

Parish Magazine



# St. James'

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December 2007

**Christleton**

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# Countdown to Christmas

|            |          |          |  |
|------------|----------|----------|--|
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>2</b> |          | <b>Advent Sunday</b>   |
|            |          | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (Order 2)   |
|            |          | 10.45 am | Sunday School (Parish Hall)  |
|            |          | 10.45 am | Parish Communion (Order 1)   |
|            |          | 6.30 pm  | Evensong with offertory of CMS Boxes followed by refreshments  |
|            |          |          | Prayer Link Road: Toll Bar Road  |
|            |          |          | Neighbourhood Link: Valmai Griffiths   |
| Mon        | 3        | 10.45 am | Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home  |
|            |          | 11.20 am | Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home  |
|            |          | 6.30 pm  | First meeting for Junior Confirmation candidates - Lady Chapel   |
| Wed        | 5        | 10.45 am | United Communion - followed by refreshments  |
| Thur       | 6        | 7.45 pm  | Night Prayers and Advent Meditation  |
| Fri        | 7        |          | NB: Last date for contribution to January Parish Magazine to The Rector (335663). Earlier if possible please. You can attach your Word. Document and e-mail to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk |
|            |          | 6.30 pm  | Choir Practice   |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>9</b> |          | <b>The Second Sunday in Advent</b>   |
|            |          | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (Order 1)   |
|            |          | 10.45am  | Family 'Toy Service' - followed by refreshments  |
|            |          |          | You are invited to bring wrapped Christmas gifts of toys (labelled with the appropriate age and sex) to be given to less fortunate children in the Chester area.                             |
|            |          | 6.30 pm  | Evensong   |
|            |          |          | Prayer Link Road: Village Road   |
|            |          |          | Neighbourhood Link: Jean Cresswell   |
| Mon        | 10       | 2.00 pm  | Advent Meditation  |
|            |          | 7.00 pm  | High School Carol Service - St James   |
| Tues       | 11       | 9.00 am  | Church Walking Group and Christmas Lunch. Contact David Cummings (332410)  |
| Wed        | 12       | 10.45 am | Holy Communion - followed by refreshments  |
|            |          | 11.30 am | Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home   |
| Thur       | 13       | 7.30 pm  | Night Prayers and Advent Meditation  |
| Fri        | 14       | 6.30 pm  | Choir Practice   |

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|-------------|-----------|----------|--|
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>16</b> |          | <b>The Third Sunday in Advent</b>                                  |
|             |           | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (Order 1)   |
|             |           | 10.45 am | Sunday School (Parish Hall)  |
|             |           | 10.45 am | Parish Communion (Order 1)   |
|             |           | 12 noon  | Holy Baptism   |
|             |           | 6.30 pm  | Evensong   |
|             |           |          | Prayer Link: Whitchurch Road, Roadside, White Lane                 |
|             |           |          | Neighbourhood Link: Janet Milton, Neville Meredith, Norman Godwin  |
| Mon         | 17        | 6.30 pm  | Confirmation Group - Lady Chapel                                   |
| Tues        | 18        |          | Bellringers Dinner   |
| Wed         | 19        | 10.45 am | Holy Communion - followed by refreshments                          |
| Thur        | 20        | 7.45 pm  | Night Prayers and Meditation                                       |
| Fri         | 21        | 6.30 pm  | Choir Practice   |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>23</b> |          | <b>The Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>                                 |
|             |           | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (Order 1)   |
|             |           | 10.45 am | Matins - followed by refreshments                                  |
|             |           | 6.30 pm  | FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND CEREMONY OF LIGHT                           |
|             |           |          | Prayer Link Road: Woodfields                                       |
|             |           |          | Neighbourhood Link: Joyce Rydings                                  |
| <b>Mon</b>  | <b>24</b> |          | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>   |
|             |           | 7.00 pm  | Carols round the Tree  |
|             |           | 11.30 pm | Midnight Communion (Order 1)                                       |
| <b>Tues</b> | <b>25</b> |          | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>   |
|             |           | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (Order 2)   |
|             |           | 10.45 am | Christmas Family Service   |
|             |           | 11.45 am | Holy Communion (Order 1)   |
| Tues        | 26        | 10.45 am | Holy Communion for ST STEPHEN                                      |
| Wed         | 27        | 9.00 am  | Holy Communion for ST JOHN   |
| <b>Sun</b>  | <b>30</b> |          | <b>The First Sunday of Christmas</b>                               |
|             |           | 8.00 am  | Holy Communion (Order 1)   |
|             |           | 10.45 am | Matins   |
|             |           | 6.30 pm  | Evening Communion (Order 1)  |
|             |           |          | Prayer Link: Those worshipping at St James from outside the Parish |
|             |           |          | Neighbourhood Link: Janet Milton                                   |

# THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

## Crossing the Border

This summer Fiona and I enjoyed a walking holiday in Slovenia. It is a beautiful country, and we had some wonderful walks. It is predominantly forested so you usually have a long climb up through trees to reach the higher slopes. The holiday included four guided walks and it made so much difference to have someone show us the way, and help us to understand and appreciate the country. On one walk we were high up on a ridge with spectacular views either side. As we looked across our guide told us to take a step forward, which we did. "Now you are in Austria" he said, "You have crossed the border." No fence: no customs: no passport control – just a single stone marker, which he pointed out to us. On another walk, on another ridge, we did the same thing, but this time we crossed the border from Slovenia to Italy.

It is as though Christmas is Jesus crossing the border from heaven to earth. As the shepherds kept watch over their flocks by night, high up in the hills, all of a sudden they were surrounded by the glory of God as the heavens opened and the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all people." It was as though somehow the shepherds had crossed the border and they could see the hinterland of heaven. So it was that Jesus 'came down to earth from heaven'. Jesus came to bring God to the heart of our life. He also came to be our guide and to show us how close the border is. This is no geographical border, but the border between the physical and spiritual; between God and humanity; between heaven and earth. It is to be found right at the heart of our life, close to hand. Throughout his life Jesus 'crossed over' to the other side. He crossed over to give comfort to the widow at Nain; he crossed over to give confidence to Matthew and Zacchaeus; he crossed over to Mary to give acceptance and he told a story about a Samaritan who crossed over to give healing and rescue. So, because he has crossed over from heaven to earth Jesus can be our guide to help us climb above the tree line; to see the wider view; to help us keep to the right paths and explain things along the way.

Often, as we walked in Slovenia, we would come across wayside shrines to Partisans, who had been killed in the war. It helped me to see a different perspective on history – to see what life was like from another point of view. Part of the message of Christmas is that we, like Jesus, should try to cross

over; to see our neighbour as a person like ourself. Unless we can 'cross over' to meet our neighbour, and see how close we are, we cannot expect to find the border between heaven and earth, for that is a place of no barriers or borders. Jesus told us to find him in our neighbour in need, and as a person like ourself.

Perhaps we can use Advent as a time to climb up through the trees to get a wider view. It is so easy to be surrounded by so many preoccupations that we cannot see beyond them. At the same time they 'crowd in' on us, and threaten to overwhelm us. Advent is a time to hear God's voice through the message of the Prophets and John the Baptist, guiding us and showing us the way. Then, perhaps, we can rise above the tree line and come to a wider view, and as we come to Christmas we may find ourselves on the border, and know that God is very close, at the heart of our life. And, like the shepherds, we may see heaven opened, the glory of God revealed and hear the message of the angels: "a Saviour has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord."

A very happy Christmas to you all.

Yours sincerely

*Peter Lee*

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**Prayer of the Month:**

*O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in:  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels –  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.*



*Our thanks to Phil Hodges for his pen and ink drawing for this year's Christmas card and illustration on the front of this magazine. It is based on a 14th Century misericord in Chester Cathedral*

# People in the News



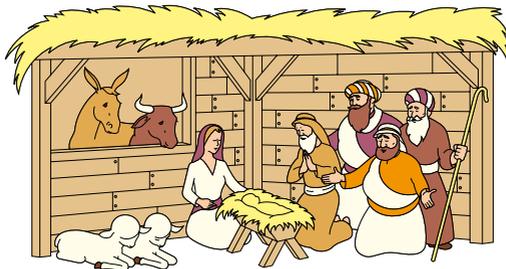
## Judith Butt.

Congratulations to Judith for her part in an excellent display of contemporary textiles” SEW EXCITING”



## Alf Croston's "Oscar".

Alf's service to the Flour Milling Industry has been recognised with a Lifetime Achievement Award. His "Oscar" was presented to him recently at the 75th Anniversary Reunion Dinner of the Young Millers' Section held at BAFTA Headquarters in Piccadilly London. Congratulations from all his friends in the Parish.



## **Commemorative Tree in memory of Chizuru Uchida**

A planting ceremony was held in the new village meadow on November 9th to commemorate the life of Chizuru Uchida a former pupil of both Christleton Primary and High Schools who died shortly before graduating for an Honours degree in Ancient History at Birmingham University. A Japanese cherry tree which will flower with a double white blossom in springtime was planted by friends from the village to commemorate her life. Chizuru was a delightful student who gave so much to those around her. She was a talented singer, and was due later that year to further her studies by taking a degree course studying the voice at The Royal College of Music in London

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**Pat Nilssen**

### ***And so to pastures new.....***

Probably by the time you are reading this article I will be about 90 miles away! I am relocating to Birmingham and just wanted to take the opportunity to say goodbye and best wishes to the many friends that I have made over the last 21 years, whilst resident in Littleton. St James' Church has played a major role in my life during that time. Both my daughters were baptised there and

Anna was confirmed there 7 years ago. Anna is now training as a doctor at University of Birmingham and Lara will be commencing a BTEC in Art & Design in September 2008 in Bournville, near to where we will be living.

I am sure that the Rector will notify you in due course of my successor(s) as Magazine Distributor and Electoral Roll Officer, from which I have now retired. I have enjoyed being a part of the Church and surrounding community and wish every success to all future ventures.

Please accept my best wishes for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*Pat Nilssen*

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*Better to understand a little  
than to misunderstand a lot.*

*To some people, religious  
freedom means a choice of  
churches to stay home from.*

*Never put both feet in your  
mouth at the same time, be-  
cause then you don't have a  
leg to stand on.*

*Don't cry because it's over;  
smile because it happened.*

# CHRISTLETON PIT PROJECT

## Sediment Removal

In late October and early November Christleton Parish Council arranged for 2,000tons of sediment to be removed from Christleton Pit - the Village Pond. The sediment mainly leaf litter in origin has accumulated over many years and has reduced the clear water depth to the extent that overheating and a loss of absorbed oxygen is likely in warm weather, with the resultant loss of water quality and wildlife. The Pit was certainly in existence in 1737 as a source of clay for brick making, and marl for

improving the texture of the land for farming. It is now probably the best known feature of the village and a wonderful local amenity.

The work was carried out by Blue Boar Contracts, a company based in Rugby. Due to the large size of the Pit, Blue Boar used an excavator placed on a floating platform- which transferred the sediment to large floating containers which were towed to the waters edge. The sediment was then removed by a second crane to large containers on land, and when



full, towed by tractors and spread on nearby farmland at Birch Heath by kind permission of Stuart Arden (Ardens Farmers and Contractors)

The total cost of the scheme is £39,000, the landfill Communities Funds of Waste Recycling Group Ltd has provided the bulk of the funding through the Distributive Environmental Body WREN. There was also support locally from Mc Cormick Architects, the City and Parish Councils and local community volunteers.

Following the work, which took just over two weeks, members of the “Pit Group” have removed a great deal of litter and debris, done bank restoration, restored fishing platforms, and rebuilt the swans nest site. A considerable loss of water depth was inevitable because of the silt and sediment removal, but it is hoped that a good winter downpour will replenish the depth to better than normal levels.

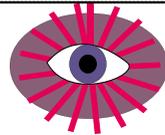
The work carried out this autumn was essential if the area is to remain as a wonderful amenity for the village in the future. It is hard to image that in 1976, there was no water at all, and only work carried out after that date has ensured that the Pit remained as an attractive feature. Following a project carried out by the Primary School which came 2nd in the Save

the Village Pond Campaign in 1975, a pond rescue became necessary when the Pit dried out after the droughts of 1975/6, The hard work of the children working on the pit itself in 1977\*/8 onwards, was later reinforced by adult support, and with the full backing of the Parish Council, the “Pit Group” has emerged as conservation volunteers for the village. The group has about twenty members and is always looking for more support. It meets when work needs to be done, usually in spring and autumn, about ten times a year, and new volunteers (male & female) are always more that welcome. If you are interested in working for the community on a worthwhile project then contact Ian Gorst 332320, Eric Kenyon 335587 or David Cummings 332410

\* A sponsored silence by the children in 1977, raised £750 for a new boat and mower to be used for the Pit Project, and later became the property of the group.



# Nature Notes



Our village swans have continued to fly around the area in the last few weeks and made a surprise visit to the Pit whilst the recent conservation work was being carried out. They stayed for a few hours, no doubt confused by the strange activities going on in their home territory, and when taking off into the wind towards the Methodist Chapel, one cygnet (CT76) hit a tree and crash landed in a nearby garden. I was called to the rescue in the dark, and after putting CT76 in my swan carrying bag (an old Sainsbury's trolley bag) I took her

strapped by the back seat belt of my car, back to the canal. After checking that her wings were not damaged I released her onto the canal, and she immediately went towards the family roost site. The following morning she appeared at Mrs Hough's wildfowl café on the canal, none the worse for her adventures. One of the seven cygnets has now flown off, but the rest of the family still seem very happy together.

A recent swan visitor to the River Dee in Chester was Orange Ring



GO5, ringed on the River Avon in Worcestershire in 2003, and visited the River Severn at Worcester and Bewdley before flying to Chester this autumn a distance of 134 km from its nest site.

Recent wildlife sightings in the village included a red admiral butterfly, three grey wagtails, and two grey herons sitting on trees at the Pit waiting to gorge on fish as the water depth lowered. What was incredible was the sight of several mallard and coot trying to eat the small fish. They first tried to catch the fish sideways on, and when they couldn't get it into their throats, they attempted to catch the fish head on. They didn't succeed despite many attempts, and often the fish would wriggle away and swim off into the depths. Although several people witnessed this behaviour, none of us had ever seen it happen before, and wonder if we had seen a unique attempt at feeding because there were so many small fish available near the surface. Herring gulls were later seen gorging on pieces of fish from a dead carp, no doubt first attacked by the herons. The carp were too big to be carried away, and I guess that the herons broke up the flesh to eat, rather than try the impossible and carry the fish away. The Environment Agency gave advice before the work commenced

that the fish population would move to undisturbed areas of the Pit, but clearly some of the fish were affected by the shallow water, lack of oxygen and the general disturbance. There are some extremely large carp in the Pit, and they can be seen from time to time gulping for air on the surface, or even jumping completely out of the water.

*David Cummings*



## Village Website.

For further views of the work being carried out on Christleton Pit Project and other village news items visit our Village website [www.christleton.org.uk](http://www.christleton.org.uk) for more information.

# Family 'Toy' Service at St. James'

Sunday 9th December  
at 10.45 am



*You are invited to bring wrapped Christmas gifts of toys (labelled with the appropriate age and sex) to be given to less fortunate children in the Chester area.*

# THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

Escape the hustle and bustle of late night Christmas shopping and join us for night prayers and meditation throughout Advent – an ideal way to prepare for our Lord’s birth

The short meditations will be taken from Fleur Dorrell’s book of reflections for the Advent season: *The Promise of Christmas*. Fleur Dorrell is head of faith and policy for the Mother’s Union

**Night Prayers and Meditation**  
**7.45pm at St James’ Church**

*29th November*

*6th December*

*13th December*

*20th December*

*Our thanks*

Jim & Lucy Partington wish to thank the village for the cards and good wishes they received on their recent 60th Wedding Anniversary.

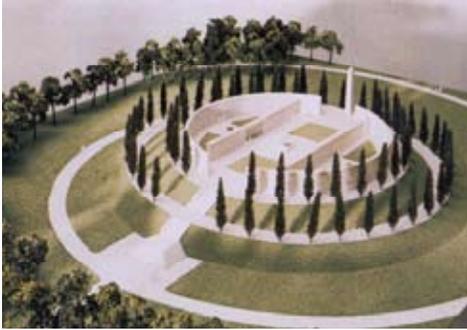
Thank you to everyone who supported my recent talk on “Colourful Christleton” to raise funds for “The Chain of Hope”, Heart Charity Fund, at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. Over £420 was raised for the funds after an enjoyable evening of village nostalgia. A second talk is planned for next year and will be Colourful Christleton; Fetes, Festivals and Battles.

*DC*

## Confirmation 08

There will be a Confirmation at St James on Sunday 11 May 2008, which, appropriately, will be Whitsunday. It is to be taken by the new Bishop of Birkenhead, The Rt Revd Keith Sinclair. As this is slightly earlier than usual Junior candidates will be meeting for the first time on Monday 3 December in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm. I shall be arranging to meet any adults who are interested in the new year and will give details later. If you know of anyone who might be considering being Confirmed please let them know. If anyone would like to talk about the possibility please contact the Rector (335663).

## A DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE



**W**e each had a free day on 5th November. What should we do with it? It was a still day - we decided it would be rather nice to have a look at the new National Memorial Arboretum, thinking that probably we would have it to ourselves on a quiet Monday

Not knowing exactly where it was, we eventually found it, sign posted about a mile away, after an unintentional trip around industrial central England. It was packed!

We found a parking space and went into the Visitor Centre that was a café, gift shop and toilets. The Memorial foundation stone was laid by the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire on 23rd January 2007 and dedicated by Her Majesty the Queen on 12th October this year

Inscribed on the walls are the names of those who lost their lives in conflict since the end of World War II. Sadly there are

spaces left for many more. There is a slit in one wall where it is calculated that on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the sun's rays will shine through it.

We were lucky that we were able to join in an open air service with the Inkerman Company of the Grenadier Guards recently returned from Afghanistan. They were commemorating the Battle of Inkerman in the Crimea and also the loss of two of their own comrades in battle during their tour of duty. All were wearing Camouflage battle dress, as was the Padre, who added a black stole before beginning the service. There was no band, no bugler, just simple act of remembrance. We sang, unaccompanied, "Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer", "I Vow to thee my Country" and the National Anthem. Two wreaths were laid on the plinth.

The Arboretum is set in 60 acres of parkland with more than 120 major memorials and 44,000 trees, many of them dedicated. We left in pouring rain.

*Margaret and Alf Croston*

The National Memorial is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Royal British Legion, Croxall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7AR. Telephone 01283 - 792333. Charity No. 1043992 Battlefield tours abroad, open to everyone, are organised by the Remembrance Travel branch of the Royal British Legion

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

*Ask the young people, they know everything  
Lazy people are always anxious to be doing  
something*

*That is a bad bridge that is shorter than the  
stream*

*In bad fortune, hold out; in good, hold in*

*Pray to God, but continue to row to the shore*

*If you can't get grapes, try an apple*

*Measure your cloth 10 times; you can cut it but  
once*

*It is not the horse, but the oats that draw the  
cart*

*Do not look upon the vessel but upon that which  
it contains*

*Two things that a man should never be angry at,  
what he can help and what he cannot.*

## A FRESH CHALLENGE AHEAD

David Poulter has recently been appointed as Director of Music at Liverpool Cathedral. This is an exciting appointment for David, particularly as Liverpool looks forward to the many special services and events that 2008 will bring.

David has been our Director of Music at Chester Cathedral for over ten years and we will miss him enormously. During his time with us the Girls' Choir has been formed, the new Song school built, and he has formed an excellent team of organists and musical directors to lead and train our choirs. It is likely that David will be leaving us just after Christmas or early in the New Year. More details about his last services and events with us and farewell arrangements, will appear in next month's Newsletter.

*Chris Humphries*

## SAINTS' WINDOWS IN THE CLOISTERS

St Leonard began a life of austerity sanctification, and preaching after the Queen had asked him to help repel an invading army, which he did by praying to God and the tide of battle turned. His desire to know God grew until he decided to enter the monastery at Orleans. His brother, Saint Lifiard, followed his example and left the King's court, built a monastery at Meun, and lived there. Leonard desired further seclusion. He withdrew into the forest of Limousin, converting many on the way, and living on herbs, wild fruits, and spring water. He built himself an oratory, leaving it only for journeys to churches. Others begged to live with him, and a monastery formed. Leonard had a great compassion for prisoners, obtaining release and converting many.

After his death, churches were dedicated to him in France, England, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Bohemia, Poland and other countries. Pilgrims flocked to his tomb, and in one small town in Bavaria there are records of 4,000 favours granted through Saint Leonard's intercession.

Saints Day: 6 November  
Died: c.559 of natural causes  
Patronage: blacksmiths, burglaries, captives, childbirth, coal miners, coopers, coppersmiths, greengrocers, imprisoned people.

## **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

Director of Finance – Carolyn Bruce  
Chapter is delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Carolyn Bruce as Director Finance. Carolyn replaces the Diocesan Director of Finance, Mr George Colville, in this role for the Cathedral and has the task of bringing the administration of Cathedral finance back in-house after the substantial work done by George and his team at Church House. Carolyn will be responsible for all aspects of financial management of the Cathedral, including those relating to Chester Cathedral Enterprises Ltd and Chester Cathedral Development Trust.

Although originally from Cheshire, Carolyn is relocating to the area from Huddersfield with her husband and young family. She is a qualified Chartered Accountant, with experience of auditing and consultancy as well as more hands-on roles in well-established business concerns. She is familiar with all aspects of accountancy work and has taken a lead in reorganising and developing finance departments in major businesses.

We hope you will join with us in welcoming Carolyn to the Cathedral team.

Commercial Director – Chris Walton

Mrs Jo Sykes will relinquish her responsibilities as Commercial Director at the end of November to concentrate on overseeing the preparations for the 2008 Mystery Plays. Jo has generously supported the Cathedral in building the

Commercial Directorate for longer than initially agreed and has made a substantial contribution to our endeavours.

After an intensive selection process, Chapter are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Chris Walton as Jo's successor. Chris hails from a naval background, and service for 14 years in the Royal Navy as an Engineering Officer in submarines. He has also had experience across a broad spectrum of commercial activities including tourism, the hospitality industry and customer services and has a considerable knowledge of event planning and management.

Chris is a local man, originally from Rossett, and now living in Chester. We hope you will join with us in welcoming Chris to the Cathedral team.

## **NEW LAY CLERKS**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Joe Buckmaster (Tenor) and Francis Hills (Alto) as lay clerks in the Cathedral Choir. Joe has been brought up in Chester and has sung in recent years with the Nave choir before deputising as Tenor Lay Clerk over the last few months.

Francis hails from Blackburn where he sang as a chorister for many years before coming to Chester Cathedral last year as a Choral Scholar.

We congratulate them both on their appointments. "I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Psalm 146 v2"

# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## 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 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 WEDNESDAY GROUP FESTIVE LUNCH

**Wednesday 5th December**  
**12.00 Noon**

in  
**Christleton Parish Hall**

Tickets £9  
(including a glass of wine)  
Available from Members

*In aid of the Children's Chronic Arthritis Association.*

## CHRISTLETON W.I.

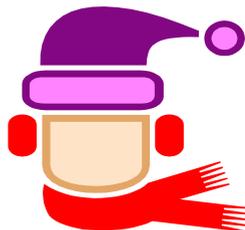
Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall  
Next meeting on December 12th  
*Christmas Meeting*

## 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

## CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

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



## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

**T**he January magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday 30th December 2007.

# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## Christleton Local History Group

Wednesday January 23rd 7.30pm

Speaker

Phil Hirst

*Britain's Lost Megafortress*

Film Maker for the History Channel  
Head of Media Studies Chester University

## Christleton Primary School Association (the PTA)

presents

### The Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December 2007

2.00pm -4.00pm

at the Primary School, Quarry Lane

*Grand Draw -Father Christmas Crafts-  
Books - Tombola - Toys & Games - Tea-  
Hamper Raffle - Cakes & Home Produce  
Games to play - Jewellery  
And much more!*

**All welcome**

Entrance: Adults 50p

OAPs and children free.



## St James' (Tuesday) Walking Group.

Tuesday 11th December 2007

Cheshire; Delamere Forest 8 \_  
miles. Easy.

Christmas Meal at The Goshawk at  
Mouldsworth\*.

Depart Church Car Park at 9.00am

\*Please note the change of venue.

**The January walk will now be to  
Bickerton.**

Walkers must let David on 332410  
know by 4th December if they wish  
to take part, and fill in their menu.

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# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

**Chester Bach Singers**  
**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
**With Waverton Handbell Ringers**  
**Sunday 9 December, 7.30pm,**  
Tarvin Parish Church

**Saturday 15 December, 7.30pm**  
St Mary's Without the Walls,  
Handbridge  
&

**Wednesday 12 December, 7.30pm,**  
Waverton Parish Church  
-without the handbells!

Conductor: Martin Bussey

Tickets (to include seasonal refreshments): £9 (conc.£8), all students & children £5

From C.B.S.tickets 0151 677 3137  
or Chester T.I.C (by Town Hall) or at the door.

## Try, try again .....

Somebody said it couldn't be done,  
but he with a chuckle replied,  
that maybe it couldn't, but he would  
be one  
who wouldn't say no till he'd tried.  
So he started right in,  
with the trace of a grin on his face,  
if he worried he hid it,  
and he started to sing  
as he tackled the thing  
that couldn't be done and he did it!



## Wisdom for everyone with relatives coming to stay this Christmas...

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment. - Anon

When we are out of sympathy with the young, then I think our work in this world is over. - George MacDonald

Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible. - Anon

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone. - Anon

Long-suffering is a grace of silence. - Willaim Bagshawe  
Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

# LOOKING AHEAD IN THE KITCHEN TO CHRISTMAS

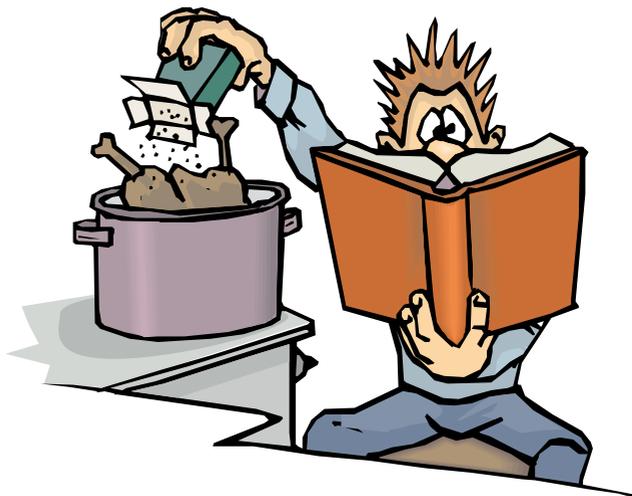
## BRANDY BUTTER

4 oz unsalted butter  
12 oz soft brown sugar  
1 egg yolk  
4 fl oz brandy

Beat the butter with half the sugar, then add rest of ingredients & beat well until creamy.

This is a hard sauce and will keep well under refrigeration for about 3 weeks.

Serve with Christmas pudding and mince pies.

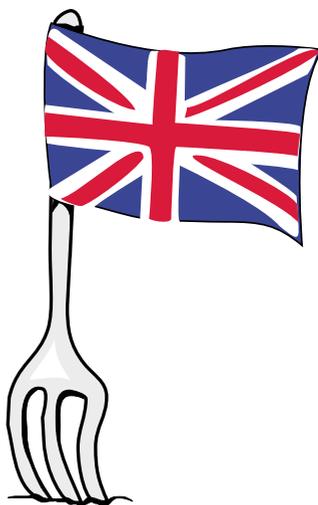


## HERB & LEMON STUFFING FOR NECK END OF TURKEY

8 oz fresh breadcrumbs  
3 oz shredded suet  
Grated rind and juice of a lemon  
2 level tablespoons chopped parsley  
1 level tablespoon chopped thyme & sage  
2 eggs  
salt & pepper

Mix all together – easy!

Margaret Croston



## **LEPROSY MISSION**

### **Stamp out leprosy!**

Please donate your used stamps so that money can be raised for Leprosy Mission. Stamps should be trimmed to quarter inch border around the stamp, and can be left at the back of Church.

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

If you know of any special birthdays, anniversaries or anyone celebrating a special occasion, who is a Parish Magazine reader, please inform the editor, David Bull.

### **AVAILABLE AT ST JAMES CHURCH**

"Loop" system, for the hearing impaired  
Large print books for the visually impaired  
& large print weekly notice sheets  
Easy to follow Communion Service  
Books for children  
Access for wheelchairs  
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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**The headlines of the year... that didn't quite make it...**

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- ~ Farmer Bill Dies in House
- ~ Nation's Head Seeks Arms
- ~ Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted
- ~ Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case
- ~ Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents
- ~ Eye Drops off Shelf
- ~ Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim
- ~ Two Ships Collide, One Dies
- ~ Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
- ~ Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge
- ~ Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
- ~ New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
- ~ Children Make Nutritious Snacks
- ~ Hospital is Sued by Seven Foot Doctors

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# Parish Registers for October 2007

## Holy Baptism

- 21st Ruby Helen Ascroft daughter of Steven John Ascroft & Tracy Helen Pleavin  
46 Toll Bar Road, Great Boughton
- 21st Zak Markus Billy son of Mark & Elsie Billy  
14 The Park, Christleton

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

## The Funeral Service

- 2nd Rosina Harriet Trigg Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home Christleton
- 5th Stephen Redhead 10 Watling Court, Vicars Cross
- 11th Mabel Irene Jones Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home, Christleton
- 22nd Edward Patterson Oaklands Nursing Home, Littleton
- 22nd Andrew Patrick Emmett 1 White Lane, Christleton (Burial only)

*"Grant then eternal rest"*

Offertories

| October.      | Cash   | CSE    | 2007              | 2006              |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 7th           | 175-50 | 753-50 | 929-09            | 858-52            |
| 14th          | 546-13 | 582-00 | 1,128-13          | 1,188-49          |
| 21st          | 196-50 | 823-20 | 1,019-70          | 750-95            |
| 28th          | 124-50 | 488-50 | 613-00            | 598-45            |
| <b>Totals</b> |        |        | <b>£ 3,689-92</b> | <b>£ 3,396-61</b> |

*"Of your own do we give you"*



