

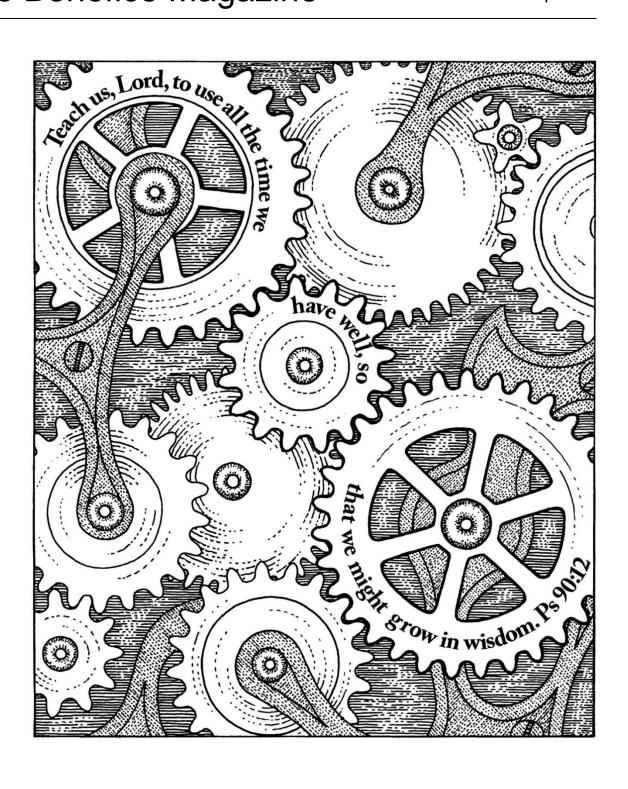
THE **LONGNOR** BENEFICE

Longnor, Quamford, and Sheen, with Warslow & Elkstones (including Newtown, Reapsmoor, and Hollinsclough)

September 2021

The Benefice Magazine

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Who's Who...

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Working with the biggest corporation in the world – the church

September is always the start of a new school year, and this one perhaps with more hopes than the last. Alex Wolvers, the diocese's Mission in Schools Enabler certainly has:

As a member of both the diocese board of education and the mission team my role has looked very different since Covid hit. One of my main jobs over the last 19 months has been the writing of 'bubble' worship material, alongside the rest of our team. These resources have been used by church workers as part of their outreach to schools and directly by schools for the use in their class bubbles and it has even been adapted as part of their home learning packs. Writing the worships has been fun and it has been a privilege to serve our schools in this way, but nothing truly beats being in school with the children.

Thankfully things are beginning to change.

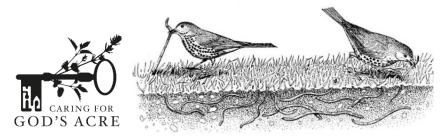
I had a fantastic opportunity last week to share one of outdoor 'Blue Sky Worships' with a group of children in a local school not far from where I live. It was an amazing time as we spent a warm morning in the forest reflecting on the creation poem that can be found in Genesis 1, the very first chapter of the Bible.

The opening words of the Bible are perhaps the most famous ever written. 'In the beginning, God created...' The rest of the chapter unfolds as a picture of every part of creation being carefully made to fulfil its own purpose. There's a refrain that runs through it all, 'And God saw that it was good' that is until it comes to human beings when God announces that these are, 'very good.'

It was great fun spending time with the children exploring God's creation, imagining that this was the first time that we had ever seen it. We looked at all the shades of green there were surrounding us, we looked for the smallest living thing that we could find, and we looked at one thing that truly made us go, 'WOW!' We also looked for something that was mentioned in the Bible verses and seeing as we had an Adam and an Eve in the class that one was easy.

The Bible teaches us that we need to become 'like little children' – spending that morning with those group of children gave me a real insight into what that verse actually means. The joy, the laughter, the fun, and amazement with which they approached God's world were all a real blessing to me. My encouragement for you would be, either as individuals or as a church community, if you are not already, get involved in worship at your local school. This could be through Open the Book biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/ or by using our worship material www.ldbe.co.uk/ or even consider how your church grounds could be used as a resource in itself.

Alex Wolvers



In Praise of Short Grass

It's easy to overlook the value of short-mown grass, a habitat found in almost all churchyards. Whilst long, flowery meadow areas are particularly good for wildlife, short grass is important too. Keep a look out for pied wagtails, they hunt across flat surfaces like carparks and lawns, always on the move, looking for insects to eat. The black and white colours and 'wagging' tail makes them easy to spot.

Short mown grass is also a favourite of one of our most distinctive birds, the Song Thrush. Song thrushes roost and nest in churchyard trees then use short grass areas to feed, searching for worms, other soil invertebrates as well as fruits such as berries. They also feed on snails which they then open by smashing the shell onto a stone with a flick of the head. A song thrush will use the same place repeatedly for breaking shells, and you may hear the hammer sound of the unfortunate snail, a sound which gives the name of Thrush Anvil to these stones. Song thrush are shy birds, often seen at dawn and dusk and wary of coming too far away from shelter. This makes churchyards perfect places for them, combining trees and shrubs for shelter with short mown grass for hunting. Listen for the beautiful song of the song thrush which perches high in a tree to give maximum amplification and sings short phrases, repeating a phrase 3 or 4 times then starting another one.

You can help song thrushes by keeping a mix of grass lengths including some short-mown areas. Log piles, leaf litter and compost heaps in the shade help to provide snails, ready for the anvil! A simple bird bath will provide birds with a drink and somewhere to bathe too and berry bearing trees and shrubs an extra food source. Please listen for the call of the song thrush and let us know if you hear or see one in your churchyard.

All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk,

<u>www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk</u> - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code Lich19

From the Curatage

It's taken longer than our other buildings to re-open St Paul's Newtown following the Covid-19 restrictions but I'm very pleased to say we expect it to be ready in early September. Some repairs, decoration and tidying up have been undertaken. We will begin our first service back in the building on Thursday 2nd September at 10am. We intend to resume services on Thursday every week.

This does mean that our 10am Thursday Zoom service will be coming to a close. I am keen that we gauge whether there is demand to continue online services and I'm considering a 10am Service on Tuesdays or possibly Evening Prayer one weekday evening. If you are keen that we continue an online service please email me on curate@thelongnorbenefice.org with an indication of when you would be most likely to attend. If there is sufficient demand we will resume an online service as soon as possible - and if a regular service time is established we will announce it again in future magazines.

This September hopefully will represent something of a return to normal patterns in the benefice for the time of year. We have harvest services planned in every church and a wakes service planned in Longnor (please see the calendar and sections for individual churches for details). Last year we had planned harvest services outdoors and a pet-blessing service but as a result of Covid-19 restrictions several didn't happen. I hope we are able to go ahead this year.

As I write this I'm just due to go on a much looked-forward-to holiday. Given the very strange year and a half we've all had, I hope you will all find ways to refresh yourselves. I appreciate that holidays are a privilege and I'm very glad to be able to take one. This has coincided with Fr John being away from work. We look forward to having him back - and I'd like to express my thanks to everyone from within the benefice or wider diocese that has helped to keep things running smoothly in his absence - hopefully you'll know who you are!

Fr David

High Days and Holy Days for September

1st Sept	Drithelm	1st Sept	St Giles of Provence
2 nd Sept	The New Guinea Martyrs of 1942	2 nd Sept	St William of Roskilde
3 rd Sept	St Gregory the Great		
4th Sept	St Birinus		
5 th Sept	Laurence Giustiniani		
6 th Sept	Allen Gardiner		
8th Sept	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
9 th Sept	St Peter Claver		
11 th Sept	St Protus and St Hyacinth	11 th Sept	St Deiniol of Bangor
-	St John Chrysostom		
14 th Sept	Holy Cross Day		
	St Adam of Caithness		
16 th Sept	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway	16 th Sept	Cornelius
18 th Sept	St Joseph of Copertino		
20 th Sept	The Martyrs of Korea		
21st Sept	St Matthew		
24 th Sept	St Gerard Sagredo		
25 th Sept	St Ceolfrith		
26 th Sept	Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army		
27 th Sept	Vincent de Paul		
28 th Sept			
29 th Sept	Michael and All Angels		

Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army

Wilson Carlile was born in Brixton in 1847, and did not set out to become an evangelist. Instead, he was brilliant at both languages and music, and excelled as a businessman. That is, until an economic recession and serious illness brought him crashing down and finished his career, aged only 31.

Not surprisingly, a serious breakdown followed, when Carlile questioned everything that he had been attempting in life. This search for a new meaning brought him to faith in Jesus Christ, and so turned his world upside down. He later wrote:

I have seen the crucified and risen Lord as truly as if He had made Himself visible to me bodily sight. That is for me the conclusive evidence of His existence. He touched my heart and old desires and hope left it. In their place came the new thought that I might serve Him and His poor and suffering brethren.

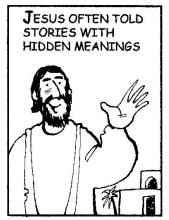
Wilson approached two Christians whose passion for ministry was already well known: the Americans evangelists Moody and Sanky, who were at that time in England. Wilson attended their meetings and supplied music via his harmonium. In return, he learned a lot about effective outdoors evangelism.

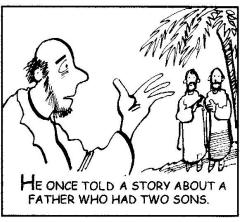
Carlile then prepared himself for a life of ministry. He was confirmed into the Church of England, studied at the London College of Divinity, ordained in 1880 and served his curacy at St Mary Abbots in Kensington. But Carlile wanted more than comfortable parish life, and soon began outdoor preaching again. He wanted to reach the poor, unchurched, of the community.

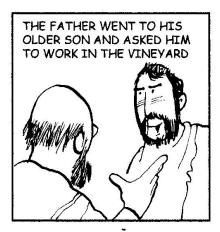
Carlile left Kensington to work in a slum mission, and by 1882 he was busy uniting the local Anglican parish missions into one organisation. Here his business skills in planning and organising proved invaluable, and soon he had founded the 'Church Army.' He then founded two training colleges, to train both men and women evangelists. After slight hesitation, the Church of England agreed to incorporate the Church Army into its structure, and even created the office of Evangelist for the Church Army captains and sisters.

In the years that followed, Church Army has done great work in evangelism, as well as in social and moral welfare. It helped support the troops during World War 1. Carlile remained honorary chief secretary until retirement in 1926. He died in 1942.



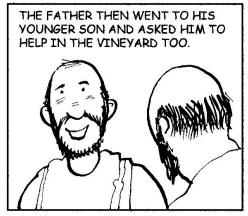




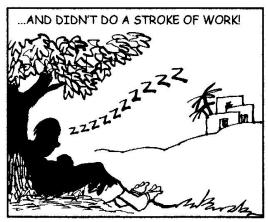


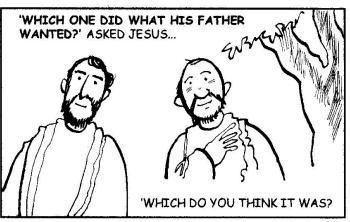


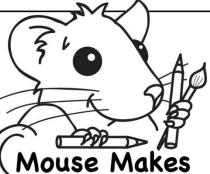












The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land.

God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread." he asked her.



She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."
"Do not worry." Elijah said,
"Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...
... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never

ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:

WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE OIL • SON • EAT • DIE • FULL • WENT • MAKE • BAKED • ATE • JAR • JUG • MANY DAYS • LIVE • NEVER • EMPTY

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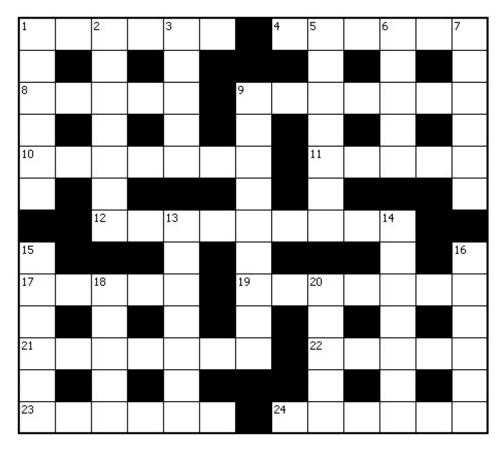
Crossword Clues

Clues Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Clues Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)



Sudoku Grid

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General Benefice News

Local Police Number

Our new NON emergency no. is 101. (The old 0300 123 44 55 is still working BUT we are encouraging people to use 101). The system recognises where you are calling from whether mobile or landline and will give you options for the nearest Police Service.

101 For all non-emergency calls

Used Postage Stamps

Please consider saving these as they are valuable to the charities who rely on this income. Remember to leave a margin of envelope round each stamp.

Teddies for Tragedies



Please keep up the good work.
Janet McNicol
Tel: 01298 812053

Peak District National Park Authority – Local Access Forum

If you have any issues relating to footpaths or bridleways, please contact ALISON TURNER (Reapsmoor) on 01298 687424 or email ally.turner14@btinternet.com

Paid box adverts at £2/month (£20/year) to be in all editions of the Benefice Newsletter
For new long term adverts please pay up until the end of the year and then pay a year's subscription the following January

Payment for all adverts should please be sent to Longnor Vicarage, Gauledge Lane, Longnor, Buxton, SK17 0PA Cheques made payable to Longnor PCC.

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please.

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All material should be delivered to the editor by 22nd of the month for the next month's edition. Please send to:
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Meadowside, Newtown, Longnor, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 0NE
Telephone 01298 83611 or email denise@countrycushions.com

We are able to send the magazine by email. If anyone would like to change or to subscribe, please let me know.

Thank you to Father David for extra items plus puzzles. The answers to the crossword and the Sudoku solution are on page 16

Longnor

Thank you to Richard and Carol Gould for their extremely generous donation towards the repair of the clock.

A Service of Thanksgiving led by Father John Baines for the late Thomas "Edwin" Armett took place at St Bartholomew's on Thursday 22nd July. This followed a Private cremation at Macclesfield crematorium.

Edwin passed away suddenly at home on 30th June aged 82 years.

A dedicated worker who perfected anything he did, there was nothing that Edwin couldn't mend. Spending most of his life working for the Hodgkinson family at Harley farm, he was a skilled mechanic as well as making gate posts which are still in place today. During his spare time he would repair cars for family and friends. A devoted family man, Edwin took great pride in

his family.

Taking his granddaughters for driving lessons as soon as soon as they were old enough to drive.

He was especially proud when first Elizabeth, then Abby, followed by Charlotte all went to

University. Sadly he passed away before his Grandson Matthew reached these goals, but did have the pleasure of seeing some of his photos published in the Buxton Advertiser.

The number of people who paid their respects to Edwin was a true reflection of his popularity.

He was the type of person who would help anyone, no matter what it was, if it could be repaired Edwin would do it,he was a true friend to many people.

Our thoughts are with with his devoted wife Iris, his sons Andrew and Ian, their wives and grandchildren at this sad time.

Thanks to Alan, Wendy and family for their donation to St Bartholomew's in memory of Edwin.

John and Mavis Gilman have very kindly given a new stapler for use when producing the magazine for which we are very grateful.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be back to normal this year.

The service will take place on Sunday 26th September at 6-30pm

The Harvest sale will be on Monday 27th September at 8-00pm.

Hope to see you there!

Wakes Service at Longnor on Sunday 5th September at 6 pm.

A great big THANK YOU to all who helped make our Flower festival amazing. So many people who came through the doors said how great it was, not just that it looked great, but that it had taken place and been somewhere people could go to at last and enjoy some socially distanced tea and cake! It had such positive feedback. So thanks to all the flower arrangers, the cake bakers, the tea makers and to the Church Wardens who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and also to Mavis & John Gilman for the loan of their beautiful trees. The Church looked amazing and we made £1527.69

Thank you for donations from : Janice & Phil Andrews, Bob & Penny Anderson, Carol Gould, Iris Armett & Gaynor Bloor.

Thank you for a donation in memory of Simon Braddock from Mum, Dad, Carol, Gary and Courtney.

Longnor Parish Council

A vacancy as arisen for a Local Parish Councillor.

If you would be interested in joining us or would like further information please email Longnorpcouncil@gmail.com

Closing Date 30th September 2021

VACANCY FOR CLERK TO THE COUNCIL Longnor Parish Council

Part-time 14.5 hours per month, pay negotiable depending on experience.

The post-holder will be the Council's Legal and Responsible Financial Officer and should have experience of managing a budget, accounts, minute-taking and correspondence. The successful applicant will be computer literate. First class communication, initiative, a "can do" attitude and interpersonal skills are required.

To arrange, publicise and attend Parish Council monthly meetings.

To apply for the position please send your CV to longnorpcouncil@gmail.com
Closing Date 30th September 2021

Quarnfornd

We at Quarnford are all Thinking and Praying for you Fr John and hoping that you are soon up and about very Soon .

We welcome Crimp and Sheryl who are now the new owners of the New Inn and wish you all the best in your new venture.

Our Harvest and scare crow Festival will be on September the 26th At 2.30 .pm All are Welcome.

Flash

Flash scarecrow festival

21st to 26th September.

25th and 26th September tea, coffee and cake available in the church 10am to 4pm

Flash Village Hall is available for hire
Suitable for Parties, concerts, Club meetings etc
Hire rate is £8.50 / hour (minimum 2 hours)
To book the hall contact:
Sue on 07773881761

or email: flashvillagehall@outlook.com

Sheen

GIFT DAY – we would like to thank Jean and Terry Thompson and 1 Anon for their donation it will be put to good use.

WILD CHURCH – Once again we had an exceptionally good wild church. We fed the 5,000 (made bread buns) Next wild church is Saturday 4th September at 3pm at St Luke's. Everyone is very welcome to join us from any village.

HARVEST MEAT POTATO PIE SUPPER – Friday 17th September to book a place and to find more information please call Ann on 01298 84396

HARVEST – decorating church will take place on Saturday18th September at 10.30am. If you would like to donate any produce, please leave in the back of church or better still come and join us.

HARVEST SERVICE - Sunday 19th September at 6pm

HARVEST SALE – Monday 20th September 7.30pm in church all proceeds go to St Luke's. **WAKES SERVICE**– Sunday 17th October at 11am followed by Sunday Lunch more information next month

FLOWER FESTIVAL – when the magazine went to print our flower festival was just taking place. We will give you all raffle winners and the grand total we made next month. Thank you for your support.

SEPTEMBER's 100 CLUB RESULTS-

1st 85 Audrey Morson £20, 2nd 52 Keith Warmby £15 3rd 115 Jane Sherratt £10, 4th 38 ~Ann Belfield £6

Thank you for all your ongoing support with the 100 Club. New members are always welcome.

CRAFT AND CHAT – we are thinking of starting our Craft and Chat group up again in October. All are very welcome to join us. If you are interested please see Ann or Mary.

BRASS CLEANING - Pat and Rose

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND GOD BLESS

Newtown

Firstly, may I say that our thoughts are with Iris and family at this sad time as Edwin and Iris contributed to Newtown Church for many years.

We now have confirmation that Newtown Church will be having a Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 12 September – we would be delighted to see people there after such a long closure. If you have any harvest donations, please drop off at the Church on Saturday 11th at around 2pm – and come along to the auction of produce on Monday evening (13th) at 8pm – to raise much needed funds – and to enjoy an evening together.

We wish Hanno and Bev all best wishes for the future wherever their new home will be. We thank them for all they have done for Newtown Church.

Peep from the past: A major restoration took place in 1890. It was authorized by Sir Vauncey Harpur Crewe. In addition, a new panel partition and a south west porch was added in 1891.

Warslow

<u>Services</u>

The wearing of masks is optional and Holy Communion will be as normal, communicants can now take wine. Hand sanitiser is still to be used.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Our Flower Festival will be held from the evening of 24th September to 26th September 2021, our theme will be thanksgiving. This will be a 'Jam Jar Flower Festival' where members of the local community are invited to produce an arrangement in a jam jar, big or small, to commemorate or celebrate special events or people in our lives. Please produce a card to state who has arranged the jar and what or who it is to commemorate.

The event will open with a quiz. There will also be various events over the weekend – look out for the flyer coming through your door. Do come along and join the community.

Please call Emma Gould, on 01298 687190 to confirm that you will be taking part, or make an offer of help, a monetary donation or raffle prize. Thank you in anticipation!

REGULAR GIVING

As we have lost over a years' income from fundraising and services, the sustainability of our Church is, therefore threatened for the future. On this note, we would value and appreciate, anyone who can make a regular donation to our Church by way of regular giving, all donations however, small will make a difference to our Church and help to keep the Church in our village, open for important moments in our lives. If you are a Tax Payer you can Gift Aid your donation, which means that the church will receive extra money at no extra cost to you. If this is something that you are interested in - please contact the Treasurer -Gould 01298 on 687190 gouldemma80@gmail.com, all donations are treated in the strictest of confidence and will make such a difference. Thank you in anticipation.

BAPTISM

On Sunday 8th August, we welcomed Bishop Michael to officiate at our Holy Communion with the Baptism of Thea Hudson, daughter of Bethany Smith and Richard Hudson. We welcome her to our community of Christ. It was a memorable service, not least as we were able to sing hymns again, accompanied by Gwen Turnock playing the organ again after such a such a long absence. We would like to thank Bishop Michael, Father David and Gwen. **UPDATE**

Unfortunately, Fr John is still on sick leave for another few weeks and we ask that you remember him in your prayers.

Donations

Thank you to John and Gill Worth of Golden Green Travel for their kind donation to the Flower

Festival. It is much appreciated.

If anyone wants to talk to somebody in confidence or just for a chat, because they are lonely or anxious, please contact a member of the church team. We all need each other, never more than now in these uncertain and challenging times.

Warslow Village Hall

Warslow Village Hall is clean, spacious and well equipped for all occasions. Hire charges as little as £15.

Licensed bar.

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Email: Warslowvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk
Visit our website:

www.warslowvillagehall@weebly.com Like us on Facebook!

It's lovely to have a little bit of normality back at the hall and seeing our facilities being used again. We are pleased to be taking bookings already for 2022!

Thank you to those who attended and supported the 80/20 Auction Sale on Saturday 21st August. We hope to hold another sale next year in March.

We would like to thank Terence Grindon and Sandra Mycock for the use of their field on 15th August, this was much appreciated.

Annual Christmas Fayre

Saturday 27th November 2021 12-4pm FREE ENTRY Refreshments available

Refreshments available Stalls £7.00 each,

to book please contact Laura on 01298 84984 (first come, first served basis)

Only 10 stalls left! Order of the day TBC

Slightly smaller scale than previous years due to COVID but we will be back to normal in 2022.

Warslow Christmas Lights Competition

Let's spread a little Christmas cheer this year by lighting up your homes and make Warslow a place to visit.

Decorations/lights to be up by 18th December-1 St January.

Judging to take place during this period.
1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes up for grabs.
If your home would like to take part, contact
Laura on 01298 84984 to add you to the map.
Good Luck!

Warslow Silver Band Christmas Concert

Saturday 18th December 2021
7pm start, doors will open at 6.30pm
Warslow Village Hall
Raffle and Bar available

Tickets £7 each including supper Tickets will be on sale from October half term. Capacity of 80 people. Strictly first come, first served basis

Contact Laura on 01298 84984

Elskstones

Thought for this Month

The Elkstonians are climbing out of Lockdown and starting to meet up again.

Sadly, our Church Warden and Treasurer for too many years to count, Reg and Liz Meakin, have had to resign due to poor health but have promised to carry on helping us.

Also, our friends Jill and Steve, Judy and David, are leaving Elkstones after contributing hugely to our Village Society – we will miss their company and contributions, support, and advice but hope they will keep in touch.

But the rest of us are still here and looking forward to renewing friendships and closing the ranks.

Events this Month (and Beyond)

Our Harvest Festival will be held at 7 pm on Sunday, 19th September, with the Harvest Sale on Monday 20th at 8 pm. There will be Myrtle's Pea and Pie Supper and (we hope !) Liz M's Raffle in aid of Church Funds following the Service. All contributions of goods, prizes, and donations will be extremely welcome – please contact Rob on 01538 300 509 or Myrtle on 01538 304 225

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held (provisionally – to be confirmed) at 7 pm on MONDAY, 20th December. There will be Mulled Wine and Mince Pies (and a Raffle) following the Service.

As always we will have lots of fun and anticipation decorating the Church and the Tree although many of the "children" are grown up now – let's

hope some of the next generation come along to join in the fun. And we hope that lots of our neighbours from the Benefice and surrounding Villages will also come along to join us.

Villagers

Extremely sad to report that Mary Deaville died on 16th July at the age of 95. She was a lovely lady and very good company with an excellent memory of all things and people around Elkstones of some 70 years!

Also sad to report that Peter Grant has had to go into a Nursing Home in Leek due to failing health and memory. Peter, with his wife Margaret, started the Elkstonian Village Society 41 years ago in 1978 and also wrote our first book about the history of Elkstones.

Church Services

Being revised at the time of writing this

Reapsmoor

It has been nice to open our doors again for public worship and to thank Miriam, Peter & Pam for their kind donation.

Flower of the month SEPTEMBER

......for the harvest of the earth is ripe. Rev.14:15

AUTUMN CROCUS Crocus nudiflorus Sometimes known as meadow saffron or naked ladies. The latter name is because the leaves usually do not grow until the following spring. The pale lilac coloured flowers appear on their own in the early autumn.

The crocus flowers have rich symbolism of rebirth, innocence, joy and well-being. They were important among the Greeks, Latin, Aramaic and other cultures of the world. They are a sign of cheerfulness and happiness.

The crocus is not native to this country. It originally came from the hills of southern and central Europe. The bulbs are thought to have possibly come from the Priory of Lenton in Nottinghamshire which was founded in the early twelfth century by the monks of the Cluniac order. Cluny is in Burgundy, where the crocus grows wild and the Clunian monks were Benedictines, celebrated as gardeners and herbalists. It is thought that the crocuses may have been brought to England as additions to the monks' herb garden, most probably to provide a cheap substitute for saffron (the stigma of the closely related c.sativus). The colonies where

naturalised sites occurred were along the wellused road between Lenton Priory and one of its outlying hermitages, across the Pennines at Kersall in Lancashire.

In Lancashire the autumn crocus seems to have been introduced by the Knights of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, returning from the crusades. All the 'wild' sites in Lancashire are on land originally owned by the Knights of St. John Hospitallers in the thirteenth century.

Saffron from the crocus flower can be used for food seasoning and is often regarded as the king of spice. It was also a highly valued dye and herb. In medieval times it was used in medicine and was, and still is, very expensive. It is believed to have strong healing powers.

Autumn crocus colonies are rare. They thrive where fields are closed in August and September to allow the grass to grow for winter grazing. They are found naturalised in churchyards and in some parks, and even on roadsides where the grass is allowed to grow.

How did the wonderful display at Newtown churchyard originate? The flowers appear at harvest time and it is the largest colony I know of in the area. They are certainly a sign a cheerfulness in our Benefice, and very well worth a visit.

"The bower of innocence and bliss, Sin caused to disappear; Repent, and walk in faith and love – You'll find an Eden here." George Horne (1730-1792)

J.Mc

Sudoku solution

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6	C	3	8	5	1	4	2
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4	1	7	6	9	8	2	1
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Crossword Answers

ACROSS

1 access; 4 blinds; 8 rhyme; 9 loyalty; 10 Antwerp; 11 Aenon; 12 loftiness; 17 Satan; 19 Obadiah; 21 on earth; 22

storm; 23 exhale; 24 depths

DOWN

Adrian; 2 crystal; 3 siege; 5 lay bare; 6 nylon; 7 saying; 9 Lappidoth; 13 funeral; 14 spit out; 15 ashore; 16 Thomas; 18 teeth; 20 aisle

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The Origins of WHITLE A

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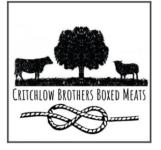
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Sunday 7th November
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Bonfire
Toffee Apples
Food
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Xmas Pub Quiz Sunday 19th December Times to be announced!!!



Services in the Benefice – September 2021 There is a service every Sunday somewhere in the Benefice, if you're willing to travel!

Date:	Longnor	Quarnford	Sheen	Newtown	Reapsmoor	Warslow	Elkstone	Hollinsclough (Methodist)
5 th September 2021	6:00pm Wakes Service		11am HC*			9:30am HC*		
12 ^h September 2021		3pm Harvest		11am Harvest			3pm HC*	
19th September 2021			6pm Harvest		11am Harvest		7pm Harvest	
26 th September 2021	6:30pm Harvest		11am Baptism			9:30am Harvest		
3 rd October 2021		11am Pet Blessing**		6:30PM LL				
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Zoom Services and Wild Church:	Morning Praye	Morning Prayer every Thursday 1	0am, Newtown.	Wild Church Sat	7 10am, Newtown. Wild Church Saturday 4th September, 3pm at Sheen.	er, 3pm at Sheen.		

*Planned Holy Communion services may be Morning or Evening Prayer if no priest is available. **Pet Blessing – to celebrate St Francis of Assissi