

# St. James'

PARISH MAGAZINE

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## MAY DAYS

Wed	1	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thurs	2	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	3	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	5	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion --
			<b>Preacher - John Carhart</b>
			<b>Sandra &amp; Eric Read Visiting</b>
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Wed	8	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	10	6.30 pm	Choir practice
Sat	11	1.30 pm	Holy Matrimony - Dennis Lievens/Anna Gover
Sun	12	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	All Age Worship
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Mon	13	10.45 am	Holy Communion - Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		2.00 pm	Mothers Union

Wed 15 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 17 6.30 pm Choir Practice

**NB: Last date for contributions for June Magazine to Janet Milton (335469). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to:**

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Sun 19 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.45 am Holy Communion  
10.45 am Sunday Club - Parish Hall  
6.30 pm Evening Worship

Wed 22 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by Refreshments  
7.30 pm Archdeacons visitation - St Helens Tarporley

Fri 24 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Sun 26 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.45 am Morning Prayer  
10.45 am Sunday Club - Parish Hall  
6.30 pm Holy Communion

Wed 29 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by Refreshments

Thurs 30 7.30 pm Holy Communion for Corpus Christi (Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion)

Fri 31 6.30 pm Choir practice

# Message from our Rector

The recent death of Margaret Thatcher has re-ignited the debate regarding her politics. For many she was one of the greatest political figures of the twentieth century, whilst for others, she is viewed in a less favourable light.

Her forthright views and policies as well as her headline quotes, or misquotes, again depending on one's political persuasion) divided opinion.

One such statement as cited in Women's Own magazine in 1987 read that "There is no such thing as society, only individuals" of course, many political commentators as well as opposition politicians and trade unionists, seized on this statement as the politics of a Prime Minister who had lost touch with society.

Whilst we are all individual, we are also Society, we are bound together by family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. We may differ in our views and opinions, but we are society and community.

The background of Baroness Thatcher's statement appeared to imply that we should look after ourselves first, and then, and only then, should we consider our families, our friends, our neighbours.

In Saint Mark's gospel (12:28) Jesus was approached by a teacher of the law, who, wanting to test Jesus, asked Him, which was the greatest commandment.....Jesus replied....."To love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind and with all your strength"

Jesus then continued ..... "And the second is this.....Love your neighbour as yourself"

What has this reply of Jesus to do with the statement of Baroness Thatcher ?.....quite simply, at the beginning of creation, God

made Man in His own image, and if we are made in His image, we must reflect God, and offer the love to others, that God offers to each of us, we must see God in each of those in our “Society” .....Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God, with all you heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” .....We see God everyday in those we meet, and we serve and love God, by serving and loving those we meet.

Secondly, Jesus said, “Love your neighbour as yourself”. Within the “Societies, or Communities” in which we move and have our being, we encounter our neighbours in many ways and in many places, and we should love and serve them, as they should love and serve us, because everyone is important, and each of us is made in the image of God.

We maybe individuals, but we are individuals made, created and loved by God, so precious are we in his sight, that he can number the hairs on our head.....a God who cares so much about each of us, that He even concerns Himself, with the smallest detail our very being.

Self is indeed important, and we should love and respect ourselves, but we should also remember that as part of a community, we must care for, and love all those with whom we work and live, not only because it is right and proper that we should do so, but because any society can be judged by how it treats it’s most vulnerable members.



Cover Picture.

A picture taken earlier this year of the canal at Quarry Bridge.

## Christleton Wednesday Group.

Congratulations to Carol Cullen and members of the Christleton Wednesday Group for their well supported Soup & Sweet Spring Lunch on 27 March at the Parish Hall. Following an excellent meal in aid of the Chester Childbirth Appeal, a presentation of a cheque for over £3,000 was made to Keith Roper of Dial House from last years fund raising activities by the group. Dial House in Chester is “Improving the lives of Disabled People in Chester”. It is run by and for people with disabilities. They promote independence, not dependency, and encourage full integration of disabled people into mainstream society. The superb donation from the Wednesday Group will go a long way to help Dial House replace old computers, which are now urgently needed to help members cope with the changes being made to the way Christleton Wednesday Group.

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## FIVE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN LENT IN THE PARISH HALL

4pm on Sunday afternoons in often very chilly weather throughout the season of Lent we gathered in the Parish hall. All very informal; we sat round small tables with a cup of tea or coffee and delicious biscuits, and welcomed and chatted to friends old and new whilst played in by our three musicians, Huw, Will and Tina as we awaited the start of each very different talk by Gwen, ably assisted by husband Bob.

This was a Lenten journey of a very different kind: we were gently led through paintings and poems (did you know what an acrostic was before?) through stories, nature, pebbles and 'jewels 'found in the sand, as we explored the Bible, the New and particularly the Old Testament (will we forget Lamentations?) as background to the passion story of Jesus.

We were all left with much to ponder, much to try and understand, much to contemplate further. But perhaps the abiding feeling left was the happy, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, which left many of us after the final session realising that this had been a new but very meaningful Lenten journey through Light and Shade – and which perhaps for many of us was in many ways only just a beginning. Thank you so much from all of us, Gwen.

J.Bowden

CHRISTLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
MEETINGS HELD IN CHRISTLETON PARISH HALL

All enquiries to: The Secretary - Chester 01244 350060

Meetings held on the second Wednesday in the month, starting at 7.15 p.m.

May meeting : Talk by Sylvia Thompson a 'House of Colour' consultant

All new members welcome.

## Community Lunch. Spring is in the Air

congratulations to all involved in organising the Community Lunch, “Spring is in the Air” on Wednesday 10th April. Over 100 people attended the lunch inspired by Mark Evans, and organised by him with the support of Janet Milton, Liz McClure and many friends and helpers within the community.

The meal consisted of an appetizer of chilled melon & watercress, crumbled cheese and walnut salad, supported by a wide variety of artisan made breads. The main course, a Cacciatore of lamb cooked slowly in olive oil, shallots & celery with fresh herbs was extremely tasty, served with oven baked gratin of thinly sliced potato & cheese and Bechamel sauce. A vegetarian option was a leek, sweet tomato & cheese tart of filo pastry with gratin sauce. There was a superb selection of sweets available including Tiramisu, strawberry Pavlova and fruit salad.

There is no doubt that the event was a success, thanks to the efforts of all involved, and it was good to see such fellowship and spirit on this special occasion. It was attended by an extended group of the village community including a large party from Save the Family. Mark & Liz Evans have very kindly allowed us to copy the recipes used for the food on the day. We hope that this will allow even more people to enjoy the “Community Lunch”.



Pictures taken by Liz McClure & David

Cummings illustrate the article.

The Rector Rev. Malcolm Cowan commented, “May I add my deep appreciation to Mark for his wonderful vision, and to everyone for making his vision come to life. It was truly



wonderful, and a wonderful opportunity for people who live local to one another, but in some cases have done little more than pass the time of day, to come together and talk, laugh and eat”.

Recipes on pages: 26 and 27

The surplus donated money collected will be divided between Refugee Children in Syria and Chester Aid to the Homeless



Christian Aid Talk.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Buffet Supper for Christian aid on Saturday 6th April. Although the original evening had to be postponed due to the snow, the talk “Cheshire Through the Seasons” proved to be extremely popular and raised the total of £550 for Christian Aid.

DC

## PRACH BOONDIUSKULCHOK

The name is unpronounceable but what a wonderful award-winning young Thai pianist and composer. A concert, including Bach's Italian Concerto and Liszt's sonata in B minor, in addition to his own composition of his grandmother's Lullaby, was performed by him at the Royal Overseas League in London recently. The Overseas League promotes support of young artists of all kinds throughout the Commonwealth and also to other countries such as Thailand. The Thai Ambassador was present, and also Prach's teacher.

Alf and I were up in London for a business meeting and I took the opportunity of going to the performance after putting in an appearance at the meeting. Next day we visited the London Museum to see the Pompeii and Herculaneum Exhibition. There is no point in going to Italy to see the wonderful discoveries as mostly everything is presently in London until September. There is a timed entry as it is so popular.

Late in AD 79 Mount Vesuvius erupted, destroying and burying two cities. The nature of the eruption meant that many of the buildings and their contents were preserved. Religion and domestic worship was a central part of daily life. Women were visible and influential in society and the home. They could not vote or stand for civic office but they could own businesses and possess personal wealth. Some of the most interesting exhibits were charred remains of foodstuffs. One of the most poignant was a baby's wooden cradle. We saw many of the exhibits in situ in both cities some years ago but discoveries, many skeletons, are still being found especially along the shore where people were trying to escape.

Margaret Croston



# Wildlife Notes.

The extraordinary cold spring has affected many of our wild species. Spring migration from the south, mainly from Africa has not yet taken place, or at least the species involved have found great difficulties getting here. I understand that there are tens of thousands of birds such as swallows, house martins and warblers all trying to survive around the lakes and mountains of mid Europe including Lake Constance, waiting for the jet stream that has caused so many problems for us to move to a more northerly position. Southerly winds forecast for this weekend should then bring them north.

We have had just one chiffchaff at Hockenhull and another at the Pit, and even these are a month late. However we have had some exciting sightings; A flock of 40-50 highly coloured and chattering waxwings were seen on the canal hedge by The Trooper, and later in trees along Durban Avenue. There has been a sighting of a solitary green sandpiper on the Goway at the Roman Bridges, and several sightings over two weeks of a female hen harrier over the marshes. This is a very rare sighting, only the second in 40 years as far as I'm aware.

Visitors to Hockenhull will see a number of changes taking place, as English Nature have provided funds for additional work, and enable the Cheshire Wildlife Trust to carry out improvements. One of these will allow the land to change to the type of management used in the era of Dairy Farming, and the close grazing and trampling of cattle should encourage the future growth of orchids and



other rare plants on the wet meadow. A new interpretation board has been erected.

Fairly rare visitors to the village this month have been pairs of siskin. These delightful birds, the male like a small greenfinch but with a black cap on his yellow/green head, and the tiny very stripy grey/green female, have become welcome visitors to bird feeders in several gardens. Our village swans have never been conventional, and this year surprised us by walking up through the village to the Pit. I suspect the reason is that the cob can no longer fly. He is about 24 years old after all and has an arthritic hip!! Instinct however has taken him back to their historic nesting area. In view of the high water level and the availability of more reeds, we decided to let them settle the nest site themselves this year. They found an area used in the past, and have subsequently laid eggs in the nest, but it is in a fairly precarious position. Pit Group



Members have now provided them with some loose fencing to make the site slightly more secure. As usual the cob has taken on guard duties, and is sitting on the eggs until all the clutch has been laid. Now as I write on the 10th April, the pen has taken over and the full incubation begins. If all goes to plan the cygnets will be born on the 14th May. There are at least four eggs, and probably more. DC

## CHRISTLETON VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 29 June 2013 – CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF Dr. WHO

Knock Knock – Who’s there? Doctor. Doctor Who? The old joke becomes alive this year as we’re celebrating 50 years of Doctor Who at the Christleton Fete. Think of all the marvellous costumes you can make and all those wonderful characters. Will you be one of the many Doctors? An Assistant? A Dalek? An Angel? (scary), a Cyberman? K9? or even the Tardis? Never before have we had such a Universal Theme, talk about thinking big!!

As I write (with my sonic screwdriver) the snow is still heaped outside and nobody’s venturing far. But we have an adventure for you on Saturday 29 June 2013. It starts at the Village Green at 1 pm when a large parade of colourful characters led by the Wirral Pipe Band and accompanied by Deva Cheerleaders, will boldly go (whoops, wrong sci-fi programme) to the Primary School Playing Fields where all the fun of the Intergalactical Fete unfolds.

Attractions this year include The Donkeys (a perennial favourite), ice cream, sweet stalls, Collins Autos Display Trucks, Deva Cheerleaders, Wirral Pipe Band, Waverton Brewery, Scout & Guide Burgers (made from meat, not members of the organisations – no horsing about here), singing groups from the Primary and High Schools, and many local organisations all anxious for you to visit their stall and have a good time doing it. And we’re still trying to get more – we’ve got the whole Universe to scour this year.

Last year’s Fete raised over £2,500 that was then spread around a host of local charities. Please help us to raise more this year.

This year the Doctors (on the committee) are appealing for help to erect all the gazeboes, disassemble them after the Fete, run a stall (especially the very popular games corner), and/or be on the committee itself. It doesn’t take up much time and it’s very rewarding work. Please ring Donald on 07707 257 757 or e-mail [d.bailey120@btinternet.com](mailto:d.bailey120@btinternet.com)

An important note for your diary

## **Christleton Village Show 2013**

Is on Saturday 13th. July

In Christleton Parish Hall

This year the show theme will be Inspiration and Legacy. When you read this in March, schedules should be available from Christleton Village Stores as well as St James Parish Church, Christleton Methodist Church and committee members.

As usual there are new categories to choose from as well familiar ones so there is great choice to start planting, sewing, painting etc. whatever is your thing. It 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 Claire House Children's Hospice; Water Aid and Christleton Gardening Club.

Once again Linda at Drakes Hairdressers has agreed 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 6th July in the Ring O Bells for entries to be made. Late entries will also be accepted on the Show day for fresh produce. Getting your entry form in early helps enormously with registration and display of the items on the show Saturday.

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. Joanne Lowe

## The History File. Stones at St James Part 2

The interior of St James' contains a great deal of William Butterfield's distinctive style, the geometric patterns in the red and cream sandstone walls, the foliated wood work in the roof, the use of highly coloured floor tiles, and the use of marble and mosaics in the sanctuary. He designed most of the artefacts himself including the font, pulpit, lectern and seating. The font is a good example of the use of decorative stone. It is made of highly polished crinoidal limestone from a quarry in Derbyshire. This very decorative stone contains hundreds of fossils, most being cross or long sections of crinoids which are calcified, but were once plants that attached themselves to the sea bed about 280 million years ago. Butterfield had the font made in a workshop in London at the cost of £400, and he has also used this polished marble like stone in several other parts of the building, ie, the sanctuary. This same stone is used for stairs and window ledges at Chatsworth House, home of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire. There are several other fascinating stones used within the building, especially for the War Memorials. Of these the most interesting, and of national importance is the Boer War Memorial in the Children's area at the west end of the church. This highly decorative stone is carved from alabaster and gives the name of three members of the community who went out to South Africa to fight in this campaign between 1889-1901.



Joseph Hinde  
5th Dragoon Guards  
George Bradshaw  
21st Co Imperial Yeomanry  
Percy Thomas Harding  
7th Dragoon Guards





Stones can be found everywhere in our church and memorials are a very important part of the way we remember people and events. A rather hidden commemoration stone can be found in the choir vestry and is an important piece of evidence to show how well respected Thomas Dizon of Littleton was, and of his contribution to both village and city.

Thomas Dixon was a merchant of Littleton who gave so much to the church during his time as churchwarden and as a member of the congregation. He founded one of the first banks in Chester, and was a member of the family firm of timber merchants and shipbuilders. He became Sheriff of Chester in 1813 and Mayor in 1842. He later became a Justice of the Peace and a Magistrate in the City. Thomas was much revered in Chester and was presented with a portrait of himself by the Duke of Westminster, which once hung in the Town Hall. However it was his father also Thomas, a former Captain in the Navy who had permission to erect a gallery at the west end of the church in 1811 for the use of his family and servants which was reached through the small doorway in the choir vestry under the Tower.

The memorial is rather faint and difficult to read, but is another reminder of the history and heritage of our church building. The family lived at Littleton Old Hall, and also built the Dixon Alms Houses near

the Pit, for poorer residents of both Littleton & Christleton. DC





## Christleton Community Plan – April Progress Report

The Community Plan was published in August 2012 followed by the implementation meeting in October. There was a low turn-out at the meeting and villagers still seem reluctant to get involved so progress on implementing the Action Plan has been slower than hoped. To date the following actions have been investigated and concluded.

- Action 7 The Post Office has no plans to extend the current network. The only way a new post office can be established is if an existing one closes down and is replaced at a near-by location. There are currently ten post offices within 2.5 miles of Christleton, the nearest at Waverton. Against this background there is no realistic prospect of re-opening a post office in Christleton.
- Action 10 The Parish Council has now held three surgeries at the Farmers' Market held at the Ring 'o' Bells. The next annual Open Morning will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April at the Parish Hall and, as long as councillors are available to attend, the surgeries will then continue at every Farmers Market.
- Action 17 Road traffic is not subject to "nuisance" covered in most environmental regulations. The Environmental Noise Regulations (SI2006 No 2238) do address road traffic noise but there are no areas within Christleton that exceed the current "First Priority" Action noise level adopted by Chester West and Cheshire Council (CW&C) and the Highways Agency. The Highways Agency has been reminded of commitments it made regarding the use of noise reducing material when the A55 is next re-surfaced. The only remaining means to take an action against nuisance from traffic noise would be through the common law. This would be difficult and potentially expensive.

The Actions currently being developed include

- Action 4 Christleton High School is willing to assist in the establishment of a Young Peoples Forum. Volunteers are urgently required to take this initiative forward in conjunction with the school.
- Action 6 The list of businesses and clubs etc in Christleton now being updated is to be circulated shortly. Other material for the village guide is being compiled and will be produced in paper and electronic formats.
- Action 8 Investigation into the installation of an ATM in the village is progressing with regard to cost and possible location.
- Action 15 Following budget cuts CW&C will no longer be able to maintain footpaths. To ensure paths in Christleton will be maintained a new footpath group is being formed. This group will in due course investigate the possibility of extending the existing footpath network.
- Action 21 The Home Watch Co-ordinator is organising a village meeting involving the police etc to provide further information on the scheme and recruit additional individuals to assist with the circulation of information.
- Action 29 Discussions on parking with the Bridge Club are due to begin in April.

Action on traffic was an important issue emerging from the Plan but the topic seems to have attracted the least interest and support from villagers. Parish Councillors have recently completed a village walk with one of our CW&C councillors and a Highways officer. It was evident from this walk that with the limited resources available to CW&C the traffic control priorities need to be clearly established; it is simply impracticable to move forward on all the options mentioned in the Plan and earlier studies. To progress this traffic initiative volunteers are urgently needed.

Please volunteer and help the monitoring group deliver the Actions in the Community Plan. Success in delivering these Actions depends on your active support.

For more information on the Plan and volunteering please contact

Sue Thwaite Clerk - Christleton Parish Council Tel: 01244 318618 or Email: [christletonpc@hotmail.com](mailto:christletonpc@hotmail.com)

## Recipes from the Community Luncheon “Spring is in the Air”

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### Lamb Cacciatore

The Lamb cacciatore is in a large saucepan on the hob:-

-sauté sliced garlic, shallot, celery in half cup of good olive oil with sea salt and black pepper at low heat

-add chopped fresh thyme and rosemary

- add medium sized pieces of diced leg of lamb ( can mix in shoulder as yesterday if larger volumes being cooked ) which has been rolled in plain flour and ideally already sealed by frying off separately for 2-3 minutes

- turn heat up for 2-3 minutes then add two large cups of white wine (medium dry ) and one cup of white wine vinegar

-add in third cup of pitted green olives

Cook on high heat for 3-5 minutes to bring up to a good simmer then turn down and cook slowly for about one and a half hours or until the lamb is soft but not falling apart- add a bit more lamb or vegetable stock if needed; the sauce not to be thick (so go easy on the flour when preparing the meat to seal it) but not too dry either.

To lower the overall cost use shoulder meat –taken off the bone, or neck of lamb; with either cook very slowly for about two and a half hours or little more.

The above is for say 4 portions using about three quarters to one kilo of lamb. The same dish can be done using chicken- get the butcher to joint a whole chicken into about 12-16 smaller pieces

Serve with some rustic bread to dip into the sauce, some greens and or salad and maybe some staple like barley

### The vegetable pie

- Make or buy a savoury pastry – puff or simple rolled pastry

- Butter a flat oven dish like a lasagna dish , then put pastry in to cover bottom and sides

- On the pastry put a layer of ricotta cheeses with zest of grated lemon and seasoning

- Sauté white onion ( sweeter white if possible, not strong ones , or even spring onion) and leek in butter or olive oil

- Put the sautéed onion on the pie base on top of ricotta

- Cut small fresh tomatoes- pomodoro- ( the sweeter, riper,best quality the better ) into halves and mix in some fresh basil and chopped flat leaf parsley and spread over the onion and leek

- On top of tomatoes put a layer of thinly cut goats cheese or soft cheese like mozzarella and then a bit more seasoning, including a little nutmeg, and a drizzle ( only ) of olive oil
- Put the rest of the pastry on to cover and seal the pie, and put a knife in to make a couple of air holes- small- brush the top of the pie with some beaten egg and or little milk, and then put in the oven for around 20/25 minutes
- -serve hot or cold , with new potatoes/mint, salad etc



#### TIRAMISU RECIPE -Ingredients:

750g Mascarpone Granulated sugar 2 good quality eggs Marsala Wine (about 100ml-200ml) 25ml-50ml good quality brandy Double shot of strong coffee Sponge Fingers and/or Amaretto biscuits Couple of squares of dark chocolate Coco powder Method:

1. Separate the 2 egg yolks into a good size mixing bowl. Place the whites into a small jug or bowl and whisk until they start to froth then set aside.
2. Add about 4 dessert spoons of sugar to the yolks and mix until smooth
3. Add the mascarpone in about 250g at a time and whisk in until you have a consistent mix
4. Fold in the egg whites and continue to mix until you once again have a smooth mix
5. Add the Marsala Wine and mix (you can add a bit more Marsala at this point if your mix hasn't become too runny – you want to finish with a mix that is still fairly stiff so be careful how much you add)
6. Line a flat dish with your sponge fingers and/or amaretto biscuits
7. In a cup or bowl, mix your coffee and brandy with a teaspoon of sugar and then spoon over each biscuit so they absorb the flavour
8. Spread about half your Mascarpone mix over the biscuits so they are covered
9. Scatter a few more biscuits on top of this (you don't need to have a full layer of biscuits this time) and cover with the coffee again
10. Add the rest of the Mascarpone mix and spread out to the edges
11. Finely grate the dark chocolate over the top of it and finish by dusting it with coco powder.
12. Cover with clingfilm and allow to set in the fridge for 2 hours.
13. Enjoy!

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## SUNDAY CLUB

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.



## 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 May edition are sent to Janet Milton (335469), as soon as possible BEFORE Friday 17 May or you can e-mail this to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

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## 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.

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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

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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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# Parish Registers

## The Funeral Service

- 14th Joan Roberts St Catherine's Nursing Home, Shipton, Yorks  
86yrs (Burial of cremated remains.)
- 14th John Thomas Driver 46 Crossley Cres, Vicars Cross 86yrs
- 18th Gertrude (Nancy) Farrington Oaklands Nursing Home,  
Vicars Cross 92yrs
- 19th Norah Tickle Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home, Village Road  
100yrs
- 21st Janice Samantha Oxbrough-Dier 67 Whitchurch Road,  
Christleton 59yrs
- 27th William Frederick Pritchard 3 Gleneagles Close, Vicars Cross  
83yrs

"Grant them eternal rest"

### Offertories.

	<u>March</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>CSE</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	115-75		519-50	635-25	608-20
10 <sup>th</sup>	170-00		934-00	1,204-00	883-00
17 <sup>th</sup>	102-15		669-00	771-15	1,062-70
24 <sup>th</sup>	125-70		768-00	893-70	560-84
31 <sup>st</sup>	324-80		786-00	1,110-80	
Totals				£4,514-90	£3,114-74

"Of your own do we give you"

# PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

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

## WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

**Rector: The Rev'd. Malcolm Cowan, B.Th**

**The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton**

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**All baptisms, weddings and appointments by arrangement with Janet Milton 335469**

<b>Churchwardens:</b>	John Pearson	335101
	Carl Cumiskey	330028
<b>Deputy Wardens:</b>	Alan McAllester	335494
	Chris Platel	332466
	Keith Smalls	335688
<b>Reader:</b>	Wayne Morris	01978 263389
<b>Vergers:</b>	John Milton	335469
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Betty Dunning	335652
<b>Pastoral Worker:</b>	Berenice Kirwan	336779
<b>Sunday Club:</b>	Berenice Kirwan	336779
<b>Mothers' Union Branch Leader:</b>	Janet Brown	335785
Organist & Musical Director:	Steve Roberts	815277
P. C. C. Secretary:	Betty Gilliatt	335645
P. C. C. Treasurer:	Carl Cumiskey	330028
Stewardship Envelope:	Betty Dunning	335652
Gift Aid Secretary:	Nigel Seddon	335588
Bellringers:	Ian Braithwaite	300565
Bellringers Secretary:	Nikki Dromgoole	351124
Parish Hall Booking:	Clare Holland	332819
C. M. S. Secretary:	Janet Brown	335785
Children's Society Sec:	Lesley Morgan	335088
Visiting Group:	Berenice Kirwan	336779
Library:	Gwen Knight	336236
Church Flowers:	Olive Hammond	336562
Magazine Editor:	David Bull	332234
Magazine Compiler:	Julie Coxall	336062
Magazine Distributors:	Jenny Davies and Valmai Griffiths	335884
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