

THE PARISH MAGAZINE
Ashford in the Water
and Sheldon
April 2025

ASHFORD SERVICES

Sunday 6th April Passion Sunday Lent 5: 9.45am Morning Worship

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday: 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Friday 18th April Good Friday: 2pm A Reflection on the Cross

Sunday 20th April Easter Day: 9.45am Sung Eucharist

Sunday 27th April Easter 2: 9.45 am Sung Eucharist Canon Tony's last Sunday Service as Vicar of Ashford

SHELDON SERVICES

Sunday 20th April Easter Day: 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th May Easter 4: 9am Holy Communion Canon Tony's Last service as Vicar of Sheldon.

Funeral

Dorothy Jean Beard 16th April 12 noon Holy Trinity Ashford

A prayer for Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen



ASHFORD-IN-THE-WATER

2025 Flower Festival and Well Dressing Details

Contact for more information:

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Ashford-in-the-Water's **Well Dressings** and **Flower Festival** run concurrently from **Saturday June 14 - Sunday June 22 2025**.

- **Six** wells to be dressed.
- **Flower Festival** at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, 10.30 am - 7.00 pm daily. The theme is "Derbyshire Folk".
- **Puddling** of Clay into Well Dressing Boards: Sheepwash Bridge, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QF, Friday June 6, approx. 5.30 pm.
- **Petalling** of Well Dressing Boards at the War Memorial Institute, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QB, Saturday June 7, 2025 - Friday June 13. Visitors welcome!
- **Well Dressings in place for viewing around the village:** Saturday June 14 - Sunday June 22. **Runs concurrently with Flower Festival in Holy Trinity Church.**
- **Sheepwash Demonstration** at Sheepwash Bridge, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QF, Saturday June 14, approx. 3.00 pm.
- **Well Blessing Service and Sermon at the Old Preaching Cross** by Rt Revd Malcolm Macnaughton, Bishop of Repton: Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, Sunday June 15, 3.00 pm
- **Village Parade and Blessing of the Wells** with Youlgreave Band. Starts at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, Sunday June 15, 3.30 pm.
- **Talk** by Ian Pykett: "Ashford's Notable People". Wednesday June 18, 7.00 pm. Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG.
- **Matlock Band** at the War Memorial Institute, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QB, Sunday June 22, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm.
- **Closing Service of Thanksgiving** at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, DE45 1QG, Sunday June 22, 5.30 pm.

Dear Friends

Holy Week that begins on Palm Sunday leads on a journey towards



Easter that contains so many powerful and emotional experiences as we sit and eat with Jesus at the Last Supper; watch everything that is familiar within a church building being stripped away on Maundy Thursday evening; encounter the betrayal and abandonment, suffering and death of Jesus on Good Friday; and the heart breaking moment when Mary holds her bloodied son in her arms before his hurried burial. We need to experience this, however hard it is to do so, in order to really understand the Easter transformation from darkness to light, death to life, despair to hope, sadness to joy, and fear to courage.

As I write this the world feels as if there are a lot of dangers and uncertainties facing us as we wait on Russia to decide if they will agree a ceasefire as a prelude to talks to a pathway to a long term peace; the fragility of the ceasefire in Gaza with this putting the hopes for a secure home for Palestinians and the security of peace for Israel further away, and the sudden insecurity of the border and relationship between the USA and Canada. You may wonder how the powerful message of Easter can, and will, give hope and life to those who live with conflict, uncertainty, pain,

loss, despair and fear in the world at the moment.

However difficult and worrying the world, or our life may be, Easter speaks to us of hope, because of God through the resurrection of Jesus breaking the finality of death and showing ultimately that there will be an end to suffering. God walks alongside us and in Jesus Christ, shows how he is our loving, protecting, and guiding shepherd. Jesus Christ is the ultimate peacemaker and reconciler, and our prayer is that he will strengthen us and guide us so that we can be witnesses to the light, love, peace and reconciliation that he has revealed to us. We are called to share in a broken, divided and wounded world, in need of healing and justice, compassion and love.

Easter is not a magic wand that makes everything bad go away, but it sets loose within the world the abundant love and healing power of God where there is brokenness and division, injustice and exploitation. It may feel that the oppressors, agitators, powerful and wealthy are in control, but nothing will stop the power of God to overcome, renew and transform, and Easter calls us not to lose hope, and to model peace, love and justice where we can within our lives.

With love and prayers,

Canon Tony



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Farming News

Spring sowing has finished with just the maize to go in but not until May.



It's a cold, drying wind and even though we have applied fertiliser the grass is not growing. We also have given the winter corn a dressing of nitrogen to try and give it a growth spurt. It seems to be normal now to have a cold, dry period during early Spring. I'm a big believer in the weather going in a six week cycle, so a couple more weeks of this cold drying wind then probably rain from mid-April on, when everyone is calving and lambing. We are certainly not out of the woods yet with the cold weather.

This morning I wanted to go to the Mothering Sunday service at church and true to form after a very quiet and slow start we had four calves born in the night. It's not a big job moving them out of the herd. We have a crate which is attached to the front of the load-all, the calf is put in the crate and hopefully the mother will follow. Most do but when you are wanting to finish there is always one which runs round the yard without even looking at their offspring! Very

annoying but you have to be patient. Eventually cow and calf are put into a small, clean pen to bond and get used to one another for at least 48 hours before being moved to a larger pen with other cows and calves.

Care of Ashford's Defibrillators

Our three defibrillators need to be checked every month. This is a straightforward task, which only takes a few minutes and the results are reported online, allowing the ambulance service to see where the nearest functional defibrillator is in an emergency.

Would you be able to offer to help me with this and do the checks if I am away? I would show you what is involved. It could easily be part of a walk around the village. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

Dr Jan Mundy
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Ashford in the Water Parish Council

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SHELDON JOTTINGS

At last we can turn our backs on winter and look forward to enjoying what many consider to be the best month of the year in our small village. During March the over 65's in the village were treated to their annual Christmas Dinner, well, it is Sheldon! A great time was had by those attending with crackers, hats, a raffle and all the trimmings, meeting old friends and neighbours, it is a lovely village event. Many thanks to Kath



and her team and the village for making this possible.

March treated us all to some wonderful sunny days, it was even warm enough for us to enjoy lunch outside! Winter became Spring when we passed the equinox on the 20th. But what really brought it home to us was that on Mothering Sunday the clocks moved an hour forward – we trust that you all remembered! - giving us an extra hour in the evening to enjoy the outdoors before night closes in.

Mothering Sunday is when Christians have traditionally visited their mother church, where they were baptised and children thank their mothers with gifts of cards and flowers for all the love and kindness they have shown them. At this time of year we look forward to seeing the bulk of the lambs appearing in the fields - such a busy time for our farmers - the cows will be let out of the barns as the grass grows causing the countryside around the village, 330+ metres (1000ft) above sea level, to come alive and the birdsong will begin to reach new heights as will a frenzy of nest building.

During April the hedges and trees begin to come into leaf with all the wonderful shades of green which only nature can offer. The enormous queen bumble bees – how do they

manage to fly? – have been visiting the winter honeysuckle and other blossom for some time now but as the days roll by we expect more insects to appear. Because temperatures are some 1C colder in Sheldon than our neighbours in Ashford (watch the temperature gauge in the car!) the daffodils heralding spring are slightly later than those in ‘down below’, but none the less beautiful for that as they grace our greens.

Of course in April we will celebrate Easter, one of the most important Church festivals of the year with the crucifixion and wonderful resurrection of Christ. There is always a special Service on Easter Sunday which we hope everyone will make a special effort to attend.



The natural highlight of the month, however, is the return of the swallows and house martins from the warmer southerly climes where they have spent the winter. We miss their lovely twittering as they fly above us all summer and will look eagerly for their return. The first will arrive early in the month but these may just be passing through, and the bulk will arrive towards the end usually around the 25th. They will quickly begin to settle in, building their nests and entertaining us as they swoop

low across the fields or high above us with their beautiful soaring flight. The blackbird and the tiny wren will wake us and dawn chorus will reach its height as away in the fields the skylark will sing its glorious song as it soars to the heavens. Oh April! Oh Spring! What bliss!

Ashford WI

At last month's WI meeting, self-confessed gameshow junkies Stephanie and Trevor Mee entertained the group with tales from their serial appearances as contestants on a variety of gameshows - starting in the 1980s with *Bob's Full House* and including, more recently, *Pointless*, *The Weakest Link* and *Eggheads*. Full of gossip about the hosts, including Bob Monkhouse ("needed help remembering his lines"), Vernon Kay ("lovely"), Bradley Walsh ("hilarious") and Ann Robinson ("just as rude behind the scenes as she is on screen"), the pair explained how, what started as a bit of fun, also occasionally ended up paying a few bills; a particularly lucrative stint on *Tipping Point* helped fund their wedding! They also remarked on the unfortunate fact that life as a gameshow contestant is not quite what it once was. As the number of TV channels has increased and budgets have been cut, so has the

lavishness of the overall experience. In the '80s a BBC game show contestant could expect a weekend of being wined and dined and ferried about in London, in contrast to the Mees' recent appearance on *Lingo* where the catering extended to a bottle of water and a packet of Haribo!

At the end of the talk, we all split into groups for a fun quiz. The winning team managed a respectable 13 out of a possible 19 points, but most of the rest of us only managed single figures, which would suggest that few members of the Ashford WI are destined to emulate Stephanie and Trevor's success on the game show circuit.

This month's competition, for the 'best fun trivia fact' was won by Clare, who correctly guessed that the oldest living land mammal on earth was indeed a tortoise called Jonathan who made it to an incredible 192 years.

Next month's meeting will be held on April 3rd at 7.15pm, at which Medical Herbalist Frances Burton will talk about medicinal herbs in the garden. The competition will be for the best Easter bonnet.

If you would like to join the Ashford in the Water WI, please email us on: AshfordWI28@gmail.com New members are always very welcome.



Spring in Ashford

Wine of the Month:

Circumstance, Cape

Coral Mourvèdre

Rosé, 2023

Waterkloof, South Africa

£14.99, Hattersley Wines



With the sun shining outside as I write, my thoughts are turning to wines for drinking in spring and summer. Well-made, dry rosé is fashionable in a way that is unimaginable a decade ago and Hattersley's in Bakewell have a good selection. I learnt to love dry rosé many years ago on a travelling scholarship in Spain when I was introduced to Garnacha-based wines with paella in Valencia. For my wine of the month I am travelling a little further afield to South Africa and a grape that it a cut above, Mourvèdre. It is grown on



the upper slopes of the Schaapenberg Mountain high above False Bay at the southern limit of the Stellenbosch wine region.

Many inexpensive rosé wines are a by-product of red wine-making and therefore something of an afterthought. In this case, the grapes were hand-harvested and subject to a gentle whole-bunch pressing with only the best juice extracted. No further maceration on the skins took place (like a French Blanc de Noirs), lending this wine its pale pink colour and soft, gentle flavour. The fermentation took place with natural yeasts at temperatures of 16 to 18°C over a period of 13 weeks. The wine was left on the primary lees for another month to add further complexity before bottling.

Careful vinification along with the Mourvèdre grape contributes to the seamless, fresh, slightly creamy flavours of this wine and its long steely-minerally finish. It can be drunk on its own, well chilled, as an aperitif or with food: grilled fish, barbecued chicken or, one of my favourites, a mixed paella.

Richard Mayson

PUZZLE CORNER **General Knowledge Quiz**



1. What is the only manmade object which is visible from the moon?
2. On which island was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at Waterloo?
3. What is the largest fish in the ocean?
4. In which country would you find 8 of the world's highest mountains?
5. Which is the only vowel that isn't on the top line of a QWERTY keyboard?
6. Which is the largest planet in the solar system?
7. Does sound travel faster through water or steel?
8. What was the first planet to be discovered by a telescope in 1781?
9. Which country is bordered by both the Atlantic and Indian oceans?
10. What is the only word in the English language that ends in the letters *mt*?

Answers on last page.

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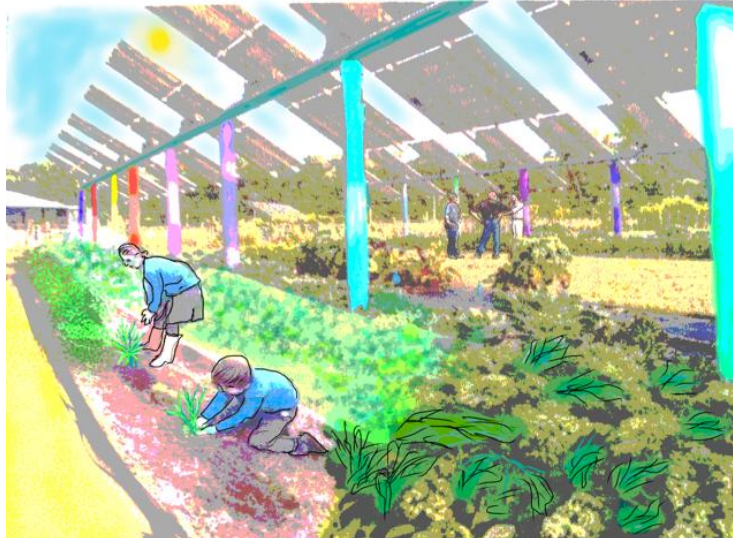
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Derbyshire Dales Community Energy

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“How about every school or business with a large roof being offered free solar panels?”



“Could we get solar canopies on car parks?”

“Could we put solar panels next to a junior school and let the children grow fruit and vegetables underneath?”

Please join us for a **community energy workshop!**

Where? Bakewell Town Hall

When? 9th April 2025, 6.30-8.30pm

Why? Learn more about why we need to reduce fossil fuels and the effects climate change is having on our precious planet. A community energy project is where people come together to **manage, reduce, or generate their own energy.**

What? This 2-hour, interactive workshop aims to explore the available options, why we need to make it happen and what we can do together in and around Bakewell.

Book your place: email derbyshiredalescommunityenergy@gmail.com or scan the QR code.



Derbyshire Dales Community Energy and the 20 community energy groups in Derbyshire are working hard to make a difference and many projects are already underway. Come and find out what is happening and how you can become involved. For more information about our work, see our website: www.derbyshiredalesenergy.org.uk

Happy & Healthy Men: Men's Sheds Event

There are currently no UK Men's Sheds in the Derbyshire Dales!

Connection, conversation and creation – that's what joining a Men's Shed is all about.

Men's Sheds encourage people to come together to make, repair, repurpose, and share skills. They support projects in their local communities such as building things for schools or helping maintain green spaces. Sheds improve wellbeing, reduce loneliness and combat social isolation. Research gathered by the UKMSA Health and Wellbeing Survey 2023, suggests 96% of Men's Shed attendees feel less lonely since joining a Shed.

Sheds are whatever their members want them to be. Often, they aren't sheds at all. Many don't have premises in the beginning and instead form a group that meets regularly for the company and camaraderie until they can find somewhere to kit out with tools. Sheds typically attract older men, but many have younger members and women too.

Whether you are already part of a group that could be called a Men's Shed or you're interested in setting one up or attending one, this event is for you! Come along to this free special event

at **The Church Centre, Church St. Eyam, Derbyshire S32 5QH** on **Tuesday, 29th April at 10:30 am.**

In partnership with Derbyshire Dales Social Connectedness, UK Men's Sheds will give an insightful talk about the benefits and opportunities of Men's Sheds. Meet others who may share similar interests. Plus, a light lunch is included!

Don't miss this chance to learn more about Men's Sheds and how you can get involved. It would be helpful, but not essential **to book your place**, please call Amanda at DDCVS 01629 812154 (Option 1) or register using this link [Men In Sheds Booking Form](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Peak District
National Park
Foundation**

Landscapes Unlocked – historic image archive offers tantalising glimpse into the Peak District's past

Children enjoying a field trip; walkers admiring Peak District landscapes; a warden proudly carrying out her National Park duties.

These are among thousands of images from the Peak District National Park's archives, revealing a fascinating history throughout the 20th century to the present day.



Now, thanks to funding of £45,000 achieved through an Archives Revealed grant, the collection - made up of over 40,000 images – is to be catalogued, along with the creation of an online resource.

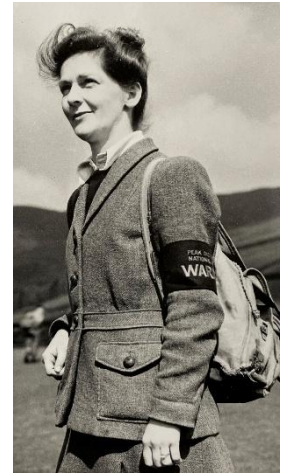
Landscapes Unlocked will be the first publicly accessible collection from a UK national park and is believed to be the largest collection for the area, unique in being compiled by a single organisation.

A partnership between the Peak District National Park Foundation, the Peak District National Park Authority and the Derbyshire County Council Record Office, the archive offers a visual record of the National Park's development

and the people who have lived, worked and visited over the decades.

It is particularly timely as next year marks the 75th anniversary of the Peak District's designation as the UK's first national park.

The majority of images are 35mm slides but there are also black and white negatives, contact prints, photographic prints and medium/large format transparencies.



When the image archive has been catalogued, a curated online collection of around 3000 images will be available to the public on Derbyshire County Council Record Office's online image library, Picture the Past. Stories developed around the collection will also be shared on Google Arts & Culture. The remainder of the collection will be secured in archival conditions at the Derbyshire Record Office for long-term curation and protection.

Peak District Foundation director Roisin Joyce says: "We are delighted that the story of the National Park will be opened up

to the public thanks to this grant from Archives Revealed.



“The collection tells us about the changes to people and nature in our national park, giving us an insight into wide-ranging themes including rural customs, farming practices, industry, archaeology and tourism. Importantly, this image collection also has huge potential to help us better understand landscape change, a vital research area in the face of climate change.

“We look forward to opening up the collection and drawing out stories to share with communities inside and beyond the boundaries of the national park.”

For more information, visit <https://www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk/> or email hello@peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk

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PUZZLE CORNER

Quiz Answers

1. The Great Wall of China
2. St Helena
3. The whale shark
4. Nepal
5. A
6. Jupiter
7. Steel
8. Uranus
9. South Africa
10. Dreamt

The deadline for the May magazine is 23rd April 2025.

Please send any poems, photos, articles, recipes, puzzles, thoughts or reminiscences to stone.mary@sky.com. Thank you!

Photo on front page: Stained glass window in St Michael and All Angels', Sheldon