



**THE PARISH OF  
ST JAMES,  
CHRISTLETON**

# Church Diary

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**THE PARISH IS: CHRISTLETON, COTTON ABBOTTS, COTTON EDMUNDS, LITTLETON & ROWTON**

St James' Church is normally open daily during daylight hours. If you find it closed and wish to enter then speak to the Verger, a Churchwarden or one of the assistant clergy.

This diary will be regularly updated on behalf of the PCC and will be subject to change and corrections. If you spot errors or require that more information is included, then please speak to the churchwardens. You are advised to independently verify details as needed if accurate information is particularly important to you. We hope you find the diary useful. (Brian Inall - diary editor.)

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

We learned on 31st December in the Rector's sermon about travelling in faith that he and Joyce will be leaving us at the end of February 2018. He's taking up a chaplaincy role in the Wirral.

Please pray for St James' Church, its Churchwardens and PCC, and for the people in this Parish that they may know God's will as they go forward in this new year of 2018.

Especially pray for Malcolm & Joyce as they prepare to travel to their new ministry in the Wirral.

<b>Day / Date / Festival</b>	<b>Service, Meeting or Event. (In St James' Church unless shown otherwise.)</b>
Wednesday 10/1/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). (Preacher: Martin Smith from the Diocese) Refreshments in church.
<b>Sunday 14/1/18</b> <b>Epiphany 2</b> (2nd Sunday in month)	8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Holy Communion. United Covenant Service with Neil Stacey (Methodist Superintendent for this area). Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: Holy Communion.
Monday 15/1/18	9.30am: Deanery Clergy Chapter - Dale Barracks (Phil Burrows) 12noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Short united service and refreshments at <u>Waverton Evangelical Church</u> . All welcome. 12 noon for 12.30pm: Luncheon Club In Parish Hall.
Tuesday 16/1/18	12noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Short united service and refreshments at <u>Christleton Methodist Church</u> . All welcome.
Wednesday 17/1/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church. 12noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Short united service and refreshments at <u>St James' Church</u> . All welcome.
Thursday 18/1/18	(18th - 25th January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins) 12noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Short united service and refreshments at <u>St Peter's Church, Waverton</u> . All welcome.
Friday 19/1/18	12noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Short united service and refreshments at <u>Rowton Methodist Church</u> . All welcome.
Saturday 20/1/18	10.00am: Bereavement Group Meeting. (Sisters of Jesus Way.) 10.30am: Churchyard Working Party. All welcome. Lunch and fellowship provided. Bring tools if you can. 12noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Short united service and refreshments at <u>St Werburgh's RC Church, Chester</u> . All welcome.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 21/1/18</b> <b>Epiphany 3</b> <b>Sunday within Week of Prayer</b> <b>for Christian Unity</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3rd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall. Produce stall in hall for hall funds.</p> <p>3.30pm: <b>Churches Together in Chester</b> service at the Cathedral with the <b>Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu</b>. Free entry.</p> <p>4.00 - 6.00pm: Messy Church in Parish Hall. 6.00pm: The Crew Youth Group in the Parish Hall NOTE: Crew now on 3rd Sundays in month.</p> <p>6.30pm: <b>No service at St James</b>. You are invited to attend the service in the Cathedral at 3.30pm - see above.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 22/1/18</p>	<p>10.00am: Standing Committee Meeting at the Rectory.</p> <p>Deadline for submission of articles to the February Parish Magazine. Please email all contributions to: christletonparishchurch@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 24/1/18</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 25/1/18</p>	<p>2.00pm: Churches Together in Christleton meeting at Methodist Church.</p> <p>3.30: Collating &amp; stapling the February magazine. All welcome.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 28/1/18</b> <b>Epiphany 4</b> <b>Presentation of Christ at the Temple (Candlemas)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4th Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Morning Prayer. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 31/1/18</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 4/2/18</b> <b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1st Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion. Followed by 'Breakfast@8' in Parish Hall. All invited.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 5/2/18</p>	<p>7.30pm: PCC Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 7/2/18</p>	<p>10.45am: United Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 11/2/18</b> <b>Next Sunday before Lent</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(2nd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 14/2/18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> (St Valentine)</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday (Imposition of ashes). Refreshments in church.</p> <p>7.30pm: United service with imposition of ashes at St Werburgh's RC Church, Chester. All welcome.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 18/2/18</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3rd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Thanksgiving. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall. Produce stall in hall for hall funds.</p> <p>4.00 - 6.00pm: Messy Church in Parish Hall. 6.00pm: The Crew Youth Group in the Parish Hall NOTE: Crew now on 3rd Sundays in month.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 19/2/18</p>	<p>12 noon for 12.30pm: Luncheon Club In Parish Hall.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 21/2/18</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 25/2/18</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4th Sunday in month)</p>	<p><b>This morning is the Rector's last Sunday in this Parish.</b></p> <p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
<b>Vacancy:</b>	<b>As a consequence of the vacancy all worship details below are subject to confirmation or change.</b>
Tuesday 27/2/18	9.30am: Deanery Chapter - Hospice of Good Shepherd (Gill Hibbert).
Wednesday 28/2/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church. 7.30pm: PCC Meeting
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 4/3/18</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1st Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion. Followed by 'Breakfast@8' in Parish Hall. All invited.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer.</p>
Wednesday 7/3/18	10.45am: United Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church. 7.00pm: "Joyce Grenfell" Supper Evening in Parish Hall. See posters and ads nearer the time for details about the evening and how to buy tickets.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 11/3/18</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(2nd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
Wednesday 14/3/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 18/3/18</b> <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Passion Sunday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3rd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall. Produce stall in hall for hall funds.</p> <p>4.00 - 6.00pm: Messy Church in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.00pm: The Crew Youth Group in the Parish Hall NOTE: Crew now on 3rd Sundays in month.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).</p>
Monday 19/3/18	12 noon for 12.30pm: Luncheon Club In Parish Hall.
Wednesday 21/3/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 25/3/18</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4th Sunday in month)</p>	<p><b><u>CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR - SUMMER TIME BEGINS!</u></b></p> <p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms &amp; Holy Communion service. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
Wednesday 28/3/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.
Thursday 29/3/18 <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.30pm: Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar.
Friday 30/3/18 <b>Good Friday</b>	2.00pm: Hour at the Foot of the Cross.
Saturday 31/3/18 Easter Saturday	6.00pm: Holy Communion - Easter Vigil.

<p><b>Sunday 1/4/18</b> <b>Easter Day</b></p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP). Followed by 'Breakfast@8' in Parish Hall. All invited.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer.</p>
<p>Wednesday 4/4/18</p>	<p>10.45am: United Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 8/4/18</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p>(2nd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
<p>Wednesday 11/4/18</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15/4/18</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p>(3rd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall. Produce stall in hall for hall funds.</p> <p>12 noon: <b>Church Annual Meetings:</b> (Venue TBC) a) <b>Meeting of the Parishioners</b> (or <b>Vestry</b> meeting)(Election of Churchwardens) Short meeting open to all residents of this parish, and to all church members. b) <b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)</b> (PCC elections, sidespeople, electoral roll, accounts, fabric and other reports, plans, questions, etc.) All church members, ie: those on the electoral roll, should come along to participate in these meetings, to find out what's happening and put their questions and views forward.</p> <p>4.00 - 6.00pm: Messy Church in Parish Hall. 6.00pm: The Crew Youth Group in the Parish Hall NOTE: Crew now on 3rd Sundays in month.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).</p>
<p>Monday 16/4/18</p>	<p>12 noon for 12.30pm: Luncheon Club In Parish Hall.</p>
<p>Wednesday 18/4/18</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p>Thursday 19/4/18</p>	<p>12.30pm: Deanery Chapter lunch meeting at All Saints' Church, Hoole.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22/4/18</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p>(4th Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Morning Prayer. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
<p>Wednesday 25/4/18</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p><b>The Published Service Rota expires here but because of the vacancy everything on the rota from March onwards will be reviewed and may change. In due course a new rota will be produced.</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday 29/4/18</b> - (5th Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: 5th Sunday evening service (TBC).</p>
<p>Wednesday 2/5/18</p>	<p>10.45am: United Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 6/5/18</b> - (1st Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion. Followed by 'Breakfast@8' in Parish Hall. All invited.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer.</p>
<p>Wednesday 9/5/18</p>	<p>10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 13/5/18</b> - (2nd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>

Wednesday 16/5/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.
Thursday 17/5/18	10.15am: Deanery Chapter at Chester Fire Station.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 20/5/18</b> <b>Pentecost</b></p> <p>(3rd Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall. Produce stall in hall for hall funds.</p> <p>5.00pm (exact time TBC): Cathedral: "Thy Kingdom Come" Beacon event. Thousands there - not to be missed. Praise &amp; music. Get free entry tickets on-line via Diocesan or Cathedral websites.</p> <p>4.00 - 6.00pm: Messy Church in Parish Hall. 6.00pm: The Crew Youth Group in the Parish Hall NOTE: Crew now on 3rd Sundays in month.</p> <p>6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).</p>
Monday 21/5/18	12 noon for 12.30pm: Luncheon Club In Parish Hall.
Wednesday 23/5/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 27/5/18</b> -</p> <p>(4th Sunday in month)</p>	<p>8.00am: Holy Communion.</p> <p>10.45am: Morning Prayer. Refreshments afterwards in Parish Hall.</p> <p>6.30pm: Holy Communion.</p>
Wednesday 30/5/18	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church.
Looking further ahead:	<p>10th-20th May: "Thy Kingdom Come" event for St James, Chester Diocese and the Church of England in general. Ends with a big Beacon service on Sunday 20th in Cathedral - if you missed it in 2017 you definitely shouldn't in 2018. No cost, but you will need to book. Look out for info nearer the time.</p> <p>1st-2nd June: The Big Church Day out: Tickets are on sale now! At Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire. Chester Diocese has again secured a BIG discount from the Big Church Day Out team for this fabulous event. Join the Diocese of Chester group to secure your discount. Details/booking via Diocesan website.</p> <p>Sun 3rd June: 10.45am: Confirmation service at St James with Bishop John Hayden. Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming confirmed or about this service of Confirmation should contact the Churchwardens.</p> <p>Sat 30th June: Christleton Village Fete. Hopefully St James will be present again at the fete.</p>
Regular items:	<p>'Breakfast@8': on 1st Sundays in the month (at approx 8.40am after the 8am service), and other special times. Open to all. Parish Hall.</p> <p>Luncheon Club: 12.30pm on 3rd Monday of every month in the Parish Hall.</p> <p>Messy Church 4pm on 3rd Sunday in month. Parish Hall. Not school holidays.</p> <p>Crew usually at 6pm on 3rd Sunday in month. Not in school holidays.</p> <p>Mothers' Union 2pm on 1st Monday in month. Parish Hall.</p>
<p>'BCP' services are Book of Common Prayer and use the older traditional language. All other services use modern language. 'United' services are where Churches Together in Christleton congregations worship together.</p>	