

Parish Magazine



March 2009

# St. James' Christleton

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**Mothering Sunday  
22nd March**

*You treasure those things,  
Keep them safe in your heart,  
Where did the years go?  
Everything still so fresh...  
The birth, those moments alone,  
Your first looking  
Into each other's love.  
And the visitors  
With their wonder and wisdom,  
With their gifts and their gazing,  
Everything still so fresh...  
Then the growing years,  
Baby into boy,  
Into man,  
Into joys and sorrows,  
Into life away from your helping,  
Yet you alone hold his history  
in your head.  
You treasure those things,  
Keep them safe in your heart,  
Of course you do...  
You are his mother.*

# Mark in March

<b>Sun</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2 10.45 am Sunday School (Parish Hall) 10.45 am Parish Communion (Order 1) 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall) 6.30 pm Evensong – followed by refreshments ‘Roads to God’ Lent Series: “The Wilderness Road” Prayer Link Road: Littleton Lane and Bypass Neighbourhood Link: Judith Willacy
Mon	2	10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home 11.20 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home	
Wed	4	10.45 am United Communion followed by refreshments 7.30 pm United Lent Series: Parish Hall North America: Scott Gilmer	
Thur	5	12 noon Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church	
Fri	6	10.30 am Women’s World Day of Prayer Service City Road Presbyterian Church 6.30 pm Choir Practice	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order 1) 10.45 am Sunday School (Parish Hall) 10.45 am Parish Communion (Order 1) 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall 6.30 pm Evensong ‘Roads to God’ Lent Series: “The Gaza Road” Prayer Link Road: Moor Lane and Chapel Close Neighbourhood Link: Gwen Knight
Mon	9	2.00 pm Mothers’ Union - Parish Hall	
Wed	11	10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments 11.30 am Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home 7.30 pm United Lent Series: Methodist Church Asia: Linda Tiongco	
Thur	12	10.30 am Meeting to organise United Summer Sunday Teas	Methodist Church
Fri	13	6.30 pm Choir Practice	

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

<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	8.00 am		Holy Communion (Order 1)
	10.45 am		Sunday School - Parish Hall
	10.30 am		Parish Communion (Order 1)
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
	6.30 pm		Evensong
			‘Roads to God’ Lent Series:
			“The Jericho Road”
			Prayer Link Road: Pepper Street and Windmill Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Ann Wareing
Tues	17	8.00 am	Parish Walking Group. Contact David Cummings (332410)
Wed	18	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.30 pm	United Lent Series - Parish Hall
			Europe: Vincent and Pat Hatton
Fri	20	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
	8.00 am		Holy Communion (Order 1)
	10.45 am		Mothering Sunday Family Service - followed by refreshments
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
	6.30 pm		Evening Communion
			‘Roads to God’ Lent Series:
			“The Damascus Road”
			Prayer Link Road: Plough Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Renner, Jocelyn Platel, Janet Brown
Wed	25	10.45 am	Holy Communion for Annunciation - followed by refreshments
		7.30 pm	United Lent Series:
			Africa: Rev’d Lameck Mutete
Fri	27	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>		<b>Passion Sunday</b>
	8.00 am		Holy Communion (Order 1)
	10.45 am		Sunday School - Parish Hall
	10.45 am		Morning Prayer with ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
			followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall
	6.30 pm		The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
	6.30 pm		Evensong
			‘Roads to God’ Lent Series:
			“The Jerusalem Road”
			Prayer Link: Those worshipping at St James from outside the Parish
			Neighbourhood Link Areas Secretary: Christine Abrams

*The poem on the front cover is by Daphne Kitching*

# The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

## Roads to God

Have you ever noticed how many journeys there are in the Bible? It seems the people of God are always on the move. From the time when Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees and set out on his journey of faith to settle in Canaan, the history of God's people becomes a long winding quest. They went to Egypt to stay there, but then the great escape through the Red Sea, led by Moses, and the long hard years of wandering in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. Later again the tragedy and trauma of exile was to be followed by the return to rebuild Jerusalem. And as we read the Gospels we find Jesus always on the move. The journey to Bethlehem and the escape to Egypt; the return to Nazareth and the visit to Jerusalem. At each stage people tried to tie Jesus down, but he was always moving on and inviting his friends to follow. So what of us? Where are we on our journey of faith? Have we settled for too long in one spot and is Jesus calling us to move on? Lent is a good time to take fresh bearings and see where we are on our journey of faith, and in which direction God is now calling us.

A series of sermons at Evensong in Lent will invite us to consider various different roads people took on their journey to God to see if that helps our journey. We start with the Wilderness Road, which Jesus took after the affirmation of his Baptism. This was a hard road of self-knowledge as he faced up to the demons of temptation, and established his true direction. The Gaza Road was where the Ethiopian eunuch met Philip, who opened up the Scriptures and explained them to him – the road of understanding. The Jericho Road was that taken by the man attacked by robbers in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, who showed us the road of service. The Damascus Road was where Paul saw the light as he was confronted by Jesus, and so it was a road of disclosure. Then, on Passion Sunday, we think of the Jerusalem Road as Jesus sets his face resolutely towards Jerusalem, knowing what lay ahead and showing us that even the road of suffering can lead us to God. Finally, on Easter Day, we shall remember the Emmaus Road. As we come out on the far side of Calvary, we find Cleopas and his friend being joined along the road by the stranger. As Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread we discover this as the road of recognition. Each of us has our own journey of faith, which may take any, or all, of these directions though each will be unique to us, for God comes to each of us personally. Lent is a time to map out these roads through Bible study, prayer and worship so we can progress along our own road to God.

Our United Lent talks will help us to learn from journeys of Christians in five

Continents. On successive Wednesday evenings, alternating between the Parish Hall and the Methodist Church, we shall hear about different parts of the world wide Church. Scott Gilmer will reflect on the challenges facing all the Christian Churches in the USA today. Linda McLintock-Tiongco will reflect on her experiences and future hopes for the Church in Asia. Vincent and Pat Hatton have become very involved in the ecumenical life of Geneva and can tell us about the European hub of Ecumenism. The Revd Lameck Mutete, Rector of Tattenhall will share his knowledge of what is happening in his home country of Zimbabwe today. Finally Ines Pierce will reflect on the situation in her home country of Colombia, especially on the tragic civil war there and the many challenges facing Latin America today.

As we hear of all these different journeys of faith it gives us opportunity to reflect on our own; to take fresh bearings and new direction as we continue our own journey of faith through Lent and Holy Week to Easter and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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

**Prayer of the Month:**

*Lord, you have known my downsitting  
And my uprising – the come and go  
Of life's long littleness,  
The moments of departure and arrival,  
Waking and lapsing into unconsciousness,  
Setting out for the market place  
Or back from the fields;  
To the longest working day  
You saw me go.*

*You noticed me and knew about  
The unimportant times (as I thought of them).  
You loved me all the way  
As I returned from the far country,  
From the land of no pasture  
Back to an inheritance;  
Through unseen watchfulness,  
When human love forgot,  
You welcomed me.*

## Shining light into darkness

**O**n behalf of The Children's Society, may I thank you all for supporting the Christingle Service held at St James in January and helping to raise the wonderful sum of £450.45.

I have received the following message from The Children's Society "Thanks to your support, our national network of centres and projects will continue to help those children who face danger or disadvantage in their daily lives; children who are unable to find the support they need anywhere else. Every penny raised from your Christingle celebration will help shine a light into the darkness of their lives."

*Lesley Morgan*

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Eric & Alison Kenyon** on their Golden Wedding 30.03.09

Belated 70th birthday greetings to **David Bowden** on 27.01.09

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

## VILLAGE TEAS

There will be a Coffee Morning at The Methodist Church on **Thursday 12 March at 10.00 am** when we plan to draw up the rota for the Sunday afternoon teas and discuss arrangements for opening.

Everyone welcome – the more the merrier!

Anne Collier 313409

Janet Milton 335469

Sheila Roberts 336754

## The current top 10 wedding hymns is:

- 1) Amazing Grace
- 2) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
- 3) All Things Bright and Beautiful
- 4) Give Me Joy in My Heart
- 5) We Pledge to One Another
- 6) Praise My Soul the King Of Heaven
- 7) Lord of the Dance
- 8) One More Step Along the World I Go
- 9) Morning Has Broken
- 10) Be Still for the Presence Of The Lord

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# CATHEDRAL LINK

## Saints' Windows in the Cloisters

Saint Werburgh, shown as a crowned Benedictine Abbess, was daughter of King Wulfhere of Mercia and his Queen, Saint Ermenilda. Associated with the founding of several religious houses she was renowned for her reforming zeal in their organisation. The material about her is mostly legendary. One story has her penning a flock of vicious geese which had devastated food crops in the village of Weedon in Northamptonshire. Caught by the saint they begged to be released and expressed penitence for what they had done. From such stores a special affinity for the natural world has been attributed to her. Her body was translated to Chester to save it from marauding Danes and her shrine in this building when it was an abbey brought pilgrims here for centuries until it was destroyed under Henry VIII.

Born: Staffordshire

Died: 3 February 699

Saints Day: 3 February

## CHESTER CATHEDRAL

### Lent 2009 Bible Talks

#### *The Passion Plot in Mark's Gospel*

Every Wednesday 25 February – 1 April

#### At 13.10 hours in the Cloister Room

15 Feb	In a city slum	14: 1-9
4 Mar	A room behind closed doors	14: 10-25
11 Mar	In a garden	14: 26-52
18 Mar	In the house of privilege	14: 53-72
25 Mar	At the palace of power	15: 1-20
1 Apr	The sanctuary of death	15: 21-39

#### *Admission Free*

No Booking Required

### *My Lady Spring*

My Lady Spring is dressed in green,  
.....She wears a primrose crown,  
And little baby buds and twigs  
.....Are clinging to her gown;  
The sun shines if she laughs at all,  
.....But if she weeps the raindrops  
fall.

..... Ancient English Spring song

# The History File

## The Race to the South Pole

I wonder if any of you, like me, followed the exciting new race to the South Pole which took place in January this year replicating the famous race between Robert Falcon Scott and Roald Amundsen in 1911/12. It was a case of history repeating itself, when a Norwegian team arrived at the Geographic South Pole having completed the 481mile Amundsen Omega 3 Race in 17days 11hours. They proudly planted their Norwegian flag just as their ancestor Amundsen had done, with Captain Scott behind him. On this occasion the British team were Olympic Oarsman James Cracknell, Ben Fogle the TV personality and Ed Coats a Junior Doctor. They were just 31miles behind the Norwegians, but were in good spirits as they trudged wearily towards the finish, knowing that they had just been beaten. All the competing teams had endured harsh conditions, including temperatures of -50C as they climbed

high up onto the 9,000ft polar plateau. They had pulled sledges weighing up to (70kg) 150lbs, for up to 14hours a day, sometimes covering almost



thirty miles in that time amongst the most inhospitable conditions faced by man. This was the first race over the territory since Scott and



Amundsen's epic adventure 97yrs ago. I had been reminded of this great event whilst in Christchurch New Zealand in October, because not only did we visit Christchurch Museum & Cathedral which were full of Antarctic plaques, memorials, exhibits and memorabilia, but also the International Antarctic Scientific Centre, where present day explorers undergo training before they begin their journeys by huge "Galaxy" aircraft onto bases on the Antarctic continent. Americans, Italians and New Zealanders all use this centre as their main base. Christchurch has always been the centre of Antarctic Exploration, and both Scott and Amundsen used it in their various journeys to the continent. They sailed from Christchurch's Lyttelton Harbour in the Terra Nova, and Fram respectively on that occasion, as Scott had done previously on the Discovery in 1902. It was also rather ironic that Scott had trained for this 1902 adventure in Norway, and had been befriended by Nansen another famous Norwegian explorer, who also became great friends with both "Con" as he was affectionately known by his family, and his wife Kathleen. Robert had met and fallen head over heels in love with her in 1908 and they married later in the same year. She of course is the

mother of Sir Peter Scott, and was a great sculptor in her own right. She had trained at the Slade School of Fine Art in London from 1900 to 1902, and then in Paris from 1902-1906, where she worked with Rodin. There are many fine examples of her work in London, but I think her best work is the magnificent white marble statue of her husband Robert after his death. It stands in a small park alongside the River Avon in Christchurch, and when we visited it on a warm spring Sunday afternoon, the local Salvation Army Band were playing a medley of famous hymn tunes. It somehow seemed very appropriate. The statue is a beautiful object and is a truly fitting memorial to one of the greatest explorers in our country's history. Kathleen was devastated by the loss of Robert which she heard about in 1913 while sailing back to New Zealand to greet him on his return. In his last letter to Kathleen he wrote a very poignant and significant sentence; "make the boy interested in natural history if you can; it is better than games". Next month I'll write about Sir Peter and his own wonderful contribution to this country's heritage and natural history, to celebrate the centenary of his birth in 1909.

DC

# NATURE NOTES

**T**he last few weeks has been an interesting period for wildlife, with the snow and ice seeming to entice birds in particular back into gardens for food. We had a disastrous big garden bird watch weekend at Rowton with very few feathered visitors to report. However in the days following we've had regular visits from a song thrush, catching then crushing snails against rocks on our earth bank below the canal to provide a juicy

lunch. Together with a pied wagtail which is unusual for a small rural garden, a pair of robins, a wren, and a number of great, blue and long tailed tits. Several of you have reported receiving visits from blackcaps, gold crests and even possibly a pair of fire crests in Bridge Drive. Caldys Valley has had at least two visits from a small group of colourful waxwings, those wonderful but rare visitors from Arctic Scandinavia, with their exotic plumage and delightful crests on



their heads. They can almost always be seen feeding on rowan berries, and are sometimes nicknamed the “supermarket birds” because of their habit of feeding on rowan trees in the more modern supermarket car parks, which are usually surrounded by this type of tree. Even rarer for this area was the sighting of a rough legged buzzard on Waverton Golf Course, whilst a short eared owl was seen briefly at Hockenhull Platts. Other sightings this month have included a snipe, and a number of flocks of lapwings or pewits. These colourful birds feed and live on wet meadows and farmland, such as Hockenhull Platts, and also have a delightful crest on their heads. They were once very familiar in and around the village with flocks of over a thousand being seen. Today a big flock is around fifty birds. They can easily be recognised by their rather jerky flight, and their flapping wing beats were seen by older country folks as “flap wings” now corrupted to lapwings. Their call is a rather high pitched, pee weet, and they will fly off

in panic calling and feigning injury if you happen to approach too close to a nest site. Snipe on the other hand will fly away at great speed if you disturb one, often flying in a zig zag fashion, and with a sharp piercing call. However if you come across a male conducting a breeding display, you will hear the most extraordinary drumming sound, as it flies in that zig zag flight pattern around the nest site, over where the female is sitting. Finally if you are walking along the canal do keep an eye out for a kingfisher (s), as I’m getting regular reports of sightings along the stretch between Rowton Bridge and Christleton Lock.

*DC*



**Note this date in your diary**

# **Christleton Village Show 2009**

**Is on Saturday 11th. July  
In Christleton Parish Hall**

**T**his 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.



# 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**

**Tuesday March 17th  
2009**

Clywdian Hills. Southern Clywdian  
to Craig Fechan Moderate+ 8miles.

A route following Drovers roads  
and the Offa's Dyke long distance  
footpath.

Packed Lunch needed.

Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am

## **CHRISTLETON W.I.**

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

*Next Meeting - 11th March*

### **Roberts Bakery**

*Speaker: Keith Birkett*

*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*

## HAYDN CELEBRATION CONCERT

**Saturday 28 March  
7.30pm**

**St John's Church, Chester**

Chester Bach Singers

Nelson Mass, Te Deum, Insanae et  
vanae curae, Salve Regina

Conducted by Martin Bussey

With Elinor Rolfe Johnson, Abigail  
Smetham, Richard Dowling,

Andrew Davies

And Eighteenth Century Sinfonia

Tickets: £15, £10

(concessions available)

Tourist Information Centre:

01244 402111

CBS Tickets 0151 6773137

[www.chesterbachsingers.org.uk](http://www.chesterbachsingers.org.uk)

## 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

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON Annual Lent Lunch

**Thursday 5 March**

12 noon – 1.30 pm

Methodist Schoolroom

Donations to Christian Aid

£3.50 minimum

*ALL WELCOME*

## SPRING 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 discov-  
ery)

Orchestra of 18th Century

Soloists, and

Ellesmere Port Music Society Choir.

Conductor - Michael D Williams



# WHAT'S ON

## CHRISTLETON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Meets at Christleton Primary School  
in Quarry Lane.

**Wednesday March 25th**  
**7.30pm**

Speaker Glynn Parry;

A well known speaker on topics  
about Wirral

### **As We Were**

Photographs of Wirral & Central  
Liverpool from 1870  
to the 1960's, many from private  
collections.

## CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST

# WANTED

Additional men and women whist  
players (W.I. membership not nec-  
essary) to join our social gathering  
on the last Wednesday of the month  
in the Parish Hall at 2.00pm. Mrs.  
Audrey Hopwood would welcome  
new members

***Why not give it a try***

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## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The April Magazine will be available for  
collection from Church on **Sunday 29th**  
**March 2009**

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in  
the **April** edition are sent to Janet Milton,  
as soon as possible

**BEFORE Friday 13th March** or you can  
e-mail this to

**christletonmag@hotmail.**  
**co.uk**

# Christleton Village Show

## Inspiration Day

**Saturday April 4th 2009**

**C**hristleton Village Show Committee are promoting an “Inspiration Day” in the schoolroom at Christleton Methodist Chapel on Saturday morning 4th April between 10.00am and 12.00noon. Many members of the community will be displaying their skills in a whole variety of crafts to inspire you to take part in this years village show. We hope that there will opportunities for you to try something new, or just to watch people at work. Details are still being worked out, but we hope to have art, textiles, woodcraft, flower arranging, cookery, card making, planting for hanging baskets, calligraphy and photography represented. There is no charge, but there will be tea coffee & refreshments and a raffle available, with all proceeds going to the refurbishment of the Children’s Play area at the Playing Field. A reminder that the theme for this years’ show is “Our Village” which includes all the townships of the Parish, Christleton, Littleton, Rowton, Cotton Edmunds and Cotton Abotts. The 2009 Show Schedules will be available on this special occasion, and at other venues and events within the villages.



# DO YOU LOVE TO SING?



**T**he Kelsborrow Choir is a 58-strong mixed voice choir which sings for fun and for charity. Members come from all parts of the Community and we are proud of our friendly welcome for both young and old alike!

The Choir is always open to new members but currently is particularly looking to recruit male voices as we prepare for a range of concerts including our main December fundraiser with the internationally renowned Grimethorpe Colliery Band (stars of the film *Brassed Off*). You do not need to be able to sight read, all we ask is that you have a reasonable singing voice, can sing in tune and have unbounded enthusiasm!

A Registered Charity, the Choir performs all types of music, ranging from “pops” and show tunes to jazz and religious works, from the 16th century up to the present day, and gives several concerts every year, either by invitation or under its own organisation.

We meet every Tuesday evening just outside Chester - please contact our secretary, Alan Hibbert, on 01948 710572 or e-mail [alanhibbert@uwclub.net](mailto:alanhibbert@uwclub.net) for more details and a very warm welcome .

### **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.

## **Church Magazine Bloomers**

*You know what they meant, but what they said was.. These church magazine bloomers are (allegedly!) all true...*

The choir seems to have been a fertile source:

- \* At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- \* Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- \* The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to see the organist after the service.
- \* Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- \* The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: Break Forth Into Joy.
- \* This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn-singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

## **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 January 2008

## Holy Baptism

- 25th Phoebe Catherine Rustom daughter of Graham & Alexandra Rustom  
23 Melrose Avenue, Vicars Cross
- 25th William Jack Brock son of Andrew & Laura Brock  
Crosswood House, Brownheath Road, Christleton

*"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"*

## The Marriage Service

- 24th Matthew Robert Ainsworth 4 Christleton Mill Apartments, Whitchurch  
Road, Christleton  
& Rachael Wendy Morris 65 Pearl Lane, Vicars Cross, Chester
- 24th Howard Michael Sutcliffe & Mary Gwendolyn Lewis  
Flat 3 Dee Banks, Boughton, Chester

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

## The Funeral Service

- 7th Ames Gresley Hellicar, The Old Glass House Whitchurch Road,  
Christleton
- 8th David Peter Wellings, 9 Woodfields Christleton
- 8th Morton Nilssen, Flat 11, Penketh Road, Wallasey
- 15th Ingrid Marhareth Garmany, 19 Reservoir Terrace, Boughton, Chester
- 28th Norah Winifred Wright, 20 The Square, Christleton

*"Grant them eternal rest."*

## Offertories

January.	Cash	CSE	2009	2008
4th	188-70	628-00	816-70	872-60
11th	271-81	618-00	889-81	816-29
18th	115-64	660-70	776-34	564-70
25th	354-65	492-00	846-65	828-00
Totals.			£ 3,329-40	£3,081-59

*"Of your own do we give you."*

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

<b>SUNDAYS</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
<b>SAINT'S DAYS</b>	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, Christleton ....335663**

<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Lois Dickinson .....	378320
	Keith Smalls .....	335688
<b>Reader</b>	Wayne Morris .....	01978 263389
<b>Reader Emeritus</b>	John Roberts .....	332207
<b>Verger</b>	David Ellis .....	336879
<b>Sacristan:</b>	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



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