

THE PARISH MAGAZINE
Ashford in the Water
and Sheldon

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September 2026

Ashford Services

Sunday 6th Sept: Trinity 14 - 9.30am Morning Worship

13th Sept: Trinity 15 - 9.30am joined by Gt Longstone: Sung Eucharist

20th Sept: Trinity 16 - 9.30am: Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism of
Frederick Clifton Burkitt Short

27th Sept: Trinity 17 - 9.30am Sheldon Patronal Eucharist at
St Michael's & All Angels Sheldon

Baptisms

23rd August: Theodore Sidney Ford

20th September: Frederick Clifton Burkitt Short

Funeral

11th September: Memorial Service for Michael Holdsworth

Sheldon

27th Sept: 9.30am St Michael and All Angels Patronal Eucharist



A PRAYER OF BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen

Numbers 6:24-27

PEOPLE OF ASHFORD AND SHELDON CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to feature in the magazine a regular roundup of life and events in our villages of Ashford and Sheldon. The Sheldon Jottings were a much enjoyed item in the magazine which Brian and Bron wrote for us for many years. If you – individually or with another - think you could write a monthly or occasional article about Ashford or Sheldon, whether long or short, we would love to hear from you!



Please contact stone.mary@sky.com

Thank you!



Dear Friends

*A reflection from David
Beale, Reader at St Giles',
Great Longstone*

As I write, and if one is so minded, today, August 6th 2026, is the day to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the World Wide Web becoming available on the internet. For the sake of clarity I should explain that the World Wide Web, or Web for short, are the pages you see when you are online, whereas the internet is the network

of connected computers that the Web works on. This incredible technological breakthrough made it much easier for people across the whole world to get information and to share and communicate ideas. 35 years later it's safe to say that with the exception of the most remote geographic communities and very small children, almost the entirety of humanity now relies heavily on our connection to the World Wide Web. There are often discussions in our household, not always

complimentary I might add, about society's ever increasing reliance on online services. On the positive side, the Web has revolutionised the way we communicate, learn, work, and socialise, making it easier and faster to connect with people around the world and to access an astonishingly vast amount of information on almost any topic. But this also means that our brains are now having to cope with a tidal wave of information that can often leave us bewitched, bothered and bewildered. Enticing as it is, the information, not to mention the misinformation we are processing, has become so complete that we might wonder if there is any such thing as an absolute truth that everyone can grasp and hold. The ever increasing move to online services and communication has also led to a decline in face-to-face interactions, with many people, particularly the elderly, finding access to online services too complex, cutting them off from essential public and commercial services and potentially leading to feelings of isolation and loneliness.

All this offers an intriguing parallel perspective of the Christian faith. Christianity, above all, draws us into fellowship – connection. Through the Holy Spirit, we are able to connect with one another in deep, new ways. The more we practise forgiveness, collective worship and shared service,

the more deeply connected we become. The World Wide Web demonstrates what a vast difference can be made to the world by being completely connected, and in that sense, is a glimpse of just how powerful our Christian fellowships can be as an agent of change in this world when we connect together deeply. Secondly, If the vastness of information available online astonishes us, it pales into insignificance beside the vastness of God. If we ever think we have God in a box, understood and wrapped up, we need to think again. Thirdly, for all the vast complexity of God, we are not left entirely to our own devices, (no pun intended!) Rather, we have Him mediated to us in Jesus, who makes God human for us, someone we can relate to and interact with. Jesus is our 'window' into that absolute truth that affects us all.

There may be much to say about the downside of our digital world but for all its faults, we couldn't possibly make it through modern life without the World Wide Web. By the same token, for all the faults of the Church many of us could not get through life without Jesus Christ. Perhaps in an age of a bewildering volume of instantaneous information, we need Jesus more than ever, making the complex vastness of reality human-sized and human-shaped for us.

Thornhill House Project

'Lowry's Lamps'

Wednesday 7 October 2026, 7pm, Ashford Church

Join us for an evening with local author Richard Mayson to enjoy a presentation on the life and works of L.S. Lowry.

Ticket only. £10 per entry. Tickets available through the Thornhill House website from

Friday 21st August: www.thornhillhouse.org.uk

A small number of tickets will be available from the village shop or church (cash only) for those unable to access the website.

The evening also presents an opportunity to hear more about the future for Thornhill House in Great Longstone, as they plan to relocate to The Grange in the near future.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Thornhill House project.

Harvest Weekend 17th- 18th October

ASHFORD HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 17th October 7pm in the W M Institute

**Tickets £10 available from Church or the village shop from
September 12th
Quiz & Raffle**



Harvest Service: 9.30am

**Donations of Foods suitable for the Food Bank will be gratefully
received for the service on October 18th**



Benefice Service

St Michael and All Angels Church Sheldon

On August 30th Sheldon Church was packed for our Benefice Eucharist attended by worshippers from all seven of our Benefice churches. The service was led by Rev Brenda Jackson, and the combined choir sang a beautiful anthem 'Go ye now in peace' by Joyce Eilers.



In her sermon Rev Brenda reflected on the many tragedies at home and abroad in the news over the last weeks, and the challenge to us of living lives that reflect God's love for us.

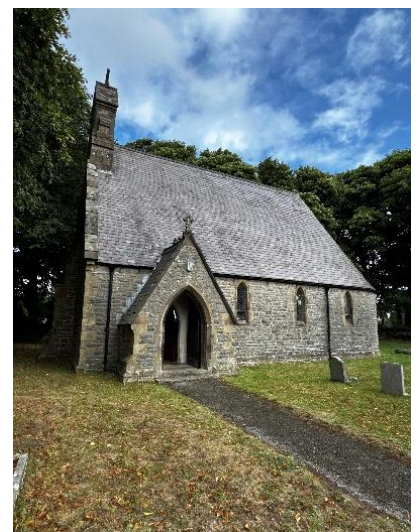
Brenda said this:

"We can try to improve the person we are, but ultimately, we are human, we are flawed, we will fail. We will be a stumbling block to some people; we will make mistakes but God offers us a chance to try and try and try again. He gives us as many goes as we need to get something right. Thankfully God has a patience which doesn't run out, an offer of love which is never exhausted. There

is no last chance saloon with God, provided that we seek to start over again, genuinely. Not to pay lip service to it but to really mean it, that we want to try again.

In all the messiness of life Jesus calls us to be people who are loving and forgiving, who persevere when things seem against us, who hold fast to what is good and strive to overcome evil with good. We might not be able to prevent natural disasters, wars or many criminal acts, but by striving to be the best person we can be, we can help to change our world and the lives of those around us."

Many thanks to the ladies of Sheldon who served coffee and tea and delicious homemade cakes after the service.



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Farming News



Phew! What a three months we have had! After a wet and windy May which true to the saying " filled the barns with hay" we finished silaging, hay making and the corn harvest in record time. Never before have we finished combining by mid-July.

The wheat and barley yield was quite acceptable and much better than we had anticipated, although the grain itself is much smaller than usual. The straw was a lovely golden colour and again was plentiful. So everyone here was very happy with the grain store and silage pits nice and full. However, this smug feeling was not long-lasting and three weeks ago we started feeding all the cattle outside a mixture of silage and hay. Every day the fields seemed to turn more and more yellow and even now after a few showers it is difficult to distinguish between the corn fields and the grass fields, some of them not having a blade of green in them. As I write this the thunder is circling around us and we have again only had a few spots of rain; I gather Buxton had a good shower. Of course it will rain, and once it starts it won't know when to stop and hopefully the ground will be warm and we get a flush of grass growth.

The sheep have done well in the dry weather as they haven't had any worms which they get in warm, wet weather. Unfortunately flies and fly

strike has been a problem. Flies lay their eggs in the sheep's wool and the maggots start eating the flesh which is pretty horrific and disgusting and obviously very painful to the sheep. Regular spray with special fly spray can alleviate this nasty problem.



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PUZZLE CORNER

Weather Quiz

(after a summer of record-breaking weather!)

1. Which of the following weather features is measured in millibars?

- a) rain
- b) humidity
- c) pressure

2. On which continent was the lowest recorded temperature at -89.2°C ?

3. What is the name of the scale which measures wind speed?

4. Name the four main types of clouds.

5. What type of clouds is hail formed in?

6. What does a hygrometer measure?

7. What phenomenon causes a warming of the Pacific Ocean?

8. The Bayeux Tapestry of the 1070s depicts a man installing a rooster weathervane on which building?

9. What name is given to an area of high pressure which brings long periods of settled weather?

10. Name the lowest portion of Earth's atmosphere where nearly all weather takes place.

11. What is nephology the study of?

12. Which type of electromagnetic radiation from sunlight is a principal source of Vitamin D?

Answers on last page.

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FARMING NEWS EXTRA

More from Sarah Brocklehurst on the impact of this summer's drought on cattle farming.

At this time of year the cows should be out grazing on the green grass. The grass is dead and even though we have now had some rain, it will take 3-4 weeks for it to grow back. This means that after 46 years farming at Highfield Farm, for the first time, the cattle have had to be brought inside and will probably stay in now until next March or April, or even May. They are eating the winter silage and hay, and if it's a long winter, by March or April we will probably have to buy more.



The cows and calves born

from March onwards are inside. Between 50 and 60 Aberdeen Angus mothers and



calves are in one of the barns, but can go in and out. They are quite contented with a big bale of silage outside, and inside they have hay and straw to lie on, and a feeding trough with wheat and barley grown on the farm.



The Aberdeen Angus calves from last year, which are now 12 months old are outside in a field eating silage from a feeder. Rather than grazing the grass, they are having a bale of silage twice a day, and they are also fed wheat and barley and a protein inside a shed in the field.

We have a long winter ahead!



PARISH MEETING WITH JOHN WHITBY MP

The parish council is proposing to arrange for John Whitby, our local MP, to attend a village meeting in Ashford in order to meet residents and respond to any questions or issues raised by the electorate.

If you have any questions/complaints/issues you would like to raise with John, could you please email these to the Clerk at the following email address:

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On receipt of these, we will arrange a date with John and keep parishioners informed about this.

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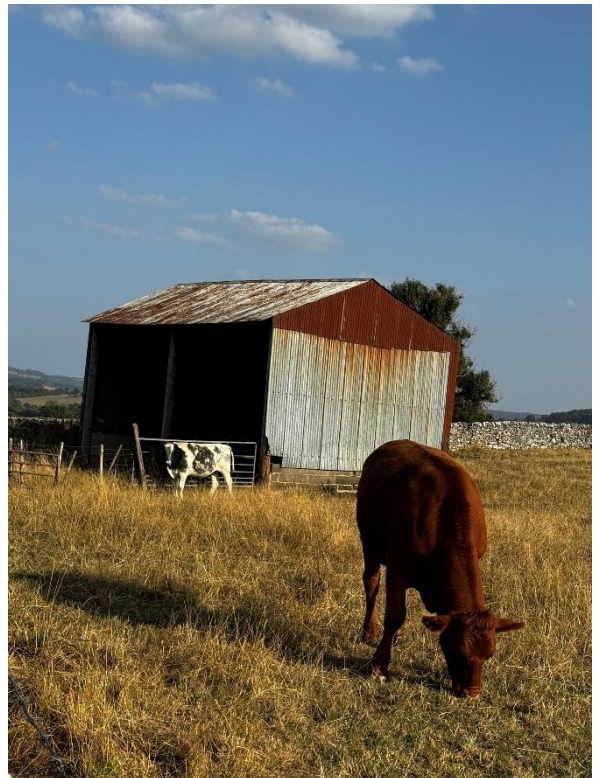
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recipe for*



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Ingredients

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250g (9 oz) caster sugar

Juice of 2 lemons

Juice of 2 limes

Strips of lemon and lime zest and
slices of lime to decorate

Boil the cream and sugar together in
a saucepan for 2-3 minutes. Add the
juice of the lemons and limes and
mix well. Leave to cool slightly and
then pour into six glasses and leave
to set in the fridge.

Before serving decorate with lemon
and lime zest and lime slices.

Tastes even better with a little more
cream poured on top!



Ashford WI

This summer's break included quite
a few events for our WI group.

Way back at the start of July, we
celebrated our annual lunch with a
gathering of 20 members at the
Riverside. We enjoyed a natter over
a glass of fizz, followed by a
delicious lunch and, of course, a
little more nattering! It was a lovely
occasion in which to relax and enjoy
each other's company.



At the end of July, the WI was
invited to judge the produce tent at
Sheldon Day. A little
apprehensively, Aileen and Pat
turned up on a sunny Saturday
afternoon. They tasted a variety of
delicious homemade cakes, jams,

chutneys and bread, as well as judging the flowers, cupcakes and vegetables. What a wonderful display! They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and rounded off their afternoon with a well-deserved cream tea.

August brought a visit to Renishaw Hall and Gardens. Whilst it was a little too hot to explore the gardens fully, the guided tour of the house was both entertaining and informative. The day finished with a yummy lunch in the restaurant.

Next month's meeting will take place at the Institute on Thursday 11th September at 7.15pm, when archivist Margie Burnet will talk about the restoration of Haddon Hall.

And please note: This year's WI charity catering day will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th September from 11am. Our support this year is going to Alzheimer's Research UK.

There will be plenty of tea and cakes available, so please come along and help us support this worthwhile charity.

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

SPANISH VISITORS

At our service of Morning Worship on July 5th we were joined by four Spanish ladies from near Pamplona, who were spending a week visiting the Peak District. It is for them an annual vacation. They joined us for coffee and biscuits after the service and told us all about their love of the UK!

They choose a different area to visit each year. One of them researches the area and finds photos of notable beauty spots, and paints pictures of them. They then print t-shirts each with a different picture of a local scene!



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Weather Quiz answers

1. c) pressure 2. Antarctica (on July 21st 1983) 3. The Beaufort scale
4. Cirrus, stratus, cumulus and nimbus 5. Thunder clouds (cumulonimbus)
6. Humidity 7. El Niño 8. Westminster Abbey 9. Anticyclone
10. Troposphere 11. Clouds 12. Ultraviolet B

NB Correction! At least one reader spotted an error in the quiz in the July/August magazine - thank you Alan!

Neil Armstrong in fact became the first man to step onto the moon on **July 20th 1969**.

The deadline for the October magazine is 24th September 2026.

Please send any poems, photos, articles, recipes, puzzles, thoughts or reminiscences to the editor at stone.mary@sky.com

All contributions gratefully received!

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