

Parish Magazine



June 2008

St. James'

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Sun 1

8.00 am

10.45 am

10.45 am

6.00 pm

6.30 pm

The Second Sunday after Trinity: Proper 4

Holy Communion - Order 2

Sunday School - Parish Hall

Parish Communion - Order 1

The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall

Evensong - followed by refreshments

Prayer Link Road: Moor Lane and Chapel Close

Neighbourhood Link: Gwen Knight

Mon 2

10.45 am

11.15 am

7.45 pm

Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home

Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home

Stewardship Committee – Lady Chapel

Wed 4

10.45 am

United Communion - followed by refreshments

Thurs 5

2.30 pm

Parish Visiting Group - White Haven

7.45 pm

PCC Standing Committee - The Rectory

Fri 6

6.30 pm

Choir Practice

Sun 8

8.00 am

10.45 am

6.00 pm

6.30 pm

The Third Sunday after Trinity: Proper 5

Holy Communion - Order 1

Family Service - followed by refreshments

The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall

Evensong

Prayer Link Road: Pepper Street and Windmill Lane

Neighbourhood Link: Pat Hodges

Mon 9

2.00 pm

Mothers Union - Parish Hall

Wed 11

10.45 am

11.30 am

2.45 pm

7.45 pm

Holy Communion for ST BARNABAS followed by refreshments

Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home

Parish Visiting Group - White Haven

Pastoral and Outreach Committee - Lady Chapel

Thur 12

7.45 pm

Faith and Worship Committee - The Rectory

Fri 13

6.30 pm

Choir Practice

NB: Last day for contributions to July magazine, preferably earlier, to The Rector (335663).

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Sun 15

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 6

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
Prayer Link Road: Plough Lane
Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Renner, Jos Platel, Janet Brown

Wed 18 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 20 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Sun 22

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 7

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1
10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall
10.45 am Matins with Baptism - followed by refreshments
6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
6.30 pm Evening Communion
Prayer Link Road: Quarry Lane and Faulkner's Lane
Neighbourhood Link: Alison Kenyon

Tues 24 8.00 am The Church Walking Group leave car park
9.00 am Holy Communion for ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Wed 25 10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 27 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Sat 28 Village Fete

Sun 29

ST PETER'S DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1
10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall
10.45 am Matins - followed by refreshments
6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
6.30 pm Evening worship for St Peters Day
Prayer Link: Those worshipping at St James from outside the Parish
Neighbourhood Link Area Secretary: Leo Carroll

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Life in the Spirit

It was a very special occasion on 11 May as we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to the first disciples, and witnessed the giving of the Holy Spirit to those of our members who were presented for Confirmation by the Bishop of Birkenhead. Just a week later we celebrated Trinity Sunday as the culmination of the first half of the Christian year, as we step back and worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From Advent we have marked each stage of the story of God's saving love through the birth, life, teaching, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus and then his gift of the Spirit to the Church. The whole of the second half of the Church's year, the Trinity season, focuses on the life of the Church in carrying out the ministry and mission entrusted to his Church by Our Lord, in the power of the Spirit.

Every Christian is called to their own particular discipleship: we each have a part in the life of the Spirit. As we think of those who were Confirmed, I also remember my own Ordination on Trinity Sunday 1969 at Christ Church, Oxford. We are all at different stages of our life in the Spirit. St James was packed recently, with standing room only, for the funeral of Jim Partington. There was a special feeling of being together to recognise, and thank God for his life. I was drawn, in what I said, to words of St Paul from our reading:- "In the Lord, your labour cannot be lost." As I think of people like Jim, Len Thomas, Dorothy Colley McNair and Harold Whetnall, who were so much part of the life of St James and the village, I am aware that they have influenced, and shaped, what we still experience in our shared life: their labour in the Lord cannot be lost. And so we are drawn to realise that life in the Spirit comes to each of us individually, but only in order to be part of something much bigger, for life in the Spirit unites us as God's family.

That is something we know and value as a local Church and community, but it does not stop there. To be a Christian is to belong to a family stretching back in history to that first Pentecost, and out to the ends of the earth. It is a wonderful privilege to belong to the Church, and to be linked, by the Spirit, to the Church universal and the 'Communion of Saints'. "Touch the Church in one place and it trembles in another." How easily we take that for granted, and fail to 'tap in' to the worldwide web of the Spirit. From 16 July to 4 August the Lambeth Conference will be held at Canterbury. This brings together the whole Anglican Communion

throughout the world, to share in the life of the Spirit, and to listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church today. Sadly, attention has been focused on the possibility of certain Dioceses and Bishops staying away because they disagree with the practice and doctrine of other members. I remember learning (as an embryonic Theologian!) the distinction in the New Testament between *Kerygma* and *didache*. *Kerygma* is the kernel of the Gospel; that which is essential to the gospel, and that for which you go to the stake! *Didache* is the teaching; that which the Church deduces from the Gospel and accepts as its doctrine. *Didache* is flexible, evolving and important, but not essential. Now unity is *kerygma*: it is essential to the gospel as Christ's prayer that we might be one that the world might believe. I hope and pray that all those invited to the Lambeth Conference will think and pray long and hard before they conclude that their interpretation of doctrine is more important than the unity we share in Christ. We are all asked to pray for the Lambeth Conference and all those invited. May the life they share in the Spirit bring new understanding, unity and strength to the whole Church.

I leave you with that exhortation from St Paul:- "Therefore my beloved friends, stand firm and immovable, and work for the Lord always, work without limit, since you know that in the Lord your labour cannot be lost." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature is a single horizontal line.

Prayer of the Month: Anon, Aotearoa (New Zealand)

*Loving God,
open our hearts,
so that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit.
Unclench our hands
so that we may reach out to one another,
and touch and be healed.
Open our lips
that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life.
Unclog our ears
to hear your agony in our inhumanity.
Open our eyes
so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.
Breathe your Spirit into us,
and touch our lives with the life of Christ. Amen.*

St. James Church
Open all day Sundays,
June, July, August and
September 2008



We will be opening St James Church between services on Sundays in June, July, August and September for a fourth year. One hundred volunteers! Still the target, but we haven't yet even achieved 70. Many people are having to fill the gaps by volunteering to help several times. It is a simple task requiring no special skills, just giving a warm welcome. It was made worthwhile by the fact that we welcomed an average of six visitors each Sunday last year. Afternoon teas will be served in the Methodist Church Hall at the same time. The combination is irresistible! Please come and help. The time- table sheet will be placed at the back of Church during May. Many, many thanks.

David Bowden Tel. 01244 335705

Harold Whetnall

The death of Harold last month was yet another of the WWII generation from the village who served their country with distinction. Harold served with the Royal Artillery Survey Regiment and landed in Normandy on Sword Beach on D Day+1. He later became 2nd Lieutenant in the South Lancs. Regt., and was demobbed in 1947 with the rank of Captain. These serving men went on to bring much pride to their later work and recreation. In Harold's case dedication to life at St James for over 40years, serving as Sunday school teacher, sidesman and Church Warden. Harold was a man of strength and character, hard working, honest and had great integrity. During his working life he served with distinction with the NHS, then British Enka, and finally as Company Secretary for The Chester Observer. He was a family man devoted to his wife Beryl and daughter Christina. He loved walking in the hills and both playing and watching cricket. He also loved books and music, enjoying listening to Opera and Welsh Male Voice Choirs. He and Len Thomas had so much in common, and it's sad that we lost two such distinguished men from the St James' family in the same month.

David Cummings

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at Chester Cathedral

This year (2008) is the 60th anniversary of the founding of the National Health Service and to celebrate this there will be a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 6 July 2008 at 6.30 pm.

The Countess of Chester Hospital are organising and hosting this centre piece of their celebrations and have extended an invitation to the people of Chester, Cheshire, Flintshire and North Wales as well as many of the hospitals in that area eg Leighton Hospital, Macclesfield, Warrington, Runcorn to name a few.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Service which will include music from Chester Music Society, The Cheshire Police Band and Cheshire Schools Choir. Biblical and secular readings aim to be as inclusive as possible.

Making a very welcome return to the Cathedral will be the Very Revd Stephen Smalley, the Dean of Chester from 1987-2001, who will

be making an address.

After the Service, refreshments will be served in the Cloisters where it is hoped everyone will join the organisers of this celebratory service.

As this is likely to be a very popular event free tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to attend the service, call 0800 195 1241 to obtain your free tickets.

People in the News

*Best Wishes and
Congratulations to*

David & Sheila Roberts

1st June

and

Rector K. Peter & Fiona Lee

15th June

*who all celebrate their
Ruby Weddings this
month.*

Jim Partington

The recent death of Jim “Mr Christleton” aged 86 has brought even more sadness to the village.

His commitment to the village was immense, and those new to the village will not know of his enormous contribution over

his lifetime. He was born at Rock House, where the family butchering business (Mosford’s) had been established for many years, which Jim together with Lucy his devoted wife, later took over.

It was for many years the centre of village life, where everyone shopped, exchanged views (gossip!) and found Jim to be the most caring and helpful of people. He knew everyone, and through this knowledge, continued his mother Mary’s (known locally as “Mrs Christleton”) great role in the village by serving for 40 years on the Parish Council. He was particularly involved in the “Best Kept Village Competition” and was always keen to see the village do well, even watering the plants on

the Village Green or Pump House himself. He was also responsible for erecting the Christmas trees on The Green or in Church. He was Parish Council Chairman several times, and his knowledge of the village and



its needs were always paramount in his thoughts. He was always keen to develop play facilities for children, and also through sport, especially football and cricket. He was one of the many devoted volunteers who revived the fortunes of Christleton Sports Club, and helped provide

the wonderful facilities they now have at Little Heath. He was a keen footballer himself and had a trial for Chester City, as well as being a good cricketer, especially behind the stumps. Jim went on to become President of the Cricket Club, but was still competent behind the wheel

from his early days as a farmer at Eccleston where he worked on the family farm, and he loved nothing more in retirement than to be asked to help out by driving a tractor for Dandy's or Arden's Farms.



Jim was also heavily involved in the workings of the Christleton Institute being a prime mover behind the club, and an institution there himself as “Bingo Caller” for over fifty years. He was a keen churchman and supported the work and worship at St James’ during his lifetime in the village. He was also a devoted family man to his wife Lucy, daughter Kathleen, his late son Kenneth, and their families including five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. However it’s his lifetime commitment to Christleton that we will remember, and a number of lasting tributes are being planned to honour his memory.

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of the motor mower cutting the grounds, or providing a special wicket for school children to play on, or marking out the football pitch. This keenness and ability on the tractor came



NATURE NOTES

I have enjoyed a wonderful month looking at the natural world, with almost all migrant birds arriving on time, especially the swifts which were right on the due date for Christleton 7th May, although there seem fewer numbers than usual, and I've yet to hear a cuckoo anywhere I've travelled.

The highlight locally has been the number of butterflies, especially along the canal, with good numbers of holly blue, orange tip, speckled wood, peacock, red admiral, tortoiseshell and even three beautiful yellow brimstones. It is also difficult to believe that we have fifteen or so of the magnificent black and white wading birds, the avocet (symbols of the RSPB) on view in the area, however there

are, with the bonus of one or possibly two nest sites on scrapes on a local reserve. I also viewed good numbers of rare crossbills and siskin last month in the hills near Llangollen, together with a magnificent peregrine falcon which flew just over the top of the car whilst driving through the Eglwyseg Valley. However I had an even closer experience of a pair of peregrines who were calling and displaying to each

other, oblivious of the fact that I was standing about twenty feet away on a cliff top on the remote Pembrokeshire Island of Ramsey. It was also good to see about ten pairs of chough along the coastline, This rare member of the crow family, is making a come back all over the UK, causing great



excitement, particularly in Cornwall where it is the county emblem, and both north and south Wales. The chough is a charismatic bird, with glossy blue - black plumage, and bright red feet and curved red bill. It is slightly larger than a jackdaw, with fingered wingtips and squarer tail. It is a graceful flier with a distinctive and loud musical call. "Chee-oww or chow, and sometimes a harsher kee'argh".

It was also very pleasing to find many specimens of green winged orchids along the cliff tops, together with the more expected early purple orchids. I have only previously seen the green winged orchids on the Greek Islands, so it was a very pleasant surprise to see them in Pembrokeshire, and so early in the year. The close cropped grass of the limestone cliff tops is grazed by both sheep and wild ponies, and is

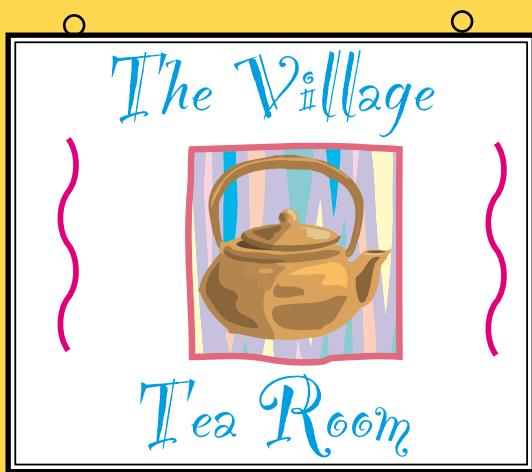


clearly proving an excellent habitat for both chough and orchids. On Ramsey red deer are also used by the RSPB for this task, and the close sward that they produce is also proving excellent for breeding pairs of lapwing. The fact that there is no disturbance from farm machinery, predators such as fox and other vermin, and only the occasional human visitor, makes it a very safe place to breed.

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June 2008

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON



will be open

Sunday afternoons

2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

1st June – 31st August

Methodist Church Hall

ALL WELCOME

Proceeds to charity

ON Being Paid

I was not made personally conscious of the feeling of being paid for labour, deeds and duties until at 18 I earned £4.12.8d for a week's Christmas work at Wigton Post Office. True, I know that even in the 1950's many adults in Cumberland as elsewhere coped with low wages and modest standards of living. As for news of high finance and the world's money markets, they rarely featured on our crackly radio. Most people lived within their means and were content.

In Cumberland the strictly amateur rugby union was the dominant male sport both in schools and in clubs. Amateur sport was what it said; participants received no cash for playing. As for rugby league, there were only two quite new professional sides in the area, and the amateur version of that 13-a-side game flourished with quite a few schoolboys playing it. But even there it was a taboo to talk about money and only the occasional gossip emerged that a lad had been slipped a ten shilling note for his bus fare!

When I was 15 I plucked up courage

to ask my father if he would mind me going to watch Workington Town, a new side already playing the likes of Wigan in the professional game. Rather reluctantly he agreed, adding that he did not really approve of people playing sport for money. Luckily most of the Workington team were still local men, supplemented by one Australian, two Lancastrians, and the legendary Welshman Gus Risman as player-manager.

For my family, Gus made my Saturday afternoons on the terraces fairly respectable. As a professional with Salford before the war, he and other rugby league players were allowed to play alongside amateur rugby union players in the Services in occupied Germany, one of whom was my father's youngest brother. I believe that they played against each other in an unofficial England v Wales international somewhere near Düsseldorf!

Yet in 1945 all that changed. The Armistice may have ended a devastating war, but the minute it was over professional and amateur rugby players were no longer allowed to play together, or even to socialise without arousing suspicion. It took until the 1990's for the amateur rugby union to become "professional". That might have been frowned upon

by some, but at least it returned to the 1939-45 situation which had allowed harmony and respite for serving officers.

We can argue that there is too much money in sport today, we can pray in Church for a sense of proportion in finance and money and for wider sharing of the world's riches. But at least in the game of rugby a rigid and unpleasant apartheid has been and gone.

John Carruthers

Thank you

Lucy Partington and her family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their messages of sympathy and acts of kindness following their bereavement. Lucy would also like to say a big thank you to those who helped get her to the Countess of Chester during Jim's long weeks of hospitalisation.

*Congratulations
to*

Olive and Bas Hammond
who celebrate their
Golden Wedding on 28th June

CATHEDRAL NEWS SAINTS' WINDOWS IN THE CLOISTERS

St Augustine of Canterbury was a Monk and Abbot of Saint Andrew's Abbey in Rome. Sent by Pope Gregory the Great with 40 brother monks, including Saint Lawrence of Canterbury, to evangelize the British Isles in 597. Before he reached the islands, terrifying tales of the Celts sent him back to Rome in fear, but Gregory told him he had no choice and so he went. He established and spread the faith throughout England; one of his earliest converts was King Ethelbert who brought 10,000 of his people in the Church. Ordained a bishop in Gaul (modern France) by the Archbishop of Arles. Augustine was the first Archbishop of Canterbury. He helped re-establish contact between the Celtic and Latin churches, though he could not establish his desired uniformity of liturgy and practices between them. Worked referred to as occupying the Chair of Augustine.

Born: Rome, Italy

Died: 26 May 605 in Canterbury, England of natural causes: relics interred outside the church of Saints Peter and Paul, Canterbury, a building project he had started.

Memorial: 26 May



WHITSUNDAY CONFIRMATION SERVICE at St James' Sunday May 11th 2008

A large congregation was present to witness the Confirmation Service with Communion taken by the Bishop of Birkenhead, The Rt. Revd. Keith Sinclair on his first visit to the Parish. In his interesting sermon, the Bishop spoke about his calling to Christ at the same age as many of the candidates, and spoke about the many ways in which the spirit appears to people in their lives. He then confirmed the candidates Cora Brightwell, Charlotte Dandy, Charlotte Denmon, Luke Disley, Ellen Frost, Clare Gibson, Megan Gibson, Emily Illingworth, Hannah Illingworth, Katherine Illingworth, Tristan Pfeiffer, Christopher Strange and Lisa Williams. This was followed by a communion service taken by the Bishop assisted by the Rector Rev. K. Peter Lee. The service was led by the choir, with the hymns, Come Down O Love Divine, Take My Life, Shine Jesus Shine, O Jesus I have promised, Breathe on me breath of God, O Thou who camest from above and Guide me O thou great redeemer. They also sang the Anthem "Listen Sweet Dove" by Grayston Ives with words from George Herbert's poem "Whitsunday". The organist was Steve Roberts. After the retiring procession, the congregation moved to the Parish Hall for light refreshments, and the candidates were able to display their projects created as part of their Confirmation Course. The Bishop spent time in the Hall meeting the candidates and congregation.

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CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

Christleton Cricket Club have had a reasonable start to the season, however the loss of Jim Partington, our President (known as El Presidente) has overshadowed events on the field.

Jim was involved at the club since his teenage years. We have a scorebook from 1938 in his 16th year. He played with other members T. Solloway, H. Carman & W. Fleet in matches against the Boys' Bible class and Cheshire County Police.

Jim was still involved in preparing the ground into his 80's. We will always remember how he loved to cut the cricket outfield, as well as the field adjoining the play area, with the red Massey-Ferguson tractor. Last season he won the best flower bed competition and each season Jim and Lucy sponsored a cricket match

Jim was very proud of the sports ground, which he and other villagers built voluntarily in the 1970's and when the cricket team achieved premier league status he was elated.

On a personal note, Jim was also a good friend of mine. We spoke nearly every day for the last ten years. I will miss his infectious smile and wit and our conversations about wildlife, the land, farming and sport. I am sure he will be somewhere watching to make sure we maintain the sports ground for future generations.

Finally out thanks to the following sponsors for matches in April/May:
Gareth Davies, RKQ82, Walker Smith Way, Jim Partington, David Parry,
V. Parsonage, Wil Lamb, Brian & Hilary Davenport

For any enquiries about the Cricket Club please contact me:
Brian Wareing - 332326



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

ST.JAMES' TUESDAY WALKING GROUP

Tuesday June 24th 2008

North Wales; Anglesey
Penrhyn & South Stack Cliff Walk
8 ½ miles moderate.
Packed Lunch/Sea Swimming
Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am.

The Christleton Web Site now
has a page featuring
local events



www.christleton.org.uk

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall
Next meeting on June 11th
Birthday Party

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

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The July Magazine will be available for
collection from Church on Sunday 29th
June 2008.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in
the **JULY** edition are sent to the Rector,
as soon as possible

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

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THIS MONTH



You are invited to

**A
CHRISTLETON / CONGO
LINK EVENING**

With

Eric & Sandra Read

Meet them and find out about
their work in DR Congo

Friday 13th June at 7.30 pm

at

Bob & Gwen Knight's

Cophorne Moor Lane Rowton

For more details contact: 01244
336236

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO
COFFEE IN THE BISHOP'S
GARDEN**

ABBEY SQUARE, CHESTER

(by kind permission of the Bishop of Chester)

TUESDAY 10th JUNE 2008

6:45 pm

Tickets £1

Stalls & Raffle - Refreshments,
Entertainment

The proceeds will be donated to

The Children's Society

Edward Rudolph House,

Margery Street

London WC1X 0JL

Charity Registration No. 221124.

ps St. James will be running the
Cake Stall. All contributions
gratefully received!!

Lesley Morgan

Save the Family Sunday

22nd June 2008

1pm onwards

The Churches of Cheshire and North Wales are invited to make Sunday 22nd June, Save the Family Sunday.

As part of this special day, Save the Family are holding a Church Picnic & Family Worship Afternoon at their new development at Cotton Hall Farm, Cotton Lane, Cotton Edmunds, Chester, CH3 7PY.

You are invited to come along from 1pm onwards, with a picnic and a rug or chairs, and enjoy a group family picnic on Cheshire Square with members of other local churches.

The service, led by Founder and Chairperson Mrs. Edna Speed, will commence in the North Barn at 2.30pm, followed by a time of fellowship and coffee & cake. Contributions towards the cake table would be gratefully received.

A collection will be taken during the service towards the ongoing building work at Cotton Hall, but, as a Church you may decide that a donation taken from your Morning Service collection would be appropriate on this special day.

For further information about this event, or the work undertaken by Save the Family, please contact Gemma Ryder or Andrea Walker at Cotton Hall on 01244 333490.



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Mysteries of the Orient



Christleton Village Fete Saturday 28th June 2008

Parade leaves Village Green
- 1.00pm

Fete opens at
Primary School - 1.30 pm



Lion Dancers

Martial Arts

Sumo Wrestling



Prizes for best Fancy Dress
(Adults & Kids)

Admission: Family £5, Adult £2
Child £1, Under 5's free

WHAT'S ON IN JULY



Just a reminder

CHRISTLETON VILLAGE SHOW 2008



Is on Saturday 12th July
In Christleton Parish Hall



The theme this year is **Liverpool – Capital of Culture 2008**

– which should get the “brain cells” working.

Schedules this year are available from any committee member, the Village Churches and Christleton Newsagents – see Phil or Sue.

To return the forms there will be a Coffee Morning at the Parish Hall on Saturday 5th July (the weekend before the Show) - all entrance forms to be handed in then or by post to Judith Butt (see instructions on the entry form). If you have any problems getting a schedule, please telephone any of the committee and you will be sorted out.

A special plug for the “Hanging Basket and/or Container” section- we would like to make the Village as floral as possible. Anyone in Christleton can join in, and you don’t need to be an expert but we do need to have entry forms in by the scheduled date so that judging can take place during the week previous to the Show.

The Village Show is a wonderful show case for the many talents everyone has, from growing flowers and vegetables to showing and cooking as well as crafts and art. Entering is easy, it doesn’t cost much and is great fun - you could also 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 Rees; Christine Abrahams; Iris Foster. Edward Elliot, Sarah Donald

RUSSIA AT THE RA AND A SHORT VISIT TO YORK

Because of a dispute one of the world's most important collections of modern French paintings nearly didn't arrive in London. A Moscow textile magnate, Sergei Shchukin, with his friend Ivan Morosov, spent the early years of the 20th century collecting modern art in Paris. Both were dismissed at the time as ignorant. In the post war years in Russia it took nerve to curate these paintings and as late as 1962 the staff of the Hermitage were officially warned to take down their Matisse's and Picassos. However the Royal Academy exhibition celebrated not only the paintings themselves but all those who protected and preserved them through a turbulent century. The outstanding paintings were The Red Room and The Dance both by

Henri Matisse, Women on the sea Shore by Paul Gauguin, Picasso's Dryad, The Girl at the Piano by Paul Cezanne and photographs showing how these masterpieces were originally displayed in the Russian Museums – the Hermitage, State Russian, Pushkin and Trtyakov.

The queues were long and the exhibition so popular that the RA was going to stay open until midnight during the week that it finished.

YORK was very cold and windy but we managed to fit in a visit to Castle Howard where the flag was flying at half mast as one of the male family members had died the previous Thursday. The line which almost was wiped out through executions



and imprisonments in the Tower of London continues with twins and Castle Howard remains the family home.

In the city itself we were welcomed to the church of St Michael le Belfrey. The “le Belfrey” either refers to the next door Minster belfry or to an older church on this site. This is a parish church serving the local community and was rebuilt between 1525 and 1537 during King Henry VIII’s break with Rome. There are boards bearing the names of York Lord Mayors who lived within the parish and information about Guy Fawkes who was baptised there in 1570. The lectern was made by Thompsons of Kilburn with their trademark mouse on its plinth.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter saw us at the sung Eucharist at York Minster with the Dean of Durham preaching. Singing was led by the men’s choir and the girls’ choir (nineteen in all) some of them seemed to be mere toddlers. They sang Gabriel Faurés tantum ergo. The boys’ choir were to sing with the men at Evensong. There are currently places available in the Minster Choir for boys. Everyone was welcome to coffee in the Chapter House after the service, when we emerged outside to rain.

Alf & Margaret Croston

Smile Lines

The following are actual call centre conversations....

Wrong number

Customer: ‘I’ve been ringing you on 0700 2300 for two days. Why didn’t you answer?’

Travel agent: ‘Where did you get that number from, sir?’

Customer: ‘It’s there on the door to your Travel Centre’.

Operator: ‘Sir, they are our opening hours’

Clue

Caller to RAC Motoring Services: ‘Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am travelling in Australia?’

Operator: ‘Doesn’t the product give you a clue?’

Sure

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: ‘Woven? Are you sure?’

Caller: ‘Yes, of course. That’s what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland.’

Jack

Caller to Samsung Electronics: ‘Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?’

Operator: ‘I’m sorry, sir, I don’t understand who you are talking about’.

Caller: ‘On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?’

Operator: ‘I think you mean the telephone point on the wall’.

THE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW COMES TO TOWN

Sometime ago the Cathedral sidesmen were asked to help with the stewarding for a recording for the first of a new series of the Antiques Roadshow – with the new presenter Fiona Bruce. On the evening before, we received a two hour briefing from Alec – the Front of House Manager. Armed with our instructions we duly turned up at 8.15 am on



the morning of the recording to find that the queue was beginning to form outside the Visitors; Entrance. The stewards on the outside queue had been told that they were to look out for any weapons! These had to be checked at the entrance before the owners were allowed through into the Cathedral.

The queue was soon stretching right down St Werburgh Street and, on arriving inside the Cathedral, people of all shapes and sizes, clutching parcels, bags and boxes of a similar description, found themselves winding their way through the Undercroft, round four sides of the Cloisters, through the North West door and then in a huge loop in the North Aisle before arriving with me at the head of the queue. My task was to direct the clients to four ‘assessors’ at Reception, who made recommendations as to which of the experts would examine their precious objects. They were given a ticket with the name of the expert and then they moved off to join another queue! It took most people the best part of three hours to get from ‘entrance to expert’. I have to say I was very impressed by the patient way people queued. By the time they reached me at the front of the queue everyone knew the family history,

the holiday plans and the hopes and tears of the people adjacent to them in the line! It was a very friendly day.

Once arriving with the experts the expectant visitors presented their gifts, rather like the Magi and with a similar sense of anticipation. Some were thrilled – some were very disappointed – no-one became a millionaire overnight – but some had objects which interested the experts and merited a special appearance in front of the cameras to talk about the piece they had

brought. Towards 6 pm things started to wind down and only a few people waited, still patiently, in the short lines by the experts' tables. Soon the consultations were over and the BBC team set about the task of stripping down the lights, the platforms and screen and packing away the cameras.

It had been a very long day for staff and visitors alike. However – it was a very enjoyable occasion and there was a wonderful ‘buzz’ about the place throughout the day. It was fascinating to see how the programme was made and we will all watch, with interest, in the autumn, when the programme goes on the air, to see if we ‘starred’!

Derek Jackson – Sidesman



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And finally

HOW TO MAKE YOUR WIFE MORE EFFICIENT

An efficiency expert was delivering a seminar on time management for a company's junior executives. He concluded the session with a disclaimer: "But whatever you do, do NOT attempt these task-organizing tips at home," he said.

"Why not?" he was asked.

"Well, I did a study of my wife's routine of fixing breakfast," he replied, a little embarrassed. "I noticed she made a lot of trips between the refrigerator and the stove, the table and the cabinets, each time carrying only one item. So I told her: "Darling you are making too many trips back and forth carrying one item at a time. If you would only try carrying several things at once you would be much more efficient." He paused.

"Did that save time?" one of the executives asked.

"Actually, yes," the expert answered, "It used to take her 20 minutes to fix my breakfast. Now I get my own in seven minutes."

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Parish Registers for April 2008

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Holy Baptism

- 13th Milo William Henry Harding, son of Alan & Clare Harding
Stocks House, Stocks Lane, Great Boughton
- 13th Daisy Johanna daughter of Thomas & Jodette Cooke
Stamford Heath Farm, Stamford Lane, Christleton
- 27th Oliver John Antero Taylor, son of David & Johanna Taylor
8 Avonlea Close, Courtney Road, Saltney

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

The Funeral Service

- 4th Annie May Roberts, Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Christleton
- 7th Dorothy Colley McNair, 5 The Square Much Haddam Herts.
(Burial of Ashes)
- 11th Nora Jones, 40 Belgrave Road, Great Boughton (Burial of Ashes)
- 14th Charles Edward Stuart, 19 Hawthorn Road, Christleton
- 14th Walter Harold Whetnall, 20 Maes y Craig, Bodfari, Clwyd.
- 27th Annie May Roberts, Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
(Burial of Ashes)

"Grant then eternal rest"

Offertories

April	Cash	CSE	2008	2007
6th	227-02	680-00	907-02	973-75
13th	395-58	880-10	1,275-68	1,506-23
20th	162-50	528-00	690-50	628-60
27th	275-37	660-80	936-17	880-59
Totals			£ 3,609-37	£ 3,989-17

"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	

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