

Parish Magazine



February 2008

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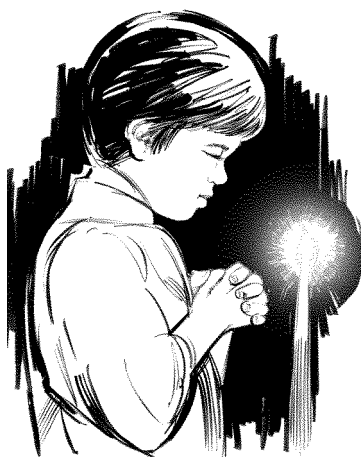
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Features in February

Sat	2	9.00 am	Holy Communion for Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Sun	3		Sunday Next Before Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong - followed by refreshments
			Prayer Link Road: Bush Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith
Mon	4	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		7.45 pm	PCC Meeting - Parish Hall
Tues	5	8.00 pm	Bellringers' AGM - Lady Chapel
Wed	6		ASH WEDNESDAY
		10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.30 pm	Invitation to Churches Together in Christleton to Mass and Imposition of Ashes at St Werburgh's
Fri	8	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
			NB: Last date for contributions for March Parish Magazine to the Rector (335663). Earlier if possible please, or you can attach your Word document and e-mail this to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk
Sat	9	2.00 pm	Wedding
Sun	10		The First Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Family Service followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong with Lent Sermon Series
			Prayer Link Road: Bythom Close
			Neighbourhood Link: Dot Smith
Mon	11	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	13	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 pm	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
		7.30 pm	United Lent Worship - Methodist Church
Fri	15	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	16	12 noon	Wedding

Sun	17		The Second Sunday of Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship with Lent Sermon Series
			Prayer Link Road: Capesthorne Road and Sheraton Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Norma Tissiman
Wed	20	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.30 pm	United Lent Worship - St James
Thur	21	2.30 pm	Parish Visiting Group - White Haven
Fri	22	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	24		The Third Sunday in Lent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Matins with Baptism - followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion with Lent Sermon Series
			Prayer Link: Church Walks and The Paddock
			Neighbourhood Link: Judith Edwards
Tues	26	9.00 am	Church Walking Group
Wed	27	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by Refreshments
		7.30 pm	United Lent Worship - Roman Catholic



THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Tried and Tested

Lent starts early this year with Ash Wednesday on 6 February. It is, of course, the time when we think of Jesus spending forty days in the wilderness, at the end of which he was tempted by the Devil. Lent always comes at a depressing time of year when the festivities of Christmas are long past, but it seems Winter will never end. So Lent can seem rather negative and unattractive, but let's see if we can improve its image! Lent actually means Spring, and it comes at a time of secret growth in nature as the sap is rising and plants are just waiting for the warmth and light of the sun. So can we use it as a time of secret growth and discovery in our spiritual life? In particular I would like to suggest a positive way of looking at each of the three temptations Jesus faced. I also invite you to use the Lent programme to help focus and 'augment' your own thinking and awareness.

The first temptation for Jesus was to turn stones to bread. Traditionally, in the Church, this has focussed our attempts not to be obsessed with the physical and material. This leads many to give up something in Lent to show we do not depend on it, and to discipline our mind over matter. This is fine, especially if it leads to a positive outcome of giving what we have saved by not eating or drinking whatever, to help others. But Jesus' response was to say:- "A person shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." So another positive way to interpret this would be to discover the richness of God's word for our life. When it comes to the Bible, I find the best way to 'digest' it is in 'bite-sized' chunks! If we read a little, but regularly and consistently, it soon makes a positive difference. Time and again I discover that what I read in the Bible is proved true in my life. The Bible is 'tried and tested' and opens up a richness in life that would otherwise be denied to me. Our secular world would have us believe there are no absolutes, and that freedom of choice is more important than what is chosen. But if there is no 'categorical imperative' I see no basis for moral behaviour or code of ethics, and no 'objective' value to life.

The second temptation was to jump off the pinnacle of the Temple. If Jesus had done this and the angels gave him a soft landing, no doubt he would have attracted the sort of following today's celebrities enjoy. The positive outcome of overcoming this temptation for Jesus was that he was free to give himself to others. He saw through the false attraction of being the centre of attention, and found fulfilment in reaching out to others. Time and again he found in people like Zacchaeus, Matthew, Mary Magdalene, the Zealot, the sick and the handicapped, a depth and interest and potential that others

dismissed out of hand. By overcoming this temptation Jesus was able to discover the paradoxical truth he proclaimed, that it is in trying to save our life that we lose it, and in giving it that we find it. So this has led to a Lenten discipline of denying self, which frees us to 'find' others.

The third temptation was to be shown all the kingdoms of the world and be told they could all be his if Jesus bowed to the Devil and his ways. The Devil's way is to use force to get what we want. It has many attractions in that it produces results quickly, but it leads to division and disintegration. Jesus replied:- "you shall worship the Lord your God and serve him alone." He refused to bow to pressure or use force – for God is love and love, only love, was his way. This inevitably led to the path of suffering and the Cross but, in the long run, it is the only way to eternal life – to healing and wholeness. In our own personal lives we all have to discover that love hurts and is costly, but we also discover it is only that which gives true meaning and purpose to life and endures. To worship God is not only our duty, but our joy.

I invite us all then, in whatever ways we find most helpful, to use Lent as a time when we rediscover the positive 'feel good' factors of our faith, and know the truth of Jesus' promise:- "I have come that you may have life and enjoy life in all its fullness."

Yours sincerely

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

Prayer of the Month: *St Francis of Assisi*

*Lord make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, let me sow pardon;
where there is doubt, let me sow faith
where there is despair, let me give hope;
where there is darkness, let me give light;
where there is sadness, let me give joy.*

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not try to be comforted, but to comfort;
not try to be understood, but to understand;
not try to be loved, but to love.*

*Because it is in giving that we receive,
it is in forgiving that we are forgiven,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*
February 2008

People in the News

Canon Laurie & Mrs Margaret Skipper

I'm sure older members of the congregation at St James' will want to wish former Rector Canon Laurie and Mrs Margaret Skipper every good wish and happiness as they move from Handbridge to a Home for retired clergy in Surrey.

Rene Stalker

*Belated
Congratulations*

to Rene from all at St James on
her 75th Birthday in January

The Festival of Epiphany

Last weekend Beryl, Judith, Iain & I from St James' had the pleasure of travelling to Spain to share in a magnificent celebration of the Feast of Epiphany. We stayed with friends in the small hill top village of Colonge in the district of Baix Emporda, part of the Costa Brava in Catalunya. The town of Colonge with its impressive Church and Castle set on a hill, dates from 881. There we witnessed many events, taking place as part of the town's Epiphany Celebrations. The most impressive display on the 6th January was via a parade of festive motorised floats, highly decorated, and each carrying three distinct kings. The procession was led by two friendly "giants" carrying colourful (Chinese type) lanterns, and accompanied by lines of townsfolk in flowing gold, red and blue satin robes, complete with headdresses, which were designed to allow their faces to be hidden. Everyone carried large flaming torches, and several of the supporters accompanying each float, had the job of throwing handfuls of sweets to the waiting children and adults!! Add to this, two mysterious figures equipped with a double ladder, who ventured to reach the upper balconies of the taller houses, and a bejewelled prince on horseback, and you will picture a magnificent scene. Although this spectacular event is relatively new, having started since the death of Franco, it is only one of many such celebrations in these villages. It will soon be followed by a winter carnival in February, with others during Holy Week, and later with Festivals of Music, Dance, Craft work and the Sea. In fact during Epiphany, the Kings arrived by sea in Barcelona, and by train in

nearby Girona.

The patisserie and bakeries were full of specially baked Epiphany or Twelfth Night cakes. They are circular, highly decorated and very tasty. A cardboard crown decorates each one, and a tiny porcelain king, and small bean are hidden inside. The finder of the King is crowned and becomes King for the day. Our weekend was complete when we visited the castle on the Sunday evening to find about forty living tableaux, each depicting stories from the bible leading up to the Christmas story, and allowing each group to represent



the way of life of people celebrating the birth of Christ. In one scene the Angel appeared to Mary, Joseph and Mary were seen in the carpenters shop, there were shepherds, potters, blacksmiths, fishermen, winegrowers etc, even King Herod could be seen being entertained by belly dancers!, and the nativity itself the last scene, with Mary, Joseph and a real baby in a crib. There is no doubt that the people of the area do celebrate religious events with great enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see thousands of people including large numbers of children carrying colourful lanterns, lining the streets to greet such a wonderful display.

David Cummings

Christleton High School

50th Anniversary

Would anyone willing to loan photographs or other memorabilia of their Christleton High School days, particularly early years, kindly contact the school on 335843, or e-mail anniversary@christletonhigh.co.uk, or access the school website. We are collecting material for a 50th anniversary commemorative book and would be glad of your recollections. Any interesting news of ex-pupils would also be of great interest!

Cathedral News

The Chapter House Window

The glorious Chapter House window, installed in 1872 was designed by Heaton Butler and Bayne, one of the foremost groups of Victorian stained glass artists. The window is showing signs of serious decay due to age and the effects of 135 years of weathering. Every piece of glass will be examined, cleaned and if necessary, repaired. The panels will be reassembled with new leading and then replaced in their original settings. It is vital that the window is restored now, since further deterioration may cause repair costs to increase dramatically.

The cost of these essential repairs is estimated at £32,000

The Roof of St. Anselm's Chapel

The 12th century Chapel of St. Anselm which abuts the north side of the Cathedral is one of the earliest surviving parts of the building. Rainwater has penetrated the roof and threatens to damage the magnificent 16th century plaster ceiling of the Chapel. Urgent repair is required to prevent

further damage. The Companions of St. Anselm have already made a generous contribution but further funding is still necessary.

The cost of the work is estimated at £40,000

Bibles for China and for children of the Silk Road

China's only Bible printing company has recently celebrated a special landmark: the 50 millionth Bible has rolled off its presses. The Amity Foundation's Amity Printing Company (APC) welcomed representatives from churches in China, the United Bible Societies and government figures to the event. APC has printed 43 million copies of the Bible for mainland China, as well as seven million that have been exported to more than 60 countries worldwide.

Premier Christian Radio and Open Doors have raised funds to buy 2,500 Bibles for children who live along the Silk Road, a trade route that extends from southern Europe to China. The project is set to continue, with hopes of reaching a target of 5000 Bibles.

Have you done something which haunts you?

Do you ever worry that your past failings mean that God will not accept you now? Some of us have done many things which we regret - things that have caused us, or others, great pain. We've given our children short shrift, we've betrayed our marriage partners, we've been dishonest at work, we've been ruthlessly greedy and ambitious - no matter what the cost to anyone else. And now the memory of the wrong we've done lingers, and makes us ashamed. Our past failings make us very reluctant to turn to God. Why should he forgive the damage we have done? If you think this way, then you have a big surprise waiting for you: God isn't like that. You haven't yet encountered his GRACE. God knows all about you, and most of all he knows you need his help. Jesus said that he came into the world to reach sinners - to help anyone who turns to him in true repentance to find forgiveness, and a new start. You can't do anything to turn yourself into a good person. But you don't have to. All that God asks of you is that you turn to Jesus in prayer, and say you are sorry, and ask him to forgive you, and to put his Spirit within you. Then

you find his GRACE - which means his loving-kindness, beginning in YOUR life. Just try it.

Today let God begin to set you free from the past!

A women's burden in life

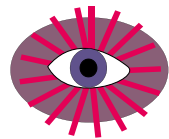
These days women are more weighed down by daily life than men are - by about 5lb.

That is now the weight of the average woman's handbag - and it is



predicted to grow to 7lbs in the next decade. Five years ago most women carried handbags 38% lighter than they do now: but they didn't have so many gadgets to carry about then. A recent Asda survey of 50 women discovered mobile phones, bulky documents, smart office shoes, and even laptops had joined the more traditional purses, mirrors, tissues, make-up and addresses books.

Nature Notes



The Weather in 2007

I'm sure that in future villagers will remember 2007 for the excessive amount of rainfall that fell in the country, especially the flooding in June & July. Whilst Christleton didn't suffer the problems the flooding caused in many parts, we did have a total of almost 40 inches of rain during the year, the highest I've recorded in my 35 years connection with the village, with the two previous years 2006 (29 inches) 2005 (26 inches) being the next wettest. What does this mean for the future, if global warming does bring warmer and wetter weather. It's anyone's guess I suppose, but we should be able to grow more tropical plants like bougainvillea, and have more tender plants surviving outdoors all winter.

A barn owl has been active again over the fields between "The Cheshire Cat" and Rowton Grange, and more reports have come in of tawny owls calling in the village. A welcome visitor over the Christmas period was a black cap, seen on several occasions in Birch Heath. These tiny green warblers with black (male) or brown (female) caps often turn up at bird ta-

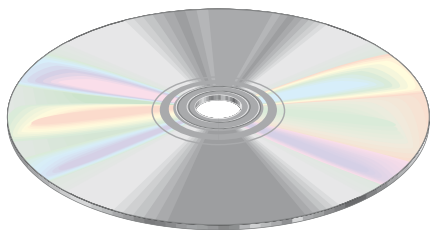
bles during winter months, They are about the size and colour of a greenfinch, but have a smaller beak, and have the distinctive black or brown cap. They also have a wonderful song, although this is not likely to be heard during the winter. Most black caps usually migrate south to Africa each winter, although some are now thought to stay in the UK because of our warmer winters. Another theory is that black caps from Scandinavia migrate south west to the UK for the winter and take the place of some of our normal population. There are many Scandinavian migrants around at present with hundreds of thrushes, both fieldfare and redwings to be seen almost anywhere. I had a very unusual sighting last week with five or six hundred starlings bathing together in a pool of water in the dip of a field, accompanied by several colourful fieldfare, all thrashing and crashing their wings against the water in a frantic bathing frenzy. I also came across a beautiful buzzard hiding its prey under its wing on a hedgerow, determined not to give it away to anyone, even someone in a car.

DC

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Christleton Local History Group

A DVD of Village Life in 2008



Christleton Local History Group was founded in 1976 and exists to promote the study of local history in the village, to record and research events, collect photographs and artefacts, and to publish books, pamphlets etc., relating to village life over the centuries. Our last publication, the colourful “Christleton 2000 years of History” is now completely sold out, and it is intended to follow up this work by making a DVD in the Village during 2008. This will reflect the historical past, whilst recording the present and will be made by members of the group, assisted by Shropshire Connections a team of professional film makers. Film sequences of the Pit being excavated, and of the Carol Service at St James’ have already been made and we hope to cover many other aspects of village life during the next twelve months. DC

It’s Leap Year! 29 February 2008

This is a Leap Year -February has 29 days in it, bringing the total days for 2008 to 366.

Leap years happen every four years, but this one is more unusual: this February has five Fridays in it. The last time a February had 5 Fridays was in 1980 and next time will be in 2036. So - which years are leap years? In the Gregorian calendar, used by most modern countries, the following rules decide which years are leap years:

- Every year divisible by 4 is a leap year.
- But every year divisible by 100 is NOT a leap year
- Unless the year is also divisible by 400, then it is still a leap year. This means that year 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years, while 2000 and 2400 ARE leap years. (Not that any of us will be around in 2400 to care.)

Leap years keep the calendar in alignment with the earth’s motion around the sun. If we used a calendar with only ever 365 days, we’d end up 0.2422 days wrong a year - that’s about six hours. Not much to begin with - but in 50 years we’d be 12 days ahead of the seasons. By adding a leap year, the calendar follows the seasons much more closely.

A Place to Visit

Chirk Castle

& the Snowdrop Walk

Chirk Castle is an interesting place to visit at any time, but particularly in February when the snowdrops appear in the gardens in their tens of thousands. Carpets of them cover the ground making an exciting sight. Look out for the opening dates/times at weekends during February. The Castle itself dates from 1295 being built by Roger Mortimer, one of a chain of castles to maintain the conquest of Edward I in Wales. Chester was the first of Edward's main fortresses, and all the others were built with craftsmen including stonemasons, builders, carpenters and labourers coming to the Port of Chester and embarking by ship to the ports of Flint, Conway, Caernarvon and Beaumaris, where they worked on the construction of the castles. The castle at Chirk resembles that of Beaumaris with its strong drum towers giving it great strength. More spacious living quarters were added in the 16thC, based around the courtyard, and these unusually have been occupied continuously since it was

built. The ownership of the castle has been in many hands, including the Earl of Arundel, the Stanley's at the end of the Wars of the Roses, and from 1495 to 1563 by the Tudors, before being purchased by an Elizabethan merchant adventurer Thomas Myddleton.

During the Civil War in the 1640's it was an important base for the Royalist Army, and it was from here that Sir Marmaduke Langdale and men of the Kings Regiments including the Chirk horse, set out for Chester hoping to bring relief to King Charles I, by this time staying within the City walls, but they "fell upon the enemy" on Rowton Moor, where they were heavily defeated. The Myddleton Family continued in their ownership, and made substantial changes including the building of a long gallery. Further changes were made in 1770,s when Richard Myddleton employed Joseph Turner of Chester to re design the state rooms and staircase in neo classical style. During this same period Robert Townsend of the Old



Hall in Christleton, the Recorder of Chester married Anne sister of Richard Myddleton*, presumably to increase his already considerable wealth by a suitable marriage. Robert married three times in all, each time increasing

marriage* is not recorded on the Myddleton family pedigree at Chirk. A sister named Anne does appear at that time, but died in 1760, but there is a document in the Guest Williams papers which states “Lease and release of



his wealth, and was seen as a grasping and ambitious man who did many things for profit. His daughter Anne was married to Cecil Forester and their son Lord Forester married the daughter of the Duke of Rutland. Elizabeth his youngest daughter married Thomas Ince who gave up his career in the army, sold his estates, and built a grand house to rival that of his father in law. That house is Christleton Hall now the College of Law.

deeds of settlement on the marriage of Robert Townsend Recorder of Chester with Miss Anne Myddleton of Chirk 6th September 1763. Includes land in Christleton & Rowton formerly the inheritance of John Witter Gent. It even includes a list of wedding property. So much more research is needed.

Chirk Castle is now in the care of the National Trust, and is well worth a visit.

DC

However historical research sometimes throws up a mystery because this

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

As you will know, the national charity of the three charities who will benefit from the money raised at the “Evening with Adam Partridge” and the Christmas Fair, was Huntington’s Disease, and a cheque has been sent to their head office in the sum of £921.58. I have spoken to a member of their staff and needless to say they are absolutely delighted to receive such a large sum of money and send their thanks to everyone who was involved in any way in making this possible. They will decide whether the money should go to research or to helping families whose lives have been affected by the disease. I thought it might therefore be appropriate to say a little about what Huntington’s Disease is and how it affects people.

Firstly, it’s a neurological disorder, a disease of the brain. It’s an hereditary disease caused by a faulty gene which leads to damage of the nerve cells in some areas of the brain and as much of the brain’s activity passes through these areas, the death of these cells affects virtually everything about a person, including movements, moods and thinking. Symptoms usually begin between the ages of 30 – 50 years but may occur at any time.

The ways in which the disease affects the individual are varied. Some may have a rapid deterioration in thinking processes and less decline in the control of movements. Another person may have rapidly increasing difficulty with movements, but no significant change in thinking, and sometimes the symptoms of Huntington’s Disease are present for a long time before a diagnosis is made. This is especially true when people are not aware that Huntington’s is in their family.

As the disease progresses the individual’s skills and muscular co-ordination lead to difficulties in chewing and swallowing food adding to problems such as weight loss, and they need more help and support in managing the activities of daily living such as washing, dressing, eating, drinking and mobilising.

For those whose lives are touched by this disease the effects can be devastating. In the UK there are about 6,000 people with Huntington's Disease at any one time. Every child of a parent with the disease has a 50% risk of inheriting the



defective gene. It is not just the individual who needs support and help, but often other members of the family too. And that's where the Huntington's Disease Association comes in. Although there is currently no cure, the Association have Advisers, who can put the family in touch with Dieticians, Speech Therapists and other professionals who can help effectively and positively. They organise conferences, fund raising activities and support groups up and down the country, help families receive support, care and advice that they want and need to enable them to cope.

There's a great deal of work going on in the research side of the disease and hopefully one day soon, there will be a medical breakthrough and even a cure for this most dreadful disease, but in the meantime, the work goes on of the Huntington's Disease Association.

Janet Milton

Slowly does it!

London has the slowest traffic of any major city in Europe, with an average speed of 11.8mph, 3.2mph slower than the next slowest, Berlin, a recent survey has found. Manchester, with an average speed of 17.4mph was fourth slowest, and Edinburgh (18.5mph) was fifth.



LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from
10.45 am – 12.00 noon each Sunday
during term-time, except when Family
Service is held at St James. For further
details please contact Berenice Hogg,
336779.

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

We meet for Informal Prayers and a
Simple Lunch on the first Thursday of
each month at 12 noon. All welcome.
There is no charge for the lunch but
a donation to cover costs would be
appreciated

ST. JAMES' TUESDAY WALKING GROUP

February 26th 2008

Wirral. Thurston - Caldys - West
Kirby. 8 miles easy
Pub Meal on return at the Boathouse,
Parkgate
Depart Church Car Park at 9.00am

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall
Next meeting on February 13th
Humour in Education
David Cook

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 WEDNESDAY GROUP SPRING LUNCH

Wednesday 12th March

12.00 Noon

in Christleton Parish Hall
Tickets £7 - available from members
Price includes a glass of wine
In aid of Friends of the Mulberry Centre

CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST

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



MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The March Magazine will be available for collection from Church
on Sunday 24th February 2007.

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CHRISTLETON GARDENING CLUB

Our diary for the remainder of this
year is:-

February 14

Sweetness and Light - the Honeybee
Legacy - Dr Ian Munro

March 10

Plants for Special Purposes
Norman Ellis

April 14

Paul Cooke - Head Gardener at Ness
Gardens

May 12

Hanging Basket Demonstration -
Andrew Johnson

June 9

Guided tour of Ness Gardens

July 14

Visit to Fryers Roses - to be
confirmed

All meetings at Methodist Chapel at
7.30p.m. Choice of Ceremony Rooms,
Temple in Garden.

www.willingtonhall.co.uk for more
info. enquires@willingtonhall.co.uk

01829 752321 Film Evening
Gardens of South Africa

Short Term House Group

at

Bob & Gwen Knight's
(Tel. 336236)

For 5 Tuesdays starting at 7.00 pm

15th Jan-12th Feb 2008

Continuing the series
*'The Gospels: Tradition, Rebellion,
Promise ...*

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 27th February
10.30 – 1.30

At Christleton Institute

In aid of Aang Serian UK
Charity no 111711
www.serianuk.org.uk

*Help make a difference to the
children and adults of the Masai
Valley of Tanzania*

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the **March** edition
are sent to the Rector, as soon as possible
BEFORE Friday 8th February or you can e-mail this to
christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk





LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

Christleton Local History Group

Meet at the Primary School in
Quarry Lane
Wednesday February 20th
7.30pm

*A look at the treasures in
Christleton Village Archives*
Speaker. David Cummings
All welcome.

COMING TO A SUPERMARKET NEAR YOU!

Marie Curie Cancer Care celebrates its 60th Anniversary in 2008. Our Great Daffodil Appeal, however, desperately needs more volunteers to make this our best year ever.

All money raised will be used locally to provide nursing care to terminally ill patients in their own homes, at no cost to them.

If you can spare just an hour or so to help with any of our collections during February and March, it could make such a difference.

For more information, please contact our Collection Co-ordinator on 01244 570788.

THANK YOU.

Lent is a time for self-examination, and here are some thoughts on two common failings: social lying and materialism.

Lying:

Nothing is rarer than a solitary lie; for lies breed like toads; you cannot tell one but out it comes with a hundred young ones on its back. - Washington Allston

A good memory is needed once you have lied. - Anon

The ability to lie is always a liability. - Anon

Materialism:

Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor. - Benjamin Franklin

There is no better antidote against coveting that which is another's than being content with that which is your own. - Thomas Watson

God rarely seems to use a man who pampers himself with luxury. - Kenneth Prior



QUOTES WITH LENT IN MIND

Man, in his fallen nature, is a dissatisfied and frustrated rainbow-chaser.

Anon

Whatever else is or is not true, this one thing is certain - man is not what he was meant to be.

G K Chesterton

The hearer of God's Word ought to be like those animals that chew the cud; he ought not only to feed upon it, but to ruminate upon it.

Augustine

Poverty of spirit is the bag into which Christ puts the riches of his grace. -

Rowland Hill

Grace is especially associated with men in their sins: mercy is usually associated with men in their misery.

- Anon

Civilised man is psychologically sick, and the more cultured and civilised he becomes, the more sick he will be, for modern man is seeking to feel at home in the world without any reference to God.

Akbar Abdul-Haqq

The true holy water is not that which the pope sprinkles, but is distilled from the penitent eye.

Thomas Watson

To get to heaven, turn right and keep going straight. - Anon

Regret is an appalling waste of energy; you can't build on it; it's only good for wallowing in.

Katherine Mansfield.

Love in a bag

I asked my nephew whether he bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day.

"Yes", he said, "I bought her a belt and a bag."

"That was very nice of you", I replied, "I hope she appreciated the thought."

He said, "So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."

Why Elijah did that...

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

Church notices that didn't quite get it right:

Mrs Thomas, of this church, wishes to thank all those members who so kindly assisted in the death of her husband.

The regular Monday night choir practise of this church will be held on Tuesday night instead of Friday night.

Children are normally collected during the Offertory Hymn.

The talk for next Friday night will be 'What is hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

SMILE

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

At the recent AGM Paul Allan was appointed captain of the 1st team and Chris Brooks captain of the 2nd team. Several new players are joining for the 2008 season. Chairman Gareth Davies is hopeful the 1st X1 can achieve promotion, back to the Premier league, particularly with the addition of an overseas player.

A match has been arranged at Little Heath for the England Deaf International team in preparation for the Australian Deaf Cricket team's visit for the Ashes.

Rick Moore is currently in Australia playing for Melbourne University, whilst gaining experience for next season at Christleton.

Indoor nets begin at the King's school on Sunday 10th February

6.00pm – 7.30pm. New players welcome.

Junior nets 5.00pm – 6.00pm.

The junior section is looking for anyone who may be interested in helping with coaching. We are also looking for a 1st team scorer. Someone with experience would be helpful. However assistance would be given to a novice, particularly with the use of the new electronic scoreboard.

Please note the Sports Club is available for hire for functions, parties etc
For information about club activities ring: Brian 332326

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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 Church.

PLEASE TELL US...

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

AVAILABLE AT ST JAMES CHURCH

"Loop" system, for the hearing impaired
Large print books for the visually impaired & large print weekly notice sheets
Easy to follow Communion Service Books for children

Access for wheelchairs

Please ask any of the Churchwardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in any way.

CHRISTLETON UNDER-FIVES COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP Registered Charity 1022817

Christleton Under Fives is an established pre school playgroup attracting children from a wide area. It enjoys good and well founded links with Christleton Primary School. Children from the age of 2 1/2 years until school age are accepted. Please contact the Supervisor, Carole Penny, on 336586 for further details.

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What is true love?

Here are the answers that a group of four to eight year olds gave....

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - age 7

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

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Parish Registers for December 2007

Holy Baptism

16th Jake Bright son of Wayne & Jackie Bright
9 Malvern Road, Blacon, Chester

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

The Wedding Service

1st Andrew Muir The Orchard, Raskelf Road, Easingwold, York &
Sarah Jane Bell 4 Rowan Park, Christleton

8th Peter Talbot The Grange Village Road, Christleton &
Amy Harrington 25 Westminster Road, Broughton, Chester

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

The Funeral Service

4th Walter Frank Sharp 7 Bythom Close, Christleton
6th Sybil Underwood 6 Marl Croft Great Boughton, Chester
21st Ronald John Prescott Elmfield Plough Lane, Christleton

"Grant them eternal rest."

Offertories

December.	Cash	CSE	2007	2006
2nd	188-41	618-20	806-61	1455-63
9th	284-76	705-10	989-86	1044-95
16th	172-30	689-95	861-80	1366-41
23rd	381-22	1219-50	1600-72	2977-29
30th	206-71	917-50	1114-21	751-96
Totals			£5135-56	£7496-24

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

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