

# St. James'

## PARISH MAGAZINE

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**35p**

# JOURNAL FOR JULY

Thur 1 12 noon Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church  
Fri 2 Choir Dinner

**Sun 4 The Fifth Sunday After Trinity. Proper 9**

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2  
10.45 am Parish Communion with Baptisms  
10.45 am Sunday School (Parish Hall)  
The Crew Outing  
6.30 pm Evensong - followed by refreshments  
*Prayer Link Road: Croft Close*  
*Neighbourhood Link: Beryl Cummings*

Mon 5 10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home  
11.20 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home

Wed 8 10.45 am United Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 9 6.30 pm Choir Practice

***NB: Last day for contributions to August magazine, preferably earlier, to Janet Milton (335469) or you can e-mail your document to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk***

Sat 10 The Village Show (Parish Hall)

**Sun 11 The Sixth Sunday After Trinity - Proper 10**

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1  
10.45 am **FAMILY FLOWER SERVICE**  
**followed by FAMILY BARBECUE**  
6.30 pm Evensong  
*Prayer Link Road: Durban Avenue*  
*Neighbourhood Link: Jenny Brown*

Mon	12	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union (Parish Hall)
		7.45 pm	<b>PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)</b>
Tues	13	8.00 am	Church Walking Group. Contact David Cummings (332410)
Wed	14	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	16	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	17	6.30 pm	Peter and Fiona's Farewell (Parish Hall)
Sun	18		The Seventh Sunday After Trinity: Proper 11
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Parish Communion
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			<i>Prayer Link Road: Fir Tree Lane</i>
			<i>Neighbourhood Link: Chris Bowers</i>
Wed	21	10.45 am	Holy Communion Followed by refreshments
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>ST JAMES DAY</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Matins - followed by refreshments
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion - Order 1
			<i>Prayer Link: Greenfield Lane and Claypits Lane</i>
			<i>Neighbourhood Link: June Owen</i>
Wed	28	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

### **Cover Picture:**

It is most appropriate that the July cover for St. James' Parish Magazine celebrates the 18 years of wonderful service to the Church and Village by Rector Canon K Peter Lee and his wife Fiona. The picture was taken during the Millennium Pageant Celebrations in 2000.

Dear Friends

### **In Good Order**

This will not quite be my last 'Rector's letter' but it is good to note that before I go some important improvements will be completed in the Church and Churchyard. It is wonderful, at last, to see our beautiful stained glass windows at St James protected with polycarbonate 'shields'. It has been a long, hard battle to convince the 'authorities' to allow us to use this method of protecting the windows rather than metal grills. I do not want to go into all those arguments here, but suffice it to say that we are convinced that this method, which allows the light through without imposing the pattern of the grills on the windows, and also offers better protection, is the right one for St James. We are very grateful for an extremely generous donation which paid for all this work at a cost of around £10,000. This means that the money still in the Restoration Appeal Fund, which was 'earmarked' for this work, can now be used for other important and necessary work, for example in restoring and repointing parts of the boundary wall. This Summer St James is again open every Sunday between morning and evening services, with the Village Teas at the Methodist Church from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm. If you have never had the chance to look properly at the stained glass this is a good time to do it! Many of those who have kindly volunteered in pairs to take 2 hour 'slots' looking after St James while it is open on Sundays have themselves found this a good opportunity to look round at leisure and appreciate the different aspects of the building. Much of the stained glass is by the renowned Victorian artist Kempe with his 'signature' of the wheatsheaf. So why not visit or 'sign up' for a 2 hour 'slot' on the Rota and take the chance find out more about the Church and help to keep St James open through the Summer?

Another improvement planned for the near future is to improve the Cremated remains area in front of Church. You will find details of this work elsewhere in the magazine so please read about it, especially if you have family members remembered there. I am sure that the work will greatly improve the look of the whole area and help to keep it as a fitting memorial.

The PCC is very grateful to all those families who have now had gravestones reinstated with the correct safety features following the safety inspection last year. We very much regret any distress that the process caused, but hope that people appreciate that we are obliged to ensure safety. More gravestones are now being reinstated and efforts being made to contact the families so that the churchyard can be restored as it should be. This will also be helped by work being done this month to repair and level the paths which had deteriorated, but we apologise for any inconvenience while the work is being done.

New signage for the Car Park will complete the work already done on the Car Park, Notice Boards, outside lighting and Church porch enhancing the approach to Church. Overall this represents a great improvement to the Church and its surroundings. Our thanks are due to all those who have helped to make all this possible but especially to Keith Smalls who has overseen much of the work and given so much time and patience and David Mercer who has worked so hard and given his time and talent in getting the work done.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

**Prayer of the Month:** (St James' Day is 25 July)

*Great is your faithfulness, O God our Father, and great is our joy at this time as we celebrate the dedication of our Church to St James and built for your glory. We thank you for the witness it has maintained down the years as a centre of Christian worship and witness, teaching and service; for all who have faithfully served it; for the continuance of its life and work at this present time. Accept our thanksgiving, O God; multiply your blessings upon us today; and lead us forward in the power of your Spirit to fresh ventures of faith in the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# Retirement of

## *Peter and Fiona Lee*

**T**he picture on the front cover is that of a team who have served St. James and given their best to our Parish for eighteen years.

Peter was ordained exactly 40 years ago as a Parish Priest on Trinity Sunday 1970. Peter and Fiona have been called to give long service in two Parishes:-Frankby and Greasby on the Wirral for eighteen years where their family grew up, followed by our Parish of Christleton.

There is no greater calling than that of a Parish Priest, as Peter Green, that outstanding Parish Priest who served Salford for forty years said:

“I am sure that there is no life so rich in opportunities of service, nor any so happy, as that of the Parish Priest who really knows and loves his people. Given the bare necessities of life- food, clothes and a roof over one`s head-there are only two things really needful for a happy life. They are, someone to love and someone to love you. And the life of the man who strives to be a true pastor is rich in both.”

Each of us can testify how Peter`s ministry has influenced our lives personally. We see the Rector as a man of God; we have experienced his ministry of counselling and his ministry of healing. Peter and Fiona have built up a strong church in St. James with their professional and dedicated service. We see this in many ways-in the qualities of the Verger and Sacristan, the outstanding Music and Choir, and the way in which people give to the church through faith and worship, pastoral care and outreach, and stewardship. It has been our privilege to share real fellowship with Peter and Fiona over such a long period of outstanding service.

We as churchwardens are currently experiencing this phase in life called “retirement.” Retirement is really a transition from one calling to another.

As we thank Peter and Fiona for all that they have given to St. James, we wish them good health, success and happiness as they retire from our Parish and move on to their next calling.

God bless them both.

*John Pearson*

*Keith Smalls*

*Trinity Sunday 2010*

# Historic Churches Preservation Trust

## Ride and Stride! September 11th 2010

I write this sitting in our own historic church of St James, not during the sermon but while “church sitting” for, as it were, English Heritage.

Last year, Edward Elliot, who has done this cycle solo for some years, was joined in the effort by myself, and my trusty one “dog power”, Kelty, our border collie.

I had also press-ganged a friend, Sue, into accompanying me on the circuit.

Kelty and I are pretty well known in the locality for our travels, with him attached to the bike by a fantastic contraption called a Springer, which allows me to keep both hands



on the handlebars which can be helpful at times!

We so much enjoyed last year’s cycle, and had a wonderful welcome (with extra biscuits for Kelty!) at the churches that were open. He played up brilliantly to all the extra attention., performing all his best training tricks to order – and biscuits. Starting off in Vicars Cross ( my home patch), we went down Green Lane, incorporating Vicars Cross URC, along the canal towpath to St Pauls, Boughton, out to Huntington to St Lukes, and though Caldly Valley nature park to Caldly Valley Church and neighbourhood centre. We have a soft spot for this church, as Ron and I were married here one sunny June, 21 years ago, with a passing bus stopping to hoot its horn at us – driven by a favourite patient!! Here we met the toddlers fitness group, who wanted pictures taken of them beside the dog and gave us extra sponsorship money.

Out along the canal passing a mink in the gardens opposite, we met lots more people, some wanting to sponsor us further – thanks Hems! On to Waverton Parish church,

at last we found one properly open – we had started too early in the morning! A rest here for the dog, lots of biscuits, a visit to a friend’s grave and off we went again. How many more churches could we find? Waverton Evangelical, then Rowton Methodist



Chapel, Moor Lane, looking fantastic in the sunshine.

The dog was beginning to flag a bit, and I was actually having to pedal, instead of him pulling me!! Normal weekend mornings I am unable to pedal fast enough to keep up with him, despite being in top gear! We took a short cut (by

special dispensation) through David and Beryl Cummings’ garden back on to the towpath, returning to our home church, much welcomed by Gillian Brackenbury and Edna Mount.

It took 20 minutes rest and lots more biscuits to revive Kelty – and of course myself! Not to forget Christleton Methodist Chapel on the way back to Vicars Cross, making a total of 9 Churches visited by the trusty trio.

If you think some of these churches are not exactly historic and don’t count for sponsorship then I think that might be considered a) miserly and b) discriminatory!!!!

Very many thanks for all who sponsored us on this cycle – I write this to encourage all old and young and middling who would like to join us this coming September – and of course the dogs as well, otherwise it wouldn’t be the same. Kelty wore his badge with great pride!

We will perhaps have a preliminary get together to work out a route to accommodate different people’s needs – it is possible a chihuahua may not manage fourteen and a half miles! Watch for the notices about this year’s Ride and Stride!

*Liz McClure and Kelty*

# The Partington Oak

Members of the Parish Council decided some time ago to celebrate the almost 90 years service of Mary and Jim Partington (mother & son) to the Parish Council & Village, by the planting an oak tree on the



Village Green adjacent to their former Family Butchers Shop. The oak tree was planted last year but on Sunday 16th June 2010 a distinctive commemorative plaque paid for by public subscription, was unveiled by Lucy Partington, surrounded by many of her close family and friends. The ceremony was conducted by Graham



Ranger on behalf of the Parish Council, who made a very appropriate speech about the long and valued service the Partingtons have given to the Village.

Mary was the daughter of Joe Mosford the local butcher and slaughterman, but she soon made her own mark on the village gaining the title of “Mrs Christleton”, by helping to found the Women’s

Institute, organising the Village Fete, being an energetic committee member of Christleton Players and the Badminton Club. In her lifetime she was also Chairman of the Parish Council and British Legion, and was actively involved in the life of St James’ Church. Mary was clearly a formidable lady, and it was in her later years, and through her enthusiasm for the village, that Christleton entered and won the Best Kept Village Competition organised by Cheshire Community Council. So it is appropriate therefore that the Partington Oak stands adjacent to the Best Kept Village Sign, a competition which Jim also did so much to support.

Jim who was known as “Mr Christleton”, gave equal commitment to the village during his lifetime. Although he would have preferred to have been a farmer, he and his devoted



wife Lucy took over the family butchering business from Joe & Mary Mosford. For so many years it was the centre of village life, where everyone shopped, exchanged views (gossip!) and found Jim to be the most caring and helpful of people. He knew everyone, and through this knowledge, continued his mother's great role in the village by serving on the Parish Council for over 40 years. He was particularly involved in the "Best Kept Village Competition" and was always keen to see the village do well, even watering the plants on the Village Green or Pump House himself. He was also responsible for erecting the Christmas trees on The Green and in Church. He was Parish Council Chairman several times, and his knowledge of the village and its needs was always paramount in his thoughts. He was always keen to develop play facilities for children and sporting facilities for the village, especially for football and cricket. He was one of the many devoted volunteers who revived the fortunes of Christleton Sports Club, and helped provide the wonderful facilities they now have at Little Heath. Jim went on to become President of the Cricket Club. He was also heavily involved in the workings of the Christleton Institute, being a prime mover behind the club, and an institution there himself as "Bingo Caller" for over fifty years. He was a keen churchman and supported the work and worship at St James' during his lifetime in the village. The Partington Oak on the Green is a very appropriate tribute to Mary, Jim and their family whose wonderful life time of service to this village will live on through this fine young oak tree.



# The Rev'd Canon Peter Lee's Retirement Party

First an apology! Peter is due to retire at the end of August and not July as was reported in the last issue.. However, he will conduct his last services as Rector of St. James, Christleton, on Sunday 18th July.

Plans for the farewell party for Peter and Fiona progress well. It will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th July, starting at 6.30pm and finishing around 8.30pm. There will be refreshments and some light entertainment. Presentations will be made at approximately 7.45 pm.

The evening will be free and it is certain that many will wish to come to say farewell and thank you. It is therefore vital that we have accurate numbers for catering. Tickets and a list to sign are available at the back of Church. Please sign early and should you not be able to attend edit the list as necessary. Many thanks.

*David Bowden*

# Cremated Remains Area

The PCC plans to refurbish the old cremated remains area at the front of church this summer. Our aim is to create an attractive, tranquil place of rest, appropriate for purpose and a pleasant place for families to come and pay their respect to loved ones.

Over time the cremated remains area has become a bit dishevelled and has suffered some subsidence and families, understandably have attempted to improve the area around their particular stone. By its nature this uncoordinated action has tended to add to the problem. The work we plan to undertake will address all these issues.

The work will take a few weeks to complete and we will do our utmost to minimise disruption. However the work will entail temporarily removing the stones, before carefully replacing them to their original place. We therefore wish to give notice to families with ashes buried in this area of the work being undertaken so not to cause any upset or distress if visiting the church yard during the work. We will also be posting notices in church and on the notice board to keep people informed. We would

also suggest not to leave flowers etc on the stones immediately before or during the work as they will have to be moved to allow the work to be undertaken. We will give advance notice of the precise start date as soon as it is known.

The work is being paid for, partly by a kind donation from G. Pettit & Son and the balance by the PCC. If however family or friends wish to make a contribution to the cost of the work this would be gratefully welcomed.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, Keith Smalls, Church Warden  
Tel. 01244 335688

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## UPDATE

Each year I hope we will surpass the previous year's total and this year, yet again, we have pushed our record higher, having raised an incredible £4743.06, which is £391.81 up on 2009.

The summary for 2010 is as follows:

David Cummings' talk - £450.00  
Sponsored Walk - £901.00  
House-to-house-collection -  
£3392.06

Congratulations to you all for this wonderful result. Collectors, counters, contributors in any way, thank you for making Christian Aid Week in Christleton so successful.

We did not have Family Service collection to add to our total this year, but many of you took part in our 'Beating the Bounds' Walk on Sunday 9 May and obtained sponsorship. This event was great fun with over 100 people walking together on a pleasantly warm and sunny day. Well done, especially, to the children who managed part or, in some cases, all of the 10.5 mile route. Thank you to David Cummings and helpers for their careful planning of the day and to those who kindly provided refreshments for us along the way.

This has been my final year as Christian Aid Week organiser in Christleton. It has been a privilege to do this for the past 18 years and I do hope someone else will take up the reins for 2011. Meantime, thank you for all the support you have given me.

*Fiona Lee*

# The swans walk again!!

**A**t seven days old the six newly born cygnets were force marched through the village once again by the old cob and pen. To date all is well, and the Christleton pair & six, are keeping to the Christleton end of the canal, whilst the Waverton pair & six, three weeks older are keeping to their territory between Rowton Bridge & Davies Bridge beyond Waverton. Long may they stay like that, because if they clash, I fear there will be major problems for the older Christleton cob, as the younger Waverton cob is extremely aggressive to other water birds and humans using the canal towpath. We have posted



some excellent close ups of the Christleton Pit pair & cygnets on the Christleton website, as they enabled me to stay very close in their first few hours to get some extremely close-up views. I'm grateful to the Rector & his wife Fiona who were alerted to their walk very early one morning, and very kindly collected and guided them from the centre of the village, taking them to safety on the canal through the Stile footpath to the canal at Rowan Park. I began to despair when I checked all my swan nests sites around the Chester area, as numbers are well down on two years ago when 85 cygnets were born. However the latest news at the time of writing (1st June) is that I have now located 4 successful pairs each with six healthy cygnets. I hope that readers will have seen the small flocks of colourful goldfinches that have graced the village in the last few weeks, and also seen the good numbers of

greenfinches, siskins, and all members of the titmouse family that seem to be doing so well. The warblers have continued to sing their hearts out for much longer than usual, and although the spring is later and has been much colder, good numbers of young birds have now been born. A number of people have reported that they have heard yet more owls calling around the village, and there are clearly good numbers of great spotted woodpeckers about. My favourite birds of the month have been the great crested grebes which I seem to have located on many ponds and lakes over the last few weeks. Seeing these graceful birds displaying their full plumage is just magical, and



although I haven't managed to film their exquisite courtship display I have been lucky to capture great views of the male bird, as pictured here.

Last month the last phrases of nature notes were lost in transfer from one computer to another, but I'm delighted to report that a second water vole has been spotted regularly at "the Pit" in a completely different area from the first, which is very exciting news indeed, as these little creatures have suffered badly in recent years from the illegal release of wild mink into our local waters. Let's hope these sightings are the first of many in the village.



# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.45 am – 12.00 noon each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James. For further details please contact Berenice Hogg, 336779.

## CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting

**14th July**

**BOOK MAKING**

JUDITH FERNS

COMPETITION: OLD BOOK

## CHRISTLETON

### METHODIST CHURCH

We meet for Informal Prayers and a Simple Lunch on the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon. All welcome.

There is no charge for the lunch but a donation to cover costs would be appreciated

## CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30 pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary,

## ST JAMES WALKING GROUP

### July 13th 2009

**Shropshire. The Stiperstones revisited**

**Rating; Hard; 7miles**

Another variation on the 2009 walk on this sombre & forbidding looking ridge with fascinating rock pinnacles very like the granite Tors of Exmoor & Dartmoor, yet surrounded by the most beautiful Shropshire countryside. Pub Lunch at The Lion Quays. Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am.

**P.S** This will be the last walk I'll be organising for a while as I have decided to stand down in order to sort out some health issues. The St James' (Tuesday) walking group has now completed 74 walks during the last seven years and in that time walked a distance of well over 500miles. It is a very friendly social group with about 25members. I'd be pleased to hear from anyone who might be prepared to take over the leadership of the group and have a large number of resources and maps which I would be willing to share. DC

# Christleton Village Show 2010



**Saturday  
10th July**

**In Christleton Parish Hall**

This year the show theme will be **Memories** and we believe this should inspire lots of ideas to be displayed/portrayed in the many categories.

Schedules are now available from Phil and Sue Prees at Christleton Village Stores so get a schedule, choose some categories and start planting, sewing, painting etc. etc. whatever is your thing. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and you could win a trophy – there are lots of them.

Once again it would be a great boost to the appearance of the Village if people could make an effort to have hanging baskets and containers at the front of their houses and businesses – why not enter the Hanging Basket section of the Show – there are a number of trophies for the category winners.

Once again there will be a Show Coffee Afternoon at the Village Hall the weekend before the Show on Saturday 3rd July from 2-00 to 4-00 when entry forms and payments will be collected.

If you have any queries or **if you would like to help on the day** (PLEASE) ring any of the committee below.

David or Beryl Cummings - 332410, Janet Brown – 335785  
Charles Smeatham – 335209. Margaret Croston – 335955  
Sue Haywood – 01829 741814, Chris Marsland – 335424,  
June Pearson - 335101, Judith Butt – 335296, Sue and Lewis Rees;  
Christine Abrahams; Iris Foster; Edward Elliot;  
Sarah Donald; Jean Williams

# Christleton Parish Plan

Our information meetings at the Primary School in May were very well attended and those present overwhelmingly backed the proposal to create a Parish Plan for Christleton.

We are now holding a

## **VOLUNTEERS MEETING**

**at**

**Christleton Methodist Church Hall**

**on**

**Monday 5th July**

**7.30pm – 9.30 approx**

### **IF YOU CAN**

- Make tea and coffee for public meetings
  - Serve on the committee
- Help to deliver surveys around the village
  - Interpret and present data
  - Design documents and posters
    - Proof read
- Oversee our section on the village website

### **OR**

do any of the wide variety of jobs (big or small) that will be needed over the next eighteen months or so **PLEASE JOIN US.**

Be a part of

Christleton Parish Plan Group

& help take the project forward and create a much needed Parish Plan for our village.

For further information or if you are unable to come along to the meeting please contact

Sue Mallows 335527 or [suemallows@hotmail.com](mailto:suemallows@hotmail.com)

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH



## CHRISTLETON MONTHLY WHIST

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last  
Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

***Open to All.***

*Required: Ladies and Gentlemen  
to join this friendly monthly event*



## VILLAGE TEAS

Sunday Afternoons until the end of  
September at the Methodist Hall  
*Do join us and enjoy the delicious  
home made cakes and friendly chat.*

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## All in the month of : JULY

It was....

450 years ago: - on 6th July 1560 that the Treaty of Edinburgh was signed by Scotland and England, resulting in the withdrawal of the French from Scotland, and Scotland's official religion changing from Catholic to Protestant.

400 years ago: on 18th July 1610 that Caravaggio, the Italian artist, died.

250 years ago: on 8th July 1760 that the British defeated the French in the last naval battle in New France, Canada.

225 years ago: on 6th July 1785 that the US Congress adopted the dollar as the official monetary unit of the USA.

200 years ago: - on 9th July 1810 that Napoleon annexed Holland and made his brother, Louis, its king.

150 years ago: - on 7th July 1860 that Gustav Mahler, Austrian composer and conductor, was born.

125 years ago: - on 20th July 1885 that British football clubs were allowed to employ professional players for the first time, provided

they had been born locally or had lived there two years.

100 years ago: - on 12th July 1910 that Charles Stewart Rolls, British driver, aviator and car manufacturer, co-founder of Rolls-Royce, first person to fly across the Channel and back non-stop, became also the first British pilot to die in a plane crash.

90 years ago: - on 12th July 1920 that the Panama Canal was officially opened by US President Woodrow Wilson (although it had been operating since August 1914).

80 years ago: - on 13 July 1930 that the first FIFA Football World Cup was held in Uruguay.

75 years ago: - on 30th July 1935 that the first ten Penguin paperback books went on sale in Britain.

70 years ago: - that July 1940 was a dramatic month in World War II. Main dates include:  
1st July - Guernsey and Jersey were occupied by German forces.

10th July - The Battle of Britain began.

10th July - The Vichy Government was established in France.

# LET'S HAVE A GO

## 11 SEPTEMBER 2010

**D**on't be frightened by the name - "The Annual Ride and Stride Day" Saturday 11 September 2010 (10 am – 4 pm) – and it can be as easy or as difficult as you want it to be.

This is a national event, where members of the church participate in a sponsored walk or ride between churches in the area. I quote from the official literature "You can walk, ride a bike, or horse, or in a car", the car option probably will appeal to many. Last year over £700 was raised, this total being boosted by Dr Liz McClure who cycled between a few churches (with her dog in tow). There is a separate article written by Liz McClure on page 8. She was able to raise over £100 by being sponsored by her own circle of friends, neighbours, and her staff. If more members of St James followed suit (and remember, churches can be visited by car), just imagine what a wonderful total could be raised.

This can be a most enjoyable event. We drive past churches regularly but rarely stop and go inside. This is a chance to just pop in as most of the churches are open and manned. You will receive a warm welcome and in many cases be offered refreshments. Whether you are a keen cyclist, walker, horse rider or motorist and what ever age, why not give it a go?

Having been generously sponsored for the last 3 years I feel I need others to "have a go" in an attempt to increase the total raised for this most worth while cause. If more information is needed, please ring me, Edward Elliott 01244.336659.

*Edward Elliott*

### CONGRATULATIONS -

To **Pamela Jones** on her 80th birthday on 11 July  
Happy birthday wishes & love  
from her 2 daughters Janet and Marian.

# Not ANOTHER Charity

**A**m I alone in having a frustrated conscience at the number of charities presently pressing us to donate to their cause? We have only just given to the excellent and worthy Christian Aid and a letter arrives from OXFAM, then one from CAFOD, then breaking news on television shows horrific pictures of an earthquake in Central America or South East Asia. Within days, and quite rightly, the UK Joint Emergencies Committee will be appealing nationwide on behalf of the earthquake victims.

To make matters worse, as businesses themselves many of the national charities are facing their own financial challenges at present; trying to raise yet more funds while laying off some of their own staff. Ironical too that organisations like Crisis and the Salvation Army are struggling fully to help poor families hit by the recession and by unemployment.

These pressures, mostly less serious, can affect all of us; from the schoolchild coming home asking for cash to sponsor someone running a half-marathon, to those of us perhaps in a better position to give. With the rearing of three children behind me, I am one of those. Nor have I any objection to the 4 or 5 major charities I tend to give to circulating me with written requests for donations, generally for particular projects. That is perfectly fair, and whether I am giving that time or not, I try to discipline myself to read at least one 'story' from the brochures enclosed and to take it in.

Christians as much as anyone are aware of what some call compassion fatigue, where a busy and materialistic society loses the will to make time regularly for instance to visit elderly relatives or even to read charity literature. Have we now reached 'charity fatigue' in the United Kingdom? If so, what do we do about it? Answers on a postcard .....

Charities don't just beg for any old purpose; indeed the word 'beg' has unfortunate connotations. Nor do they only raise funds for disasters or for hunger-ridden regions of the world. Just as Cancer Research UK openly raises money for research, so the Motor Neurone Disease Association has in recent months stressed that so much research into the causes of MND is

still required that, after some debate, that is where its current focus must be.

Many of the larger charities have their origin and historical roots in specific events or situations. Save The Children started just over 90 years ago to help children in destitute families in Germany, our recent enemy in the First World War. The Friends Meeting House at 43 St Giles in Oxford was famous for the founding of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (OXFAM) a few years before I worshipped there as a student.

Who to give to? When? How? Difficult decisions, even amongst excellent and deserving causes. But neither God, Jesus, nor our parents or teachers ever promised us that choices in life would be easy. Most of us in the western world have plentiful lives, elsewhere millions do not.

The charitable organisations and those who work for them deserve our prayers and regular help; each in our own way.

*JOHN CARRUTHERS*



# Christleton Parish Hall

**available for Meetings, Parties, Functions etc,  
occasional or regular use.**

**The Hall has wheelchair access  
and specially adapted facilities.**

**Please contact the Booking Secretary,**

**Janet Milton 01244 335469**

**Please telephone between 10.00am and 8.00pm  
Monday to Saturday**

# CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB



Spencer Edwards underneath the swan

Christleton 1st XI has not started the season well. All batsmen including Iroshan de Silva are struggling to make runs. Last season Iroshan set a league record of 1,162 runs. Hopefully now the weather is warmer he will find his form. The 2nd XI have several young players who have progressed through our youth system and are performing well. Unfortunately, Captain Steve Jackson has seriously injured his knee so is out for the season.

The 3rd team is also having a good season with many young players supported by veterans Brian Jones and

Dave Marks.

Coaching continues on Monday evenings for around 60 youngsters from the locality. Our Under 15's and Under 13's play on Sunday mornings.

A recent addition to the ground is a stainless steel swan mounted on top of the electric scoreboard. It was donated by Spencer Edwards and kindly erected by Colin & Matthew Pate.

With thanks to the following match sponsors for April and May:

Gareth Davies – Club President, RKQ 82, Owain Davies, David Parry, Arthur Broster, Rita & Jack Swift, John Norbury, The Bike Factory, Brian Davies,

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Colin and Matthew Pate securing the new feature

### **LEPROSY MISSION**

#### **Stamp out leprosy!**

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#### **PLEASE TELL US...**

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Please ask any of the Churchwardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in any way.

### **CHRISTLETON UNDER-FIVES**

#### **COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

#### **Registered Charity 1022817**

Christleton Under Fives is an established pre school playgroup attracting children from a wide area. It enjoys good and well founded links with Christleton Primary School. Children from the age of 2 1/2 years until school age are accepted. Please contact the Supervisor, Carole Penny, on 336586 for further details.

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## **MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS**

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## **Don't go far!**

The curate went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding: "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday."

Handing him his statement the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"

## **CONTRIBUTORS**

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# Parish Registers for May 2010

## Holy Baptism

- 2nd Ross Anthony Penk son of Stuart & Heather Penk  
7 Neville Road, Boughton
- 30th Olivia Mae Reddy daughter of Lewis & Rachel Reddy  
91 Whitchurch Road, Christleton
- 30th Chloe Asa Mcleod daughter of Luke & Charlotte McLeod  
2 Thirlmere Road, Newton

*"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"*

## The Wedding Service

- 8th David Robert Rowe 8 Cedar Park, Vicars Cross  
& Sarah Jane Ellis 26 Grove Gardens, Littleton
- 15th Andrew John Snowball & Helen Danute Jane Thomas  
13 Berkley Drive, Belgrave Park, Handbridge, Chester
- 22nd Nicholas Clarke 1 Bridge Terrace Tarvin Road, Chester  
& Rachel Sarah Byrne 12 Hawthorn Road, Christleton

*"Those whom god has joined together, let not man divide"*

## The Funeral Service

- 2nd Winfred Joyce Jones 26 Bridge Drive, Christleton (Burial of Ashes)
- 5th Doreen Hodges 34 Cedar Court, Roundhill Meadow, Great Boughton
- 19th Doreen Hodges (Burial of Ashes)
- 19th Nigel Hodges Top Floor Flat 53 Ash Street Southport (Burial of Ashes)
- 14th Harriet Miller "Winora" Plough Lane, Christleton
- 18th Harriet Miller (Burial of Ashes)
- 20th Mary Triggs 14 Bythom Close Christleton
- 24th Peter Alan Curwell 3 Sandrock Road, Christleton (Burial of Ashes)
- 26th Lilian Edge 25 Littleton Lane, Littleton (Burial of Ashes)
- 28th John Stanley Roberts "Cerisy" Birch Heath Lane, Christleton

*"Grant them eternal rest."*

## Offertories

May	Cash	CSE	2010	2009
2nd	185-98	847-15	1,032-83	724-79
9th	41-00	207-50	248-50	1,046-82
16th	210-80	994-00	1,204-80	773-04
23rd	78-60	417-00	496-10	588-47
30th	242-74	787-00	1,029-74	837-45
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£ 4,011-97</b>	<b>£3,970-57</b>

*"Of your own do we give you"*

