

Parish Magazine



April 2009

St. James'

Christleton

35p

www.christleton.org.uk

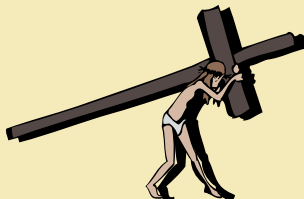


The Sound of Silence
Many Happy Easters
At Work in Ghana
Church Tree Maintenance
Sir Peter Scott

The Crew
Pit Group
Local Events
Parish Registers

Appointments in April

Wed	1	10.45 am 7.30 pm	United Communion - followed by refreshments United Lent Programme: South America: Ines Pierce - Parish Hall
Thur	2	12 noon	United Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	3	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	4	7.00 pm	David Cummings Church Talk for Christian Aid on New Zealand Parish Hall
Sun	5		PALM SUNDAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.30 am	Palm Sunday Procession with Donkey from Littleton followed by short service in Church.
		6.30 pm	Passiontide Devotion: The Cross of Christ Prayer Link Road: Quarry Lane and Faulkner's Lane Neighbourhood Link: Alison Kenyon
Mon	6	10.45 am 11.20 am 2.00 pm 7.45 pm	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home Holy Week Meditation Compline (Night Prayers) and Meditation
Tues	7	7.45 pm	Compline (Night Prayers) and Meditation
Wed	8	10.45 am 11.30 am 7.45 pm	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home Compline (Night Prayers) and Meditation
MAUNDY THURSDAY			
		7.45 pm	United Communion
GOOD	10.45 am	Family Service	
FRIDAY	2.00 pm	One Hour Devotion	
			NB: Last date for contributions for May Parish Magazine preferably earlier, to Janet Milton (335469) or you can e-mail this to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk
HOLY SATURDAY		6.30 pm	Easter Vigil



Sun	12		EASTER DAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.45 am	Parish Family Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Festal Evensong (Prayer Book) Roads to God: The Emmaus Road Prayer Link Road: Rake Lane and Stamford Lane Neighbourhood Link: Julia Carr
Wed	15	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	17	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	19		The Second Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Evensong Prayer Link Road: Rowan Park Neighbourhood Link: Fran Taberner
Tues	21	8.00 am	Church Walking Group - contact David Cummings (332410)
Wed	22	10.45 am 7.45 pm	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments. Churches Together Annual Meeting - Quiz and Food! Methodist Church
Fri	24	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	25	9.00 am	Holy Communion for St Mark
Sun	26		The Third Sunday of Easter
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer with Baptisms - followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion - Order 1 Prayer Link Road: Rowton Lane and Promised Land Lane Neighbourhood Link: Karen Smalls
Wed	29	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Front cover illustration:

Photograph taken by Richard Nicholson on a day visit to Jerusalem in March, 2008. It shows the Fifth Station of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa (Latin for “Way of Grief” or “Way of Suffering”).



The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

The Sound of Silence

We don't like silence, do we? We prefer to drown it out with music blaring or the TV or radio or constant chatter. Thanks to modern technology people can have their ear phones 'plugged in' to their favourite music while they run and, of course, mobile phones are the 'must have' accessory for all occasions! We tend to think of silence as emptiness or awkwardness; as the negative absence of anything positive. But just as when our eyes become adjusted to darkness we begin to see shades and shapes, so when our ears become adjusted to silence we begin to become aware of whisperings and nuances. When Elijah, in desperation, escaped to Horeb, the mountain of God, he found himself alone in a cave. A great and powerful wind tore the mountain, but the Lord was not in the wind; nor in the earthquake which followed; nor in the fire; but then a still small voice (1 Kings 19). Maybe, like Elijah, we have allowed ourselves to be so deafened by all the noises which shout and clamour to be heard, that we fail to hear the sound of silence or discern God's word to us. As we approach Holy Week and Easter, we do well to turn aside and let our ears become accustomed to the sounds of silence and receptive to their meaning.

Good Friday stuns us into silence as, once more, we are confronted by what happened. In that silence we hear the sound of shame and guilt: Judas in his betrayal; Peter in his denial; Pilate as he washes his hands; the disciples as they forsook him and fled; the penitent thief as he accepts his failure. And perhaps, as we hear those sounds, we are left without words as we realise our own guilt and shame for all the ways we have failed and denied and betrayed and condemned and fled from trouble instead of speaking up for what we knew to be right. But alongside that silence we also hear the silence of innocence. Confronted by all the false charges which were brought before him at his trial Jesus remained silent. He had nothing to prove; he did not need to justify himself; his silence spoke volumes, and challenges the way we shout out to justify ourselves and prove ourselves right. We talk glibly about suffering in silence, but that is what Jesus truly did on the cross, as others silently watched. The silence of suffering speaks of agony, both physical and mental, and it was shared by his mother and friends as they stood silently by and watched helplessly. This silence speaks of all those who are suffering today in the torture chambers and killing fields of our world, torn apart by

violence and oppression, who are joined in the silent fellowship of suffering. It is a silence which challenges our silence and failure to speak up against such tyrannies. But, even from the Centurion, there is a silence of respect as he realises this truly was the Son of God. The silence of the Cross still calls people to decide. Is it the silence of defeat or victory? And then the silence of death which is taken as the silence of defeat, but we can hear his whisper: "It is accomplished: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" and we know it is the silence of fulfilment.

We hear little of Holy Saturday which has its own silence. A silence of resting after a long journey or a great endeavour – a silence of exhaustion yet relaxation, when there is nothing left to be said. But it is also a time of silent vigil – waiting, reflecting, expecting – looking forwards as well as backwards.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark and silent, the women came and found the tomb empty. The dawn of Easter Day brings a silence with different sounds. The silence of bewilderment and loss is replaced by the silence of wonder and awe. The silence of guilt and failure is replaced by the silence of forgiveness and hope. The silence of doubt is replaced by the silence of faith. The silence of death is replaced by the silence of eternity. The silence of loneliness is replaced by the silence of love. Soon the silence would be broken as they raced to tell others the good news. But let us listen to the sounds of silence and learn from them so that we have something to shout about! Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Yours sincerely

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

Prayer of the Month: by Eddie Askew

Sometimes, Lord, often – I don't know what to say to you.

But I still come, in quiet for the comfort of two friends sitting in silence. And its then, Lord, that I learn most from you.

When my mind slows down, and my heart stops racing.

When I let go and wait in the quiet,

realizing that all the things I was going to ask for you know already. Then, Lord, without words, in the stillness you are there ...

and I love you.

Lord, teach me to pray. Amen.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
House-to-house collection
10 – 16 May 2009

We would be glad to hear from anyone willing to join the team of house-to-house collectors during Christian Aid Week so that we can be sure of covering every house in the Parish.

Individual volunteers or in pairs (to 'job share' a road) would be most welcome.

Linda McLintock-Tingco said yesterday, when speaking at our Lent meeting in Christleton, that because of the credit crunch and the exchange rate, we need to raise an extra 30% in order to maintain the existing programme.

Please ring one of us if you feel you could help.

Fiona Lee
(335663)

Judith Edwards
(335577)

CHRISTLETON
WEDNESDAY GROUP

Christleton Wednesday Group members wish to thank everyone for their support in 2008. A cheque for £2700 will be presented to a representative of The Mulberry Centre at our Spring Lunch on 1 April.

This year's fundraising will be for Claire House Children's Hospice so we hope to receive your continuing support throughout 2009.

Pray now for Zimbabwe

31 March marked the first anniversary of the disputed elections in Zimbabwe, the results of which Mr Robert Mugabe has since flagrantly disregarded. Now the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called for prayer for Zimbabwe. They note "with horror" the "appalling difficulties" of the people under the current regime.

"We give thanks to God for the faithful witness of the Christians of Zimbabwe during this time of pain and suffering, especially those who are being denied access to their churches. We wish to assure them of our love, support and prayers as they face gross violation of human rights, hunger and loss of life as well as the scourge of a cholera epidemic, all due directly to the deteriorating socio-political and economic situation in Zimbabwe."

St. James' Christleton Parish Magazine

The Crew Youth Group

Congratulations to the Crew Youth Group & their leaders who took part in the family service at St James' in February. It was inspiring to see these young people involved in worship, and especially to learn about their project of sponsoring a 3 year old girl, Jaila Jallow in Gambia through Action Aid. They had spent the previous night at a sleep over, highlighting the needs of vulnerable people who live in cardboard communities on our streets. However their main aim during the service was to tell us about the life of Jaila and the Jallow family in Gambia. She is one of a family of six children. Jaila's father is a farmer, and her mother also works on the land. Their home is made of grass thatched walls, and all the families cooking is done outside. The Niamina District in which Jaila lives lies along the banks of the river Gambia. Families take water from open wells in the village which are unprotected and often polluted. There is no health centre in the area and the nearest hospital about 45miles (70km) away. Action Aid is working with local organisations, to improve production of food, the rights of women and girls, and to make education accessible for children in the area. The story told by the Crew inspired the congregation to help, and at the end of the service over £200 was raised towards the Jamila Project.

Congratulations to all concerned.

CL/DC



The Crew Youth Group has its own space on the web site - check it out

WWW.CHRISTLETON.ORG.UK

Many Happy Easters

Well two to be precise

Last year we were fortunate enough to enjoy Easter at St. James' before flying to Greece and enjoying Easter all over again due to the discrepancy between Anglican and Orthodox calendars. I would like to say that it was all planned, but in truth we actually just arrived in Porto Heli, Greece by happenstance during Holy Week.

The first clue was in the street decorations - giant (2m) replica candles placed conveniently to block the pavement completely spilling pedestrians into the racetrack roads. Elsewhere there were candle shaped fairy lights. The town's small boys provided a further sign that something was up. It appears that all the bangers and squibs long since banned from our firework displays have found their way to Greece.

Our limited Greek did not allow us to participate in the Good Friday services but a visit to Porto Heli's church showed massive queues of worshipers waiting to get in - the service was effectively a continuous performance and with the ebb and flow the queues of supplicants were entering all day long. On Saturday Kalo Pasha (Happy Easter) replaced the traditional Kaliméra (good morning) on the lips of passers by, shopkeepers and so on - and with more than usual gusto. At the stroke of midnight however the greeting changed to Hristos Anesti (Christ is risen) to which the response Alithos Anesti (He is risen indeed) - not just in the church, but on the street and by everyone. Midnight was also punctuated by further barrages of firework bangers and squibs from all quarters.

As Easter morning broke the smell of slowly barbequing lamb was everywhere. On the quayside, owners of large motor yachts (known affectionately as Gin Palaces) had set up their barbeques with whole lambs rotating on spits. The like was visible at restaurants and in gardens all over town. Less affluent citizens nevertheless had their whole or part lamb cooking in the town's bakery ovens ready for the midday feast.

We were invited to an international barbeque for our Easter Lunch (Pashalino trapezi) at the local boatyard where two whole lambs had been slowly turning on the spits all morning. The mood was one of great levity. The English and Irish contingents brought along musical instruments and serenaded the “rest of the world” contingent with music and song!

As the afternoon wore on a stroll along the quayside was called for. There, in the middle of the harbour was Judas – who had hanged himself on a scaffold mounted on a float in the middle of the harbour.

At the church, the priest had set up his stall outside, opposite the church door. A long and happy queue of parishioners, men, women and children stood with burning candles waiting for the priest to kiss each and every one of them 3 times. Some were more adept than others at keeping their lighted candles away from his massive full length beard during the process!

Once inside the church we saw why they had retreated outside. A massive 100 bulb electric chandelier lit every corner of the highly ornate, normally rather dark interior. On a massive special stand reminiscent of a blacksmith’s forge, scores of burning candles not only provided even more light, but comprised a raging hot inferno!

Darkness descended, and back at the harbour loud music presaged some happening or other. The usually indolent harbour police turned out in force as if to control some non-existent crowd control problem but actually, as it transpired, to gain the best vantage points whilst still “on duty”! The music was a most unusual medley including movements from Beethoven symphonies, the Nutcracker, the William Tell overture, Puccini Opera pieces etc all juxtaposed and played at an ultra fast dance tempo. Floodlights played on Judas and two small water taxi boats began to “dance” to the music. On his float Judas was soon further illuminated by two giant Roman candles, and a series of mini depth charges raised waterspouts all around the harbour. There followed a spectacular firework display from a promontory overlooking the harbour. At the climax however the music reverted to slow tempo and quiet Greek music (à la Zorba the Greek), then the search lights and music were turned off. A moment later however the lights were switched fully on to Judas again but he was looking the worse for wear as the depth charges had

removed some of his lower legs. He was not to suffer much longer however since - with a massive explosion - he was blown to smithereens. Easter festivities continued all over town. It would seem that most of the population would have been to church at some time over Easter and certainly none could be unaware of the special significance of the festival.

Hristos Anesti! - Alithos Anesti!

DCB

NATURE NOTES

I am pleased to report that the “new” nest for our “Pit” Swans has now been constructed. Two bales of straw are used to create the nest on the slatted wooden platform, as there are not enough reeds for the swans to create their own, and their attempts to build inevitably takes them close to the edges of the Pit where the vegetation is thickest, but where there is potential danger from both animals and humans. Our Christleton swans have happily taken to this style of nest site for over ten years now, and bred successfully. They occupy the nest within hours of it being built. The optimum time for building the nest is the second week in March, and this enables them to hatch their cygnets around the second week in May. The cob (CP58) crash landed on Little Heath Road recently after flying into a lamppost, but appears unhurt. However his main “rival” of last year the Waverton

cob, had a much more adventurous time, when it crash landed onto the main Chester- Euston railway



line, whilst trying to land on the adjacent canal. Despite the efforts of a passer by to try to frighten him

off, he stayed between the rails, and I'm told ducked low to avoid being hit by three passing trains before the RSPCA managed to remove him!. General sightings this month include a pair of siskins in Birch Heath Lane, a good number of gold and greenfinches, and the last of the redwings and fieldfare feeding before their spring flight to Scandinavia. Three "mewing" buzzards have regularly been seen circling over the village. Grey wagtails also seem to be on the increase, and I have seen several pairs recently. They are more yellow and grey, than grey, but are distinct from the all bright yellow wagtail, a migrant species which doesn't arrive until much later in the spring. They all have the distinctive flick of their tails, and dart and hover around as they fly. The most common wagtail in this area is the pied, which regularly appears around the village, and always used to be seen after break times at school, as they seemed to know when good pickings would be available. Starlings also picked up this habit, and as many as twenty or thirty would fly onto the playground at 10.50am!

DC

Congratulations to Christleton High School who have just been awarded the Eco-Schools Bronze Certificate. The Government in England wants every school to be a sustainable school by 2020 and the Eco-Schools project is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed certain principles into the heart of school life. To achieve the awards they have had to fulfill certain criteria including setting up an Action Team and carrying out an environmental review.

The school are now working really hard to gain their Silver Award and if anyone in the village has skills/ interests that they would be keen to share with the school such as wildlife and bird habitats, wildflower gardens in fact anything green and environmentally friendly please contact Jane Parker, the school Eco-Co-ordinator, at parkerj@christletonhigh.co.uk.

Coffee Morning on behalf of Tanzanian School

May we, on behalf of Serian UK, thank everyone who came to the coffee morning at the Christleton Institute in February, in support of the Noonkodin School near Arusha, Tanzania.

As a result of this magnificent effort, we were able to send a total of over £500 to the school. We have been told that the results of this Coffee Morning will be used to purchase five laboratory benches for the Science Room.

Serian UK is a non-profit organisation which is pioneering a new approach to secondary school education, in order to overcome poverty. Young people are trained to use indigenous knowledge and traditional skills within a modern school environment. The intention is to make village life more sustainable and fulfilling, and to help educate children to stay in the Maasai region and not seek desk jobs in the cities or overseas.

If you would like to know more, either contact me (Iris Foster, 332901) or see the website at www.serianuk.org.uk.

Wanted for Village Fete

Rose Queen
Attendants
Page Boy

Required by 15 April

Contact Shirley Hurst
Telephone 345421

Churches Together in Christleton

Grateful thanks to all who supported the Lent Lunch when the sum of £230 was raised for Christian Aid.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Ena Wild** on her
80th birthday on 12 April

Belated congratulations to
Will & Sue Morris who
celebrated their Ruby Wedding
Anniversary on 1 March

The Church at work in Ghana

An e-mail from our friends Ian & Claire, working with the Tampulma People in Ghana.

Last night 10th February we had our first rain for many months. It rained heavily all night and it has been such a relief to wake up to cooler weather and less humidity. It seemed to have temporarily swept away all the Sahara desert dust. Claire's biggest achievement recently has been to collect together all the Jesus film equipment for the Tampulma people. This includes the projector, the DVD player, the speakers, generator* and second hand Yamaha motorbike. The biggest problem was the motorbike. Claire was shown a succession of these but none were suitable, one even had a 2009 registration number on it but when the papers arrived it was actually 20 years old!!!! With the help of Nelson and his friends, a good Yamaha was bought and Samuel Asare the Scripture in Use Co-ordinator is very happy as it will be good for the very rough Tampulma roads. The motorbike will be able to carry the generator to far reaching villages and will also be used for the Literacy for

Life church classes, and the Faith Comes by Hearing programme when the Tampulma New Testament on solar Ambassadors like Megavoices) arrive. Ian is very happy with his new Gonja translator called Frances and Ian has checked the book of Ezra and some chapters of the Book of Judges with him. Frances is also in charge of the Megavoices in the Gonja area. He says the Muslims love listening to the stories in the Gonja New Testament and have even taken some steps in putting them into practice. Pray that many will find the Lord. Ian has also checked the Gonja Book of Proverbs with translator Adam who says the Muslims will love to read the Book of Proverbs in their own language. Pray for Ian as he checks the Book of Job with the Nafaanra team in March. Also for safe travel for the translators as there are many accidents on the roads these days in Ghana.

*A previous generator for their work was purchased with funds from Christleton in 2000, part of our Village Millennium Celebrations.

Gwen Knight/DC

Note this date in your diary

Christleton Village Show 2009

Saturday 11th. July
Christleton Parish Hall

This year the show theme will be **OUR VILLAGE** and we're hoping there will be plenty of Hanging Baskets and floral gardens for photographic and artistic inspiration.

Also note - **Saturday 4th April - 10 am to Noon** at Christleton Methodist Church Schoolroom where there will be an Inspiration Day where there will be demonstrations of a wide variety of craft skills including – Machine embroidery, Photography, Woodworking, Wood carving, Flower arranging, cookery etc. So there should be no excuse for not having an entry in the Show.

We're hoping people will make an extra effort to have hanging baskets and containers at the front of their houses and businesses particularly in the village centre and Littleheath Road.

Schedules are now available from Phil and Sue Prees at Christleton Village Stores 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

Sue and Lewis Rees; Christine Abrahams; Iris Foster;

Edward Elliot; Sarah Donald.



Christleton Pit Group

WORKING PARTIES – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

The Group exists to maintain the area of Little Heath known as “The Pit”. It was started in 1972, as a Conservation Project for children at the Primary School, initially as a paper, photographic and litter clearing exercise. However after great success with the school’s entry coming second in the Daily Telegraph “Save The Village Pond Campaign” in 1974, and the severe droughts of 1975/6 it became a very practical exercise, with children and their dads (& mums), coming to help on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings during the spring & summer. The Parish Council contributed to the

efforts with encouragement and financial support, and several local farmers helped with equipment. A sponsored silence was held at the school to raise the funds to purchase a boat, and a heavy duty mower for the banks & surrounds. This work was the inspiration for maintaining the Pit as a superb amenity for the village, which everyone could find something to enjoy. The project and group developed as new challenges emerged. The vegetation, and algal blooms often caused specific problems, and the level of the water supply has been an issue until the last five wet years. The Pit Group itself

initially raised considerable funds with a 6 mile fun run. Shell UK gave financial help from their Community Fund, as well as the loan of a huge crane when the work required it. The project that you see today is the result of the efforts of many local volunteers and children over 30years, supported by the Parish Council and the community. In 1999 The Project was awarded National status for its efforts by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and given a small grant, Subsequently in 2007 the Project has benefited from a Land Fill Tax Award from Wren UK enabling essential silt clearance through dredging to take place. The next stage in the work is to secure several sections of the bank where



erosion is taking place, by placing 7m lengths of Coir rolls containing imbedded plants such as greater tussock sedge, pond sedge, reed grass, purple loosestrife and hard rush. Not only to secure the banks but to add to the attractive vegetation around the pit. The group will continue to do other work on the improvement of the Bricky Lane junction, fishing platforms, removal of knot weed, and work generally around the area near the Playing Fields. We are a group of enthusiasts who vary in age, but all have an active interest in the village and its conservation. We would be delighted to welcome new members, and working parties will meet on Wednesdays/Saturdays from 9.30 to 12.00 from 24th May until the work is completed. The Pit Group has its own tools/boat and other equipment and can probably lend waders to anyone who wishes to help. The group is affiliated to the BTCV and has an insurance policy through that membership. If you would like to help, please contact Eric Kenyon, Ian Gorst, David Cummings or any member of the group. The Group will also have a display at the Parish Council open Morning in The Parish Hall in April.

DC



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

ST JAMES TUESDAY WALKING GROUP

April 21st 2009

Chester; Chester Canal in early
Spring. Easy 12miles +
A superb, if long walk, through
beautiful countryside following the
Shropshire Union Canal to Caughall
Bridge. Returning via Chester Zoo,
Upton, and then using new trails fol-
lowing the old railway line into the
City. (A route used by the Hospice
of the Good Shepherd, for their Sun-
rise Stroll). Lunch in Chester
Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am.
(Park & Ride to Chester)

April 2009

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall

April 8th

**Wirral Villages
by Gavin Hunter**

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.

All welcome

Fund Raising Evening- for Christian Aid

7.00pm Saturday 4th April
in the Parish Hall.

David & Beryl Cummings host
a buffet supper to raise funds for
Christian Aid.

The Talk.

**“The Land of the Long White
Cloud”**

The History, Scenery & Wildlife of
New Zealand.

Tickets £6 including light refresh-
ments & drinks.

Available from David 332410,
Church or the Village Stores.

CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP *SOUP & SWEET* *SPRING LUNCH*

on

**Wednesday 1 April,
at Christleton Parish Hall,
12 Noon.**

Tickets £7, available from members.
(includes a glass of wine)

In aid of
Claire House Children's Hospice

% TO CHARITY

St Saviours Nurseries

Channel Islands

Telephone 01481 265521

I have ordered flowers by telephone
and been satisfied with delivery next
day and the contents. £15 upwards.
Freesia, carnations etc. When order-
ing please mention Church of Eng-
land Children's Society and they
give a percentage to the charity.

Vera Wood



EUROPEAN BAROQUE CONCERT

**Saturday 18 April 2009
7.30 pm**

Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port

BACH – “Eine Feste Burg”

CHARPENTIER – Te Deum

PURCELL – Come Ye Sons of Art

VIVALDI – Dixit Dominus
(new discovery)

Orchestra of 18th Century
Soloists, and

Ellesmere Port Music Society Choir.

Conductor - Michael D Williams

WHAT'S ON

CHRISTLETON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday April 22nd
at 7.30pm

At the Primary School in Quarry
Lane. Speaker; David Cummings
Celebrating Education in Christle-
ton 1779-2009

From the John Sellers Charity
School in 1779 to the
50th Anniversary of Christleton
High School in 2008

AGE CONCERN HEALTH WALKS Caldy Valley & Christleton

Wednesday 10.30 am
40 mins (approx).

Easy walking – telephone
01244.677777

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **May** magazine will be available for
collection from Church on **Sunday 26**
April

CHRISTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY, 25th April, 2009
10.00 AM – 12.00 NOON
THE PARISH HALL
VILLAGE GREEN

Everyone Welcome

Why not come along and meet your
Parish Councillors
Find out what is happening in
your village and see what has been
achieved in the last year

QUESTIONS ANSWERED
LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED

Refreshments will be served

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU THERE

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in
the **May** edition are sent to Janet Milton
(335469), as soon as possible **BEFORE**
Friday 10 April or you can e-mail this to

christletonmag@hotmail.

Christleton Village Show

“Inspiration Day”.

Christleton Methodist Chapel.

Saturday 4th April

10.00am to 12.noon

The Village Show Committee are inviting members of the village community to drop in at the Methodist Chapel School Room to see displays of a variety of handcrafts, which we hope will inspire them to enter this years village Show on July 11th, which has the theme,” OUR VILLAGE”. We hope that some of the activities will have an element of “hands on experience”. There will be displays of art, textiles, woodwork, sculpture, baking, calligraphy, flower arranging, planting for hanging baskets, card making & digital photography. There is free admission, and coffee & tea etc available. There will also be a raffle, and all proceeds will go to the refurbishment of the Children’s Playground at the Playing Fields.

*Collect your entry form for the 2009 Show
at the Chapel and be inspired!!*

Advertising - contact: Ann Smith, Tel: 332434
e-mail: ann.smith10@virgin.net

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH YARD TREE MAINTENANCE

In Christleton churchyard we are fortunate to have over 60 trees which add to the beauty and help create such a pleasant setting and back drop to our church.

Unfortunately there has been no professional management or maintenance of the trees for some years, consequently a few have died, some have grown significantly and are now potentially dangerous and many are simply overgrown with ivy and weeds.

We therefore plan to undertake a major maintenance project in the coming months to bring the trees up to standard, remove the few dead trees and ensure the church yard is a safe place for our many visitors. All this work has been professionally advised and received the necessary authorisations.

Most of the work entails raising the crown of the trees and tidying the lower trunk of ivy and weeds. This will improve the look of the trees greatly. The trees in the car park will have their crown reduced in size to make them more appropriate for their location. There are two dead trees that will be felled and the three large hybrids at the back of the church yard in the field are potentially dangerous and will either be felled or reduced in size. Finally the two large cypress trees immediately in front of church will also have to be felled for a number of reasons. They are far too close to church and have grown too large and are now potentially dangerous. They are also a security risk as they screen the church significantly and provide cover for potential thieves and vandals. Finally because of their current size, they totally obstruct the beauty of the church and in particular the millennium window. Because of the variety it is not possible to reduce the bulk of the trees and therefore, reluctantly, we need to have them felled. We do however plan to replace them with a more appropriate tree to complement the Church.

If you would like any further information on the work to be carried out please contact Keith Smalls 01244 335688

The History File

Sir Peter Scott Naturalist, Artist & Sportsman

2009 is the centenary of the birth of Sir Peter Scott, the son of the Antarctic Explorer Robert Falcon Scott and his wife Kathleen the famous sculptor. It is remarkable that in our lifetime we can celebrate the work of two giants in the field of Natural History, Sir Peter and David Attenborough, who through their explorations, television & films, have brought the world of nature

and knowledge of conservation into our homes. I have been influenced by both, and some of their ideals have been translated into my work with children at the Primary School at Christleton Pit and Hockenhull Platts. I remember my first visit to Slimbridge in 1961 when Peter Scott spoke to a group of us, and I spent a half an hour or so sitting in a hide



adjacent to his studio watching a group of wild Bewick swans from Russia feeding under floodlights on what has become known as Swan Lake. This was an inspiration to me, something I will never forget. I'm sure many older members of the community will remember the first live television pictures of wildlife coming in grainy black and white images from nature reserves such as Slimbridge on the "Look" programmes that he hosted.

Peter Scott however was already a national figure, initially from being the son of a famous father, a godson of J.M. Barrie who wrote "Peter Pan", a Naval Commander in WWII gaining the DSC for bravery, and an Olympic Yachtsman winning a bronze medal in 1936. He also became skipper of a yacht in the America's Cup, an ice skater, a British champion glider pilot, an artist of repute and superb naturalist. He was the most influential conservationist of the 20thC with his greatest achievements being the founding chairman of the World Wildlife Fund for Nature, and the setting up of the Wetland & Wildfowl Trusts, organisations which do so much to help conserve the world's wild creatures. He was passionate about his subjects and being a great communicator, always

managed to get people on his side. He designed the panda logo of the WWF, and his pioneering work in conservation resulted in a change on policy for whaling, and the signing of the Antarctic Treaty. Nearer to home his work with the W.W.T continues to flourish, and we now have a series of wetland reserves all over the UK, where active conservation projects take place, where many of our worlds species of swans, ducks, geese, insects and mammals, some of these endangered, can find safe refuge and even breed. Several species such as the Hawaiian Goose have been captive bred in such numbers that they are being returned to re populate territories in their homeland. The newest of these wetlands has been created in the middle of London, based on redundant reservoirs near Barnes, adjacent to the River Thames. It is wonderful to think that through his vision wildlife is being attracted into the centre of our biggest city, bringing nature close up to a huge population. Sir Peter was also a great family man, a kind, gentle and very unassuming figure despite his great achievements in life. He was knighted in 1973, appointed Fellow of the Royal Society and Companion of Honour by the Queen in 1987. He died in 1989.

DC

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.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN SERVICE

The van calls weekly: alternate Thursdays all day and alternate Fridays in Quarry Lane 11.15 am – 12.45 pm. For further details of when the van is next in your area, please telephone Upton Library on 380053.

READERS

Please remember to support our magazine advertisers and mention where you have read their name.

Stay alert!

Here are some simple tips to keep your mind active:

1. Each night, spend a few moments recalling the events of your day. Write them down, if you like. Then - try and remember what happened yesterday!
2. What was the sermon about last Sunday?
3. Read on a regular basis - it keeps your language skills active.
4. Mix with other people. Too much prolonged solitude can even lead to confusion.
5. Eat fish, nuts, fruit, vegetables, chocolate... they all boost mental reaction times.

CONTRIBUTORS

The best way to send contributions to St. James' Parish Magazine is to e-mail the document.

Attach your Word document and e-mail it to

christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Registers for February 2009

Holy Baptism

22nd William Scott Boothman son of Nigel & Karagh Boothman
89b Grange Loan, Edinburgh

22nd Ewan Patrick Lightfoot son of Christopher
& Tamara Lightfoot 24 Heathfields Close, Chester

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

The Funeral Service

3rd William Francis Smith Moorley Birch Heath Lodge Nursing
Home, Christleton

9th Evelyn Williams Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home, Christle-
ton

13th Jessie Jackson Rowton Lodge, Rowton Lane, Rowton

24th Vida Constance Pidgeon Crabwall Residential Hall, Parkgate
Road, Mollington, Chester

“Grant them eternal rest.”

Offertories

February	Cash	CSE	2009	2008
1st	163-33	759-40	922-73	696-58
8th	151-33	662-00	813-33	1,079-92
15th	110-72	543-00	653-72	633-83
22nd	235-27	839.00	1,074-27	940-22
Totals.			£3,464-05	£3,350-55

“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	

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

Rector: **The Rev'd Canon K. Peter Lee, M.A.**
The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton335663

Churchwardens:	Lois Dickinson	378320
	Keith Smalls	335688
Reader	Wayne Morris	01978 263389
Reader Emeritus	John Roberts	332207
Verger	David Ellis	336879
Sacristan:	Betty Dunning	335652

Sunday School:	Berenice Hogg.....	336779
Mother's Union Branch Leader	Janet Brown	335785
Organist & Musical Director:	Steve Roberts	815277
P. C. C. Secretary:	Brenda Bailey	335034
P. C. C. Treasurer:	David Mercer	336155
Stewardship Envelope:	Betty Dunning.....	335652
Gift Aid Secretary	Nigel Seddon	335588
Bellringers	Ian Braithwaite	300565
Bellringer Vice Captains	Ian Crossan	332280
Parish Hall Booking	David Mercer	336155
C. M. S. Secretary	Janet Brown	335785
Children's Society Sec.	Lesley Morgan	335088
Visiting Group:	Gill Hibbert.....	336544
Library	Lois Dickinson	378320
Church Flowers	Olive Hammond.....	336562
Magazine Editor	David Bull.....	332234
Magazine Compiler	Richard Nicholson	336004
Magazine Distributors	Jenny Davies and Valmai Griffiths	335884
Neighbourhood Link Co-Ordinator	Janet Bowden.....	335705
Parish Resource		
Person for Child Protection	Susan Alexander	335077



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & APPOINTMENTS
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR 335663

