

Parish Magazine



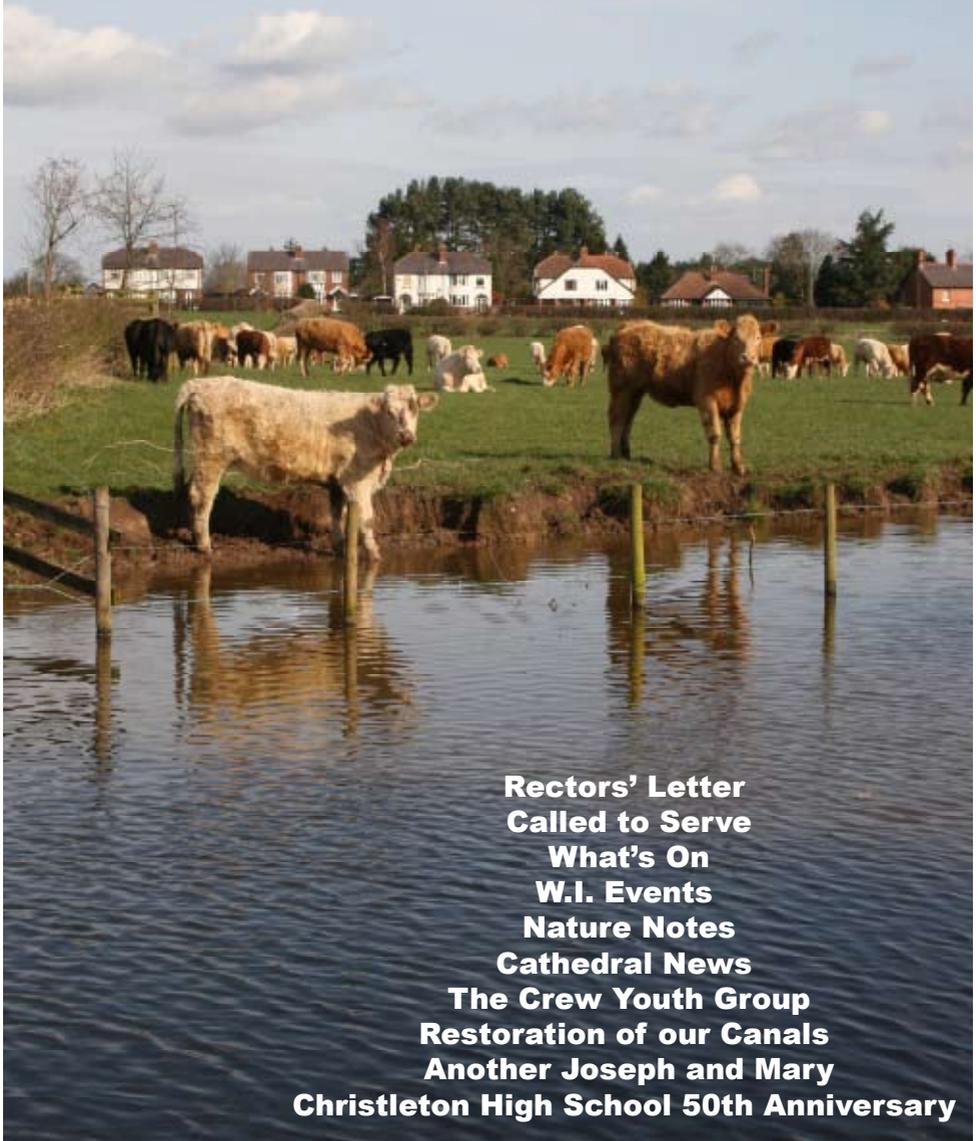
September 2008

St. James'

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Starting in September

Mon	1	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
Wed	3	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	Stewardship Committee (Lady Chapel)
Thur	4	7.45 pm	Churches Together Committee (Quarry Lane)
Fri	5	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	7		The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 18
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
		10.45 am	Parish Communion (Order 1)
		6.30 pm	Evensong - followed by refreshments
			Prayer Link Road: The Square
			Neighbourhood Link: Liz Evans
Mon	8	2.00 pm	Mothers Union (Parish Hall)
		2.30 pm	Standing Committee (The Rectory)
		7.45 pm	Faith and Worship Committee (The Rectory)
Wed	10	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
		7.45 pm	Pastoral and Outreach Committee (Lady Chapel)
Fri	12	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

NB: Last date for any contributions for October Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (335469). Earlier if possible please.
You can attach your Word document and e-mail to:
christletonmag@hotmail.co

Cover Picture

Christleton could once be described as a farming village, (20+ dairy farms in the 1950's) and although we are still surrounded by farmland it is now getting much rarer to see cattle in the fields. The cover picture this month shows a lovely rural scene across the Shropshire Union Canal at Rowton.

Sun	14		Holy Cross Day
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Annual Family Rededication Communion - followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Toll Bar Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Valmai Griffiths
Mon	15	9.30 am	Holy Communion followed by meeting of Chester Deanery Chapter
Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion. Followed by refreshments
Fri	19	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	21		St Matthew
		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: Village Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Jean Cresswell
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	PCC MEETING (Parish Hall)
Fri	26	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	28		The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity: Proper 21
			BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Morning Worship
		10.45 am	Sunday School (Parish Hall)
		6.00 pm	The Crewe Youth Group (Parish Hall)
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion (Order 1)
			Prayer Link Road: Whitchurch Road, Roadside and White Lane
			Neighbourhood Links: Janet Milton, Neville Meredith and Norman Goodwin
Mon	29	9.00 am	Holy Communion for St Michael and All Angels

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Back to Church

The start of September is always 'back to school' time after the Summer holidays. Children start new classes or even new schools, and there is a mixture of old and new; familiar and unknown, which can give a sense of excitement and challenge. But had you ever thought of September as a 'Back to Church' time? May I invite each of us, at whatever stage of life, or from whatever pattern of 'Churchgoing', to see the start of September as 'back to church' time with a sense of excitement and challenge?

The new Bishop of Stockport pointed out in his first letter in the Diocesan News for August that 'holiday' literally means 'holy-day', but that we have lost the rhythm and link between time off and holiness. – "a spiritual link because its fundamental to human flourishing." He also says that holiness is first and foremost about how we use time – "God does not delight in exhausted, burnt-out people. He wants us to thrive and rejoice in the gift of life." Very often people will tell me about how, when they went on holiday, they visited country Churches, and what a sense of peace and well-being they had found. And many of those people have lost the rhythm of Church-going for the rest of the year. The Commandment to 'keep the Sabbath Day holy' is more than a religious injunction: it is a prescription for life in God's world. God has created the world and continues to recreate and, made in his image, we need recreation – that mixture of time-out to celebrate and enjoy life, but also to rediscover its inner depth and meaning. We do not have to wait till our next holiday. We can find time each week and, in St James, we have our country Church. So September is a good time to start a new pattern of life which includes space to go back to Church as part of the rhythm of our life, which gives a chance for recreation in finding peace and well-being.

On Sunday 14 September at 10.45 am we have our Annual Rededication Communion. At this Service we renew the vows we made as Priest and people, when I was Inducted as Rector. These centre on our commitment to the ministry and mission given us by Jesus Christ as his Church. It is a chance for all of us at St James to take up the particular 'discipleship' we have within the family of the Church, with a renewed sense of excitement and challenge. This year our emphasis will not only be on our Church 'agenda' but the ministry and mission we each have in our Monday to Saturday lives. As Rector, I would hope that all we do as a Church, is to help us be better equipped as Christians to face the demands and opportunities we each face in the very different lives we lead during the week. Back to Church

is a rhythm and priority to help us to meet those challenges and not to 'burn out' by trying to rely on our own resources. But that Service will have another component. We shall be giving invitations for each of us to take to a friend or relative, especially if they have lost the habit of coming to Church. And that will lead to our 'follow up' to that rededication.

Sunday 28 September is being observed nationally as 'Back to Church Sunday' (B2CS!), and there will be coverage in the media. Here at St James we want anyone and everyone to feel they are invited personally, whether or not they receive a written invitation – indeed this is your written invitation! Please come back to Church on Sunday 28 September to any of our Services. Whether you come regularly, have never been before, or have 'lost the habit', you are very welcome to join us. The 8.00 am Holy Communion will be the usual said service: the 10.45 am Service will be easy to follow but have a 'traditional' pattern: the 6.30 pm Evening Communion will include more modern hymns and hopefully include those more recently Confirmed.

We are so blessed and privileged to have such a beautiful Church in the centre of such an attractive Village. I hope and pray that increasingly all of us can find that 'holy space' to give us a holiday as part of the regular rhythm and pattern of our life, and find that spiritual link which is fundamental to human flourishing and gives meaning and recreation at the heart of our life. So lets make September back to Church time!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Prayer of the Month: Transfiguration by David Adam

*We come disfigured
Disturbed, disgusted
We come with little hope
With fear and anxiety
To you Risen Lord
Quickener of the dead*

*In you we are renewed
In you we have peace
In you we are loved
In you we have hope
You, Lord, are our life
You are our salvation. Amen*

CALLED TO SERVE

I was with great interest and pride that I read John Pearson's piece about the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in last month's Magazine.

John referred to Viv Smith, my much loved Aunt Viv, and as John said it was Viv who had the vision to start a Hospice movement in Chester and I think everyone who has been and still is involved with the Hospice will agree, that if it wasn't for Viv, there would not be a Hospice in Chester today. She laid the foundations for the most amazing group of people who worked tirelessly to get the project 'off the ground', leading by example towards her dream of a Hospice for the people of Chester and surrounding areas. Thankfully she achieved her dream before her untimely death in 2003 but the Hospice stands today serving the local people just exactly as she wished.

As a family, we miss our Aunt Viv a great deal but it wasn't until after she had died that we realised just what a remarkable woman she was because she was always in the habit of "helping and doing" for others – it was just what she did naturally, but

it was nice to hear John's remarks about her and know that she is still remembered for the amazing person she was.

I have a very large "fat" scrap book containing press cuttings etc going back to the start of the Hospice movement in Chester and if anyone is interested in looking through it, they would be most welcome.

Janet Milton



St. James Church
Open all day Sundays,
September 2008

It is with great pleasure that Eric and Olga Clayton announce the arrival of their Great Grand Daughter

ALISIA MAY on August 4th.

Our daughter Helen was married at St James' and their daughter Kathryn Rowen was also christened at St James' - now living in Swindon

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“So happy to be here”

I am so happy to be living here in Christleton at last. I fell in love with the Village in 1975 when I used to moor my canal cruiser at Dean’s Marina. With two young children in the seventies, summer holidays always started at Christleton, with cruises to Llangollen. It was then I decided that “one day” I would live in Christleton. In those days we lived in Heswall, Wirral and coincidentally the Rector of St Peter’s, Heswall was Rev Canon Kenneth Lee, our own Peter Lee’s Father.

I now live aboard “Joby” an old canal narrowboat and base at Christleton, but more between Chester and Nantwich. Now I am an Antique Restorer specialising in mechanical and electrical items; in particular early valve radios, having taken early retirement from the Ministry of Defence, where I was a Radar Engineer for the RAF and RN.

I was given a warm welcome to the Christleton Institute where I am now a member, and would like to thank members of the congregation of St James for their truly Christian welcome.

Maurice Bennett-Green

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Guard your head and your heart!

In ancient times, the Roman soldiers were trained to aim for the head or the heart, as that is the fastest way to kill a man. This is still the devil’s strategy when it comes to destroying our lives today.

For the real battleground in your life is your thought life. That is where you will stand or fall - based on all the decisions you ever make. Each one of us lives under siege from all sorts of desires, from greed and lust, to ambition and envy. We haven’t a hope of surviving such a massive constant attack from ‘the powers of this dark world’. (Eph 6.12). That’s why St Paul urged us to “put on the armour of God”, in order to protect ourselves from “all the flaming arrows of the evil one”. (Eph 6.11) Paul said that the sword of the Spirit is the word of God. The word of God, or the Bible, is God talking to us, teaching and encouraging us to have faith in him. Paul also urged us to pray - “on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” Soldiers keep in touch with their commanders; soldiers keep in touch with those who care for them. This life is a spiritual battleground, no wonder Paul urged us to “be alert.” (Eph 6:18)

ANOTHER JOSEPH AND MARY

I am never quite sure what to say when friends discover that my parents were called Joseph and Mary. Friends soon realise that their son was not born to saintliness!

Celebrating their births 100 years ago this summer, I know that I am not alone in recognising that the greatness of both Joseph and Mary was their very ordinariness. They were real no-fuss people – yet like many of their generation they had so much modesty to be proud of. There will be folk reading this who feel the same about their parents.

My mother and father did so much together; they were born only a month apart and nearly 91 years later my mother even died on my late father's birthday. Never seeming to do anything in a rush, 1936 was an exception. In seven months they met, became Quakers, and married ("quietly" according to the local paper in Leighton Buzzard where they taught).

The greatest thing that we owe our mothers is our birth. In June 1940, my mother arrived at the maternity hospital in Peterborough with a possible irregular heartbeat. No scans in those days! Mary was about to have twins. Luckily our GP and his wife had had twins in 1937, so with metal goods virtually unobtainable as war took hold, Janet and I started life in a magnificent face-to-face Silver Cross pram. An English teacher herself, my mother professed that we were not named after the Janet and John reading scheme of the day, but I have often wondered!

During the second half of her life, Mary often seemed withdrawn and quiet. But those who knew her earlier, used to remind me that she resisted the demands of her artisan parents in Sheffield to leave school early and become the family maid. She shone especially in English and Music. Surely at 18, her parents thought, Mary would now remain at home to care for them.

But Mary would have none of it, although accepting in 1927 that university had to be just down the tram route in Sheffield itself and that each night she would return home to help her mother. As she neared the end of an MA in English, with Tolkien her visiting examiner, Mary secretly won an Exhibition

to Oxford to study under C.S Lewis. He reputedly never wanted to tutor women, and Mary was one of his first.

Some of Mary's contemporaries at Sheffield and Oxford went far in their careers but, like so many female graduates of her generation, Mary followed her husband in his work both in adulation and in house-moves, and dedicated herself to bringing up her two children.

Joseph and Mary made their mark together during Joe's first headship, of the Quaker boarding School at Wigton from 1946.

What of my father's earlier career? The third of seven sons of a tenant farmer near Bassenthwaite, Joseph attended the Grammar School in Wigton before studying History at Manchester University. There he recalled away games at Cheshire villages like Lymm and Cheadle Hulme. It was the late 1920's!

If Joe had any of the quiet assertion of his new bride it arose in 1937. As a teacher of history he was all too aware of the war situation looming in Europe and on grounds of his Quaker faith, Joseph applied to be a conscientious objector and won a difficult tribunal (about which he never spoke). Ironically he had become the legal guardian of his youngest brother, George who on leaving Oxford in 1939, was immediately called up into the Army. They remained the closest friends and, as George approached Hamburg in the drenching winter of 1944/45 the young Major wrote some very special letters to Joe from the Front.

In the middle of this, Joe was, in September 1939 appointed Head of History at King's School, Peterborough. Nothing unusual maybe, but the Headmaster who appointed him was a Major from the First World War. When by October, Major Hornsby was called back to high office in the Army; Joseph bravely asked why he had appointed a C.O. as Head of History. "You go your way, I go mine", he said. And they did, remaining lifelong friends.

People can be very good to each other.

John Carruthers

NATURE NOTES

August with all its rain to date has been a quiet month for wildlife, but in a warm spell at the beginning of the month there were many species of butterfly to be seen. On one particularly warm morning a purple buddleia bush just beyond Rowton Bridge on the canal towpath side, yielded very good numbers of red admiral, peacock, comma, speckled wood, tortoiseshell and even holly blue butterflies. It is rare to see so many species on one bush, but the purple flowering buddleia is known as the “butterfly bush” so it is quite possible. This was just one of the highlights of my walk from Chester, whilst checking on

the progress of the swan families. Another was the mewing of a pair of buzzards and their young, which are nesting quite close to the canal. The mewing noise was loud and



continuous, as I suspect the young were calling out to their parents, and anticipating the next food drop to come in. It was also good to see a group of very distinctive yellowhammers flying close to the village. Not so good (a sure sign that autumn is coming) was the sight of hundreds of house martins swooping low over the canal and nearby fields, gathering as many insects as possible in their attempts to

fatten up their food resources before their long and dangerous 7,000 miles journey to Africa.. These small black & white birds were probably some of the first broods born from this year's nests, yet old enough to be ready to fly by instinct, without parental guidance across large tracts of land, snow covered mountains, deserts, rivers and wide oceans. Incredible journeys by any standards, by creatures so small and light you would hardly know they were there if you were able to hold them in your hands. Although I said in last month's magazine that there are fewer house martins about in the village this year, this large group of birds were probably migrants passing through, and gathering up local birds as they did so. The best site for house martins that I know of in the Chester area is at Eaton Hall on the Duke of Westminster's Estate, where there are tens of nests in the eaves of the buildings, but several local farms also have good numbers. Twenty years ago there were at least fifty house martin nest sites in our Close, today sadly there are none. A sign of great decline of these beautiful creatures that give people so much pleasure. DC

SING YOUR HEART OUT

Holidays may be over, and the nights closing in, but why not sing yourself through September, anyway? Recent research by Heart Research UK has found that singing can be good for you, relieving stress (for you, if not for your listeners), imparting positive feelings, and even raising your immune system. If combined with some exercise, you can even sing your way through a good cardiovascular workout! So this autumn why not try:

- + playing your favourite music and devising an energetic dance routine that would startle even Madonna.
- + stamp the ground as fast as possible while singing your favourite rock tune - the faster the tempo, the faster your heart beat!
- + join a local choral or singing group
- + sing in the shower
- + try and persuade your children to sing with you on the way to school
- + if you or any of your friends can play a musical instrument, plan an evening that includes a good old fashioned singsong - it's fun!

CATHEDRAL NEWS

SAINTS' WINDOWS IN THE CLOISTERS

St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo's father was a pagan who converted on his death bed; his mother was Saint Monica, a devout Christian. Trained in Christianity, he lost his faith in youth and led a wild life. Lived with a Carthaginian woman from the age of 15 through 30. Fathered a son whom he named Adeotadus, which means the gift of God. Taught rhetoric at Carthage and Milan. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a Manichaean for several years; it taught of a great struggle between good and evil. And featured a lax moral code. A summation of his thinking at the time comes from his Confessions: "God, give me chastity and continence – but not just now."

Augustine finally broke with the Manichaeans and was converted by the prayers of his mother and the help of Saint Ambrose of Milan, who baptized him. On the death of his mother he returned to Africa, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and founded a monastery. He became Bishop of Hippo in 396

and founded religious communities. He fought Manichaeism, Donatism, Pelagianism and other heresies. Augustine oversaw his church and his see during the fall of the Roman Empire to the Vandals. His later thinking can also be summed up in a line from his writings: Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.

Born 13 November 354 in North Africa – Died 28 August 430 at Hippo

Patronage: brewers, printers, sore eyes, theologians

St Swithin was raised in an abbey. He became Priest, Chaplain to Egbert, King of the West Saxons. He was also tutor to prince Ethelwolf and Bishop of Winchester. Miracles have been associated with his relics. His shrine was destroyed during the Reformation. Almost 60 ancient British churches were named for him.

His patronage of the weather arose when monks tried to translate his body from an outdoor grave to a golden shrine in the Cathedral in 871. Swithin apparently did not approve as it started raining for 40 days. The weather on the festival of his translation indicates, according

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to an old rhyme, the weather for the next forty days:

Saint Swithun's day, if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain;
Saint Swithun's day, if thou be fair;
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.

Saints Day:	2 July	
Born:	c.800	at
Wessex		
Died:	2 July 862	
Patronage:	drought relief	

New assistant director of music

The Chapter of Chester Cathedral is pleased to announce that Ian Roberts has been appointed as the Assistant Director of Music, and wishes him well in his new appointment.

What is an Honorary Canon?

The title of 'Canon' is awarded by the Bishop to senior parish priests, usually in recognition of long and dedicated service to the diocese. Honorary canons are part of the greater chapter as members of the College of Canons but are non-residential. There is provision for 24 Honorary Canons at Chester Cathedral. Along

with a stall in the quire, each Canon has the opportunity to preach in the Cathedral. The College of Canons meets twice a year; the Dean presents a report and matters of concern to the Cathedral are discussed so although they do not play a part in the day to day administration of the Cathedral, their views and opinions are very welcome and much appreciated. They are living links between the parish ministry of our diocese and its mother church. Our Rector is one.

Laughlines

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

Student essay: Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, but he mostly lived at Windsor with his merry wives. This is quite usual with actors.

As Party Conference season gets underway:

We pay a tremendous crime bill each year, but we do get a lot of crime for our money.

What this country needs is fewer people who know what this country needs.

John Sellers Educational Foundation, Christleton

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Tea Party in aid of the above when £284.50 was raised.

This ancient Trust was founded on 23 December 1779 for the ducation of poor children in Christleton and Littleton. It was originally to provide instruction in reading, English, writing, arithmetic, and for spinning, sewing and knitting. The original Minute Book is still in use and has recently been restored.

The main source of income is from the rent of a field in Plough Lane. The present trustees comprise the Rector, Clerk, a County Council representative and two Parish Councillors. It is their intention to try and increase the capital and use the interest to provide grants. Further donations or legacies, which could be used to increase the level of grants paid out, would be very much appreciated.

This year the Primary School and the High School have been given money but applications are encouraged from individuals in exceptional circumstances who would like to apply in confidence.

Applications for grants from in-

dividuals or groups wishing to be considered should apply in writing before November to the Clerk, Mrs M Croston, 5 Bridge Drive, Christleton, Chester CH3 6AW

Wanted: children with good manners

The wheel has turned full circle: now it seems that mothers are returning to the values of their grandparents, and want children with good old-fashioned manners.

Thus mothers are keen to teach their young ones the value of saying please and thank you, of telling the truth, of table manners, and of giving up seats for the elderly. The poll on attitudes to motherhood was for the first Modern British Women and Values report for M&S Money, the personal finance section of Marks & Spencer. It also found that three quarters of mothers feel it is right to start teaching manners by three years of age. A third of the mothers polled had also started teaching their children the value of money, and the importance of saving, between the ages of three and five. Children are encouraged to pay into a piggy bank or savings account, and earn pocket money by doing household chores.

Further, the research discovered that it is increasingly mothers who take the role of the disciplinarian - a reversal of the traditional role.

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The Crew Youth Group



The Crew Youth Group enjoyed a great trip to Chester zoo as part of the summer term program of events. Ten of our members came along to see everything from the penguins and orang-utans being fed to the elephants taking a bath! Unfortunately the big cats had to be kept inside on the day we visited due to high winds. This is a precaution taken by the zoo keepers in case any trees are blown over and damage the fences allowing lions or tigers to escape. A very wise decision!

Other activities this term have included tending the graves at St James, rehearsing for the flower service, and running a 'sweat shop' activity to understand the lives of children in poorer countries. We have played all sorts of games and sports including rounders, dodgeball, badminton and hockey. At Easter we also enjoyed decorating cakes, making pancakes (and seeing how high we could flip them!) and doing egg and spoon obstacle course races.

The Crew Youth Group now has its own web page on the Christleton web site with its own new e-mail address. Check out www.christleton.org.uk

Christleton High School 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to Christleton High School formerly Christleton Secondary School on reaching its 50th anniversary this month, having opened its doors in September 1958. From those early days the school built its reputation on the outstanding team work of the staff led by the legendary headteacher Mr Les George OBE, and the hard work and enthusiasm of so many of its students. Students have always achieved high levels of performance across a wide range of subject areas, and school productions such as “Oliver” & “My Fair Lady” put on in those early years were quite outstanding. The hard work, behaviour and achievements of the students have always been noted throughout the area. This effort by all concerned has continued throughout the lifespan of the school, making it not only a very desirable school to attend for pupils, but giving the village its reputation as a very good place to live. Many celebrations are going to be taking place during

the year, so look out in the local press and on the school website for opportunities to share this special anniversary. We wish every success to the school and students now led by Mr Tony Lamberton in its 50th anniversary year, and for continued success in the years ahead. DC

Just for a Laugh

A second year student explaining to a first year student how to write essays: “When you take stuff from one writer, it’s plagiarism, but when you take it from many writers, it’s called research.”

And as the US presidential election draws closer:

American teacher to students: “Be diligent and steadfast, and you will succeed. Take the case of George Washington, our first ever president. Do you remember my telling you of the great difficulty that George Washington had to face? The big problem that could have been the end of his political career?” “Sure,” said a student. “He couldn’t tell a lie.”



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

KELSBORROW CHOIR

Invite you to a
WINE and PUDDING EVENING
Introducing
CRAIG OWEN - VIOLINIST
Accompanied by his ensemble

LONG ROOM, EATON PARK
ECCLESTON, CHESTER

Tuesday 9th September

7.00 pm

Tickets £15

Available from

Irene Wilkinson 01829 740868

Elaine Campey 01829 851369

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall
Next Meeting - 10th September
The Produce Show
All Welcome

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.

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The October Magazine will be available
for collection from Church on Sunday 28th
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MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion
in the **October** edition are sent to the
Rector, as soon as possible
BEFORE Friday 12th September or you
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CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP

Charity Christmas Card Sale

Come & buy all your cards direct
from the local & national charities.

on

Saturday 11 October,
Christleton Parish Hall,
10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

Coffee / tea & biscuits included in
80p admission.

Also cake and toy stalls.

ST JAMES' TUESDAY WALKING GROUP

September 23rd

Malpas. Cheshire

Moderate 9 miles.

Following the Bishop Bennet &
Marches Ways.

Depart. Church Car Park at 8.00am

Lunch at The Copper Mine at

Bickerton on return route.

Full details from David Cummings
on 332410

CHRISTLETON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 24th September
7.30pm

Christleton Primary School
Short AGM followed by a talk with
slides on

Historic Sites of Ancient Greece.

By David Cummings

Advanced Notice

Saturday 4th October
7.00pm

The Parish Hall

An illustrated talk in memory of
Jim Partington

Celebrations of Christleton (Fetes
& Festivals)

By David Cummings

Tickets £6. (Including Buffet Sup-
per)

All proceeds to Christleton Institute

PAMPER NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2008

CHRISTLETON PARISH HALL

7.30 pm

Admission £5 (to include liquid refreshment)

Raffle

Spanish Shoes

Phoenix Cards & gift wrap

Nails by Jade

Colour Me Beautiful by Sylvia

Jewellery by Mococo



All proceeds to PCC Charities

For tickets/details contact :
Janet Milton : 01244-335469



Christleton Gardening Club

*The new session for season 2008-2009 begins on 8 September at 7.30p.m
in the Methodist Church Hall, Christleton*

New members welcome £10 per year

PROGRAMME

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|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| 8 September | Zonal Pelargoniums | Roland Jones |
| 13 October | A Year in the Nursery | Nat Jones |
| 10 November | Apples | Graham Shillabeer |
| 8 December | Video and Quiz | Evening |
| 12 January | Walking in the Arctic | Dr G Wynne |
| 9 February | Growing Plants for Climate Change | - Susan Nicholas |
| 9 March | In the Footsteps of Forrest | Ted Brabin |
| 13 April | Hardy Fuchsia | Peter Evans |
| 11 May | Evening Visit to Ted Brabin's Garden | Rosewood, Puddington Village |
| 8 June | 3.00p.m. Visit to Commercial Premises of the Welsh College of Horticulture, Northop | |
| 13 July | Gardening and the Environment | - Robert Mackay |

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Christleton W.I.

August Events

A party from the Christleton W.I. joined Hargrave and Huxley W.I. on a very enjoyable outing to Trentham Gardens and the Wedgwood Factory and fortunately the weather was kind.

Arrangements with the Wirral Community Narrowboat Trust were made to take a party of twelve along the canal to the Shady Oak Pub for lunch. All those who took

part knew the risks before we left shore and thought they were fully prepared for the voyage. Not in a million years could we have guessed the outcome which was that the canal developed a leak well before the Shady Oak. The W.I. therefore disembarked at Tattenhall and set up a picnic. Wine tasting and friendly chatter ensued and additional entertainment was provided by passing walkers and the Waterways Repair Team.

The next meeting is the Produce Show on 10th September. Please do support this with your baking, handicrafts and gardening. Entries must be made before 5.30 at the Parish Hall when judging will take place. If you envisage any difficulties in getting your entries to the Hall please telephone Dorothy Checkley on 01244 336004 when arrangements will be made for



The History File

Restoration of our Canals

Whilst walking along the canal towpath through the village as described in my nature notes, I became very aware of the large number of narrow boats that were moored up. There were twenty four in all, with several smaller craft moored in other areas. This number doesn't take account of the many other narrow boats just passing through, or out on day trips. eg those at The Cheshire Cat. These numbers perhaps reflect the huge increase in the use of the canals for pleasure, with large sums of money being spent on new marinas, 4,000 new narrow boat registered this last year, and the restoration of many areas of derelict canal. The walking group saw this at first hand in July, when we walked for miles along the towpaths of the Llangollen & Montgomery Canal systems. This was particularly evident at Welsh Frankton where seven



miles of the Montgomery branch has been recovered from its derelict state of the 1960's into a beautiful stretch of managed canal, with new locks and facilities, making it a pleasant place for everyone. Whatever your interests-wildlife, walking, fishing, boating, archaeology there is something for people to enjoy. The Montgomery



canal is a Site of Special Scientific Interest for over half its length, and in a special conservation area for Wales. British Waterways is now the agency sponsored to regenerate the canals, but much of the work on this section of the canal was done by volunteers from the various groups of the Inland Waterways Association, and the Shropshire Union Canal Society. I saw this at first hand when we did our first charity canoe journey in the 1980's to raise funds for cancer research. This area of canal was then totally derelict, with huge piles of bricks, rotting gates and timbers and no sign of water. Looking back it hardly seems possible that a living working canal could have been restored from such a state. There are several other interesting canal restoration projects throughout Wales, financed by the Welsh Assembly Government, desiring not only to bring the countryside back to life, but to provide jobs and eventually revenue through tourism. Cheshire is another area where yet more canal development is planned and a new marina complex is shortly to be constructed at Tattenhall adjacent to the Ice Cream Farm. This follows other successful projects at the Anderton Boat Lift and new Marina in Mid Cheshire. Life along the canals is certainly on the up, and gives a huge new resource and enjoyment to thousands of people. Just watch the number of people now using the canal towpath through Christleton for exercise, recreation, journey to work, or even just to go to the shops, a ten fold increase since the new hard surface was put in some four years ago.

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A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contentedly. anon

How many Christians live their lives packed up and ready to go? J I Packer

Confessing your sins is no substitute for forsaking them. Anon

Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back. anon

It is religion without love that has been responsible for most of the misery of the world. Anon

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Parish Registers for July 2008

Holy Baptism

- 20th Henry Brock West son of Jonathan & Diana West
2 Hawthorn Cottages, Little Heath Road, Littleton
- 20th Hugo Henry St John Williams son of Mark & Anne St John Williams
5 Little Mere, Little Heath, Christleton
- 27th Sophie Jane Williams daughter of Craig Martin Holmes (Deceased) & Lucy Jane Williams
5 Bythom Close, Christleton

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

The Marriage Service

- 5th Andrew Mark Zahringer & Genneane Anouska Vile
24 Boughton Hall Drive, Great Boughton
- 19th Luke McLeod 24 Haslin Cres, Christleton &
Charlotte Ingrid Asa Foxon 2 Thirlmere Road, Newton, Chester

“Those whom God has joined, let not man divide”

The Funeral Service

- 1st Thomas Henry Thelwell 28 Milton Drive, Wistaston, Nantwich
(Burial of Ashes)
- 2nd John James Andrew Blakeley Darley House Rowton Lane Rowton
(Burial of Ashes)
- 7th Lawrence Lindsey Stuart 11 Glovers Loom, Great Boughton
- 11th Raleigh John Rogers 23 Primrose Close, Huntington
- 20th Frank Richard Davies The Cottage Little Heath Road, Littleton
(Burial of Ashes)
- 21st Marie Corinne Machiter Birch Heath Lodge, Christleton (Burial of Ashes)
- 31st Sarah Eileen Bate 6 Durban Avenue, Christleton

“Grant them eternal rest”

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13th	301-50	617-00	918-50	1397-39
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27th	134-85	589-00	723-85	805-45
Totals			£ 3,442-99	£ 3,979-90

“Of your own do we give you”

