

# St. James'

## PARISH MAGAZINE

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# Occasions in October

Fri	1	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion - Order 2</b>
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		12 noon	Baptism - Sophie Louise Holland
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong - Followed by refreshments <i>Prayer Link Road: Pepper Street &amp; Windmill Lane</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Ann Wareing</i>
Mon	4		Holy Communion - Oaklands & Tarvin Court Nursing Homes
Wed	6	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	Pre Christmas Fair Organising Meeting - Lady Chapel
Fri	8	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	9	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper & Quiz - Parish Hall
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Harvest Family Service. Followed by refreshments. You are invited to bring a gift of Harvest produce to be given out in the Parish
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong <i>Prayer Link Road: Plough Lane</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Janet Brown</i> <i>Margaret Renner &amp; Jocelyn Platel</i>
Mon	11	9.00 am	Preparation and distribution of Harvest parcels
		2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall

Wed 13 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments  
Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home

Fri 15 6.30 pm Choir Practice

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

**Sun 17 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 Club - Parish Hall  
6.30 pm Evensong  
*Prayer Link: Quarry Lane & Faulkners Lane*  
*Neighbourhood Link: Alison Kenyon*

Wed 20 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 22 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Sat 23 Choir & Brass Band - St James

**Sun 24 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1**  
10.45 am Matins  
6.30 pm Evening Communion - Order 1  
Prayer Link Road: Rake Lane & Stamford Lane  
Neighbourhood Link: Julia Carr

Wed 27 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

**Sun 31 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1**  
10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall  
10.45 am Matins  
6.30 pm Songs of Praise  
*Prayer Link: Rowan Park*  
*Neighbourhood Link: Fran Taberner*

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## PARISH LETTER

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of retirement for most parish priests is not having to write a monthly "Rector's letter", and here I am writing one, and inflicting it upon you all!

As you know, during this time of "the Interregnum" or vacancy, we are trying to maintain the "normal" pattern of church services as much as possible. This means that our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival will be held, as usual, on the second Sunday in October, on the 12th of the month. Since my ordination in Chester Cathedral, forty eight years ago this month, I have had the privilege of sharing in all sorts of Harvest Festivals. As well as all the normal aspects of the harvest of the land and sea etc, when I was Vicar of St Helen's, Wittton, Northwich, the products of the then huge ICI Company at Lostock Gralam and Winnington, always used to be part of our thanksgiving worship, along with many of the products of the local Roberts Bakery firm, who were always very generous to local churches in this and many other ways.

I can also remember one of my fellow parish priests, Jim Richardson, who was Rector of Nantwich, causing something of a stir in the diocese (and in the local and national press), when a brand new Rolls Royce car formed a central part of the Harvest Service, actually being driven into the parish church. Rolls Royce cars in those days were made at Crewe, and were obviously part of the "produce of the area", though not many members of the congregation could afford to buy one I gather!

The whole custom and concept of Harvest Festivals is not all that old. In medieval England, Lammas Day (1st August) was probably recognised as a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest with bread made with new wheat being offered at the Eucharist and solemnly blessed. This custom was revived by the Revd R. S. Hawker, Vicar of Morwenstow, Cornwall, in 1843. Although no provision is made for any such observance in the Book of Common Prayer, special forms of thanksgiving for abundant harvests were occasionally authorized from the end of the 18th century. By the mid 19th century, an annual festival was common and a parochial thanksgiving replaced the traditional Harvest Home. In 1862, the Convocation of Canterbury finally issued a formal service, and this was followed up when the 1928 Revised Prayer Book provided a Collect, Epistle and Gospel for Harvest. Since then, I'm sure many of us will have shared in all kinds and forms of Harvest Services over the years!

For me, the most important word and part of our Harvest Thanksgiving Festivals is THANKSGIVING. Harvest, of course is a time to be thankful for the gifts of the land, sea and industry, and to make sure that most of us who have more than enough, share our abundance with others less fortunate than ourselves. However, I believe that harvest goes deeper than that because it is a time of thanksgiving, not only for the gifts of the harvest, but for the gift of life itself. It is a time when we as Christians should remember that we need to be a GRATEFUL people, with thankful hearts. Having said that, I also know that there may be some of you reading this who are sad or worried or anxious, and who may be hurting and angry about something or with someone, and because of this, the very last thing you may feel like is thanking God for anything!

But the God in whom we believe and trust is a God who wants us always to bring WHATEVER we are feeling to him. To bring what we ARE to him, because with our God nothing is useless; no one is written off, and no experience of life is wasted.

Since last Harvest Thanksgiving time, our lives may have been touched for good, or for ill, in many ways, but whatever our experience of life, as Christians, we should try to acknowledge God in Christ as the giver of all good things, and God the comforter in life, when things are not good.

Many years ago, I came across the following “statement of faith”, and have kept it close to me ever since, to remind me to be thankful for the gift of life given me, even when things may be far from good. I hope it will be a relevant and meaningful end to my “Harvest Thanksgiving Letter”. It goes like this:

“I asked God for strength that I might achieve: I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for help that I might do greater things: I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy: I was given a little poverty that I might be wise. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life: I WAS GIVEN LIFE THAT I MIGHT ENJOY ALL THINGS! I was given nothing that I asked for: but I WAS given everything that I hoped for. Despite myself, my prayers WERE answered. I am among all men most richly and thankfully blessed.”

With my good wishes to you all that God will bless your harvest, and especially, HIS gift of life in you.

*Peris Williams.*

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

David  
Cummings



## **Bob Knight**

Congratulations to Bob Knight of Rowton, who has written and produced a new DVD about the River Tees and his hometown of Barnard Castle. This delightful short film was filmed on location around the river, and tells of its story throughout the centuries. Bob is aided by his former housemaster and local historian Alan Wilkinson, and together they provide a unique insight into the history and life of a fine river, one of the fastest flowing in England, and one which fed important industries alongside it. Bob is pictured with his wife Gwen looking at one of the first copies.



## Isabel Gelder

Congratulations to Isabel a pupil at Queens School for her delightful design of a road safety rhino, which proudly took its place at various points along Cuppin Street during the summer long Chester Rhino Mania Festival. Isabel's design



for one of the large rhinos was bold and colourful, with a clear road safety message, and just one of the rhino's with local connections. The Christleton Primary School rhino, which was displayed in the front window of the Primark Store was an excellent example of the smaller type, and well worth going to see.



## Ian Wade

The Magazine supports the efforts of Ian Wade, popular manager of the Ring O Bells in the village, who together with a colleague is attempting to climb Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to raise money for the locally based charity, Children Today Charitable Trust. The climb to the summit of this highest mountain in Africa, takes in over 15,000 feet of climb from the base of the mountain, and although the mountain climb is technically easy, the altitude, low temperatures and often high winds, makes it extremely hazardous. Best wishes to them both in this special venture. We hope to have a full report of the climb in the November issue.

# The Crew Update



**T**he Crew had a busy summer with many members taking G.C.S.E and A Level examinations. This year our annual trip was to Llandudno at the end of June. We all had fun sno-tubing and tobogganing as well as walking up the Great Orme. Everyone enjoyed a paddle in the sea but eating our chips before the train ride home was tricky as the seagulls wanted to have some as well!

In July we hosted another mini Crew activity afternoon for those aged 9 – 11. There was a treasure hunt around the Church yard followed by food and team games. The mini Crew also joined



the Crew in performing the sketch 'Petal in Bloom' during the Flower service.

Petrina and James have moved away from Christleton and so we are now looking for new permanent helpers, anyone interested please contact Catriona. We would like to thank Petrina and James for all their hard work over the past 3 years and wish them all the best in the future.

If you are in Year 7 or above and would wish to join Crew we meet each Sunday during term time in the Parish Hall from 6.00pm – 7.30pm.





## Class A1 60163 Tornado

**A**lthough the main Holyhead - Euston railway passes through Christleton, I guess many people don't realise it, due to the fact that the line travelling south, goes through a tunnel and a deep cutting before emerging along an embankment and into wide open farmland, and leading away from the village towards Rowton & Waverton. However there are many railway enthusiasts in the village who are keen to follow any special event, and we are fortunate to have a number of "specials" passing through every year. This June was no exception with the fourteen carriage "Cathedrals Express" excursion visiting us, pulled by the newest steam loco in the U.K the magnificent 166 ton 4-6-2 "Tornado". Hundreds of enthusiasts lined every vantage point as the steam hauled train passed through on its way into Chester Station at 1.00pm, and also on its return just after 4.30pm. This newest steam loco was conceived and built by a group

of enthusiasts, a project that took 19 years to come to fruition. The A I Steam Locomotive Trust now has over 2,000 members, and the project involved incorporating the improvements likely had steam continued, so it meets all modern safety standards whilst still having the evocative, shape, colour and sound of an original steam loco.” “Tornado” was built in the Darlington Works, and moved under her own power on 29th July 2008. It was then painted in LNER Apple Green livery and hauled her first special on the main line from York



to Newcastle in January 2009. The engine is now fully operational to work on the main line, hauling rail tours and charters, and recouping some of the £3million pound building cost. It is capable of reaching speeds of 100mph, but will be restricted to a top speed of 90mph whilst on the mainline. It was a magnificent sight as it sped through the cutting behind Haslin Crescent and Bridge Drive, smoke billowing from the chimney and its characteristic whistle blew as it went under the bridge packed with enthusiasts. It certainly excited all who saw it. Somehow there is so much more emotion to feel about a steam engine than the rather bland diesels that run on the line today.

# The Prophets

Tina  
Lightfoot

In our introduction last month we considered the central messages common to all of the prophets; namely that God is the ruler of all history; Communities and individuals must have a right relationship with God; his judgement is inevitable and that he has a bright future in store for his people in the coming of the messianic kingdom. In this issue, I thought I would get the hard one out of the way: God's judgement is inevitable.

The Old Testament can be an uncomfortable, indeed unpalatable read. The language is quite graphic in places and we are not spared from hearing about the terrible punishments which will befall those whom God has judged and have been found wanting. Ezekiel spells out to the people of Israel the many times God had shown mercy to the Israelites despite their continued disobedience and worship of idols and gods. But his patience, it would seem has worn somewhat thin. All of the prophets devote considerable time and energy warning people that if they do not mend their ways, if they persist in worshipping other gods then God's vengeance will be harsh. I suspect we have a tendency as Christians to avoid when we can these rather more unpalatable messages of the Old Testament. After all we know that Jesus has won for us a full atonement and redemption of our sins through his death on the cross and that it is through Gods grace that we can share in his kingdom, not through our own endeavour. It is hard for us to imagine God favouring one nation over another, surely we are all children of God? And also, how can a loving father meet out such terrible punishment, no matter how disobedient his children?

As always I'm asking questions which are hard to answer but I thought I might share with you a somewhat childlike explanation. I had the fortune or misfortune de-

pending on your perspective of going to the local Church primary school. My Headmaster, was, I thought a hard an uncaring man. I thought this for a number of reasons but particularly because if I was ever naughty (a frequent occurrence I have to confess) I was severely dealt with far more harshly than I felt my sins deserved but also more so than my fellow conspirators. His reasoning was that I was a vicar's daughter, so I should know better! A logic completely lost on my 10 year old brain!

Now far be it from me to elevate my headmaster on a par with God but it does help towards an explanation. God had entrusted his kingdom to the Israelites, he had a special relationship with them and they knew God and understood their covenant with him. Clearly they should be held more responsible than those who had no knowledge of God? So when they repeatedly sinned you can almost imagine his frustration.

Jeremiah begins his prophetic ministry calling for genuine repentance in order to escape judgement. Time and again he pleads with them to mend their ways and obey the Lord but the people fail to listen. By the 4th year of King Jehoiakim's reign judgement is inevitable and the people will be conquered by the Babylonians. This is God's will. Jeremiah tells the people that it is God's judgment on them. He tells them that the best course of action is to submit because it is through submission, through being laid low, from losing everything that God's people will once more turn to God and he will show mercy.

This is the message of Hope common to all the prophets. After each prophesy of wrath and doom, we are promised a remnant, a seed which will flourish.

As Isaiah says:

‘but as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land’

But we are approaching the year of our Lord 2010. What can we learn from the prophets' warnings of judgement? Are they relevant today? Are we a people at war with our neighbours? Are we slaves to other gods and idols?



As well as using Israel's enemies to meet out punishment to his wayward children, natural disasters such as floods were also seen as a punishment from God. What do we think about natural disasters, 'acts of God' in insurance policy jargon? In July 2007, following some devastating flooding across the country, a senior bishop of the Church of England claimed that the floods were;

'God's judgment on the immorality and greed of modern society'. Now on one level, I don't agree with him. I don't believe legislation on same sex relationships or even people's permissiveness leads to increased rainfall and an inability for the rivers and drains to cope. Building on flood plains, however may have a direct influence and thus to a degree one could argue that such disasters are as a result of our contempt for the laws of nature thus if we don't heed the warning to care for God's creation in a responsible way, such disasters may follow.

We are a far more sophisticated society than the 8th and 7th century BC but with our knowledge and understanding has come independence. We have a degree of self reliance, confident that we are in control. We may not blame God for catastrophes but neither do we acknowledge God's awesome power. We are no longer a God-fearing society. Rather than worshipping other idols and gods, we have elevated ourselves into deities, worshipping ourselves to the exclusion of others and to the detriment of God's creation. We fail to understand the consequences not only of our actions but our inactions.

But make no mistake, we will all be judged as we pronounce each week in our creed:

'He will come again to judge the living and the dead'

As Christians we have the example of Christ our Saviour as well as the wise words of the prophets. God will judge us fairly and mercifully, but are we ready for that day of reckoning?



## Bird Migration

Large numbers of swallows & house martins have been gathering around the village in preparation for their migration to Africa. As many as 150 at a time can be seen both in the air and around our Close feeding on insects over the canal, on adjacent farm fields and house roofs. They regularly come to roost on telephone wires, television aerials, and on gables, before swooping off in big groups on yet another foray for food. Flies and small insects make up the majority of their diet, and they can often be seen picking up insects from the water surface of the canal. This feeding frenzy is essential to help them build up body fat reserves for their journeys of over seven thousand miles across meadows, rivers, mountains, oceans and deserts as they head for their wintering sites in South Africa. They weigh very little, between 16-20grms just over 1/2oz and yet have the capacity to fly vast distances, wintering and then flying back to the same nest site the following spring. Reports indicate that there has been an increase in local nest sites this year, and numbers around the village seem to indicate that. Certainly the warm weather of May & June will have helped get them off to a good start in their breeding, and I've heard of some pairs having a third clutch. A week or so ago I filmed a common tern feeding a youngster with



a comparatively huge fish. At least it was trying to feed, as the youngster found it much more than a mouthful. These terns are also migrants, often called sea swallows. They migrate to lands to the west and south of Africa, with some favouring the western Iberian Peninsula. Whilst bird watching in West Wales recently we saw rafts of another amazing migrant species, the Manx Shearwater. 50% of the world population nest on the islands of Skomer & Skokholm a total of 145,000 birds. These amazing creatures have an incredible lifestyle. They breed in the same nest site each year, arriving on dark cloudless nights because they are easy prey for predators as they cannot walk easily across ground. A single egg is laid, and after 70 days incubation the young chick is born. Eventually, these chicks are deserted by their parents, and they take their first flight heading across to the South Atlantic to the coasts of Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina a journey of over 6,000miles. Some ringed birds have recorded this distance in 16days. Another amazing feat is that they come back to the same nest site area each year, and can live for over 30years, with one bird recently been found to be over 50years old.



# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## 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

## CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP

### CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Come & buy all your cards direct from the local & national charities on

**Saturday 16 October,  
at Christleton Parish Hall,  
10.00am to 12.00 noon**  
Coffee / tea & biscuits included in  
£1.00 admission

Also cakes, books & DVDs for sale

## CHRISTLETON W.I.

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

Next Meeting

**13th October**

GUIDE DOGS

Francis Langman

All Welcome

## CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30 pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Trish Pollard

## CHRISTLETON- WEDNESDAY GROUP- Fun Quiz Evening

on

**Saturday 13 November,**

at Christleton Parish Hall,

**7.00pm for 7.30 pm.**

Tickets £8.50

(available from members)

includes a glass of wine  
& finger buffet

In aid of the

Hospice of the Good Shepherd

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## GROSVENOR MUSEUM SOCIETY

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 26th :**  
*"Cheshire Gentry : their impact  
on our land".*

This lecture will take place at  
the Grosvenor Museum, Chester  
at 7.30pm.

Entrance : Members free;  
guests and non-members  
welcome, suggested donation,  
£4.

Membership details from  
Ken Holding , Tel.312689  
email : k.holding@sky.com

## CHESTER BACH SINGERS BRITTEN ST NICOLAS

**Saturday October 16th  
7.30pm**

Conductor Martin Bussey  
Tenor Joshua Ellicott  
Chester Music Society Junior  
Choir

St David's School choir, Saltney  
St Nicholas RC School choir,  
Northwich

Tickets : £15.00 £12.00 £6.00  
concessions available

Cathedral Box Office:  
01244 500959

[www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)

## CHRISTLETON HISTORY GROUP

**Wednesday 20th October**

Christleton Primary School  
at 7.30pm

Speaker; David Cummings

## Digital Imaging and Local History.

A review of the new digitally produced  
photographic material I have taken in  
and around the village, which we now  
have in our Local History collection as  
we finalise the production of our DVD  
on Village History. This includes a large  
amount of previously unseen footage,  
and covers village events during the  
last five years. Events include; 2010  
The Beating of the Bounds, Village  
Fetes, Church Festivals, Christleton  
Canal, Christleton Pit Project and  
Village scenes through the year etc.

## HARVEST SUPPER & QUIZ

**Saturday 9th October  
at 7.30 pm in Parish Hall**

Tickets £5.

If you would like to come along,  
please get your tickets in  
advance from the following:

Berenice Hogg, David Fielding  
Carl Cumisky Lesley Mitchell  
Janet Milton

*Everyone welcome*



# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**Saturday  
October 16th  
7.00pm**

**at The Parish Hall  
The 2010 Jim Partington  
Memorial Talk.**

***The Wildlife & Scenery of the  
Pembrokeshire Coast.***

(A new presentation by David  
Cummings including visits to  
the bird islands of Skomer and  
Grassholm)

Tickets £6 including light  
refreshments.

From Church, Village Shop or  
David Cummings on 332410

*All proceeds for the refurbishment of  
The Children's Play area at Little Heath*

## **ANNUAL ALL SOULS SERVICE**

**St James' Church  
Sunday 7 November  
at 6.30 pm**

*To remember those who have died*

## **TODDLERS**

If anyone has some free time on a  
Tuesday morning they would be  
most welcome to come along to the  
Toddlers Group in the Parish Hall to  
serve refreshments for the toddlers  
and their mums. Telephone Katrina  
Holloway on 01244.335558.

## **MUSIC AT St James' Presents**



## **Newstead Brass**

Award winning championship  
band

From BBC Radio 2's popular  
'Listen to the Band' series

**Saturday**

**23rd October**

**at 7.30pm**

**St James' Church  
Christleton**

**Tickets £8-00**

(Complimentary refreshments)

Contact Brenda Bailey at St  
James'

or Tel. 01244 335034



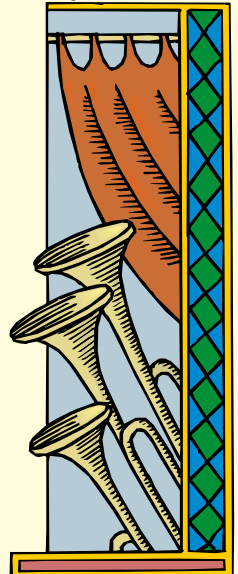
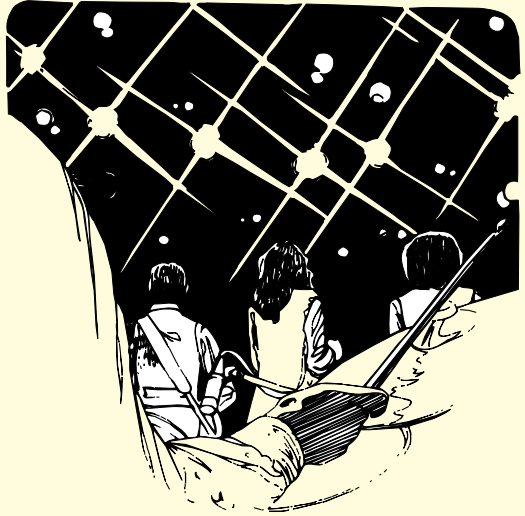
## Newstead Brass One of England's Top Brass Bands

Like many brass bands, Newstead Brass' history begins in the mining industry, originating in the mid-1970's when the junior section of a nearby band were

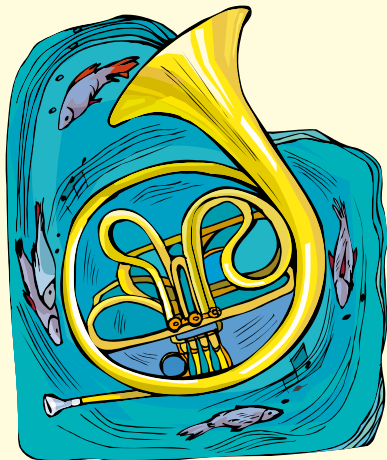
'adopted' by the Hucknall and Linby Miners Welfare who were keen to support and develop a band of their own. When the Hucknall Colliery closed, the band-room was demolished and the band relocated to Newstead in 1988.

The 30-piece band now performs at venues across the country with around 30 public concerts per year, often supporting local and national charities, as well as a range of brass band festivals and competitions. The band strives to provide a wide range of music, not only that which is traditionally associated with brass bands. Swing music from the 1940's (Miller) to the 21st Century (Buble) forms a popular part of the bands repertoire as well as scores from modern film blockbusters and chart classics from the last 25 years.

Duncan Beckley has been the organisation's musical director since 1989, and under his guidance Newstead Brass has collected contest prizes across the country. Since gaining promotion to the 'Championship section' in January 2001, the band has established itself as the leading North Midland's brass band. In 2009 the band were runners up in Midlands Championships and went on to finish in 10th place in the National Brass Band Championship



final at the Royal Albert Hall. The band was also placed 6th in the Grand Shield at the British Open Spring Festival and was runner-up in the Bolsover Entertainments inter-county challenge. 2010 performances have included the band's debut at the English Masters brass championships, playing as part of a massed band of over 250 players as part of the Leeds Brass Symposium and the International Byron Festival. In July the band accompanied a firework display at the Ripley Music Festival and in September opened the new 'Headstock' contemporary rock music festival being developed in Newstead as part the BBC/ Big Lottery 'Village SOS' programme to inspire rural regeneration.



The band is reliant on income from engagements, players' subscriptions and grants to enable its development. Donations are always welcome.

Further details of the band can be found at [www.newsteadband.org.uk](http://www.newsteadband.org.uk).

Newstead Brass' programme for 'Music at St James' will include classical transcriptions, film music, traditional airs and a variety of popular music from the last 30 years as well as original works for brass band and feature many of the band's acclaimed soloists.

## **Duncan Beckley (Musical Director)**

Duncan was born in London, but moved shortly afterwards to West Yorkshire and his love for music grew. He started playing the Flugel horn at ten and progressed to the tuba, which he played with many brass bands. He is now a conductor, band trainer, teacher and adjudicator and travels widely conducting bands throughout Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



# CHRISTLETON GARDENING CLUB

Meetings take place in Methodist Hall, Christleton at 7.30p.m

ALL WELCOME

## Programme 2010 – 2011

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|--------------|--|
| 13 September | Visit to Welsh College of Horticulture, Northop to see Fuchsia collection<br>Mr Richard Markey |
| 11 October   | Demonstration of Winter Hanging Baskets<br>Mr Andrew Johnson – Oaktree Nurseries               |
| 8 November   | Ness Gardens – Now and the Future<br>Mr Kevin Reid – Curator                                   |
| 13 December  | Film – Gertrude Jekyll   |
| 10 January   | Christmas Meal together -venue to be announced   |
| 14 February  | Seeds – Where? When? How?<br>Mr Harry Delaney – Reaseheath College                             |
| 14 March     | Geraniums<br>Mr Robert Markey – Welsh College of Horticulture                                  |
| 11 April     | Visit – Parm Place, Little Budworth to see Spring Bulbs  |
| 9 May        | Mike Kozyra – title to be announced  |
| 13 June      | Visit – to be announced  |
| 11 July      | Visit – Hall Farm Nursery, Nr Oswestry. Talk on Summer Perennials. Tea                         |

# Ten things you didn't know about Merseyside

- 1 There are more Georgian Buildings in Liverpool than in Bath
- 2 The Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool is now acoustically the finest orchestral hall in Europe
- 3 There are 2,500 listed buildings in Liverpool city centre
- 4 Sefton Park boasts Cleopatra's Needle, the famous Kensington Gardens' Peter Pan statue and Eros - not copies but all originals, cast at the same time as those in London.
- 5 The men's loo in the Philharmonic pub has pink marble urinals
- 6 The Calder Stones (Calder is Saxon for wizard) are older than Stonehenge
- 7 British Prime Minister - Spencer Perceval and President Abraham Lincoln were both shot by Liverpoolians
- 8 The term red brick university derives from the redbrick facade of Liverpool University's Victoria Tower, built by Alfred Waterhouse
- 9 Liverpool University professor Oliver Lodge sent the first ever radio signal in 1894, seven years before Marconi
- 10 Toxteth Park was King John's great hunting forest - Princes Park and Sefton Park are what remain.



## Not long to BOX OPENING 2010!

Our annual Box Opening will be taking place as usual in November, so would all you kind box holders please check next month's Parish Magazine for confirmation of the date.

Many thanks for your continuing support.  
*Lesley Morgan*

The **What's On Page** at **[www.christleton.org.uk](http://www.christleton.org.uk)** gives an up to date guide to events in the village. Please email details you would like included to [richard@christleton.org.uk](mailto:richard@christleton.org.uk)

Back issues of St. James' Parish Magazine are available to browse through. Fully indexed for searching

Parish Council Meetings and News about the forthcoming Christleton Community Plan

Updates on Village Groups and lots more



# WE WAS BROUGHT UP PROPER!

CONGRATULATIONS to all our friends who were born up to the 1960's

We survived being born to parents who smoked and drank. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.

Our baby cots were covered in bright-coloured lead based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags!

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC or Subway.

How have we managed to survive?

*M Croston*

# Forget good intentions

Is your head full of good things that you intend to do... someday? What about now? Live every day as if there were no tomorrow. Speak that kind word, help that person now, pick up the phone and make the call, spend time with your loved ones. Stop merely thinking about it, and DO it.

One malignant cell or one faulty heartbeat could change your priorities in an instant. You get a better perspective of life at a funeral than you do at a party. When you reach the end of your journey, what will you wish you had done with your days and years - when you had the chance? Do you need to give this some thought today?

## Thank you

Alf & Margaret Croston would like to say a big thank you for all the many cards and messages of congratulations on their recent Diamond Wedding

## John Sellers Educational Foundation Christleton

**T**his ancient Trust was set up on 23 December 1779 by John Sellers and local worthies for the education of poor children in Christleton and Littleton. It was originally to provide instruction in reading, English, writing, arithmetic, and for spinning, sewing and/or other manual work. In 1805 it was extended by deed to include the children of Rowton. The original Minute Book is still in use.

The main source of income is from the rent of a field in Plough Lane. The present trustees comprise the Rector, Clerk, a representative from Cheshire West & Chester, and two Christleton Parish Councillors. It is their intention to try and increase the capital and use the interest to provide grants. Further donations or legacies, which could be used to increase the level of grants paid out, would be very much appreciated.

This year the Primary School and the High School have been given money but applications are encouraged from individuals in exceptional circumstances who would like to apply in confidence.

Applications for grants from individuals or groups wishing to be considered should apply in writing before November to the Clerk, Mrs M Croston, 5 Bridge Drive, Christleton, CH3 6AW.

**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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"Loop" system, for the hearing impaired  
Large print books for the visually impaired & large print weekly notice sheets  
Easy to follow Communion Service Books for children  
Access for wheelchairs  
Please ask any of the Churchwardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in any way.

**CHRISTLETON UNDER-FIVES  
COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP  
Registered Charity 1022817**

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

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**Way to go!**

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he ventured: "Did you start at 1?"

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Attach your Word document and e-mail it to

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# Parish Registers for August 2010

## Holy Baptism

- 15th Finlay George Murray son of  
Andrew & Joanna Murray 14, The Park, Christleton
- 15th Daisy Charlotte West daughter of  
Jonathan & Diana West 2 Hawthorn Cottage, Little Heath Road, Christleton

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

## The Wedding Service

- 2nd Iain Harry Stewart 15 Cornelia Close, Bletchley, Milton Keynes &  
Victoria Jane Keogh "Redwood" Whitchurch Road, Christleton.

*"Those whom god has joined together, let not man divide"*

## The Funeral Service

- 2nd George Harold Garner 14 Haslin Crescent, Christleton
- 13th Marjorie Jane Parsonage, Stonehouse Nursing Home, Cheyney Rd,  
Chester  
(Burial of Ashes)
- 17th Rosemary Harvey Moran 113 Marion Drive, Great Boughton
- 18th Rosemary Harvey Moon (Burial of Ashes)
- 26th Alice Joan Venables Wright 3 Toll Bar Road, Christleton

*"Grant them eternal rest"*

## Offertories

August	Cash	CSE	2010	2009
1st	93-40	573-00	666-40	794-73
8th	84-10	381-50	465-60	604-10
15th	138-99	480-50	619-49	575-80
22nd	76-01	595-50	671-51	855-60
29th	127-50	516-00	643-50	759-00
Totals.			£3,066-50	£ 3,589-23

*"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

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