

## Ashford in the Water & Sheldon

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### Sunday School to Lead Mothering Sunday Service



On March 6 at 9.35 am we are looking forward to a very special Mothering Sunday service. The first part will be led by the children of the Sunday School, and the second part will be a (said) Holy Communion. The children are busily writing prayers and helping to choose hymns, and practicing to read the notices and lessons, and to take the offering. The Children's Choir will also sing a special anthem.

All mothers (and fathers!) and grandparents – please put this date in your diary! And please invite all the children you know to join us on this special day! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

4<sup>th</sup> March 2005

“Let our Light Shine”

Prepared by

Christian women of Poland  
St. Giles, Great Longstone at  
7.30pm

Speaker: Mrs. Pam Crump  
Everyone welcome.

### EASTER BAZAAR

at  
Ashford Old School  
on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
From 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Easter novelties, cake stall, etc.,  
tombola, raffle and light  
refreshments

Proceeds in aid of  
Mother and Toddler Group  
*Please come and join us.*

### Guide Dogs

We shall be holding our AGM in the Ashford Institute on Saturday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.0 for 2.30p.m. when our guest speaker will be Sally Moseley, who will be speaking about various working dogs. We hope there will also be a video of puppy-training – and of course tea and biscuits. It is always a pleasant, informal occasion – please come.

If we can't get some more helpers, this may well be our last year as a Branch – yes, we are all getting a bit long in the tooth, we need some puppies! □

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## Sundays & Festivals

6 Mar.	Sun	Mothering Sunday
13 Mar.	Sun	Passion Sunday
19 Mar.	Sat	Joseph of Nazareth
20 Mar.	Sun	Palm Sunday
24 Mar.	Thurs	Maundy Thursday
25 Mar.	Fri	Good Friday
27 Mar.	Sun	Easter Day

## March Services at St. Giles

2	Wed	10am	Midweek Communion
		11.30am	School Assembly
4	Fri	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
6	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Family Service
		6.30pm	Evensong
13	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
16	Wed	11am	Holy Communion at Thornhill House
20	Sun	8am	Holy Communion
		11.15am	Sung Family Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong
24	Thur	7pm	Sung Eucharist
25	Fri	2pm	Hour by the Cross
27	Sun	11.15am	Sung Eucharist
		6.30pm	Evensong

## March Services at Wardlow

6	Sun	9am	Family Service
20	Sun	9am	Holy Communion
27	Sun	8am	Holy Communion

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## The Methodist Chapel Great Longstone

Minister - The Rev. Margaret Roe 812195  
Sunday Services at 10.30am

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## The Roman Catholic Church

6.15pm Saturday Mass at Bakewell  
9am 1st Mass at Bakewell (Hassop 1st Sun.)  
10.30am Mass at Hassop (Bakewell 1st Sun.)  
4.30pm Eucharist Bakewell (2nd Sun.)

## March Services at Ashford

3	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
6	Sun	9.45am	Mothers' Day Special Eucharist
10	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
13	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
17	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
20	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
24	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion
25	Fri	2pm	Hour by the Cross
27	Sun	9.45am	Sung Eucharist
31	Thurs	10am	Holy Communion

## March Services at Sheldon

13	Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion
27	Sun	9.00am	Holy Communion

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## CORD Treasure Chest Appeal

*Caroline Storr writes*

Many of you will remember the jewellery collection we had some time ago for CORD (Christian Outreach – Relief and Development). CORD has written to let us know that they have just received the latest cheque from Wallington Missionary Auctions from their most recent auction. The sale of items donated by Holy Trinity has now raised £300-05p. CORD writes, “We want to take this opportunity to say thank you very much for your support for the Treasure Chest Appeal. The total now stands over £16,400..... We are so grateful to you and all the individuals who have helped raise this fantastic amount. Please do bear in mind that there may be more items at Wallington’s yet to be sold and we will keep you posted as we receive updates. Your support continues to make a huge difference to the communities affected by conflict that CORD works with.....”

So thank you to all who contributed so generously, and if anyone has any more jewellery they have no more use for, you know what you can do with it! □

## Gender Balancing

*Rev. Clive Thrower writes*

Visitors to the Parish Office or to the back door to the vicarage may have noted two little notices in the kitchen window. One is for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. On it are the images of a man and woman and a child, and in the background a police officer. The other notice reads 'Trust in God - She will provide'. I leave the readers to guess who put this sign in the window, and who allowed it to stay!

I well remember the shock that it caused when I first heard someone start the Lord's Prayer in public with the words 'Our Mother in heaven...' but that was several years ago now and thankfully it would cause less of a surprise these days. At the time I was a member of the Movement for the Ordination of Women to the priesthood and it was at one of the St. Hilda Community services. Thirty years ago this year the Church of England's Synod agreed that there were no theological objections to the ordination of women to the priesthood but it took a further eleven years for it to become a reality.

A central part of the belief in God for most people is the inclusive nature of the Divine. God is neither male nor female, but God is God, whatever gender we use in our language referring to God. Only in the human image of the Divine, Jesus of Nazareth, do we see a gender specific person, but then it couldn't be otherwise for Jesus to be fully human. Jesus is identified primarily with sharing our humanity not with conferring something to the masculine rather than the feminine. This is why I am supportive of making language as inclusive as possible within church and in general.

Mothering Sunday is the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, a day to pay particular attention to the feminine side of humanity, and especially to mothers. And at our services to recognise the feminine aspects of God, and of the

way in which Jesus broke the gender rules of his time to speak with women in public. What Jesus started we should continue. □

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## Sheldon News

*Ethel Plumtree writes*

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Oliver and Andrew Lester held a coffee morning for the Tsunami appeal. They raised £508, which, with further donations amounted to a final total of £680. Very well done!

Colin Melland has been in Calow hospital with an injury to his heel, which he received whilst snow-boarding in France. At the time of writing, I have heard from his Aunt Ann that Colin had an operation and had been home, but was now back in hospital as the healing process was not going as expected. We send our good wishes and hope he will soon be on the mend.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February the High Peak hunt came to Sheldon. Pat and Marlene held a coffee morning for them, which raised £93.50p for the hall funds. However, when the hunt meeting got under way, so did the animal rights people and in the afternoon a lot of shouting and loud music could be heard in the vicinity of the 'once a week plantation'. The police were in the village all day. This was the last hunt meeting in Sheldon before the fox-hunting ban comes into force later this month.

Tony Gyte has had a fall and broken his hip. The latest news is that Tony has had an operation and is progressing very well. The next skip is on 19<sup>th</sup> March. □

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## Longstone School Christingle

service held in St. Giles' church raised £232.84 for the Children's Society.

Well done pupils with those collecting boxes, and thank you to Sally Kehr for organising the Christingle service. □

# Ashford WI

*Jean Beard writes*

At the start of the meeting on 3 February, Ashford WI President, Mrs Ann Lindsay, welcomed Mr. David Rawson, who explained the purposes of "Aqua boxes" started by Rotarians. The boxes are packed with water purifying tablets and a variety of other articles to help people, who have been involved in natural disasters. Mrs. Lindsay presented Mr Rawson with a cheque for £96, sufficient for three aqua boxes.

After the business part of the meeting, Mrs Lindsay introduced Dr. Steve Furness, who gave a talk with slides on the various ways by which flowers were pollinated, including water, wind animals and insects. Dr. Turner's lifelong interest in flowers started when he was four and in his grandmother's garden. He started collecting flowers when he was ten. Since then

he has discovered why there is such a variety of plants, why there are so many colours and how the pollen reaches the stigma of the ovary of the flowers.

Mrs. Anne Almond, who has bought plants from Dr. Furness's garden centre, where he grows alpine plants, thanked him for his fascinating talk.

Mrs. J. Ardern won the competition with her cushion embroidered with flowers. Mrs. E. Parks won the raffle and the Tea Hostesses were Mrs. M. Penson & Mrs. C. Storr.

Next Meeting: 3 March -  
Birthday Celebration Meal  
at  
Hassop Hall

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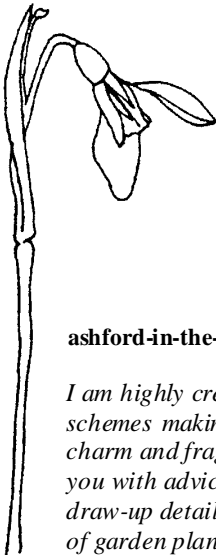
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# Ashford Notes

*Yvonne Skipper writes*

On 28<sup>th</sup> January, Holy Trinity church was full of people paying their last respects and giving thanks for the life of Len Shaw. Len's very full and hard-working life was portrayed vividly in a fascinating address given by Tom Brocklehurst, giving us all an insight into what had obviously been a long and active life. It was very touching and, I'm sure, very comforting to Len's family, to see so many friends and local villagers present at the service, which was taken by Margaret Roe, the Methodist minister.

The first meeting of ladies 'willing and able' to help with the Flower Festival this year has been held, but more help is needed. If anyone feels they could be of help in decorating the church for what is a most important week in the Ashford calendar, please contact Rev. Clive on 640257.

The first of our Lent group meetings has taken place at the home of Jim and Caroline Storr. "Better Together" is the course we are discussing, exploring the various aspects of family life and relationships. These discussions are always interesting and thought-provoking, so if you would like to join us please do come along. Each session is self contained and introduced on audio- tape, so it does not matter if you have already missed one. The next session is on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, again at the home of Jim and Caroline, and thereafter on each Wednesday until 16<sup>th</sup> March.

At 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, a meeting is to be held in the War Memorial Institute to discuss further the project of 'Renewing Ministry'. This meeting is open to everyone in our benefice and that of Bakewell and will be attended by Michael Mitton, who is the Renewing

Ministry Project Officer. We hope as many of you as possible will attend to discuss the important issues being raised by this project. Our next 3-choirs evensong – choirs of Ashford, Longstone and Bakewell- will be held in Bakewell Church on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. We hope some of you will be able to join us for a special choral evensong. □

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## Ashfold War Memorial Institute

*Dorothy Daybell writes*

The Annual General meeting will be held on TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 7.30p.m. We always hope for a good – or even just reasonable – attendance and it seems as though only a crisis brings people in. Well, we've no financial crisis at present but it would be lovely to have a few more people present! We have a Treasurer wanting to resign, and a Secretary who feels she really ought to – what about it?

It is vital that we can show officially that we represent all village organisations so will all these please make sure that a nomination is handed in a day or two before the meeting. The only stipulation is that all need to be paid-up members, because the Institute is registered as a Friendly Society. Caryl at the Post Office will be delighted to receive your £2, or you can pay on the night.

You may feel we are failing to attract younger members – we do too! The remedy is to come and help, not just to grumble. The new Licensing Regulations have been a great worry in recent months. They are beginning to get slightly clearer. Apparently the Institute will only be able to have twelve licenses a year (as at present) but these will have to cover all events, not just Institute-run ones. Could be difficult – at first, anyway – another challenge! □

## **Report on Ashford PCC**

### **Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

*Renewing Ministry* – A meeting on this subject is to be held in Ashford War Memorial Institute on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to everyone from the parishes of Ashford, Sheldon, Longstone, Wardlow, Bakewell, Over Haddon and Rowsley and will also be attended by Michael Mitton, who is the Renewing Ministry Project Officer. It is hoped that some members of our congregation will be able to attend. A book entitled “Mission – Shaped Church” has been published and it was recommended that the book should, if possible, be read before attending the meeting. It was agreed that 5 copies of the book be purchased and circulated around the congregation. Rev Clive reported that the proposed plan for our area which had been approved by the Pastoral Committee had been ‘bounced back’ and the matter was now in the hands of the Archdeacon, who would, in due course, meet the Standing Committees of some of the parishes involved.

*Re-decoration of the church* – John Foster reported that he hoped we could start decorating the church very soon, as only one small area was still damp. He would also arrange for the pointing to be done on the outside of the south wall. Rev. Clive suggested that the work should be done before the Flower Festival if possible. David Lee would contact Paul Sheldon and David Bradbury to see who could do the work in time.

*Re-location of organ* – John Foster reported that the answers to three questions asked by the Diocesan Advisory Committee had now been given and the matter was back in their hands. When we hear back from the DAC the matter will come back to the PCC for a final decision.

*Children’s Act* – Hilary Hull had now received completed forms from 4 people. Everyone who has a leadership or training role and every keyholder needs to be vetted.

Yvonne would draw up a list of all those involved and forward it to Hilary to ensure everyone had been cleared.

*Barnabas Fund* – A letter had been approved by Rev. Clive to be sent to neighbouring parishes and other denominations. The draft would need a little amendment in view of the fact that the new legislation will become law in the next few weeks. All we could do now was to call for the church to be vigilant in the exercise of the new law.

*Correspondence.*

*Bishop Jonathan’s retirement* – A letter had been received from Bishop David concerning a possible contribution to a gift to Bishop Jonathan upon his retirement. It was agreed to send a contribution of £100 from Ashford.

*Elections to Deanery Synod* – A letter had been received concerning this year’s elections to the Deanery Synod. As we have 80 people on our electoral roll we are entitled to four members on the Synod. Ian Pykett and Caroline Storr are already members and are willing to stand again and Cath Sherratt and Chris Crowther have also indicated their willingness to stand. The elections will take place at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

*Catherine Sherratt* – A letter had been received from Cath addressed to the PCC. It dealt with her faith as it related to the proposed new laws against incitement to religious hatred. She was dismayed by the growth of the secular community and the failure of the Church to speak out collectively against the introduction of such laws, which were likely to make it difficult to spread the Gospel without fear of prosecution. The PCC noted Cath’s comments and thanked her for her witness.

*Finance* - David Lee reported that the accounts for last year would be ready in about 4 weeks time. We are waiting for the repayment by the Inland Revenue of c. £13,000 representing repayment of tax. It

was thought that this sum would be received in about 4-6 weeks.

*Lent Courses* - These would begin on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at the home of Jim and Caroline Storr. If they were unable to host the later courses, John Winkworth-Smith offered to do so. The dates of the courses would be posted on the notice board in the church porch.

*Non – Eucharistic Family Services* - Caroline Storr said that she felt that the children did not feel that the eucharist service was inclusive enough for them and suggested that there should be a non-eucharistic family service, perhaps once every six weeks. Chris Crowther said she felt that a eucharist service was a fundamental part of a Sunday service. John Winkworth-Smith put forward the view that some people may not come to church because they felt uncomfortable with Communion, especially if they were not confirmed. Rev. Clive suggested that the debate should be postponed to a later date as the result of Renewing Ministry might change the service regime anyway. The matter could be raised at the annual PCC meeting.

*Elections to the PCC* - Ron Daybell, Vivien Lee and Chris Crowther are due to retire at the annual meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

We shall therefore need replacements for them. Anyone elected onto the Deanery Synod will become ex-officio members of the PCC.

**Any other business.**

*Ashford marble cross* – Rev. Clive reported that Peter and June Grayson, a couple who had accompanied him on his pilgrimage to Egypt, had given to our church a beautiful small pectoral cross, made out of Ashford marble. A letter of thanks had been written to them. It was decided that it would be most appropriate if the cross was to be worn by the server on duty.

*Kneelers* – Linda Foster said that the kneelers in church needed cleaning and a working party would be arranged for one Saturday morning. □

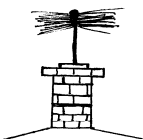
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## Bakewell and Ashford Film Society



Silvetti Martina, Anthony Quinn, Richard Basehart

# La Strada, (1954)

**Sunday 13 February 2005 7:30 pm**

**Ashford War Memorial Institute**

The film society started in Ashford four years ago and is back at Ashford for this month's film. *La Strada* is one of the greatest films by Federico Fellini. Anthony Quinn stars as an emotionally closed-off beast of a travelling strong-man who purchases a young girl to help him in his act. Gelsomina was sold for a few coins by her very poor mother to Zampanò, this fair-ground wrestler. She follows him on the road ("la strada") and helps him during his shows. Zampanò ill treats her. She meets "The Fool", a funambulist. She feels like going with him, but he puts confusion in her mind by pointing out that perhaps Zampanò is in fact in love with her ..

Anthony Quinn reported that his original deal for acting in this film gave him a percentage of the profits, his agent however insisted on a salary instead. A decision that cost Quinn several million dollars.

Non-members are welcome. For details contact Linda 01629 815280

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## Friends of Longstone School

Lottery Winners February 2005

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joyce O'Brien
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kay Staniforth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edna Gundry

*Sally Kehr*

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