

St. James'

PARISH MAGAZINE

June 2012



JOTTINGS FOR JUNE

Fri	1	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	3	8.00 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Celebration Service to Celebrate the Jubilee followed by Jubilee Picnic (see Parish Magazine for details) Church Open for Visitors between Services Evensong Worship BCP
Mon	4	12.00 noon 2.00 pm 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Wedding - James Whysall and Ann Cunningham Wedding - Martin Huxley and Lindsey Cooper Village Party on the Green or Parish Hall if wet
Wed	6	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	8	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
 NB: Last day for contributions to July magazine, to Janet Milton (335469). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk 			
Sun	10	8.00 am 10.45 am 6.15 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion All Age Service with Baptism of Seth Henry Paddy Palmer The Crew Youth Group Holy Communion
Mon	11	10.45 am 11.20 am 2.00 pm	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	13	10.45 am 11.30 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home

Fri	15	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	17	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 2.30 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Sunday School - Parish Hall Village Teas - Methodist Church Hall Evening Worship
Wed	20	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	22	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	24	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 5.45 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Sunday School - Parish Hall The Crew Youth Group - Bellringing Holy Communion
Wed	27	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Sat	30	2.00 pm	Village Fete Wedding - Shaun Allan and Katy Robson



Message from our Rector

During 2012 there have been many events planned to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, however, on a local level the events will take place over the weekend of 03-04 June.

It is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God for the service and dedication of our Queen and Governor of the Church of England.

Here at St James, we will have a special celebration service on Sunday 03 June at 10.45am to which all are invited. This will be followed by a picnic and fun event during the early afternoon.

Marking the service given by any person is important, although in every day life, it is usually reserved until that person dies and then we wax lyrical about just how good they were and the selfless service they gave during their lifetime. Perhaps we need to be more upfront and celebrate the service of the many people in our community who give of themselves, their time and their talents.

Perhaps we need to hold our own special events when we can give thanks for the work and witness of our Parish councillors, our school teachers and college tutors, the licensees and staff of our public houses and clubs, the staff of our nursing homes and welfare centresbecause community is important.

God didn't create us for solitary lives, lived in isolation from each other, but for community, living together in love and understanding. We may not always agree on what we do, or even why we do certain things, but

community and living in love and grace, enables us to work through our differences and come together to a peaceful and acceptable understanding.

During the reign of Elizabeth our Queen, we have been blessed by sixty years of relative peace and prosperity and we give thanks to God for that.

So as we give thanks for, and celebrate the reign of our Monarch may this be for us the catalyst for new and wonderful things here in this parish. Building upon the legacy of this wonderful jubilee year and establishing closer and more purposeful relationships with our neighbours and with God through community, through grace and love, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your faithful servant

Malcolm



HOW MANY FRIENDS DO YOU REALLY HAVE THESE DAYS?

These days most of us have more acquaintances – but fewer close friends. We are more lonely, with less contact with the people around us.

In 1982 nearly half of us said that we knew by name at least 11 of our neighbours, and a quarter of us knew 20 of our neighbours by name. These days, even the most neighbourly among us (those in Scotland) know, on average, only 8.4 neighbours. In 1982, 76 per cent of us said that we never felt lonely. By 2010, 68 percent of said we DID feel lonely. Two years on, are we even more lonely?

The study, done by Co-operatives UK, examined how neighbourly and friendly the British are. It concluded: "People seem to have a wider circle of acquaintances, but shallow friendships, particularly online. Different patterns of family life and work have all contributed."

The Bible has a lot to say about neighbours. "Do not plot harm against your neighbour, who lives trustfully near you," (Pr 3.29); "a generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed" (Pr 11.25)



It's next month!!!!

Christleton Village Show 2012

Is on Saturday 14th. July In Christleton Parish Hall



The show theme is Celebrations this year as we have 3 major events – the Queens Diamond Jubilee the London Olympics and the 20th anniversary of the present Village Show.

When you read this in June, you will only have about 6 weeks to get a schedule and make your choices – BAGS OF TIME –(unless you're growing things). Schedules are available from Phil and Sue Prees at Christleton Village Stores. There are some new categories amongst the familiar so there is a greater choice this year. Entry doesn't cost much, is great fun and there are lots of trophies to win. You will also be helping with a good charity. After last year's show we donated to Hope House Children's Hospice; The Hospice of the Good Shepherd and Save the Family at Cotton Farm

Once again Linda at Drakes has agreed for the Men's Hairdressers to be a collecting point for completed Entry forms, making getting your forms in on time so much easier. This is in addition to the Entry form collection point of Judith Butts house –Greenmantle, Plough Lane. There will also be a coffee morning on 7th July in the Lady Chapel in St James Church for entries. Late entries will also be accepted on the Day for fresh produce. Getting your entry form in early, helps enormously with registration and display of the items entered on the Saturday. If you are decorating your house for the celebrations in June why not leave them up for the Village Fete and Village show – it all helps to make our village even more special

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 Abrams -335562, Edward Elliot - 336659; Sarah Donald,
Jean Williams, Jim Ferns.

Nature Notes

Our garden this month has been full of small birds, all taking the opportunity to feed on the rich pickings of the hedgerow and from our supplementary bird food. Blackbirds and starlings have taken the opportunity to bathe in the small bird bath, whilst a male blackbird and thrush, have taken it in turns to sing from the television aerial at dawn.

Down at Hockenhull the migrants have now arrived in good numbers. The chiff chaffs and black caps seen in early March, were joined during April by swallows, willow warblers, and a rare grasshopper warbler. The southerly winds at the beginning of May (despite the arctic conditions that seemed to exist in the area) brought most of the other expected species including whitethroat, sedge warbler and house martin, closely followed by the fast flying, screaming, scimitar winged swifts. Greater spotted woodpeckers

have been reported

from all over the Parish, and buzzards, kestrels & sparrow hawks seem to be in the sky above your heads anytime you look. Skylarks & meadow pipits can also be heard singing around the wet meadow for the first time for many years, and reed bunting and sedge warblers are clearly nesting in good numbers. Sadly no cuckoo again so far this year, but the tracking of several individuals through satellite technology has now taken place, and might give a clue to what is happening to this species.



Mammals are doing well, and I had reports of two foxes, hare, badger & water voles all being seen on the same

morning. Although the Gowy has been in spate with the huge increase of rainfall in April, we have been delighted to see large numbers of eels in the stream, swimming upstream towards Beeston, apparently on migration from the Atlantic through the Mersey, and along the river Gowy to their traditional spawning grounds in the Beeston/Peckforton area.

Spring flowers on the wet meadow are now well established, with marsh marigold, ladysmock, pink campion and comfrey all out in profusion, and there are even signs of some water crow foot on the river. Water horse tails, poor man's celery and other water loving plants seem to be enjoying this wet spring, and the flooding of the wet meadow through a new channel two years ago seems to be proving a great success. Large numbers of tadpoles can be seen for the first time for many years, and there is some evidence of them being a food source for the numerous water voles now frequenting the patch.



The pit swans have done well on their new nest site and by the time you read this article I'm sure there will be cygnets about. The first to be born in our area were seen at The Shady Oak on May 6th, closely followed by the Chester canal Basin pair on the 7th. DC

DC managed to take this wonderful photo of the swan and cygnet just before publication!
JC



In the News.

Mrs Bertha Bull 100yrs old on June 28th
Congratulations to Bertha, a member of the congregation of St James' and now a resident of Crabwall Manor Nursing Home, on reaching this wonderful landmark.

With much love from all her family, and friends in Christleton.



The London Marathon 2012

Congratulations to Nigel Seddon & Carol Clulow who have raised the magnificent total of over £7,400 for Oxfam by running in the 2012 London Marathon. Nigel writes "It was a memorable day, bright and sunny, but not too hot, and the crowds were huge- so much so that Kathy and my sister Helen didn't actually spot us! The support was incredible and I would certainly consider running again for OXFAM who provided a welcome massage at the end of the 4 ½ hrs run, which really helped the recovery process."

He wishes to thank everyone in the village who supported them. Congratulations to them both on their wonderful and hard earned achievement, and raising so much money for such a worthy cause. DC



The following “Church’s tribute to the Queen” was printed in the Daily Mail recently. A prayer giving thanks for the ‘devoted service’ of the Queen over the past 60 years has been created by the Church of England.

The Diamond Jubilee Prayer, which was written under her direction by the chapter of St Paul’s Cathedral, will be used at the official Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at the cathedral on June 5 as well as other Jubilee events during the year.

The Church of England is also encouraging other denominations to use it.

In the prayer; the Queen is praised for her ‘faithful obedience’ to God. It also gives ‘thanks and praise’ for blessing the nation with ‘our beloved and glorious Queen’ and her continuing ‘devoted service’ to her peoples.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE PRAYER

God of time and eternity,
Whose Son reigns as servant, not master;
We give you thanks and praise
That you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories with
Elizabeth, our Beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee
Grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
As she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God,
And in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
And those of the Commonwealth
Now and all the days of her life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



VILLAGE SERVICE JUBILEE PICNIC

SUNDAY 3 JUNE

To be held on the grass outside St James Church
(if raining, in Parish Hall)

Starting at approx 11.45 pm – 1.30pm

Bring your own picnic plus alcoholic or soft drinks

Fancy dress competition for a) children b) adults

The Picnic will follow a Celebration
Service in St James Church



Contact

Berenice Kirwan 336779
or Janet Milton 335469



Christleton Parish Hall

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

The Hall has wheelchair access
and specially adapted facilities.

For bookings please contact Parish Hall Manager

Clare Holland

**Telephone 332819 (before 8pm please)
email christletonhall@btinternet.com**

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in and around the Parish.

Tuesday 29th May. Chester Racecourse 6.00 - 10pm
Arrival of the Olympic Torch Relay & City Jubilee Celebrations. Firework Display.

Weds 30th May. 9.30-11.30am. Christleton Village Heritage Trail. Meet at The Village Green at 9.20am. (Gentlepace). Organiser for all walks; David Cummings 332410
12.00noon. Wednesday Group Jubilee Lunch. Parish Hall.
6.30-8.30pm Christleton Village Heritage Trail. Meet at Village Green at 6.20pm

Thursday 31st May. 9.30-12.00noon Littleton Township Heritage Trail. Meet Christleton Village Green at 9.20am (Moderate pace)
6.30- 9.00pm Littleton Township Heritage Trail. Meet Christleton Village Green at 6.20pm (Moderate pace)

Saturday 2nd June. 9.30am-2.30pm Five Townships Heritage Walk. (Lunch at Walk Mill)
(6miles+ Hard Pace) Meet at Christleton Village Green at 9.20am

Sunday 3rd June. 10.45am. A Service to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at St James'
11.45am -1.30pm. Picnic on The Church Green. Fancy Dress Competition.

2.00-4.00pm Rowton Parish Council.
Diamond Jubilee Tea at Rowton Methodist Chapel. (details & information 335598)

Monday 4th June. Christleton Street Party on Village Road between the Ring o Bells and Institute" 2,00pm -6.30pm (Village Road closed between 10.00am-8.00pm) The Institute and Ring O Bells will be open. Tables Provided. Party Games, Fancy Dress, bingo, music etc. The event to be opened by Christleton's Jubilee Queen for the day. Mrs Lucy Partington.



Lighting the Jubilee Beacon Event at Cheshire View, Plough Lane
6.30- 10.45pm

Attractions include the Peninsular Jazz Band and Kelsborrow Choir. Stalls include; White Elephant Stall, Book Stall, Olympic Tyre Football Shot, Rolling Bowling Games. Name the Teddy Stall, Skittle Alley, Wishing well and Hamper Raffle.

The event will climax with the lighting of one of the chain of Jubilee Beacons and it is hoped that others in the area will be visible.

Full details will be posted around the Villages in the next few weeks, and everyone is welcome.

Tues 5th June.

9.30am-3.00pm The Packhorse & Canal Trail. (8miles Hard Pace).(Lunch at Walk Mill)

Meet at Christleton Village Green at 9.20am

Weds. 6th June

9.30-12.00noon. A Wildlife Trail (Gentle Pace) Meet at Christleton Village Green at 9.20am

6.30-9.00pm Church, Chapel & Education Trail. (Gentle Pace) Meet at Christleton Village Green 6.20pm

Thursday 7th June. (Transferred from Friday 1st June)

9.30- 12.30 Christleton - Rowton Heritage Trail. Meet at Christleton Village Green at 9.20am

(Moderate pace)

Please ring David on 332410 to book your place on each walk. Each will be restricted to 16 people for comfort of walking and ease of communication, so please book early. There is no charge for the walks but walkers are encouraged to donate a small sum for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. It is intended to publish these Jubilee Heritage Walks in a booklet for general use later in the year. They will be on sale in the Village Stores or available from me when ready.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

The Village Tea Room

Will be opening on Summer Sunday afternoons from 17 June



2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Methodist Church Hall



ALL WELCOME

Proceeds to : The British Red Cross Overseas Aid

Do come and enjoy delicious homemade cakes & friendly chat

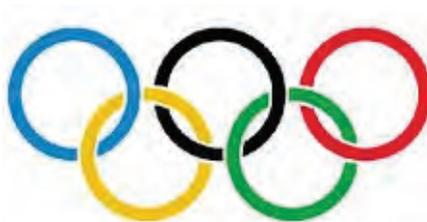
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CHRISTLETON VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 30th June, 2012

Starting at 1.00pm

Starting at 1.00 pm from the Village Green on Saturday 30th June, a host of villagers of all ages, all kitted out as Olympians, will parade from The Village Green to the Primary School Playing field



The History File.

Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in 1897. The celebrations in the Village in 1897 for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee left deep and abiding impressions.* The longest reign of any of her predecessors on the throne has been marked by the most wonderful progress in all ranks and classes of subjects, to which the Queen herself has contributed largely by the beauty of her personal character and her unswerving devotion to loyalty, truthfulness and discretion.

The Village celebrated on the 20th June with a peal at 7.00am and at intervals during the day. Houses were individually decked, and a parade to the church was led by the Brass Band, which played the National anthem on the Green. The service was followed by Tea in the Boy's School, and this Knife and Fork Tea at 4.00pm, was followed by dancing and sports. The events included a race through (across) the canal and back, and a greased pole over the canal- the object being to seize the flag on the end. Another large pole resembling a giant maypole was erected on the Green, and participants were offered a dangling leg of mutton by Joe Mosford, the village butcher if they were successful.

The events were led and inspired by Rector Canon Garnett & his family and the picture shows the scene outside the Lych Gate with Canon Garnett himself addressing the assembled villagers, all in their Sunday best!! The greasy pole mentioned above can be seen in the foreground, together

with the first tree planted to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in 1887. The comments of the Rector on the planting of the tree were, that we had better dig a very deep hole in the sandstone, and hope that the tree has a good constitution to survive in such a dry place. On the death of the Queen in 1901 he wrote “We have lost a wise and good ruler whom we have come to love and revere as the mother of her people”.

This year also marks the centenary of the death of the Rector Rev. Canon Lionel Garnett a colossus of a man who served the village so wonderfully between 1868-1911, during the reign of Queen Victoria. His Ministry at St James’ and his great work for the Village will be remembered in July by the placing of a wreath on his memorial in the churchyard. DC

* This article is partly reprinted from “In their own Words” a pamphlet compiled by Judy Smith after studying the Rector’s Letters to Parishioners in Parish Magazines between 1870-2000



SPRING AND SUMMER



We continue look for a permanent youth leader to run the Crew. Until then the meetings will continue to be held monthly with a full programme published at the end of each term for the following term.

Tina Lightfoot, a member of the PCC is acting as co-ordinator so please contact her with any queries via email: tina.lightfoot@googlemail.com.

Tina used to run the Church youth club but that was over 20 years ago so she will need your help, especially with all the forms etc!

If you know anyone who would like to join the Crew, please pass their details onto Tina and she will endeavour to send them all the necessary info. Likewise, if anyone wants to buy a Crew Hoodie, ask Tina for a form.

Spring and summer meetings

All meetings will be in the Parish Hall 6.00 to 7.30pm
(unless otherwise stated)

Date

**10th June	Parish Communion	Meet in church at 6.15
24th June **Meet outside Church at 5.45**	Bell Ringing	Ian Braithwaite Tina Lightfoot
22 nd July	Summer party and Welcome to new crew members	Tina Lightfoot Malcolm

The Crew Youth Group

At their last meeting the crew were joined by Chris Platel who showed us a video about the work of Christian Aid. We enjoyed looking and understanding about what Christian Aid does and how the people, who benefit from the money we give to Christian Aid, live and work.

We found out that some people eat the same food every day and we were really pleased that we are able to eat a variety of foods.

It was good to see the ways in which Christian Aid helps people to look after themselves.

At our next meeting, we will be doing a village trail. We meet at the Parish hall at 6pm on May 27th. If you want to join us, please contact Tina Lightfoot at tina.lightfoot@googlemail.com

Isobel Holland

Choirbook fit for a Queen

Throughout this Jubilee year anthems from the Choirbook for the Queen are being sung by cathedral and collegiate choirs in every corner of the United Kingdom. They will showcase the quality and diversity of the choral tradition in the United Kingdom during her 60 years as Queen. 80 of the country's most prestigious choirs will sing the anthems in services throughout 2012, many of which are also being broadcast



ST JAMES CHURCH

Open all day Sundays

June, July, August & September 2012

Again this year we will be opening St James Church between services on Sundays in June, July, August and September.

We are now asking for Church members who are willing to give of their time to look after the Church.

All that is required is to give a warm welcome to all visitors to the Church.

The time table sheets are at the back of Church for you to fill in.

Many thanks. R G Brackenbury.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.45 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St. James. For further details please contact Berenice Kirwan, 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 W. I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall. Wednesday June 13
Birthday Party - Queen's Diamond Jubilee



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 Lilian Hopley telephone Chester 676683.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the July edition are sent to Janet Milton (335469), as soon as possible BEFORE Friday 8 June or you can e-mail this to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The July magazine will be available for collection from Sunday 24 June

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 the Church.

PLEASE TELL US....

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Large print books for the visually impaired and large print weekly notice sheets

Easy to follow Communion Service

Books for Children

Access for wheelchairs

Please ask any of the Church wardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in anyway

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 01244 336586 for further details.

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The Funeral Service

4th Patrick McLoughlin 40 Woodfields, Christleton 20yrs
17th Charles Edward Stuart 19 Hawthorn Road, Christleton 62yrs.
30th Margaret Morris "Tregantle" Little Heath Rd, Christleton 86yrs

"Grant them eternal rest"

Offertories.

April	Cash	CSE	2012	2011
1 st	216-15	550-00	766-15	814-65
8 th	446-70	951-50	1,398-20	364-00
15 th	102-80	468-50	571-30	794-40
22 nd	98-77	712-00	810-77	1,432-31
29 TH	85-97	744-00	829-97	664-25
Totals.			£ 4,376-39	£4,069-61

"Of your own do we give you"



PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

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

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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