



ST JAMES' - CHRISTLETON

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Saturday 11th July, 2009
THE VILLAGE SHOW

Sunday 12th July
**FAMILY FLOWER
SERVICE**
followed by
FAMILY BARBEQUE

Saturday 25th July
ST. JAMES' DAY



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Journal for July

Wed	1	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	2	12 noon	Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	3	9.0 am	Holy Communion for ST THOMAS Choir Dinner
Sun	5		The Fourth Sunday After Trinity. Proper 9
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.00 am	Ordination of Gill Hibbert as Deacon - Cathedral
		10.45 am	Parish Communion with Baptisms
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		4.00 pm	Introduction to The Crew - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong - followed by refreshments Prayer Link Road: Whitchurch Road, Roadside and White Lane Neighbourhood Link: Janet Milton, Neville Meredith, Norman Goodwin
Mon	6	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		7.30 pm	Licensing of the Rev'd Colin Randall as Priest-in-Charge of Barrow
Wed	8	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
		2.00 pm	Toddlers Talk and Tea - Parish Hall
Thur	9	7.30 pm	Bereavement Support Group - Vicars Cross
Fri	10	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
NB: Last day for contributions to August magazine, preferably earlier, to Janet Milton (335469) or you can e-mail your document to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk			
Sat	11		The Village Show (Parish Hall)

Sun	12		The Fifth Sunday After Trinity - Proper 10
	8.00 am		Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.45 am		FAMILY FLOWER SERVICE followed by FAMILY BARBECUE
	6.30 pm		Evensong Prayer Link Road: Woodfields Neighbourhood Link: Joyce Rydings
Mon	13	9.30 am	Churches Together Committee Away Day - Brown Knowl
		2.00pm	Mothers' Union (Parish Hall)
			NB: Church car park closed this week for resurfacing work
Tues	14	8.00 am	Church Walking Group. Contact David Cummings (332410)
Wed	15	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	17	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	19		The Sixth Sunday After Trinity: Proper 11
	8.00 am		Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.45 am		Parish Communion
	12 noon		Baptisms
	6.30 pm		EvensongPrayer Link Road: Badgers Close Neighbourhood Link: June Hulmes
Wed	22	10.45 am	Holy Communion for St Mary Magdalene Followed by refreshments
Sun	26		Patronal Festival for ST JAMES
	8.00 am		Holy Cmmunion - Order 1
	10.45 am		Matins - followed by refreshments
	6.30 pm		Evening Communion - Order 1 Prayer Link: Birch Heath Lane Neighbourhood Link: Fiona Lee
Wed	29	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Dear Friends

Pilgrims' Progress

St James's Day is 25 July, by which time many people have gone on holiday! Apart from being the Patron Saint of our Parish Church, St James is also the Patron Saint of all pilgrims. If you look at the depiction of St James in the window above the Altar, you will see him carrying the pilgrim's staff. This arises from the legend that after St James was beheaded his disciples took his body and set off in a boat without rudder, as an act of faith, so that God would take them where he would. They arrived on the shores of Spain (hence his other emblem of a shell) and then set off inland till they arrived at Compostella and set up his shrine. Ever since Christians have made pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostella, and St James became their Patron Saint. Throughout Christian history disciples have made pilgrimages, often in very demanding and harsh conditions, as a journey of faith, to reach their goal of deeper and more faithful witness. But all pilgrimages are, in themselves, parables of our life's pilgrimage towards the goal of our faith. We may not undergo the rigours of such pilgrimages, but as members of St James we do well to consider our life's pilgrimage and what progress we are making!

Earlier in July we have our Family Flower Service on 12th. This tradition goes back over many years, and provides opportunity to remember those who have gone before us in the faith at St James. As we lay flowers on graves in the Churchyard at the end of the Service we are made aware of so many life pilgrimages faithfully fulfilled, which contribute to our heritage of faith. The service itself will be very lively and colourful! This year's Rose Queen and Retinue are again invited and The Crew Youth Group will help us consider our rainbow covenant with God. As in the best pilgrimages there will be good hospitality provided (for very reasonable contribution)! There will be a family barbecue and a bouncy castle for the children (to aid digestion?). We hope lots of people will come to enjoy this special occasion again this year.

Sunday 5th July will be a very special point on one particular 'Pilgrim's' journey. Gill Hibbert is to be Ordained Deacon at the Cathedral that morning for her work in the Chaplaincy at Hospital and Hospice. We offer Gill our congratulations, and especially our prayers, for her future Ministry. It has been a long journey for her to come to this point, so that she will be able to minister more completely to those in such particular need, to whom she has given so much already.

The fact that St James's Day comes at the end of July means that it is difficult to observe it as a day of dedication in the life of our Parish. However, every year we do have a special service of Rededication in early September. This year that will be on 13th September and the Bishop of Chester will lead the service and preach. I am giving this early notice to remind and encourage all of us to make a special effort to join in that Service. It will be a good opportunity to consider the progress we have made, both individually and together, in our pilgrimage of faith, and rededicate ourselves for the next part of our journey. This year that will have extra focus as we consider and pray for our Parish plans to grow in faith and action in response to God's calling. We hope everyone will feel they have their own particular part to play in this, and that their contribution is appreciated and welcomed.

The thing about a pilgrimage is that you are always on the move – nothing stays the same. So may we take fresh inspiration for the journey so we truly progress towards our goal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Prayer of the Month: (from *Enriching the Christian Year*)

*God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

memorial service at eccleston

The Rev. Canon Lawrence “Lawrie” Skipper

The death occurred recently in Surrey of much loved former Rector, Rev. Canon Lawrie Skipper. He served in Christleton for a relatively short time in the late 1960's, before ill health caused him to move on to Eccleston where he became Rural Dean, and also Chaplain to the Duke of Westminster. Many older members of St James' have told me how great a parish Priest he was, and his relationship with Les George, Christleton Players and others working in the village are legendary. The Choir always knew when he had been at St James' in retirement because Cliff Boddy would say, “Lawrie” was here at 8 o'clock” He certainly was one of Cliff's favourites because I never heard him say anything against him, and I'm sure that was also the case for the rest

***You could never speak to
Canon Lawrie without
smiling,***

of the Parish. His popular Youth Club in the attic of the old Rectory in Plough Lane is also mentioned and it must

have been one of the best times to have been a young person in Christleton!! You could never speak to Canon Lawrie without smiling, laughing at his wit, and admiring his wisdom. It was always a pleasure to be called “old boy” by him. What a man to have around you, in any crisis, because despite



his occasional spells of ill health he stood out as a great man, a wonderful personality. He could be with anyone of any standing and be himself. I'm sure he gave so much, to so many people during his life, and he adored Margaret and his family and always spoke about them with great pride. He came to the Village History Group a few years ago and gave us so much pleasure, when I promoted an event called, "An evening with Les & Lawrie" Les George and Lawrie Skipper. It was fun from start to finish. I just fed with them with few questions and projected a few pictures of them both in the village to start them talking, and they kept going for over two hours!! It was one of the best attended meetings for years, and really memorable.

His Memorial Service at St Mary's Eccleston on the 22nd May was a fitting tribute to him. A large congregation gathered to remember with gratitude the long service given by him to the Church and his parishes, particularly those at Christleton & Eccleston. Passages from the bible were read by Terry Brightmore and His Grace the Duke of Westminster, followed by tributes by Revd Paul Dawson and the Revd Ian Thomas Rectors of Handbridge and Eccleston respectively. After the service, written and prepared by Lawrie himself, there was a remarkable "after glow" when individual mourners met outside the church with his family and many friends, and spoke of their own experiences of a man who was always so approachable, kind and understanding. This is how Lawrie Skipper will be remembered in so many homes, and his influence strongly felt for many years to come. We were fortunate to have known him.

David Cummings & Les George

People in the News *Wedding Anniversaries*

Belated congratulations to Tom & Nora Fitton of Rowton and Will & Hazel Edwards of Christleton who celebrated their Diamond and Golden Wedding Anniversaries respectively in June.

Belated congratulations to Brian and Hilary Devenport on their Ruby Wedding, 27th May.

A TAP ON THE SHOULDER

ANDREW SACHS

August 1960. Several hundred British students had been sorted on to different trains by the United Nations at Munich, myself on to a stopping train to Wels in the heart of Austria. Our purpose was to help build permanent housing for refugees from the Second World War.

Arriving at our hutted sleeping quarters, I eyed up a top bunk and was tapped on the shoulder. “Hi, I’m Andrew, I’m shorter than you, I’ll take the bottom bunk”. It was Andrew Sachs. He explained that he had worked non-stop as an actor since leaving drama school and, a childhood refugee from Berlin himself in 1938, he felt that in gratitude he should put something back. Half Jewish and remembering big Nazi parades in Berlin, he certainly empathised with those at Wels who were still refugees 20 years on not permanently settled.



Yes, we worked hard in the hot sunshine and enjoyed the good-humoured Volksdeutsch refugees from Croatia, a German-speaking farming minority there. Only 4 years on from the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. One was a concert pianist who had bravely crossed the Danube near Vienna on a raft, with only the clothes he was wearing and his grand-piano strapped on board.

But it was the cricket matches played on bumpy pitches which amused both the locals and the refugees. If Andrew starred in those, his forte was paramount in the evenings. Producing and acting with us in hilarious self-deprecating sketches, you could guess that Andrew was currently appearing in the Whitehall farces with the likes of Brian Rix and Larry Noble. When my foot slipped on an old chair and I gashed my shin, Andrew brought the

gushing blood and my feigned anxiety instantly into the sketch. I still have the scar!

In all we did at Wels, Andrew came across as a kind and compassionate man, with a perspective in his smiling humour drawn from his added years and refugee experiences. That was of great benefit to fresh-faced students.

“Faulty Towers” may now be Andrew’s best known feat, but anyone who has seen him in serious plays knows his wider talents. I still consider that one of Andrew’s greatest contributions to radio was his 4 part series on BBC Radio 4 in 2001, “The Jewish Journey: 1,000 Years of Jewish Life in Britain”. That I have twice used taped episodes in Christian discussion groups is a tribute to the breadth and understanding of these broadcasts. Even they contain some puckish humour, such as the Spanish Jews pretending to be Christians who gradually arrived in London and Bristol in the 16th century and set up secret synagogues there.

Yet thespian to the last, Andrew recently achieved a secret ambition to appear in “Coronation Street”, and that set in a city itself notably hospitable to Jewish refugees from war-torn Europe, Manchester.

John Carruthers

bells & hats | CHRISTLETON W.I.



Members enjoyed their annual birthday party in June when they were able to join in the entertainment provided by Waverton Handbell Ringers.

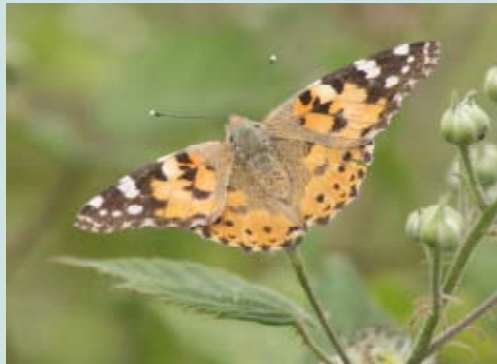
The nexy meeting on 8th July features Felicity Hats. There will also be a Flower Arrangement in a small container competition.

Iris Foster trying her hand

NATURE NOTES

David
Cummings

There have been so many highlights for me this month, especially a visit to the famous RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve in Suffolk, when Beryl & I saw and heard 85 species in a day, including large numbers of avocets, the emblem of the RSPB itself and a beautiful bird now recovered from almost extinction in the 1950's. There were also three pairs of displaying marsh harriers, and so many warblers that you really didn't have to walk far before coming across one, including at least five magnificent singing male nightingales, which were so close, you had to be able to see them, but so elusive that you couldn't even from five metres away. We also heard the explosive sound of a cettis warbler, a newcomer to Britain in the last ten years or so, but now spreading rapidly through Britain, so much so that we also heard one at Ness Gardens last week. Another creature spreading rapidly that you might have heard about is the painted lady butterfly. It is estimated that over a million of these beautiful creatures have flown to Britain from Morocco in North Africa, across the Mediterranean and English Channel, over the landmasses of France and England. They arrived in Christleton and around the North West in early May. These beautiful creatures are the same size as the red admiral, or large tortoiseshell, but have more delicate



almost faded colours especially this first batch which have flown so far. After they have laid their eggs and bred, the newly emerged young will be much brighter, but these will probably not fly back in the opposite direction to their adults. This influx happens every few years or so, the last time being 1997, when literally clouds of them would erupt from a buddleia bush in Croft Close as a car went past. The first dragonflies of the summer have also emerged and I managed to photograph this

delightful broad bodied chaser recently.

Not so good news of the “Pit” swans I’m afraid, and the picture is poor throughout the Chester District with only 26 cygnets at present down from 84 last year. Many of the pairs were affected by bad weather at the crucial time, and several pairs failed completely. The “Pit” pair were disrupted by the cob being injured by some youths and was taken away from the “Pit” during the egg laying period. There were initially seven eggs and three cygnets eventually hatched, although much later than usual. However two of these cygnets were predated, probably by a heron, which I’ve watched carefully over the last week, as it was showing great interest in the surviving cygnet. Spring watch showed herons predating terns on Anglesey and also coots in Nolfolk, so it is a distinct possibility that he took the two small cygnets

perhaps early in the morning, when they were just days old. I’m pleased to say that the surviving cygnet is quite strong, and very independent. The pen however still thinks that the four remaining eggs are going to hatch. Normally if an egg is infertile she will abandon it after two or three days, but she is still sitting on the nest three weeks later, which is most unusual, unless she is sitting on a second clutch of eggs laid after the cob was returned from the RSPCA Centre in Nantwich.

My feeling is that this is now a forlorn hope. I hope I’m wrong, but if there is only one

mouth to feed, maybe it will encourage them to stay on the “Pit” this summer. The “Waverton” pair has hatched six cygnets, again born almost three weeks later than normal, so lookout for them on the canal in Christleton sometime soon.



UPDATE

We were slightly pessimistic about our ability to improve on last year's record Christian Aid collections which took us over £4,000 for the first time, but we need not have been. We achieved the amazing total of £4351.25, £270.25 up on last year.

We set off to a flying start with a wonderful talk by David Cummings about his and Beryl's travels in New Zealand, which raised £510. The May Family Service collection was well up as were the house-to-house collections.

The summary for 2009, with comparative 2008 figures in brackets, looks like this.

David Cummings' talk:

£510.00 (£450.00)

Family Service collection:

£406.61 (£287.14)

House-to-house collection:

£3434.64 (£3343.86)

Collectors, counters, contributors in any way, thank you for making the week so successful.

Fiona Lee

What on earth are you doing? And – why?

Have you ever wondered if there is something special that you are meant to be doing with your life? Something that will make your time on earth really count for something?

It would be tragic to look back over your life and realise that nothing you ever did had much significance. Suppose your whole life got used up basically just 'passing the time'? Depressing thought. But – there is good news: it doesn't need to be like that.

The Bible assures us that God has given us our lives, and has plans for each one of us. He has given you abilities which he wants you to use. No matter how old or young you are, if you turn to him, he promises to direct your paths. What a wonderful thing: that the eternal God loves you so much he has personal plans for you!

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SCOUT HUT

Christleton Scout Hut was built in 1925 and is used by all sections of the community in Christleton, not just the Scouts.

As some of you will know the hut is now in a bad state of repair and the

Scouts have been trying to raise money to renovate the building. They have already installed double glazing, new fire doors and renovated the roof.



There is still a lot of work to be done including, installing a disabled toilet, altering the entrance to the front of the

building and improving the storage facilities. The Scouts estimate they need £25,000 to complete all the work required. Due partly to the perceived lack of social and ethnic diversity in Christleton they have encountered difficulties in obtaining funding for the project.

If anyone has any ideas as to how the Scouts can raise the monies needed or wishes to make a donation to their renovation fund please speak to Catriona (320235) or contact Ron Jackson from Christleton Scouts (317529)

Thank you

Catriona Levitt

TIDAL MILLS & BURR STONES

David
Cumplings

Last month I wrote about the windmill in the village and the water powered mills on the canal and the River Gowy. Another system of milling with water power is from a Tidal Mill, where water is stored in a pond or dam from an inflowing tide. The water enters the pond through a one way gate, and is automatically released when the power is needed. The earliest tidal mill



in Britain seems to have been built by the Romans on the River Fleet in London, whilst there were two on London Bridge during the medieval period. The mills existed on estuaries far enough away from the possible damage by waves, but situated to get the best out of the tidal flow. This meant that there was a time restriction on when the power could be used. There are now few examples to be seen in Britain, but there are fine examples at Woodbridge in Suffolk, Eling in Hampshire and Carrew in Pembrokeshire.

The Woodbridge Mill dates from 1170 and was reconstructed in 1793. It was operational until 1957, but then suffered much deterioration and damage. However a team of enthusiasts with the support of local people has led to it being fully restored, with a new mill pond constructed and it is now open again to the public. The Eling Mill on Southampton Water has been on

the site for over 900 years, and was abandoned in the 1940's. However it had the good fortune to be restored between 1975 and 1980, as a working mill, and a museum to this part of our industrial heritage. It is one of the only fully working and productive tidal mills in the world, and produces Flour of the Forest, and Stone Ground Wholemeal Flour milled from local grain grown on the nearby Cadland Manor Estate. It is a very high protein, breadmaking wheat with full flavour. Similarly the beautiful Carew Mill on the upper reaches of the River Cleddau below 15thC Carew Castle is now working again, but not producing commercial flour. Burr Stones.

Last month I also mentioned that our local mills used Burr Stones, and I've done a little more research to add to this. They are said to be the best flour producing millstones ever discovered. A burrstone or buhrstone is a stone made from a silicious rock found in a quarry in the Marne Valley in Northern France. It is used for much finer grinding and is built up from irregular sections of hard quartz cemented together with plaster (hence the need for plaster of Paris on the local bill) and bound with an iron band. The quartz creates sharp cutting edges which do not chip into

the flour, and it meant that the stones also needed less frequent sharpening. The millwright had to put together a dozen or so of these relatively small stones and fix them together to make the perfect wheel. This is crucial as the two wheels put together to grind the grain, have to be in perfect balance and be only the width of a piece of paper apart to produce the finest flour. The burrstone was relatively light, and the top stone had to be strengthened by additional weight to achieve the balance and the correct grinding action. Occasionally small lead weights had to be placed on the rim of the stone to achieve the balance, much as the garage mechanic does today to finely tune a car wheel. So as you can see it is a highly specialised and technical process. It's also said that the burr stones had a far longer & efficient working life than the former Derbyshire Gritstones, which were regarded as quite adequate for producing animal feed, but not for producing the finest flour.

Further Reference:

Wikipedia; Elen, & Woodbridge
Tidal Mills & Whitemill & Redbournbury Mills.

WHAT'S ON

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

AGE CONCERN HEALTH WALKS Caldy Valley & Christleton

Wednesday 10.30 am
40 mins (approx).

Easy walking – telephone
01244.677777

CHRISTLETON W.I.

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

July 8th

Felicity Hats

Competition: Flower Arrangement
in a small container

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,
Trish Pollard

Telephone: 01829751140

CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last



The Christleton Web Site has a
page featuring local events
www.christleton.org.uk

THIS MONTH



CHRISTLETON VILLAGE SHOW

Please note a Change of Venue for the **Coffee Morning on the 4th July** for the handing in of entries.

Parents ~ Toddlers ~ Grandparents !

*You are invited to the
Parish hall in Christleton
on*

Wednesday 8th July at 2.00 p.m.

We will have a short time with
story/songs/activity
for pre – school children, followed
by tea/coffee & cake
and soft drinks for children.

St. James Church

For further information telephone
Berenice 01244 336779

This will now be held at Christleton
Methodist Chapel between
10.00am and 12 noon, and not the
Parish Hall as stated on the entry
form. There will also be a display
of Village Albums and historic
photographs. Admission Free.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **August** magazine will be available
for collection from Church on **Sunday**
28th July

WHAT'S ON

Christleton Village Show 2009

**Saturday 11th July
in Christleton Parish Hall**

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

We’re hoping people will make a Special 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 available from Phil and Sue Prees at The Village Stores so get a schedule, choose some categories, it’s a bit late for planting, but there’s plenty of choice to choose from - 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

THIS MONTH



Sunday 12th July
ST JAMES'
FLOWER SERVICE

10.45 am at St. James' Church

followed by

FAMILY BARBEQUE

approximately 11.30 am

on the grass in front of the church

We hope to have a bouncy castle again for the youngsters

Admission

£5 adult

£3 under 16

£12 family ticket 2 x 2

A notice will be put in church nearer the time for contributions of food.

We look forward to seeing you there again this year.

VILLAGE TEAS

Our first session of the summer season commenced on Sunday 7 June when we opened the doors for business at the Methodist Chapel at 2.30 pm.

Margaret Renner, Jean Williams & Janet Milton all arrived complete with home made cakes in the pouring rain, & remarked that we would probably have a very boring afternoon without any visitors due to the weather. How wrong can you be! Once the tables were organised & the kettles put on to boil we'd hardly had time to draw breath when our first visitors arrived



– as pictured. We had 7 visitors during the afternoon which is not many but as it was the first session of 2009 and such poor weather, we consider we were lucky to have those 7 visitors at all, and thank them for making the effort to turn out. I'm sure subsequent weeks will be

busier as word spreads that there are delicious home made cakes available in the Methodist Chapel together with a very warm welcome.

Janet Milton

Christleton Parish Hall



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wheelchair access
and specially adapted
facilities.**

Please contact the Booking
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David Mercer 336155

Please telephone between
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Monday to Saturday

Dear Christian Friends,

Canon John's Sponsored Cycling Pilgrimages.

I sincerely thank you and many Churches and individuals that have enabled me to raise £31,500. Over the last two years for the Barnabas Fund project of rescuing young Kenyan girls from Female Genital Mutilation (F.G.M.). You have made a world of difference to 45 girls from the Pocot Tribe rescued by the Revd Christopher Chochi and his wife. A stone complex costing a little over half of the income has been built to home the girls and the impact of the project has been recognised and registered by the government and the local community. Regular inspections are made and, when there is drought, water is delivered. The local churches support the home and refer girls there and of course preach against the tribal ritual of F.G.M. The girls help the local community in many ways such as fetching water and firewood for the elderly and infirm; they help their own feeding programme by growing crops in their large vegetable garden. They engage in debates, drama and poetry campaigning against F.G.M. demonstrating the negative effects of the tribal ritual.

Chris Chochi, his wife and the three members of staff provide emotional support for the girls none of whom wish to return to the tribe where they would be mutilated and sold off to elderly polygamous men. The girls are enabled to come to faith in our Lord Jesus and become aware of the dignity of women in the Christian faith through daily and weekend prayer and Bible studies conducted by Chris and neighbouring Christian leaders.

Our ongoing concern is to provide funds to protect feed, clothe and, most importantly, educate the girls. With this in mind, my daughter Ruth and I hope to leave here on or about 8th. July to make a 500 miles cross country cycling Pilgrimage to Holy Island, Lindisfarne and return

some eight days later - naturally, this will be at our own expense. We will be able to spend time on Holy Island where St. Aidan (635/651 a.d.) based his missionary work for the conversion of the North of England. He was followed by St. Cuthbert in this missionary outreach. I believe that pilgrimages have spiritual and practical aims, deepening a relationship with our Lord Jesus and serving His people. I do hope you will support us with prayer and a gift of money and thank you in advance for such kindness. Yours in the service of our Lord. John Bowers

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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.

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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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*The older you get, the
tougher it is to lose
weight, because by then
your body and your fat
are really good friends*



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Parish Registers for May 2009

Holy Baptism.

- 17th Thomas William Taylor son of Richard & Catherine Taylor
2 Berwyn View, Little Heath Road, Littleton
- 17th William Richard James Allen son of Richard & Carolyn Allen
Cambs Well House, Norley Road, Cuddington, Cheshire
- 24th Jack Henry Binns son of Darren & Emma Binns
19 Sandrock Road, Christleton

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

The Marriage Service

- 2nd Philip Andrew Meadows 27 Elstree Ave, Vicars Cross
& Louise Oldman 70 Stratford Road, Blacon, Chester
- 16th James Robert David Lovell
4 Coronation Terrace, Coronation Road, New Broughton
& Anna Elizabeth, 15 Celendine Close, Huntington
- 23rd David Armson 21 Vale Road, Whitby, Ellesmere Port
& Angharad Goodwin Lambton Villa, Whitchurch Road, Christleton

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

The Funeral Service

- 1st William Alfred Pollitt 6 Badgers Close, Christleton
- 5th Charles Edwards Florence Grove Nursing Home
- 8th Winifred Rocke Orchard Cottage Tarvin Road, Littleton
- 8th Edith Morgan Crawford Walk Nursing Home
- 21st Alice Jones Pinetum Nursing Home Chester
- 28th Norah Smith 5 Rake Lane, Christleton

"Grant them eternal rest."

Offeratories

May.	Cash	CSE	2009	2008
3rd	146-89	585-30	593-79	765-43
10th	475-21	571-61	1,046-82	1,140-20
17th	169-04	604-00	773-04	963-80
24th	122-97	465-00	588-97	733-62
31st	155-95	681-50	837-45	878-06
Totals.			£3,840-07	£ 4,461-11

"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

