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June 2009

# St. James' Christleton

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# Jottings for June

Mon	1	10.45 am 11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
Wed	3	10.45 am 7.45 pm	United Communion - followed by refreshments Pastoral and Outreach Committee
Thurs	4	12 noon	Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	5	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong - followed by refreshments
			Prayer Link Road: The Park
			Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Kingston
Mon	8	2.00 pm	Mothers Union - Parish Hall
Wed	10	10.45 am 2.00 pm	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments Young Families Group - Parish Hall
Thur	11	7.30 pm	Holy Communion for ST BARNABAS followed by Faith and Worship Committee - Lady Chapel
Fri	12	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

NB: Last day for contributions to July magazine, preferably earlier, to Janet Milton (335469). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to [christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk)

<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>The First Sunday after Trinity: Proper 6</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Family Service - followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: The Square
			Neighbourhood Link: Liz Evans
Tues	16	8.00 am	Parish Walking Group leaves car park. Contact David Cummings (332410)
Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	18	2.30 pm	Parish Visiting Group - White Haven
Fri	19	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>The Second Sunday after Trinity: Proper 7</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion with Baptisms
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Valmai Griffiths
			Neighbourhood Link: Toll Bar Road
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion for ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
Fri	26	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	27		Village Fete
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>The Third Sunday After Trinity</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Matins - followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion for ST PETER
			Prayer Link: Village Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Jean Cresswell

# The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

## The Moral Compass

At the time of writing there are fresh revelations each day about Members of Parliament who have either misused the system in claiming expenses or, possibly, even broken the law. The public are rightly dismayed that their elected representatives have behaved in such a way. Whilst I agree with the main force of those feelings, I do worry that the public reaction will persuade many hard working and honest MP's that it is not worth the hassle, and we shall be the poorer if we lose them. But I was interested in the reaction of one politician who said it was no excuse if what had been done was within the rules if it was morally wrong. But there lies the problem. What is 'morally' right or wrong? It is not only in politics, but in every area of life, that society is increasingly struggling to find a moral compass. The right of each individual to choose for themselves is promoted and defended aggressively in our culture. Against the background of past instances of abuse by state, Church, parents, dominant individuals or whoever, that can be a desirable corrective to be encouraged. But too often it goes on to an arrogance that elevates self above all else. Of course, if we are just physical beings in a secular world, then ultimately it is everyone for his, or her, self, and there is no moral compass. If there is no God and we live in a world which is just an 'accidental combination of atoms', then there is no objective value to life and no moral imperative. If, however, we feel an instinct for what is right and what is wrong, and we have an inbuilt 'moral compass', where does that come from? Is it just an instinct for self-preservation or does it point to an absolute? – to God who "has made us for himself" so we are "restless till we find our rest in Him" (Augustine).

7 June is Trinity Sunday, which is my favourite day in the Church's year. It is the day when we stand back and see the whole picture. We worship the fullness of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is my 'categorical imperative', my absolute against which I measure all else. God, as Father, is the Creator from whom all that exists takes its being. But he is also the Father who is love, and is intimately bound up with his Creation so that he yearns for our response. He has created the world in such a way that it only works well when it works together, and is used 'in accordance with the maker's instructions'. He creates unity in diversity where each part

depends on all the others; not in uniformity.

The love of God became human in Jesus Christ. In his person: in his life and teaching: we have our example and standard by which to judge all human behaviour. Yet Jesus came 'not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many' and as the expression of his nature of self-giving love. The 'authority' of his teaching is not an imposed authoritarianism, but authenticates itself on the anvil of experience. But Jesus said: "You did not choose me, I chose you, and appointed you to go and bear fruit." If we rely on our own choices and strengths, we shall, sooner or later, discover our limitations, but if we respond to Jesus' invitation, we shall find new life and strength and purpose.

If God the Father is above and beyond us, and God the Son is beside us, then God the Holy Spirit is within us, to give us that promised gift of peace and purpose and strength. It is the discovery that we are not on our own but belong together in God's world where he has a purpose for each and every one of us in a distinctive way. We now have something to live for beyond satisfying our own transitory appetites and belong to a family across the world and throughout history.

One of my favourite Bible verses comes from Isaiah where we read: "If you stray from the road to the right or the left, you will hear a voice behind you saying: 'this is the way, follow it'." I believe it is God who has given us our inbuilt moral compass, and if we respond to his invitation, and read his word in the Bible, we shall have all the guidance we need and a standard to live by.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

Prayer of the Month:

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know thee,  
The joy of the hearts that love thee,  
The strength of the wills that serve thee,  
Grant us so to know thee that we may truly love thee,  
So to love thee that we may truly serve thee,  
Whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.

# St. James Church

## Open all day Sundays, June, July, August and September 2009

**W**e will be opening St James Church between services on Sundays in June, July, August and September for I think I may now say as usual, (for the fifth year). It will of course, only be as usual if you are prepared to help. Please come and take a turn to spread the load. It is a simple task requiring no special skills, just a wish to give a warm welcome to those visiting our Church. It is made worthwhile by the fact that we welcomed an average of nine visitors each Sunday last year. Once again afternoon teas will be served in the Methodist Church Hall at the same time. The combination is irresistible! Please come and help. The time- table sheets are at the back of Church. Many, many thanks.

*David Bowden*



*After visiting St. James' Church*

## **The Village Tea Room**



## **The Village Tea Room**

will be open on

**Sunday afternoons**

**2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

**7 June – 27 September**

Methodist Church Hall

**ALL WELCOME**

*Proceeds to charity*

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# Bill Pollit

**B**ill who died recently, was a long and outstanding member of the Village Community. Born at St Helen's in Lancashire where his family were very active in the life of the town, he had an adventurous childhood, and especially enjoyed his outdoor life at Sedburgh School, before entering the faculty of Medicine at Liverpool University. After qualifying as a G.P. he worked in Worcester, married Joan Bowdler, and they later moved to Christleton. Specialising in Public Health, Bill became Deputy County Medical Officer of Health & Community Physician for Chester where he was held in very high esteem,

Bill had a wealth of skills to offer the community, from Surgeon to Physician, Paediatrics to fever care; public health to hearing. Community medicine to tutor; administration to the Ministry of Agriculture etc. Throughout all this time and whilst contributing in such a wide field, Bill remained a down to earth family man, and a great friend to many in this village and the Chester District through his love of sport, especially badminton, tennis and golf. He also loved messing about and building boats, no doubt partly influenced by having boat yards on either side of his house. He also enjoyed rambling and the theatre. He served as a Parish Councillor between 1973 and 1991, becoming Council Chairman in the years 1974-77, when he help host the Festival of British Villages held here. Joan & Bill were active members of



Christleton Players and the Chester Mystery Plays. In later years he was an active member of the local National Trust Group, Probus and the U3A. He

was also a judge for the Cheshire Community Council Best Kept Village Competition, a Trustee of the Village Institute and member of the Alms Houses Committee. He was awarded the Order of St John for his services to Community Health. He had many tragedies in his life losing his youngest son in a car accident, and both Joan and a second wife Wendy Travis through illness. Bill loved travelling and in latter years was very happily married to Marie. They spent some wonderful times together, travelling to America, Sri Lanka, cruises in Europe and only recently to Luxor in Egypt. Bill was also a regular worshipper at St James, just one of his many interests in the village. He was such a kind gentle man, someone who contributed so much to so many throughout his life. He had many good friends, and each one will know that he gave so much of himself. They will all remember with affection his gentleness, his kindness, his humanity and his sense of fun. A man who throughout his long life, always served his fellow men and women with distinction.

*DC*



## **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,

**David Mercer 336155**

Please telephone between 10.00am and 8.00pm  
Monday to Saturday

# NATURE NOTES

Many people have remarked to me on how profuse the spring flowers have been this year, and the countryside has really looked so colourful as a result. So many species of wild flowers have seemed to have been at their best at the same time, giving us wonderful views of nature at its most glorious. Late April and the beginning of May has also seen the arrival of really good numbers of summer migrants, and the already beautiful countryside has been enhanced and brightened by many of these delightful song birds. Chiff chaff, willow warbler, black cap, whitethroat, sedge warbler, reed bunting and skylark were just some of the songsters to be heard around the village, and I was thrilled to see a pair of now quite rare stonechats,



appearing to be nesting near the Gowy. Sedge warblers have once again become “oil seed rape” warblers with several nests being spotted in the fast growing bright yellow crop. The warblers seem to be as happy in this vegetation as in the tall reed beds, as they must find a good source of food there. Among the loudest local



songsters were blackbirds and song thrush, singing quite beautifully in the churchyard. Birds of prey were not to be outdone, and regular sightings of buzzards could be seen around the village, as well as sparrow hawks and kestrels. There are reasonable numbers of swallows around, but fewer and fewer house martins seem to be coming back to the area each year.

“The Pit” swans are still on course to produce cygnets by the middle of the month, but the saga of the Waverton

pair took another turn this month, when another male appeared on the scene near Egg Bridge, and has taken over the territory. I have no idea what has happened to the previous cob (the one which had the recent adventures on the railway line at Christleton) but the new cob is green ringed C671,



a much more mature swan, ringed back in the year 2000. Another first for our “Pit Swans”, is that our cob 2CD from the 1990’s was mentioned on Radio 5 Live, on the 5th May in a report on unusual recoveries of ringed birds, when a BTO Official reported that this swan had been eaten by a tiger at Chester Zoo. In fact it was a Lion!, as the swan accidentally flew into a power line over the Zoo, and plummeted to its death into the lion’s den. It is not recorded what the lions thought about their special meal, but the swan’s rings were recovered and reported to the BTO. By complete coincidence I had confirmation of

this event actually taking place, when members of the Knutsford Stroke Club I was speaking to in February, told me that they had actually witnessed the tragic event at the Zoo, and were horrified to see it taking place in front of them,

Butterflies have also been on the wing in good numbers in the last few weeks, especially orange tip and speckled woods which seem to be everywhere. I’ve also seen a hedgehog, hare, weasel, fox and badger, and saw superb evidence of a mole being present, through the building of a “mole castle” (nest chamber) on the wet meadow at Hockenhull Platts. Wild flowers flowering there include wild arum, marsh marigold, cowslips, red campion and ragged robin.

*DC*

## **Stop Press**

Christleton’s visiting swifts are back on time, as today the 7th May is the average arrival date for these superb flying “machines!” after their long journey from Africa. I first heard their screaming calls, and then saw two of them skimming over my head when visiting the Primary School at lunch-time. I was also extremely lucky earlier in the week to see a male cuckoo three times over two days. It was sitting on the same post on each occasion, and was being mobbed by meadow pipits on two of them which suggests that it was this species the cuckoos were using as host parents.

# Churches Together in Christleton

## United Lent Programme

### *'The Christian Challenge in our World Today*

Speakers representing five different continents namely USA, Asia, Europe, Africa, and South America were invited to five Wednesday evenings during Lent to give their own personal reflections. The talks involved lively discussion and were followed by further chats over a finger buffet, thanks to those who so imaginatively prepared food typical of each continent. In the first talk Scott and Caroline Gilmer reflected on the challenges facing the Churches in the USA and raised the question of what role religion plays in people's lives. Linda McLintock-Tiongco spoke about the Philippines and for the need 'to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God', so that gradually change will happen. Vincent and Pat Hatton, having lived and worked in Geneva for 30 years or so, gave an account of their involvement in the various groups at the European hub of ecumenical life. The Rev. Lameck Mutete of St. Alban's Church Tattenhall gave us some background and a daunting update of what is happening in his home country of Zimbabwe. Finally, Colin and Ines Pierce gave us some history of the conflicts facing the established church in Colombia and the current challenge of the fast growing independent churches. It was repeatedly emphasised that each member of each local church contributes to the wholeness of the church world-wide. We are grateful to all those who contributed to these occasions of growth together, we hope this will generate further steps along the road towards the inclusion of others in mutual understanding.

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#### **BELATED CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Ron & Pat Handley who  
celebrated their Golden  
Wedding Anniversary  
on 2nd May.

*Gossip is what no one  
claims to like but what  
everybody enjoys. -*

*Joseph Conrad*

# My year as Head Girl

**M**y year as Head Girl has been packed full of excitement. Working as a team of eight, including Head Boy Matt Healing, we have achieved so much and raised a lot of money.



In our first event of the year, at the school disco, we managed to raise over £700 for Cancer Research, our chosen charity, and this was just the beginning! This was such a great achievement for us and after that we just kept on going raising as much money as we could. We have now raised around £10,000 in total.

It's not just the team that help, of course, it's the whole of the sixth form which gets involved. For example, on the last day of the summer term last year we had to organise the activities. This was such a big responsibility but we managed to pull it together and the whole school enjoyed a fun-filled day.

Also, it's not just the fundraising that goes on, we have responsibili-

ties within school and act as good role models to the younger pupils. We also attend Governors' meetings to show how we are representing the sixth form, to give sixth form a voice and school as a whole.

During my time as Head Girl I feel I've achieved so much, but it has also helped me to become a more organised and self-confident person. Overall I can say I've completely loved sixth form at Christleton High School and cannot wait to go on to university. I will be able to take all my experiences and memories with me.

*Cassie Powell*

*Head Girl Christleton High School  
2008-9*

# The History File

## *Milling in Christleton*

Christleton had two working mills within the township, a windmill producing flour on Windmill Hill in the centre of the village, and Thomas Butler's mill on the canal, which produced mainly animal foodstuffs, but also flour for its own bakery.

Evidence shows that there were also three water mills producing flour on the River Gowy at Stamford Heath, Stapleford, and a third situated close upstream, Walk Mill at Foulk Stapleford. The Christleton windmill situated on the top of the village's sandstone ridge, was owned by the Sneyd Family of Keele and produced flour from about 1600 to 1840. I guess

that most of the flour produced there would have been made into bread, and baked in the old bakery which stood at the corner of Windmill Lane and Pepper Street. Butlers Mill on Whitchurch Road was of a much more modern era, and depended on grain being brought to the Mill from the docks in Ellesmere Port in wide barges called Mersey Flats. These double width horse drawn barges

were regularly used to carry heavy cargoes along the Chester & Shropshire Union Canals between Ellesmere Port & Nantwich, and some even appeared on the River Dee in Chester powered by sails, coming from the Mersey to the Dee around Wirral. Butlers Mill



had a section of the Mill building overhanging the canal, and this contained a gas powered hoist to lift the grain from the barges into the mill, although it is recorded that a pulley system using a horse along the tow-path was probably more efficient. The Butler family were heavily involved in many aspects of village life as well as running farms, the mill, bakery and shop. Thos Butler senior was also

guardian of the poor, and a prominent parish and city councillor.

Stamford Mill existed as long ago as 1539, and has been occupied by the Rowe Family since 1711. A plaque was once visible with the initials T.R 1711 (Thomas Rowe) engraved on it. This mill closed in 1902 and from the evidence on the doorstep it seems to have been worked with burr millstones, a series of randomly placed granite stones bound together with an iron band. These Burr stones are said to have been imported from a quarry south of Paris and were a great improvement on the more commonly used Derbyshire grit-stones.

The recently restored Walk Mill at Ford Farm run by the Jones Family is also worked with Burr stones, and is certainly well worth a visit. The Doomsday Book records there being a mill at Stapleford with a value of 16 shillings, and later a pre nuptial

1692 included the Walk Mill at Foulk Stapleford. The restored Walk Mill has a stone above the fireplace in the kitchen carved with the initials R W 1668, indicating that it belonged to the Wilbraham Family. The mill has been carefully rebuilt on the footprint of the old building, and many of the original items found have been re-used, including hand made bricks and tiles. Much of the flooring is made up of the original stone tiles, and the ground floor contains a bakery and a small café, which sells delicious home made bread, cakes and scones using their own flour. The flour is stone ground using wheat gathered from the surrounding fields, using the power of the Gowy to turn the mill wheels. It is a superb use of old technology to produce a healthy source of food. There are also lots of enjoyable country walks based on the Mill, and making the mill a starting point ensures you can enjoy a fine drink and snack at the end of it. It is open from 10.00am to 5pm from Tuesday to Sunday but is open Bank Holiday Mondays.

Ref; [www.walkmillflour.co.uk](http://www.walkmillflour.co.uk)

\*This is the same John Bruen a strong minded puritan who caused the destruction of the crosses at Christleton, Vicars Cross, Tarvin and Barrow at the beginning of the 1700's.



agreement between John Bruen\* of Stapleford and Honor Willington in



# WHAT'S

## 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

## AGE CONCERN HEALTH WALKS Caldy Valley & Christleton

Wednesday 10.30 am  
40 mins (approx).

Easy walking – telephone  
01244.677777

## CHRISTLETON W.I.

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

**June 10th**  
*Birthday Party*

## 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

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

*All welcome*



The Christleton Web Site has a page featuring local events  
[www.christleton.org.uk](http://www.christleton.org.uk)

# ON

## ST JAMES TUESDAY WALKING GROUP

June 16th 2009.

### North Wales; Anglesey

Visiting the site of the sinking of the  
Royal Charter

The Burial Chamber & Din Lligwy  
Ancient Village. Moderate 7miles.

Packed Lunch/Sea Swimming  
Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am.

## CHRISTLETON GARDENING CLUB

Would members please note that the  
venue for our garden visit on Monday  
8th June has been changed.

We are now going to Wood End  
Cottage at Whitegate.

More information from Ann  
Wilkinson 332388.

*We are, as always, delighted to  
accept new members*

## CHRISTLETON VILLAGE SHOW

Please note a Change of Venue for  
the **Coffee Morning on the 4th July**  
for the handing in of entries.

This will now be held at Christle-  
ton **Methodist Chapel** between  
**10.00am and 12 noon**, and not the  
Parish Hall as stated on the entry  
form. There will also be a display of  
Village Albums and historic photo-  
graphs. Admission Free.



**SCHOOL DAYS**

**A Musical  
Extravaganza  
Celebrating  
50 Years of  
Christleton  
High School**

**Christleton Village Fete  
27th June 2009  
1.30pm @ The Primary School  
(parade from Village Green @ 1.00pm)**



# WHAT'S ON

## Parents ~ Toddlers Grandparents !



*You are invited to the  
Parish hall in Christleton  
on*

**Wednesday 10th June  
at 2.00 p.m.**

We will have a short time with  
story/songs/activity  
for pre – school children, followed  
by tea/coffee & cake  
and soft drinks for children.

St. James Church

For further information telephone  
Berenice 01244 336779

*You know you are having  
a senior moment when  
you enter a revolving  
door, and then you can't  
remember whether you  
were going out or coming  
in.*

*You are warmly invited to  
COFFEE IN THE BISHOP'S  
GARDEN*

ABBAY SQUARE, CHESTER  
( by kind permission of the Bishop  
of Chester)

**TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2009**

**6:45 pm**

Tickets £1

Stalls & Raffle

Refreshments, Entertainment

The proceeds will be donated to

**The Children's Society**

Edward Rudolph House, Margery Street.

London WC1X 0JL

Charity Registration No. 221124

*St. James' will be running the Cake  
Stall. All contributions gratefully  
received!!*

## **MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please ensure all items for inclusion in  
the **July** edition are sent to Janet Milton  
(335469), as soon as possible **BEFORE  
Friday 12th June** or you can e-mail this  
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## **MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS**

The **July** magazine will be available for  
collection from Church on **Sunday 26th  
July**

# Its next month!!!!

## **Christleton Village Show 2009**

is on Saturday 11th July  
in Christleton Parish Hall

**T**his year the show theme is “OUR VILLAGE” and we’re hoping there will be plenty of Hanging Baskets and floral gardens for photographic and artistic inspiration.

We’re hoping people will make a Special effort to have hanging baskets and containers at the front of their houses and businesses particularly in the village centre and Littleheath Road.

Schedules are available from Phil and Sue Prees at The Village Stores so get a schedule, choose some categories, it’s a bit late for planting, but there’s plenty of choice to choose from - 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.

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

### **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.

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY VAN SERVICE**

The van calls weekly: alternate Thursdays all day and alternate Fridays in Quarry Lane 11.15 am – 12.45 pm. For further details of when the van is next in your area, please telephone Upton Library on 380053.

#### **READERS**

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## *Muddy road*

**A** minister going down a country road got badly bogged down in some mud holes. He finally had to pay a passing farmer £20 to pull him out of a really deep one with a tractor. After he was on the road again, he remarked to the farmer: "Well, I'm sure you do a great service, in rescuing people around here. Though I should think at that price you wouldn't mind pulling people out of this stuff day and night."

"I'd like to, sure, but no," said the farmer sadly. "At night I have to spend time toting the water here to fill the holes in the first place."

### **CONTRIBUTORS**

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# Parish Registers for April 2009

## Holy Baptism.

- 5th Harry Jason Weaver son of Jason & Polly Weaver  
 5th Oliver Isaac Weaver son of Jason & Polly Weaver  
 5th Ellie Louise Weaver daughter of Jason & Polly Weaver  
 5th Jacob Jenson Weaver son of Jason & Polly Weaver  
 5th Joseph Zachanan Weaver son of Jason & Polly Weaver  
 31 Ermine Road, Chester
- 26th Daniel James Weaver son of Nicholas & Suzanne Weaver  
 4 Belgrave Road, Great Boughton, Chester
- 26th Katherine Charlotte Elizabeth Holliday daughter of Colin & Rachel  
 Holliday  
 Chestnut House, Lea Hall Park, Lea By Backford,  
*"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"*

## The Marriage Service

- 24th Philip Robert MacDonald & Marlene Marion Ingraham  
 34 Grove Gardens, Littleton, Chester

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

## The Funeral Service

- 28th Peter Shortridge 6 Bythom Close, Christleton  
 30th Jean Hardwick Widdowson Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home,  
 Christleton

*"Grant them eternal rest."*

## Offertories

April	Cash	CSE	2009	2008
5th	210-23	694-50	907-73	907-02
12th	440-17	1,219-40	1,659-57	1,275-68
19th	117-80	592-90	710-70	690-50
26th	194-06	850-00	1,044-06	936-17
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£4,322-06</b>	<b>£3,609-37</b>

*"Of your own do we give you."*

