

Ashford in the Water & Sheldon

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Hello!

My name is John Paul Hoskins (people usually call me JP), and I'm about to become assistant curate of Bakewell, Over Haddon, Ashford and Sheldon. I'm married to Liz, who is a consultant ophthalmologist (eye surgeon) at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, and we're going to be living in the vicarage at Curbar.

Born in Oxford, I grew up in a nearby market town quite similar to Bakewell. I studied politics at Durham, and then spent a year doing voluntary work as a port chaplain's assistant with the Mission to Seafarers. I read theology at Cambridge, and more recently was back in Durham again doing research on St Augustine, the great fifth century bishop.

My particular area of interest was his theology of the Church unity, an area which seems to have become especially topical in the last few years.

Alongside my studies, I've also had a parallel career as a church musician. I've been very fortunate to have worked as a lay clerk both at Guildford and at Durham cathedrals, singing tenor as a professional member of these two cathedral choirs. I've also had a number of other temporary jobs over the years: receptionist at a firm of solicitors, typing GCSE papers for an examining board, photocopying files at the Crown Prosecution Service, and doing telesales for the Pizza and Pasta Association! For the last two years, I've been training for the priesthood at Ripon College Cuddesdon. The college is a small community of about 60 students and their families, set in the countryside just outside Oxford. I've continued my theological studies there, and have had a variety of placements in and around both Oxford and Chesterfield. Liz and I also enjoyed a few weeks last summer in a parish in Edmonton in western Canada.

I've wanted to be ordained at least since I was a teenager, and all going well I will be ordained deacon at Derby Cathedral on 1 July (and priested a year later). The Peak District is a beautiful place to live, though I'm well aware that life in the countryside is not always easy. But I think there are huge opportunities for the Church in Bakewell and the surrounding area - I'm really looking forward to coming to be with you. □

Sundays & Festivals

3 June Trinity Sunday
24 June St John the Baptist

June Services at Ashford

3 Sun 9.45am Patronal Eucharist
(with Holy Baptism)
3.00pm Well Blessing Service
Followed by procession to the wells
10 Sun 9.45am All Age Service
5.30pm Three Choirs Festival
14 Thur 10.30am Holy Communion
17 Sun 9.45am Sung Eucharist
21 Thur 10.30am Holy Communion
24 Sun 9.45am Sung Eucharist
28 Thur 10.30am Holy Communion

The Roman Catholic Church

6.15pm Saturday Mass at Bakewell
9.00am 1st Mass at Bakewell
10.30am Mass at Hassop
4.30pm Eucharist Bakewell

Revd Clive's Retirement

On Sunday 10 June 2007 to mark the retirement of Revd Clive a Service of music and prayers will be held at 5.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford led by the three choirs of Ashford, Great Longstone and Bakewell followed by a farewell party and presentation in the Ashford Institute at approx 6.30pm. All are warmly invited.

June Services at Sheldon

10 Sun 9.00am Holy Communion
24 Sun 6.00pm Holy Communion

The Methodist Chapel Great Longstone

Sunday Services at 10.30 am
Minister- The Rev Margaret Roe
(Tel: 812195)

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Dorothy Daybell writes
We had a good flag-day in Bakewell on 28 April-£670; but it might have been more had not the Lifeboat people been given the same date. Still both are good causes and many people gave to both of us, so we mustn't grumble. And there is other good news: our London Marathon runner from Birchover completed the course and has collected £2,200. He was exhausted after the run in hot weather, but suffered no lasting effects. Next mini event-Buxton Rotary Club's charity fair at the Pavilion Gardens. □

Lottery May 2007

1st prize £15: Henry Frost
2nd prize £10: Louise Hopkins
3rd prize £5: Suzanne Gregory

Ashford Notes

Yvonne Skipper writes

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on Wed 25 April. The officers for the next year were duly elected and the first meeting of the new PCC took place on 9 May. The results of the elections were as follows. Churchwardens: Yvonne Skipper and John Foster. Deputy Churchwarden: John Winkworth-Smith. PCC Secretary: Yvonne Skipper. Treasurer: David Lee. Examiner: John Beard. The PCC members are Caroline Storr, who is our Reader, Sarah Winkworth-Smith, Ann Hughes, John Short, Michael Hall, Pat Hollingworth, Vivien Lee, Jim Storr, John Tolchard, Fraser Mack and Hilary Hull. Also on the committee are Unda Foster who is our Parish Administrator and Chris Crowther, Cath Sherratt and Ian Pykett who, as members of the Deanery Synod are ex-officio members. We welcome our new members and thank all those who serve our church in any way.

On Sat 5 May the wedding of Emma Olivier and Jack Davison took place in church, which was filled with their family and friends. It was a very joyful and happy occasion with uplifting music, not least of which was the choir's rendering of the Beatles song. All you need is love". This was greatly appreciated and might I add, the choir had great fun rehearsing it! The bride looked gorgeous and we all wish Emma and Jack all the very best for their future life together.

Sun 13 May was Rogation Day when traditionally the 'Beating of the Bounds' took place. Several members of the congregation of Holy Trinity had a walk around the village and up to Sheldon, finishing up for lunch at the home of Yvonne and Mike Skipper. In spite of the weather, everyone enjoyed the day and we thank Richard Barnes for organising the walk and everyone who contributed to the lunch. On the same day we had to say a very sad au revoir" to our organist Chris Potten. Chris had been with us several years and had been so reliable, making every effort to produce everything we asked of him musically, playing not only for our regular services but for weddings and funerals both here at Ashford and at Great Longstone. Chris is taking up a job in Qatar and we all wish him the very best of luck and maybe hope to see him again sometime in the future. He will be greatly missed.

On Tue 15 May the funeral of Alan Smith took place in Holy Trinity. The family had asked for a service of thanksgiving for Alan's life and the church was filled with his family, friends and colleagues. Alan had been a wellloved member of several organisations, at one time being the Chairman of the War Memorial Institute and doing endless work for the Historical Society in Bakewell. Tributes to Alan were given by members of his family and friends. Our sincere sympathies go to Alan's wife, Maureen and his children and grandchildren. □

The Flower Festival in church will take place as usual during Well Dressing Week. We shall be requiring stewards on duty in church, welcoming visitors and handing out leaflets and general information. A rota sheet is now on the table at the back of church and we do hope you can sign up and help out in this important part of our Well Dressing week. □

Church Bookstall

please support your church bookstall! We have a good selection of greetings cards, prayer cards, birros, and guide books, plus various items showing an attractive photograph of the church (with snowdrops!) including post cards, note pads, drinks mats and key rings. □

FOUND - in Ashford church on Monday 16 April, a rucksack containing doggie things. If anyone has any idea who it belongs to, or knows who 'Julie at the school' is, please ring Caroline or Jim Storr on 01629814676.

Hartington Hall, Sheldon

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Ashford in the Water War Memorial Institute

Dorothy Daybell writes

Nothing much to report at the moment-garden planting has been done and we hope for good colour for welldressings week - and beyond.

Just time for a further last minute appeal for bakers and helpers for our catering during welldressings week-if you haven't already volunteered, please contact: Dorothy Daybell: 812111
Brenda Chapman: 814132
PLEASE HELP!! □

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Wedding of the month at Holy Trinity

Saturday 5 May 2007

Emma Olivier and
Jack Davison



Above- Emma with
father Jasper Olivier



Inside this month:

- New Assistant Curate
- Well Dressings
- Flower Festival

Flower Festival In Ashford 2-10 June 2007



The flowers in church during Well Dressing week are displayed for the Patronal Festival of Holy Trinity Church which falls on Trinity Sunday each year. The Theme this year is "Bible Stories" and there are arrangements to portray the stories of Moses in the Bulrushes, Jacobs Dream, The Parable of the Good Samaritan, The Burning Bush and many others.

During the Festival the church will be open daily from 9.30am until 9pm.

Cornerstone Youth Group: Now Under New Leadership. Appeal for An Enthusiastic Male Co-Leader

We're delighted to introduce Cornerstone's brave new volunteer leader Wendy Long (hip hip, hooray - many thanks!) However we need BOTH male AND female leaders, to cover all possible eventualities at activities. LEADERS work with the youngsters to choose and organise events & outings and accompany them on the trips. Leaders must have (or be willing to apply for) CRB clearance. If you think you have what it takes to be co-leader with Wendy (and even if you might not we're all learners!) please contact Wendy or myself. You're sure of a warm welcome!

CORNERSTONE was created 8 years ago by Revd Clive and Lucy Wright to fill a gap in the local provision of youth activities. Under their passionate and proficient leadership, the organisation has grown from 15 to 40+ members, and the kids really enjoy it (just ask them!)

Events have included bowling, ice skating, swimming, local conservation work, bike riding, cinema and theme park trips; BBQ's - and many, many more activities.

New members (school year 7 and above) can join at any time for an annual membership fee of £2.00. Meetings are monthly. Members come from Ashford, Longstone, Sheldon, Bakewell, Buxton, Cressbrook... invite your friends to join!

Adult volunteers (in addition to leaders) are always in demand - especially on the day of events to help with driving, shepherding, and generally keeping everyone sane and safe! Let us know if you can help in this way.

HELP KEEP THIS VALUABLE YOUTH GROUP GOING!! Clive and Lucy have wrought marvellous things. We know that they're a hard act to follow, but this is a really important thing for our young people. We're waiting for your call:

Wendy Long (co-Leader): 640754
or wendy.long@homecall.co.uk
Ion Pykett (Secretary-cum- Treasurer):
815802, or info@ianpykett.com

ASHFORD WI MEETING

Jean Beard writes

On 3 May President, Mrs Ann Lindsay, opened the meeting by explaining the sole resolution to be put forward for debate by members at the forthcoming NFWI AGM at the Albert Hall. This will be regarding the closure of community hospitals, to which the WI is strongly opposed.

Mrs Lindsay then welcomed Sally Mosley to the meeting, who was accompanied by her dog Alfie. Mrs Mosley's interest in walking started when taking her children for walks. She now leads guided walks, always with Alfie and writes in the press about walks in Derbyshire. Alfie also has a

busy life, having been a police dog for a day, has visited St Elphin's School: has met "Canine Partners", which help their owners who are blind or deaf: search and rescue dogs and those which search for drugs & fire accelerants. Some of these have even had "contracts" taken out on them! When taken to Longshaw Sheep Dog Trials, he watched the sheep dogs rounding up the sheep and then, because he had been told to leave the sheep alone, rounded up the dogs!

Mrs Lindsay thanked Mrs Mosley for her fascinating talk and everyone admired Alfie. The committee acted as tea hostesses. The raffle was won by Mrs Hudson and Mrs Penrose won the competition with her vintage wooden train set.

Next Meeting: 7 June:

Speaker: Mr Charles Harrison

"Then & Now - A Village Funeral Director"

Competition: - A Past Treasure □

Ashford Bellringers in the Final



For the second year running Ashford bellringers have been winners in the Peak District heat that has taken them into the final of a Derbyshire Diocese bellringing striking competition. Teams from different towers have to ring 240 changes (240 pulls of the rope for each ringer). A judge listens from outside the tower and marks any faults. The ringing is judged for smoothness of rhythm. Bells have to change the position in which they strike but the rhythm must stay even. This year our Ashford team included James Fearn, Alex and Ian Pykett and Ian Sterritt. Notice that the two teenagers, Alex and James have been faithful ringers for Ashford for some years now. Ashford were up against very experienced teams including Darley Dale. We were delighted that our team were within a point of Darley's score. So Darley and Ashford are both in the final and will compete against each other again and against teams from Derby Cathedral and elsewhere in Derbyshire. The final will have taken place by the time this is published. So wish us good luck. □

Magazine Contributions

Any contributions for the July issue please by Mon 18 June to Clare Kidd. If there are any particular features you would like to see in the magazine please let me know.

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Ashford in the Water Well Dressings with Flower Festival & Art Exhibition 2-10 June 2007

- 2 June: Wells go up
3.30pm Sheepwashing at
Sheepwash Bridge
3 June: Well Blessing Service
3.00 pm followed by a procession
with Bakewell Silver
Band, choir & hymns

The dressing of the well boards will take place 26 May-1 June. Why not come along to the Old School and have a go at petalling. The Institute and Old School will be open all week for refreshments and art exhibition. Any offers of home-baked cakes would be very welcome! The six decorated wells will be illuminated in the evenings. □

Sheldon News

From Ethel Plumtree

I recently walked down Deepdale where the bankside is covered in cowslips and orchids- a sight to see and well worth a visit. On Sunday 6 May the cream teas and charity stall in the Village Hall was very well supported, and a worthy sum of £132.20 was raised for the Hall Funds, and £65.70 for the Derbyshire Dales Crossroads.

I would like to say thank you to all the people who helped and supported the occasion in any way. The next cream teas will be on 27 May 2.30-5.00 pm.

The next skip is 21 July 2007. □

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