

St. James' Christleton



INTERNET EDITION



PARISH MAGAZINE

JUNE 2005

JOTTINGS FOR JUNE

Wed 1 10.45 am United Communion followed by refreshments
 Fri 3 NB: Last day for contributions to July magazine, preferably earlier, to David Bull
 (332234)

Sun 5 The Second Sunday After Trinity
 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2
 10.30 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: White Lane
 Neighbourhood Link: Janet Milton

Mon 6 10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
 11.30 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home

Wed 8 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
 11.30 am Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home

Thur 9 7.45 pm Faith and Worship Committee - Rectory
 Fri 10 "The Passion of Our Lord" - Cathedral
 Presented by Melanesian Brothers

Parish weekend at Grasmere

Sun 12 The Third Sunday After Trinity
 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1
 10.45 am Family Service - followed by refreshments
 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
 6.30 pm Evensong
 Prayer Link Road: Windmill Lane
 Neighbourhood Link: Pat Hodges

Mon 13 2.00 pm Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
 2.30 pm PCC Standing Committee - Rectory
 7.45 pm Stewardship Committee - Lady Chapel

Wed 15 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
 Thur 16 7.45 pm Pastoral and Outreach Committee - Bridge Drive

Sun 19 The Fourth Sunday After Trinity
 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1
 10.30 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
 Prayer Link Road: Woodfields
 Neighbourhood Link: Joyce Rydings and Betty Ellis
 Parish Ramble Group leaves Church car park for Peak District

Tues 21 8.00 am
 Wed 22 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments.
 Sat 25 Village Fete

Sun 26 The Fifth Sunday After Trinity
 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1
 10.30 am Sunday School - Parish Hall
 10.45 am Matins
 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
 6.30 pm United Songs of Praise - St James'
 Prayer Link Road: Badgers Close
 Neighbourhood Link: June Hulmes

Wed 29 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments



The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

The Silence of the Bells

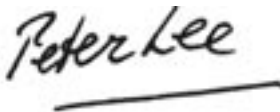
Have you missed the Church clock chiming and the bells ringing? I heard of one family who are all missing them, and cannot get used to the silence of the bells. I have heard of others, who live near a Church clock, or have a chiming clock at home, who cannot sleep properly away from home without the familiar pattern of sound. In his book, "Trumpet in the Morning", Stuart Blanch, the former Archbishop of York, wrote:- "The Devil was once asked what he missed most after he was cast out from heaven. He thought for a moment and replied:- "I miss most the sound of the trumpet in the morning." Stuart Blanch went on to describe the routine of early bells, square bashing and seemingly irrational regulations when he was in the RAF, and how he longed to have a pass to get away. As soon as he did, however, he missed that fixed routine.

The truth is that we all need structure in our lives, and without 'markers' to remind us, we are in danger of ignoring or forgetting, important concerns. One example of this is the church's year. I love the rhythm of the church's year and how it fits in with the seasons of nature. I believe that by following through the pattern of God's purpose from Creation to the Fall, to Election and Prophecy, to Advent and Christmas, then through the 'events' of Jesus' life, his teaching, suffering, and death on the cross to Easter and Ascension through to Pentecost and finally Trinity, we ensure we do not get 'hooked' on some aspects of our faith, to the exclusion of others. After Trinity we now go through the different aspects of the life of the Church to remind us of where we are, the task before us and the goal towards which we move. Even remembering Saints' Days through the year, ensures we remember the different facets of Christ illuminated in each of them as our example, often in conjunction with their place in the Calendar. Without this pattern or these markers our faith is in danger of being centred in our perceptions and predilections, instead of being centred on God in Christ. Obviously there is a danger in patterns and routines becoming an object in themselves, or simply 'vain repetition', but to dismiss them because of that, leaves us without structure. We need, in all things, a blend of freedom and the law, routine and spontaneity, rhythm and innovation.

Hopefully, by mid-June the bells will no longer be silent and the Church clock will again chime the hours. Perhaps the silence of the bells can remind us of their value and purpose. As we hear the Church clock chime the hours may that remind us that every hour is God's gift to us, to be used to the full. As every year is 'Anno Domini' – the year of our Lord – so may every hour and every minute be seen as the time God has given to us and that God has created the world in such an ordered pattern that we can depend on its reliability and constancy. So with the church bells. Our thanks to the team of ringers (who are always looking for new volunteers!). As the bells ring for Sunday worship, they are not only a messenger, but a message in themselves. They ring to call us to worship, and to invite us to join in the ceaseless cycle of praise. But the bells are themselves a ringing out of God's praise to the whole community. They not only call the faithful to worship, they are a message to the whole community that whether they are there or not, worship is being offered on their behalf. As the bells ring out from the Church in the centre of Christleton, that gives an audible and visible reminder that God is at the heart of our community, and wants to be at the heart of our life.

Perhaps as the silence of the bells is ended, we may welcome their return with new meaning and purpose.

Yours sincerely



Prayer of the Month: David Adam

*Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe
By your word the evening comes
By your power the day dawns.
You are the Lord of the tides and seasons
You have set the stars in the sky
You have placed a limit on the sea.
In your love you created all things
By your love all has been redeemed
Through your love all creation is sustained.
Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe. Amen.*



On the 3rd April 7 members of the Crew headed for Sheffield to 90 acres of open country side, views to die for, a massive pond and 60 other young people. The crew went to the Oakes for their Retreat. Over the 4 days they were there they did climbing, ropes course, archery, snooker and pool, football, wide games, campfire, craft and Bible studies. Over the 4 days the bible studies were about how much Jesus loves each and everyone of us so much, he died for us.

The retreat was very significant for the young people and great friendships have grown from the Oakes, not just with other members of the crew, but also with other people they met at the Oakes.



I liked the ropes course and the archery and the wall.
(George)

The Oakes was really good because I got to meet loads of really cool new people.
(Helen)

I enjoyed the activities, especially the wall and the ropes course. Bible studies were more fun than I thought it would be.
I made new friends. I played pool which I love. I really liked the dorm leaders, they were well fun.
(Sara-Louise)

The Oakes was really good. They had brilliant activities And great food. I enjoyed the climbing wall and the post Box game. I also made loads of new friends. The Bible Studies we did were more interesting than I thought They would be. I would recommend everyone should go to the Oakes. Everyone there was friendly and kind.
(Katie)

I enjoyed doing the wall. I also loved falling off the ropes course. Making new friends was great fun. I popped the balloon in the archery which was really good. I was camper of the day which meant my dorm had a treat. We got to paint our nails and we put face masks on.
(Jennie)

The oakes was really great fun because there was lots to do.
(Jack)

Parish Registers for April 2005

Baptism

- 10th Sophie Jane Wade daughter of Ian & Karine Wade
6 Derby Place, Hoole.
- 10th Michael Thomas Wright son of Paul & Lisa Wright
5 Sutherland Way, Vicars Cross.
- 17th Jack Theo Willson son of Jonathan & Sara Willson
6 Wyndham Crescent, Great Sutton.

"We welcome you to the Lords Family"

The Funeral Service.

- 3rd Brenda May Hampton "Breneric" Littleton Lane, Littleton.
(Burial of ashes)
- 11th Jessie Alma Dutton Oaklands Nursing Home, Littleton.
- 22nd Kenneth Charles Wilson 5 Norton Road, Vicars Cross.
- 25th Harry Kelsall Evans Windmill House, Windmill Lane, Christleton.

"Rest eternal grant unto them"

Offertories

April	Cash	CSE	2005	2004
3rd	123.23	546.60	669.83	1013.37
10th	301.46	534.00	835.46	1754.80
17th	323.10	533.00	856.10	755.91
24th	202.50	618.50	821.00	766.02
Totals			£3,182.39	£4290.10

"Of your own do we give you"

NORTH WEST IN BLOOM 2005

Christleton Parish Council has entered our Village for the North West in Bloom Competition 2005.

Janet Brown.

MOTHERS UNION

Members were invited to join our link Mothers Union - All Saints, New Brighton for a visit on 12 May. We had a lovely time and enjoyed a super tea and great hospitality from our new friends at New Brighton, and we look forward to seeing them often during the next two years.

In July we are arranging an afternoon outing to Erddig by Wrexham. If anyone would like to join us there are plenty of seats available on the coach and they would be very welcome to come.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 13 June when we will have a speaker.

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Hockenhull Platts & The Roman Bridges.

The bridges are known locally as “The Roman Bridges” and it is certain that there were bridges there at the time of the Roman occupation of Chester. However these were probably constructed from timber and were in use until the late 15th C. When work was being done to underpin the present stone structures in the 1940’s some earlier timber post construction (probably roman) was exposed. The three stone bridges that can be seen today were constructed around about 1470 and are typical pack horse bridges, with a single arch construction. They are connected by a causeway of over 250 metres, built of earth, clay and topped with sets or cobbles. This enabled travellers along the old highway from Chester to London, to cross the marshland surrounding the various courses of the River Gowy in comparative comfort. We know that the route was in active use in the 13thC, as the Black Princes’ Register contains reference to the maintaining of the bridges at Hockenhull. In fact the Prince ruled the County of Chester until 1355, and it is recorded that he paid twenty shillings for the upkeep of the bridges in that year; “a grant of 20 shillings for the repair of the bridge of Hokenhull”

The Black Prince as Prince of Wales & Earl of Chester, had good reason to keep the road in good repair, as he would travel along the highway from London to Chester, often in a great hurry, to obtain money and men from the rich landowners of Cheshire to enable him to fight battles overseas. The Battle of Crecy was one such battle in 1346.

It’s said that the servant from the nearby Hockenhull Hall, a lady called Grace Trigg haunts the bridges, after being beheaded in trying to save the family silver from being melted down into coin to pay the parliamentarian soldiers. This act is commemorated by the naming of the nearby public house, as “The Headless Woman” The area around the bridges is also described by Celia Fiennes the “Lady on the White Horse from Banbury Cross” in 1685, who was in effect one of the first travel writers. She writes in her journal: “ I went 3 miles on a caussey through much wood; its from Nantwich to Chester Town 14 long miles the wayes being deep; its much on enclosures and I passed by severall large pooles of waters but what I wondered at was that tho this shire is remarkable for a great deale of greate Cheeses and Dairys, I did not see more than 20 Or 30 coves in a troope feeding, but on enquiry find the custome of the country is to joyn their milking together of a whole village, and so make their greate cheeses, and so it goes round.”

David Cummings.

WORLDWIDE NEWS



Scott and Margaret Smith with their three children, Rachel, Cristina and Andrew have moved from Spain to continue their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Equatorial Guinea. They write of the challenges and rewards of life there:

Challenges

“ Health - from Nov 03 to Mar 04 we dealt with 6 cases of malaria in our family. During the same period in 04-05 we’ve only had two malaria cases, but instead we’ve struggled with boils. Three of us have had them on the head, the back, and even in the ear...painful and time consuming.

In December, Andrew was diagnosed with filaria (treatment was completed on 7th January). In March we found an eight inch “travelling worm” under the skin of his leg (currently under treatment). Other interesting parasites include: sand fleas that burrow into the feet and have to be removed. Biting flies that spend all day nipping the skin off our poor dog’s ears. Black flies that lay eggs in damp laundry, which can hatch and burrow under the skin when one wears the damp clothes. This can be prevented by ironing - when there is electricity!!

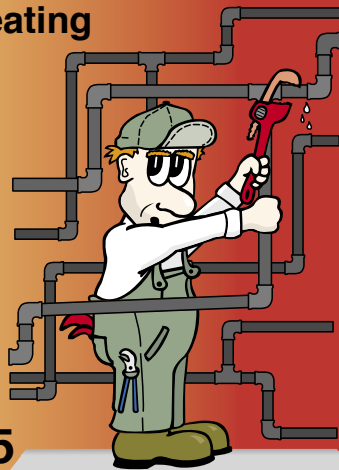
Electricity and Equipment Failure - During January, we had a total of 25 hours of city electricity (we knew things could not get much worse). During February we totalled just 2 hours (no problem if you have your own generator). Later in December, our old Chinese generator broke down. (But not to worry, we were able to buy a new Japanese model, which ran like a charm) The following January, our charming new Japanese generator broke down. (No problems. We can still use our computers as long as we have solar panels and batteries). In February Scott’s computer died!!

Rewards - We made it through another dry season (no more rationing) and with the rainy season comes more electricity, giving us renewed appreciation for abundant water and a house lit up with more than just candles. In March we obtained the parts and fixed both generators. This month we have a new translation consultant joining our team with 30 years experience in Latin America. We have obtained funding from oil companies, and have printed 15,000 AIDS brochures and 15,000 INFANT DYSENTRY brochures, each in 4 languages. These two health problems are the major causes of death of adults (AIDS) and children (DYSENTRY). By printing in local languages, we help people learn to read, in preparation for having translated Scriptures in their own language. We are so grateful for the committed team of prayer and financial partners that God has given us.

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Who? Have you heard of this Saint? We hadn't until we went to Paris recently. Our small hotel of 12 rooms and no restaurant, TV or radio was named St Merry. It was built in the 1700s and had interesting features – walls of big blocks of stone, huge beams in the ceilings and one room even had flying buttresses over the bed! It is built into the next door Church of St Merry and at one time was the Church presbytery and, after that, a bordello until the 1960's.

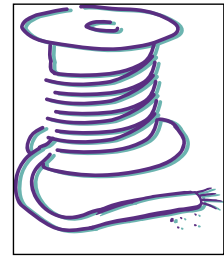
The church stands at the crossing of the old Roman road running north and south, the present day rue Saint Martin, and the east-west axis traced today by the rue de la Verrerie and the rue Saint Honore. The modern Pompidou Centre is close by. It derives its name from the 8th century Abbot MEDERICUS from the great Abbey of Autun who went to Paris on a pilgrimage and stayed - dying there later. During the last Norman siege of Paris in 884, Medericus, also known as Merry, was proclaimed Patron Saint of the Right Bank. Saint Merry counted among its parishioners EDMUND OF ABINGON who was to become Archbishop of CANTERBURY. The present church was built between 1500 and 1550. It displays an original feature which it shares with Notre Dame, having a choir and nave of the same length. In fact the church was previously called Notre Dame La Petite. The style is sixteenth century Gothic. The great organ was reconstructed in 1791 and the organ case dates back to the 17th century. The bell tower houses the oldest bell in Paris, cast in 1331 and it survived destruction in the Revolution.

Responsibility for the extensive activities that now make up this pastoral centre is shared by a team of priests and lay men and women to try to make Saint Merry a meeting place that offers information, helpful advice and counsel where needed. A team of volunteers ensures that a member of the Saint Merry community is in the church every afternoon to meet and welcome passers by and we were made very welcome. Another team organises free concerts and all kinds of music – these are held on Saturdays at 9 pm and Sundays at 4 pm. Over the years the centre has built up close contacts with other Christian communities in Latin America, Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. Efforts are made to meet, understand and support oppressed foreigners and to share their concerns, struggles, hopes and prayers, with understanding.

Alf and Margaret Croston.

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summer to all our readers!
David Bull

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

Debbie Simpson is from Northern Ireland and has spent time training for her laboratory work in Hopitaly Vaovao Mahafaly 'Good News Hospital' in Mandritsara, Madagascar. She writes:

" I received a book as a Christmas gift from friends in N. Ireland. Due to the somewhat dubious postal service between the UK and Madagascar, it arrived mid-February. The question on the front of the book asks "What on earth am I here for?" It arrived at a time when I was asking myself the same question! After almost three years of haematology training, two years at Bible College, a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Course, seven months learning French and four months learning Malagasy (the local language). I arrived in Mandritsara to find that I am strangely'unprepared'!! What am I doing here? I am meeting aspects of haematology down my microscope that were just in the text books in Edinburgh. Bible College opened my eyes to God's mission to the world but I need to be reminded sometimes of why my part in that has to be here and not in N. Ireland. And language preparations... what language preparations? Altogether, I have the names of 45 people who want to learn English. The abilities range widely from those who wrote nothing on the test (apart from their names at the top) to those who speak English very well. Most people in Mandritsara and outlying villages speak neither French nor the Official Malagasy that I learned, but the 'Tsimihety' dialect!! What are you doing there? This is the question I put to the ants who are fleeing for their lives out of my breakfast cereal in the mornings. The laboratory's resident frog who spends his days on top of my fridge hiding behind the leaves of a plant and his evenings exploring the expanse of the lab. The cockroaches who think they have 'right of way' in our kitchen at night. The neighbour's dogs who, during the hours of darkness take up residence in our yard, and the mosquitoes who haven't yet understood the concept of staying outside my mosquito net at night! Praise God for friendships that I have and the support that each friend provides. Pray for an openness to learn, especially the Tsimihety language, for good relationships both with Malagasies and with the international team working here, for vaccination programmes, for the 1000 analyses done each week without automated equipment, and for safety in travel by Helimission. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry and for 'doing what you are doing there.'

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NATURE NEWS



Hockenhull Platts and the area around the bridges has been alive with migrant visitors this month, and has been well worth a visit. Species such as tawny owl, little owl, cuckoo, snipe, whimbrel were seen and heard. There were singing warblers such as willow, grasshopper, sedge, and reed, together with blackcap, whitethroat, chiff chaff and several pair of reed bunting. Green and greater spotted woodpeckers were heard laughing and drumming respectively. Yellowhammers and tree sparrows are breeding there again, a welcome return after many years, and the rare wheatear was a recent visitor. Evening visitors are likely to see the barn owl flying in its ghost like way around the meadows, and birds of prey breeding there include the kestrel, sparrowhawk and buzzard. Swallows, house martins and swifts are back on schedule in the village, some occupying the same nest sites that they occupied or were born in last year. The swallows and martins can be seen flying low over the Pit or canal collecting insects to feed from, or mud to build or secure their nests. The fast flying swifts arrived in Christleton within a day of their average date, 7th May, and these most intriguing of birds nest in and around the Woodfields area of the village. They appear to scream as they fly around the village, and are larger and darker than the swallows and martins. They mate and sleep on the wing, and collect thousands of flies in one feeding run, to present their young in their roof eave nest sites, with a ball of food. Once they've bred, they feed up ready to fly back to their wintering sites in Africa around the beginning of August. A common sandpiper was a very interesting sighting along the canal near Rowton Bridge, on the same day as a bright yellow brimstone butterfly flew past. The mute swans on The Pit have produced seven delightful cygnets, over the weekend of the 6th/7th May, a welcome increase on last year, when they only produced three. These apparently healthy cygnets died within a week of moving to the canal. Lets hope that the family stay at the Pit this year, as the cob is suffering increasingly from a severe hip injury, and finds it difficult to walk. A number of people have expressed their concerns about this, but he has had this problem for four years and the RSPCA vets have been unable to do anything to help.

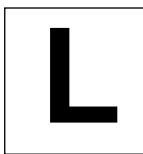
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PARISH RAMBLING (Tuesday)Group

Tuesday 21st June

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Christleton Village Show

**Is on Saturday 9th July
In Christleton Parish Hall**

This annual event is the main occasion in the village when the skills and abilities in our village community can be seen and appreciated. As in previous years we've listened to comments made after last years show and made changes to reflect changing interests so there are some new categories as well as the old favourites. Hanging Baskets is once again on the list and anyone in Christleton can join in, and you don't need to be an expert. The theme this year is "SPORT" and the Theme Trophy will go to the exhibit(s) which best portray this. There are a number of items on the schedule which are marked *** signifying the Sport theme. Schedules will be available from Paul Jackson at the Post Office after Easter so get a schedule, choose some categories and start planting, sewing, painting etc. etc. whatever is your thing. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and you could win a trophy – there are lots of them. If you have any queries or if you would like to help on the day (PLEASE) ring any of the committee below.

David or Beryl Cummings - 332410, Janet Brown – 335785. Charles Smeatham – 335209. Margaret Croston – 335955 - Sue Haywood – 01829 741814, Chris Marsland – 335424, June Pearson - 335101, Judith Butt – 335296, Iris Foster, Sue Rees.

CHRISTLETON GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will take place on 13 June with an outing to Arley Hall.

CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

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

OPEN HOUSE GROUPS

The Monday Afternoon Group meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the home of Rena Griffiths, 24 Hawthorn Road, Christleton. Contact Margaret Bass (335517) for further information.

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The July magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday 26th June 2005.

Parish Magazine Editor Sacked!

It hardly seems like 25 years since Archdeacon Anthony Nind, then chaplain to St Andrew's church in Zurich sidled up to me with the loaded question "do you write articles?" To cut a long story short he had this ploy of trying to liven-up the well-printed but dull-as-ditch-water loss-making magazine of that church. Next month he wrote, "hold on to your hats we are taking off!" Take off we did, with new title, new format, new printing method and new content. The result seemed to please, circulation rose massively and we had this excellent deal, for an editor, that Anthony would take the "flack" (as he so enchantingly and correctly called it) but I would be passed any credit! Back at St James' only some 18 years ago we made changes too, perhaps more in the line of evolution rather than revolution but, due in no small part to Richard Nicholson who compiles our magazine, we have moved a long way from the Roneod pink peril of yester year. Peter too has very kindly shielded me from flack whilst passing any positive remarks straight on.

This came into focus when I read the article in *The Times* of 22nd April concerning an editor who, it seemed, had ultimately not been so protected. It seems that Dr Nick Morley took over the editorship of the parish magazine "The Chronicle", which is circulated about 12 villages in Camborne, west Cornwall. He was determined to attract a wider and also a younger readership. He renamed the WI page "News from the WI fronts". He also started a column supposedly written by a reader's dog, ran a spoof report of an annual village witch-hunt and introduced an "agony uncle" who discussed whether local women faked their sneezes. Other indiscretions included a situations vacant advertisement for M16 and a photograph of a floral display credited to Rt Hon B.A.Boon! The result it seems was spectacular. Half of the 550 subscribers immediately cancelled their subscriptions but the last straw for readers was when Dr Morley printed "cut-and-keep miniature celebratory underpants on the front cover as a special tribute to the WI. Their magazine is now looking for a new editor – a sense of humour is not necessarily required. Meanwhile, with a touch of compassion for his Cornish colleague, your editor hangs in by the skin of his teeth - and hopes that Peter will continue to "take the flack". (Many thanks to Pat Hawkes who drew the article to my attention)

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CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

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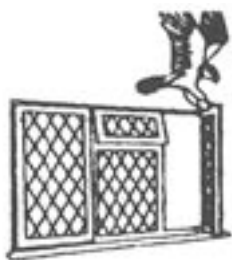
The first team were also winners of the Boughton Hall Knock Out – postponed from last season due to bad weather. It was a comfortable win over Barrow CC. The 2nd X1 are currently in 4th place and the 3rd X1 are 5th in their respective leagues.

The under 13's enjoyed a fine victory over Tattenhall. There were good performances from Richard Sissons, Daniel Jackson and Andrew Dunbavand. The future of Christleton CC looks promising with such outstanding juniors. Junior coaching continues on Mondays & Fridays. Contact Brian - 332326

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	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	
SAINTS	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

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	Ian Crossan.....	332280
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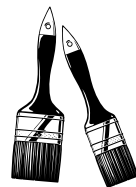
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