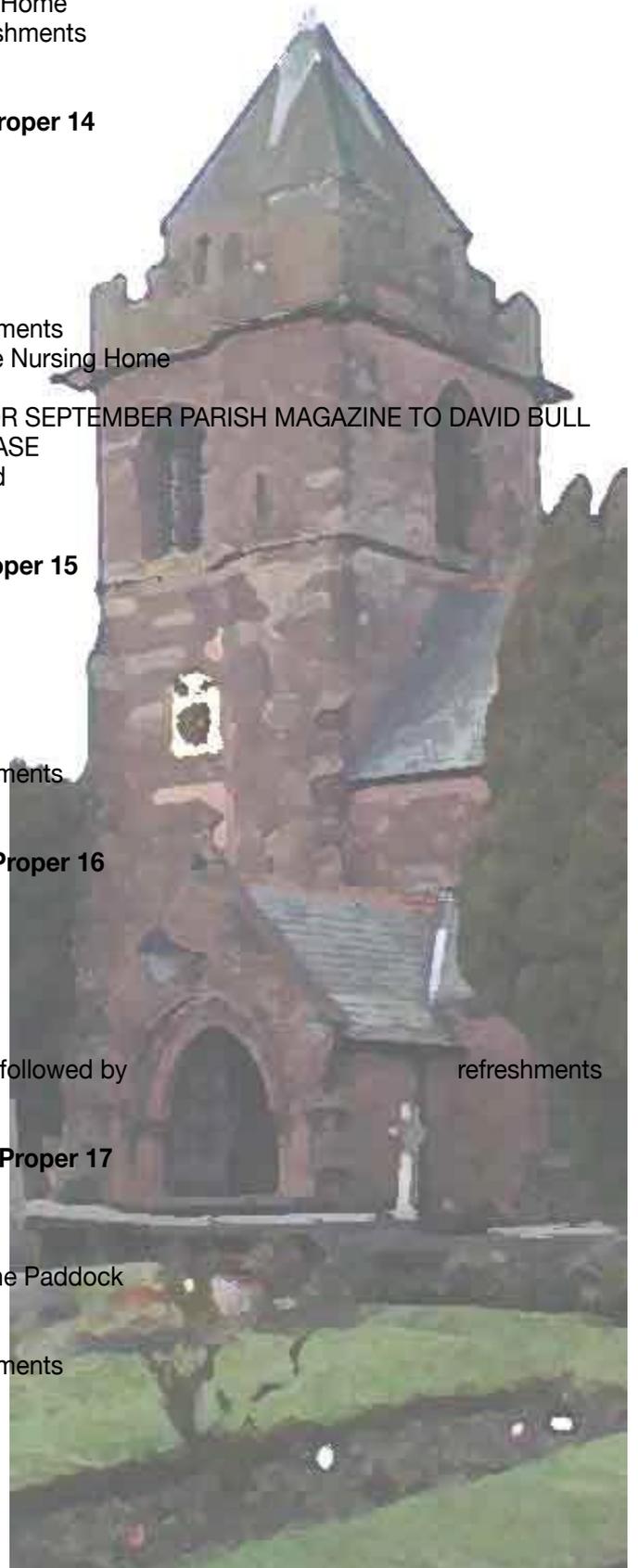


St. James' Christleton



ADVERTISING AUGUST

Mon	1	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
Wed	3	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Sun	7		The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity: Proper 14
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Bush Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Dot Smith
Wed	10	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	12		LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER PARISH MAGAZINE TO DAVID BULL (332234). PREFERABLY EARLIER PLEASE
		6.30 pm	"Rambling Supper" - 135 Queens Road
Sun	14		The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity: Proper 15
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Morning Worship
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Bythom Close
			Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith
Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Sun	21		The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 16
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Chapel Close
			Neighbourhood Link: Gwen Knight
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion for St Bartholomew- followed by refreshments
Sun	28		The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 17
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Matins with Baptism
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion - Order 1
			Prayer Link Road: Church Walks and the Paddock
			Neighbourhood Link: Judith Edwards
Wed	31	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments



St James Church Opens Sunday Afternoons.

The Church will be open on Sunday afternoons in August and September from 12.00 noon to 6.00 pm.

Why not –

Come and take time to look around and learn a little about the beautiful place in which we worship. Bring a friend who might enjoy a chance to see inside. Perhaps just sit and pray or meditate quietly.

Please help by spending a few hours on duty to enable us to allow access with security, the rota is at the back of Church.

David Bowden

co-chair, Pastoral and Outreach Committee.

Parish Registers for June

Wedding Service

18th Andrew Gregory Thompson & Clare Pursall
21 The Paddock Elton, Chester.

"Those who God has joined together, let not man divide."

The Funeral Service.

9th Nicholas Stuart Legat, Cherry Tree Cottage, Harthill, Tattenhall.
19th Colin Herbert Ellett 31 Langport Drive, Vicars Cross, Chester
(Burial of ashes.)
26th Jessie Alma Dutton Oaklands Nursing Home, Littleton. (Burial of ashes.)

"Rest eternal grant unto them"

Offertories

June	Cash	CSE	2005	2004
5th	141.80	723.90	865.70	802.20
12th	247.53	555.20	802.73	892.91
19th	195.79	638.50	834.29	741.95
26th	283.45	723.50	1006.95	889.50
Totals			£3509.67	£3326.56

"Of your own do we give you"

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

CREED AND CULTURE

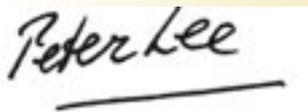
Since The horrific bombings in London there has rightly been a combined effort to isolate the actions of the bombers from the Muslim community. Politicians and faith leaders have been at pains to emphasise that Islam is a peaceful faith, and has no inherent justification for the actions of militants. There has also been a deduction that the bombers were themselves indoctrinated by shadowy individuals and/or groups, perhaps with links to al-Qa'eda, who seek to stir up fanatical hatred to further their own purposes. If we look at the world picture we see a struggle between cultures. On both sides this acts as an 'umbrella' for particular interests. The interests of capitalism and oil supplies are seen as presenting themselves as championing democracy. Equally the interests of warlords and power groups who wish to perpetrate a male dominated structure of society, present themselves as protecting Islamic traditions. In all this there is a blurring of the distinction between creed and culture.

We should not, however, assume this is limited to the present 'war against terror'. It is a sign of the times that troubles in the marching season in Northern Ireland have almost been relegated to a footnote in news items this year. How much have the troubles in Northern Ireland been exacerbated by the confusion of creed and culture? The whole conflict is presented as 'Catholic' against 'Protestant', but here again there is confusion between creed and culture. Christians would wish to protest that there is nothing in our faith, which could justify the atrocities committed by either side. It is an accident of history that the same social groupings which separate 'Republicanism' from the Ulster community coincided with Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.

I believe it is important to try to understand the distinction between creed and culture. We can see it writ large on the international scale, but it is equally true in our own principles and prejudices. If we wish to address the horror which confronts the whole world, we do well to start with ourselves. When we examine our own attitudes and presuppositions, what belongs to the conviction of our creed, and what belongs to the conditioning of our culture? It is a question relevant to issues in the Church at the moment. As the Church of England is divided on the issue of women Bishops and homosexuality, can we honestly justify our own position on the grounds of what we really believe to be inherent to our faith. How much are we simply assuming that the inherited background of our culture is at one with the conviction of our creed? That is an equally searching self-examination on whichever side of those issues we find ourselves. Of course there is considerable overlap between creed and culture, and much of our own culture is built on the heritage of our Christian faith. It is possible, however, to detect a development over past years as Christians have come to the realisation, sometimes painfully, that their faith and creed actually required of them to break with their inherited culture. I would suggest examples of this would be on Empire and racism. It is also true that we should be wary of assuming that any development in contemporary culture is justified by a proper understanding of our faith. There are many areas, for example in moral behaviour, which can be understood as a fundamental contradiction of our faith.

I am not arguing a particular viewpoint on specific issues. I am rather urging each of us honestly to examine why we believe what we believe, and how we justify our position or our attitude, on any particular issue. Can we, as far as we are able, determine what our faith has to say to us, and put to one side the assumptions of our cultural background? As we face so many daunting problems in terrorism, world poverty, environmental pollution and social injustice, we should avoid just dividing into opposing 'camps' and instead seek, find and offer the insights of our faith in God, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Yours sincerely



Prayer of the Month:

from Christine Odell

Loving God, ruler of the universe, before you we confess we are afraid as our world shakes from the impact of terrorist attacks. Afraid, shocked, sorrowful and angry, we come in prayer to seek refuge in you.

Loving God, we bring to you our feelings of horror at the depths of evil and suffering in your world, at the things humankind does to itself, often in your name. Lord, show yourself to the peoples of the nations as a God of compassion and justice, power and love.

Loving God, we pray for those ordinary people caught up in horrifying events: those going about their daily lives and work, struck down in a moment, those who rushed to the aid of injured and dying. We pray for those who have died, and those who love them. We pray for those who are badly injured, for the healing of bodies, minds and spirits

In the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who bears our pain and offers us hope. Amen.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

SUNDAYS	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
		Family Service 2nd Sunday
		Mattins 4th & 5th Sundays
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Sundays		Evening Communion 4th Sunday
		Songs of Praise 5th Sunday
WEDNESDAYS	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion
SAINTS	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

Rector:	The Rev'd Canon K. Peter Lee, M.A. The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton 335663	
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Verger	David Ellis 336879	
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Library	Margaret Bass 335517	
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Magazine Distributor	Margaret Dromgoole 341406	
Neighbourhood Link Co-Ordinator	Janet Bowden 335705	
Parish Resource Person for Child Protection	Susan Alexander 335077	

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & APPOINTMENTS
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR 335663

6 July 2005

Dear Mrs Lee,

Thank you for sending us your Form A. We were delighted to record that your collection in Christleton has totalled £3296.42. Congratulations on all your hard work.

Maybe you and the churches that have helped with Christian Aid Week this year would like to know the way that Christian Aid's partners can use the grants that they are given. For example;

® In India, £1,980 will give an education to a class of 30 girls like Venkatamma, who would otherwise not have the opportunity to study, by paying for a year's lessons, food and accommodation at the Bridge School run by Christian Aid's partner, Gramya.

® In Mozambique, £2,400 will pay for 12-month training programmes for communities affected by heavy rains and flooding, which left many people homeless and destroyed their crops, livestock and assets. The training is provided by Christian Aid's partner, the Christian Council of Mozambique.

Would you please pass on our grateful thanks to everyone involved in the collection this year. Our partners overseas will benefit 100% from all that you have done, it really is the commitment and goodwill of people like yourselves that enables Christian Aid to continue supporting and financing their work. We really do make a difference when we work together .

The results for Christian Aid Week 2005 are just beginning to come in. Initial returns from Christian Aid groups/organisers around the country are showing an overall increase in income of around 2% over last year, which would mean an eventual total of £15 million. We have also received 150,000 BigVote cards so far.

We would like to apologise for the delay in replying to you this year, and for the standard letter that we are sending out; this is due to moving all the offices to Warrington last month. If you don't already have them details of the new office are below.

You thank once again for all your efforts made during Christian Aid Week.

Yours sincerely,

Area staff
Linda McClintock- Tiongco
Ben Humphries
John Logan
Nikki Goodhew
Fiona Lee

Admin team
Kerry Starkey
Matt Johnson
Graham Hyde

CONGRATULATIONS

To Christine and Albert Johnson who celebrate their Silver Wedding on 9 August.

MOTHERS UNION

We had a very nice day out in June when we went to the Flower Festival at Willaston and then on to Brimstage Hall for tea.

In July our Branch Leader, Margaret Renner, talked to us about the current position of the Mothers Union both at home and in Africa. Many thanks to Margaret for treating us to a lovely tea after our meeting.

There will not be a meeting in August. June Hargraves will be our speaker when we meet in September.

Janet Brown

CHRISTLETON WI WALES AIR AMBULANCE COFFEE MORNING

Please may I thank all those who supported our charity Coffee Morning, all those who donated goods, plants and money, those who attended and those who worked so hard on the stalls and in the kitchen.

Wales Air Ambulance were very grateful for the record sum of £470 we donated. Thank you all once again.

Maura Jones – The Old Farm.

PEW RUNNERS

Very many thanks to all who attended the Open Day for pew runners. Also to everyone who helped in any way to make it such a successful day. With contributions, the total at time of going to press is £693.50.

Margaret Croston

LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

CHRISTLETON GARDENING CLUB

There will be no meeting in August

CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

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

OPEN HOUSE GROUPS

The Monday Afternoon Group meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the home of Rena Griffiths, 24 Hawthorn Road, Christleton. Contact Margaret Bass (335517) for further information.



PARISH RAMBLING Progressive Supper Friday, August 12th, 2005

Do join us for an evening of get together, short ramble/treasure hunt, review of Glenthorne photos. This will start at Liz and Ron McClure's, 135 Queens Road, and finish at Gillian Brackenbury's at 23 Sutherland Way.

Meet at 6.30pm.

We would be grateful if you could let us know for numbers and contribute either savoury or sweet dish for a "faith supper".

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.

CHRISTLETON W.I.

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

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Edna Ellis telephone Chester 346497.

INVITATION

There will be a Celebration of the life of
Stan Davies
at the Christleton Institute
Sunday 31st July
at 2.00pm

and the unveiling of
"Stan's Bench"

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the **September** edition are sent to the Editor, David Bull, The Old Rectory, Plough Lane, as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 12th August**

CHIZURU UCHIDA

I'm sure villagers will be sad to learn of the recent sudden death at University, of Chizuru, who lived for over ten years with her parents and sister, in a house in Little Heath Road. Many will remember her cheerful personality and delightful smile, and her superb singing voice, which she used to great effect at concerts at both Primary & High Schools. My last memory of her was singing a beautiful duet, "Love Changes Everything" from Aspects of Love, at a Charles Mack Memorial Concert. A card of condolence from the village was sent to Yoshiki, Shizue and Shiho, together with a floral tribute. We will be planting a white cherry tree in her memory in the village, when a site has been found. After the funeral service in Birmingham her ashes were cast on The Pit at Christleton, a place she loved so much. She will be sadly missed by many..

David Cummings

The following entry was made to the Christleton Web Site Guestbook on the 15th July, 2005

Dear people of Christleton-

I am writing in to this guestbook to show our gratitude for the people of Christleton for sending their love to my late sister, Chizuru Uchida. I would also like to let you know that my sister has been certified by her university for the degree of BA Hons. in Ancient History on the 13th July. My mother and I myself attended the ceremony, and I received the certificate on behalf of my sister. She is sadly missed, but we are proud that she did complete her study here in the University of Birmingham. Again, thank you so much for your kind thoughts.

Best regards,

Uchida family



Dr John Sentamu

Congratulations to Dr John Sentamu who was recently appointed the new Archbishop of York. Many members of our community will remember with affection the time he spent with us in Christleton during the early 1990's preaching at a series of meetings in the Parish Hall and Churches at the start of the decade of evangelism. He spoke with great enthusiasm about life in the Christian Community, with a wonderful vision for the future, and a passion for justice. He drew on his experiences of being persecuted in his homeland in Uganda and being an enemy of the ruthless President Idi Amin. He had trained as a lawyer and been a judge in the High Court of Uganda, but eventually he had to leave that country, being seen to be an agitator, after speaking out against the atrocities and injustice of that terrible regime. He fled to England and trained for the Ministry in Cambridge. He served in four parishes in the Southwark Diocese in London, and it was at that time that he came to Christleton. His talks were inspiring and had wonderful titles. I remember one was called the "A Little Lower than Angels", another "The Big Bang", and "When two elephants fight, the grass gets hurt". Dr John became Bishop of Stepney in the East End of London in 1996, Bishop of Birmingham in 2002, and has now been appointed to the second most senior post in the Church of England. He has a great passion for life and promoting good. The message he carries on his wooden cross bears a quote by Archbishop Oscar Romero, another champion of the poor in El Salvador, who was murdered by a death squad in 1980 during a Mass. "Peace will flower, when love and justice pervade our environment". It is said "that Bishop John himself combines energy, vision, and an application of the gospel to the real needs of the Community." "He is an inspiring Christian role model, and a delightful man" Those of us who met him felt that, and I'm sure wish him God's guidance and blessing on his important new role in the church.

David Cummings

CORNISH CURIOS

The CELTIC village of Duloe in Cornwall goes back 3,000 years and has a stone circle aligned to points of the compass.

St Cuby (here's another saint we didn't know!). The village church dedicated to him was consecrated in 1321. In church there is a stone bowl, used for baptisms with spring water recovered from St Cuby's Well down the road. This saint lived in the 6th Century. He went with a small group to South Wales then to Aran Island to join a Monastery. Cuby kept a cow and a calf which roamed and damaged neighbours' vegetables. Cuby was stubborn and refused to get rid of his animals. Price Maelgwn of Cunedda wrote to Abbot Enda seeking missionaries for Anglesey. Enda replied offering Cuby but mentioned the problem. However the Prince wrote back saying he had just the place – on the hill above the biggest port on Anglesey was an old Roman fort, the walls were intact and inside it was all grass – Cuby could live there with his animals. That port is now known as Holyhead but in Welsh it is called Caer Cybi, that is Cuby's Fort. The walls are still there and inside is a church dedicated to St Cybi.

CARPETS After our lovely new Pew Runners we were amused to see that St Cuby's pews were covered in an assortment of off cuts, blankets, carpet samples and other bits and pieces!

CARMINOV FAMILY The family's Coats of Arms are displayed on a wall memorial in the Church at Lanhydrock, a beautiful National Trust property. The arms were the subject of a law dispute in 1385 amongst three families – The Carminovs, the GROSVENORS and the Saropas. Each claimed the sole use of azure and a ben d'or the Carminovs won.

COCKERELL We visited an orchard farm. The farm notice said "This is a working farm. Beware the cockerel – he thinks he is bigger than you are! Give him a wide berth and keep an eye on him".

COMPTON ORGAN By an old mill in the lovely Looe valley there is a building housing magnificent music machines. Paul Corin is restoring instruments from all over the UK including player pianos, WurliTzer theatre organs and Compton Organs. He plays them all for your entertainment and has an unbelievable knowledge of their venues. He has a hurdy gurdy organ from Antwerp, a delightful little Berlin street organ with a monkey

on top (not real) and a WurliTzer features on BBC 2 and which took part in a BBC1 Sons of Praise.

COTEHELE An extraordinary National Trust House with no electric lighting, the walls of every room covered in beautiful tapestries. One needs to go on a bright day to see them properly.

CORN was being ground to flour in its tiny watermill on the banks of the Tamar. Rolling wooded countryside with the narrowest of twisting lanes and high hedges full of spring flowers – woe betide if you meet an enormous tractor and trailer coming the opposite way. We did!

Margaret & Alf Croston

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE in AID of HISTORIC CHESHIRE CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

On Saturday 10 September, churches in the Cheshire Diocese will be open between 9.0 am – 5.0 pm. They will be open to receive visitors taking part in the Sponsored Cycle Ride which is held each year in aid of the Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust. The idea is to get sponsorship pledges for visiting as many or as few churches in the day as you wish – and it is not only for cyclists – you can visit the churches on foot, or even by car.

I participated for the first time last year and found it a most interesting day – visiting 22 churches, ranging from the tiny churches at Hargrave, Bruera and Shocklach to the very much larger one at Malpas and seeing the horse-drawn hearse at Tushingham – not to mention meeting the people manning each church.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Sponsorship forms and more details will, in due course, be found at the back of church.

Edward Elliott.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

To Rebekah and Michael Hall who celebrate the first anniversary of their wedding at St James' on 27 August.

60th Anniversary Celebrations of V E Day

SUNDAY 10TH JULY, 2005

What a glorious day we had to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. It could hardly have been a better day, one, which brought back so many mixed memories of a troubled time in the life of the village and country. It was a wonderful opportunity to share some of those



experiences in the companionship of friends. Our Royal Garden Party, part of the traditional Flower Service, was a village thanksgiving to God on the anniversary of the end of World War II, with a mix of the formal and informal, with stirring hymns, litanies of thanksgiving and of reconciliation, an act of commitment, and prayers. Rose Queen Charlotte Seddon, read the lesson from The Beatitudes, and Roy Belchier read two very poignant poems written by airmen during the war. During the informal part of the service there were games, food and drink, and community singing of "The White cliffs of Dover", "We'll meet again", and "Land of Hope and Glory". Many in the

congregation wore service uniforms or clothing of the period, which added colour to the occasion. At the end of the service, posies of flowers were taken, to be placed on untended graves in the churchyard, in the tradition of the flower service. During the service prayers were also offered for the victims of the recent bomb blasts on the

transport system in London, which had brought back terror to the Capital, in the way that the enemy had done through aerial attacks in WW II. Later in the day through our television sets, we saw how the people of London and the country reacted, by carrying out the planned commemoration of WW II, with a colourful parade, full of pageantry, ceremony and military tradition. This was

led by Her Majesty The Queen, members of the Royal Family, Ministers of the Government, and hundreds of proud service veterans, their families and friends. It was a truly colourful spectacle, one which really did commemorate the way in which so many gave their lives 60 years ago, so that we may be free today.



The Educational Foundation of Dr. Robert Oldfield

Originally the Will of Dr Robert Oldfield established the Charity in 1695. It was intended to assist poor boys living in the ancient Parish of St Michael in Chester. The old parish church is now the Heritage Centre on the corner of Bridge Street and Pepper Street.

Dr Oldfield lived in Dunham Hill, owing land in the area. He also owned land in the area that is now Green Lane, and the Oldfield Drive (hence the name) area of Vicars Cross. The Trust also owns other farms and land within the Chester district.

The Governors of the Trust have, by careful management through three centuries ensured that there have been moneys available to help young people who are in need of financial assistance, to continue their education.

Grants are available for 'educational purposes' (which is widely interpreted), for students under the age of 25 years and who reside in the Chester District. The grants are made to individuals and are means tested.

Applications should be made to

The Clerk to the Governors
Mr Peter Anderson
Jolliffe & Co
Solicitors
Exchange House
White Friars
Chester CH1 1NZ
Telephone: 01244. 310022

There is no closing date.

For further information about the scheme, contact Ken Holding 312689.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO LADIES WHO SHARE THE SAME BIRTHDAY

To Mrs Hilda Garner of Durban Avenue who was
93 yrs on 15 July.

To Mrs Margaret Roberts who was 96 yrs on 15
July.

WAVERTON DAY CENTRE

We are looking for people to join a friendly team of volunteers to help bring members from Christleton to Waverton Day Centre.

Can you spare about 30 minutes on a Tuesday on a monthly rota? We are able to cover during the school holidays.

Run by volunteers under the direction of Cheshire Social Services, we cater for up to twelve elderly people living in or near Waverton, Rowton and Christleton, who have become socially isolated. If you would like to join us or would like more details before deciding, please ring Ann Roberts on 01244.336906.

Jim & The Scarecrow Competition.



Pictured above on the Village Green, is the President of Christleton Cricket Club Jim Partington and the Scarecrow cricketer made by Iris Foster to publicise the 2005 Village Show. I'm offering a prize of a bottle of wine to the reader who can provide the best sound bite, of the words that might be being exchanged between them. Please send your suitable suggestions to me at 25 Croft Close Rowton Chester CH3 7QQ, or e mail to Davidandberyl@aol.com. and the winning entry will be published in the September edition. Next month I will give a plausible explanation for the rumour currently going around, that W G Grace played cricket in Christleton in the 1870's.

David Cummings

A Letter From Rome

**Valdensian Theological College
Centre for Jewish/Christian Relations
Summer School**

We are almost at the end of an amazing twelve days of study, lectures and visits to ancient sites and monuments. Gertrude is adding to her serious theological studies and Dorothy is here out of religious curiosity, as well as the opportunity to learn more about this wonderful city.

The lectures by senior experts from Cambridge University have led us through the complexity of Roman/Jewish; Jewish/Christian and Roman/Christian development in the last three centuries before Christ, and the first few centuries AD. Such complexities of social development, problems of acceptance, integration, or lack of it, struggles for racial and cultural tolerance or even basic survival, leave us amazed by similar parallels in our world today.

We were honoured by a talk from the Israeli Ambassador to the Holy See, who spoke about Jewish/Christian relations and the difficulties of development of diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the Holy See.

We are a very mixed group with six lecturers in Divinity from Australia, a Major in the Salvation Army, Ministers of Anglican Churches and Non Conformist, to Priests of Roman Catholic Churches and two hospital Chaplains. At first our conversations were very polite and somewhat guarded, and , whilst still polite, are now ranging far and wide as we discuss all that we have seen and heard.

Some of us wandered , with thousands of others, to St Peter's square, to see the Pope at his window give a Sunday morning blessing.

Yesterday we spent some three hours wandering in the well preserved ruins of the Port of Ostia. The river changed its course. A port city was no longer viable so the people just left, and the ruins remain, because they were never built over.

Attached to the College is the beautiful Protestant Valdensian Church where we have enjoyed a concert, and an Ethiopian wedding! The visit has been such an adventure.

Dorothy Colley and Gertrude Wright



CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

AUGUST REPORT

The village 1st team have had a successful month and are in 3rd place in the league. Only a few points separate the top teams after 11 games. We now have Jim Gillson, last years outstanding batsman, back from New Zealand and hope to challenge the leading sides during the second half of the season. Christleton have reached the semi – final of the Boughton Hall Knockout having won the competition for the last 2 years. The 2nd X1 are also in the 3rd place only two points off promotion slot and continue to see progress with their younger players. The 3rd team are currently top of their league under the captaincy of Mal Joyce.

We would like to congratulate the person who made the cricketer for the Village Show. We are not sure if it was modelled on W.G. Grace or Jim Partington!

Our thanks to the following sponsors for July:
Vince Parsonage
Christleton Post Office
Towry Law
Christleton Village Show
Neil Bullough
The Sissons family
Derek & Alun Garner
Brian & Hilary Davenport
Kemira Growmore

THE VILLAGE SHOW

Thanks to everyone who exhibited and supported the Show this year in the Parish Hall. The judges were all extremely complimentary, saying that some of the exhibits were of a very high standard indeed, and that overall it was a very good show. A village show has taken place in Christleton since 1869, instigated by the Rector, Canon Lionel Garnett. Sometimes it was to display Produce and Flowers, at other times for Produce and Animals, and occasionally it was a great Agricultural Show for the whole of the Chester Rural District. Today however the show allows villagers of all ages to enter in the categories of Art & crafts, photography, flowers & floral art, hanging baskets, bakery and produce. This year a Sporting Theme was chosen, and there were wonderful exhibits from over 350 competitors. This year, the show was sponsored for the first time by McCormick Architecture of Saughton,



and we are very grateful to them for their support. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd at Backford, in memory of John Salter a previous chairman. The 2005 Show was kindly opened by Mr Tony Lamberton, Headteacher of Christleton High School, and the prizes awarded by Rose Queen, Charlotte Seddon.

The Prizewinners

Best Exhibitor; Edward Elliott;

Best Exhibit; Michele Boyd

Rose Bowl; Barbara Mercer

Produce; Janet Brown Baking; Fiona Lee.

Fruit & Vegetables; Janet Brown

Best Plant; Edward Elliott

Art (Local); June Brocklesby

Flowers Section; Audrey Owen.

Best 3 Exhibits; Peter Warrington

Best Exhibit by a Child; Sophie Donald

Best Group Basket; Alan Parry

Theme Shield; Rosie Beach

Wine; Robin Parkinson

Hospital Floral; Gillian Brackenbury

Floral art; Rosie Beach

Children's Overall; Amy Sproston

Craft Award; Wendy Lewis

Best Photograph; Simon Gelder

Hanging Basket; Judith Butt

Best Commercial; Nicholas Harvey

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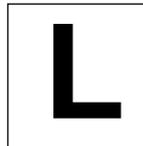
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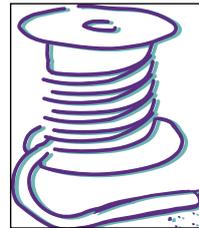
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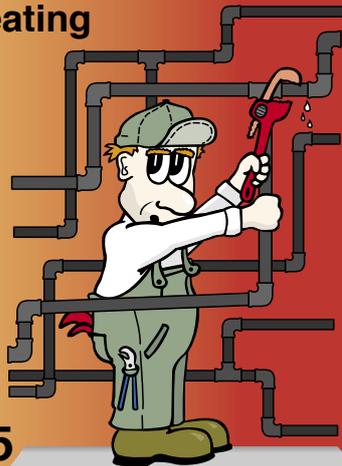
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