviii. 19.

BAPTISMS.

Sept. 1—Herbert Norman (age 21¼ years), son of Herbert and Annie Coates, Town Head, Longnor.
1—Mary, daughter of Herbert and Emma Coates, Town Head, Longnor.

BURIAL.

Sept. 12—Ann Cooper, of Mount Pleasant, Longnor,
aged 65 years
A E Stanham Vicar, Surrogate

SHEEN.

Baptism Sept. 8th, Eveline Edith, daughter of Charles and Edith Mary Harrison, of High Close, Sheen.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services could not have been held under more depressing weather conditions than those which prevailed throughout the day on the 15th inst., the XVI. Sunday after Trinity. Rain poured in torrents throughout the day. Consequently the large congregations which generally assemble on the occasion were not present. This did not, however, mar the heartiness of the singing of those well-known Harvest Hymns and Psalms so well beloved by all. Needless to say the Church had much care bestowed upon it in decoration. As usual most liberal offerings in corn, fruit, vegetables, flowers, and last, but by no means least, eggs, were forthcoming The fruit. vegetables, and especially the eggs, will prove more than acceptable to the recipients, who were, as on former occasions, the Waifs and Strays. The sincerest thanks are herewith extended to the following for their gifts: Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Prince (Wallbrook Lane), Mrs. Wheeldon, Mrs. Manifold, Mrs. Humphries, Mr. J. Bonsall (Westside), Mrs. J. W. Riley, Mrs. S. Stubbs, Mrs. J. Stubbs, Mrs. Jas. Wilson, Mrs. Broadhurst, Mrs. B. Prince, Mrs. Shufflebotham, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. J. W. Titterton, Mrs. Critchlow (Pilsbury), Mrs. C. Harrison, Mrs. Lawton (Endon House), Mrs. R. Gilman, Mrs. Lomas (Drumbus), Mr. Milner, Mrs. Lomas, Mrs. G. Riley, Mrs. Harrison (O.W. Post Office), Mr. Grindey, Mrs. Beresford, Miss Redfern. Miss Woolley and her aunt, the Vicar and the School children. The Thankoffering sent by Mrs. Lawton, who has always been a generous supporter of every object connected with this parish, is deserving of special notice. Thirty-one eggs were received from her, and we feel persuaded none will appreciate her generosity more than the Orphan children of our brave soldiers, who have given their lives in defence of their country. The collections at all services on behalf of Church Expenses were most gratifying, realising between three and four pounds. As the Vicar pointed out, the cost of fuel places the funds available from offertories under a heavier burden than hitherto, and

unless we get such helpful additions as those on this occasion we shall he much behind at the year end.

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LONGNOR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL. We were very fortunate to have such fine weather for the day of the Sunday School Festival. The children gave much pleasure to a large congregation with their singing and readings and the Queens and their retinues were beautifully dressed. We are very thankful to those who gave their time and effort to work so bard to make such a success of the Festival.

HOLY BAPTISM. Suffer the little children to come unto me." Aug. 24th, at St. Paul's Newtown, Malcolm John Perkin; Aug. 31st, at the Parish Church, Wendy Grindey.

BURIAL. I am the Resurrection and the Life." Sept. 12th, William Bradbury, aged 41 years.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS in lieu of flowers in memory of William Bradbury — Mr. H. Coates and family, £1; Mr. W. V. Bradbury, £1 Mr. R. Gould, 10/-.

E.H. FINNEMORE. Vicar.

Quarnford

HARVEST DONATION. Mrs. Tidworth, 10/-.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Oct. 5th, Vicar; Oct. 19th, Mrs. Massey.

R.W. THOMPSON, Vicar.

Monday Washing

Egg timer.—When timing my washing in the electric washer, instead of taking a clock into the scullery I use an egg timer—3½ minutes.—Mrs .E. FORSTER.

Washing towels.—if towels are folded hem to hem, to wring, they will not come into holes in the centre. ***Never*** *blue linen, as it will turn it grey in time.—*

Mrs. F.A. JACKSON.

Sheen

BAPTISM. Sept. 24th, Peter, the son of Dennis William and Madeline Hilda Howson, of Sheen.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Oct. 5th, Mrs. Riley; Out. 12th, Miss Hilda Critchlow; Oct. 10th, Mrs A. J. Stubbs; Oct. 26th, Mrs. J. Fearn; Nov. 2nd, Mrs. Titterton; Nov. 16th, Miss E. Gould.

Summer Time will end on Sunday, October 5th, at 2 a.m., so do not forget to get up and alter your clocks and watches, and remind yourself that sometime in April next, Summer time *may* begin—at least let's hope so. J.V. PHILP, Vicar.

Services in the Benefice for October

	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Hollinsclough Chapel	Gradbach Chapel
Sunday 5th Trinity 20	Morning Prayer 10.30am				Harvest 2.30pm	Holy Communion Colin Smith 2.30pm	
Sunday 12th Trinity 21		Morning Prayer 11am	Evensong 6.30pm			Harvest Mrs Janet Evans 2.30pm	
Sunday 19th Trinity 22	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 11am	WAKES Holy Communion 6.30pm	Holy Communion 3.45pm	Holy Communion 2.30pm	Rev Richard Mottershead 2.30pm	
Sunday 26th Bible Sunday	Evensong 3.30pm	Family Service 2.15pm	Morning Prayer 9.30am		Evensong 7 pm	At Earl Sterndale 2.30pm	
November							
Sunday 2nd All Souls'	All Souls' Memorial Service 4.30pm	All Souls' Memorial Service 11am	All Souls' Memorial Service 6.30pm		Harvest 2.30 pm	Holy Communion Colin Smith 2.30pm	

Newtown – Short morning service 10.45 am followed by "elevenses" each Thursday from 11th September.
If other churches would like a mid-week service please contact your churchwardens.