

# St. James'

## PARISH MAGAZINE



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# MARK IN MARCH

Tues 1 welcome	7.30 pm	Short Term House Group at Bob & Gwen Knights - all
Wed 2	10.45 am	United Holy Communion - <b>Revd Brian Harris</b> Followed by refreshments
Fri 4	10.30 am	<b>WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE</b> <b>Wesley Methodist Church, St John Street</b> <b>Speaker - Wendy Steadman</b> <b>"How Many Loaves have you?"</b>
	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun 6	8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2 - <b>Revd Canon Peris Williams</b>
	10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1 - <b>Revd Canon Peris Williams</b> Baptisms - Jack Fernley and Darci Boulton
	10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
	6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm	Evensong - <b>Revd John Carhart</b> - followed by refreshments <i>Prayer Link Road: Bythom Close</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith</i>
Mon 7	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
	11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
Tues 8 welcome	7.30 pm	Short Term House Group at Bob & Gwen Knights - all
Wed 9		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	10.45 am	United Holy Communion - <b>Revd Gill Hibbert</b> followed by refreshments
	11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
	7.30 pm	Mass and Imposition of Ashes at St Werburgh's
Thur 10 welcome	10.30 am	Village Teas Coffee Morning - Methodist Church - all
Fri 11	6.30 pm	Choir Practice <b>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 13	8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1 - <b>Revd Gill Hibbert</b>
	10.45 am	Family Service - <b>Revd Canon Chris Samuels</b> followed by refreshments
	6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm	Evensong - <b>Revd Canon Peris Williams</b> <i>Prayer Link Road: Capesthorpe &amp; Sheraton Road</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Norma Tissiman</i>

Mon	14	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Quiet Hour - <b>Revd Gill Hibbert</b> - all welcome
Tues	15	7.30 pm	<b>Churches Together in Christleton - Lent Talks – The Parable of the Sower - Gwen Knight – Methodist Chapel</b>
Wed	16	10.45 am	Holy Communion - <b>Revd Canon Chris Samuels</b> followed by refreshments
Fri	18	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	20	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion - Order 1- <b>Revd Brian Harris</b> Parish Communion - Order 1- <b>Revd John Carhart</b> Sunday School - Parish Hall The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall Evensong - <b>Dr Wayne Morris</b> <i>Prayer Link Road: Church Walks &amp; The Paddock</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Judith Edwards</i>
Tues	22	7.30 pm	<b>Churches Together in Christleton - Lent Talks The Parable of the Talents - University Post-Graduate Student Gary Carter - Methodist Chapel</b>
Wed	23	10.45 am	Holy Communion - <b>Revd Brian Harris</b> followed by refreshments
Fri	25	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	27	8.00 am 10.45 am 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion - Order 1- <b>Revd Canon Chris Samuels</b> Matins - <b>ARCHDEACON OF CHESTER</b> The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall Evening Communion - <b>Revd Canon Peris Williams</b> <i>Prayer Link Road: Cotton Abbots &amp; Cotton Edmunds</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Ellen Frost</i>
Tues	29	7.30 pm	<b>Churches Together in Christleton - Lent Talks The Parable of the Mustard Seed University Christian Union - Calum Piper - Methodist Chapel</b>
Wed	30	10.45 am	Holy Communion - <b>Revd Canon Peris Williams</b> followed by refreshments

## Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud

'Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return'. Solemn words from the beginning of the Bible, and traditionally heard on Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent. Yet we are prone to live as if we are above the dust. We may imagine that we are essentially spirits which live through bodies but don't ultimately depend on them. This is not where our Christian faith points. At Christmas we hear that the Word became flesh, and at Easter we hear that Christ showed himself alive, able to be handled, eating with his disciples. Archbishop William Temple famously said that Christianity is the most materialistic of all religions.

We may be puzzled as to how it is possible that something as wonderful as a human being can be made out of mud, but instead of thinking that an extra 'spiritual' substance must be added, we should realise that mud is more glorious than we thought. (If this makes us worry about what happens when we die, then we must remember that the Christian hope is for the resurrection of the body not the floating of the spirit.)

The story of creation and salvation tells of God drawing order, life, peace and harmony from disorder, evil, death and sin; not by providing an escape from this world, but by the work of his Spirit within it. Bad religion pretends that we are not limited to dust. Bad living tries to escape the truth of our material limits, whether by drugs or the seduction of wealth, for example, as a means to transcend our dependence, or by detachment from others whom we choose not to relate to.

We should rather trust that God is able to bring something more wonderful than we already know from the stuff of this world, of which we are made. Many human activities, such as sport or the arts, at their best point to this. Within the rules and boundaries of the game of football, or a particular form of musical composition, or the metre of a poem, people strive to achieve something glorious and transcendent, capable of inspiring awe. It would be nonsense to say that these activities would be better if the limits were removed.

In accepting the limits the wonder is made possible. To work without them is to pretend to be like God, limited by nothing beyond ourselves. That is why we should not see the discipline of Lent as something which must cramp our style. Think of it rather as the framework for the art of your life. It may sometimes feel like a struggle, like much of the best art. Through Lent we move forward towards Good Friday, when we remember Jesus, limited to the point of being nailed to a cross, yet at the same time most fully revealing the glory of God.

So Lent is a time for us to check ourselves, to take stock of where we may sloppily have thought that structure, form or discipline don't matter. It sounds hard, but in the end, to entrust ourselves to God as creatures is far easier than any struggle to live pretending we can escape the limits of being dust.



Mark Hart

(Rural Dean of Chester

Rector of Plemstall & Guilden Sutton)

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## **Christleton Lent Talks 2011**

This year for Lent, Churches Together in Christleton has organised a series of talks by visiting speakers on some of the Parables.

We do hope you will all come to as many of these as possible.

Each talk will be followed by a short time of questions, followed by tea or coffee.

March 15th

Gwen Knight - The Parable of the Sower

March 22nd

University Post-Graduate Student (Gary Carter) – The Parable of the Talents

March 29th

University Christian Union (Calum Piper) – Parable of the Mustard Seed

April 5th

Professor Tom Greggs – The Parable of the Good Samaritan

April 12th

Hazel Bradley – The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

All the evenings will commence at 7.30 and will be held at the Methodist Chapel with the exception of April 5th which will be at St. James.

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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## Les George

Parishioners will be glad to learn that Les George the revered and much respected Head teacher of Christleton Secondary School is now recovering and doing well after suffering a broken hip in early January. He's well looked after by Juliet & Tadge and is hoping to return home after a further spell of recuperation in a local hospital. DC

## Ronald Hugh Smith

I'm sure friends from St James' will be sad to learn of the sudden death on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011 at Rhos on Sea, of Ronald Hugh Smith aged 80 years. "R.H.S" was organist and choirmaster at St. James between 1968 and the mid 1980s, and in that time made an enormous contribution to the musical life of the village and the Chester District. His funeral service took place at Llandrillo yn Rhos Church on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> where he was organist, and was attended by a large congregation of family and friends, paying tribute to a much loved man and musician, who had contributed so much to the community wherever he lived, through his sheer love of music. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Pauline and a full appreciation of their work in Christleton will appear in the April Magazine. DC

## FROM "PROFI" TO "PROFI"

### ST. JAMES' MAGAZINE MOVES ON!

Articles in the November and January magazines have outlined how, after 14 years at 12 editions per year, Richard Nicholson is stepping down as a compiler of our magazine. Richard, as previously written in these articles - and even in the Chester Chronicle, we cannot thank you enough for the first class product you have produced tirelessly month by month!

Now, thanks also to Richard's endeavours, we are happy to introduce an experienced professional and true enthusiast to take over this onerous task, namely Julie Coxall, founder and editor of The A41 magazine. Says Christletonian Julie "I am just beginning to realise what I have let myself in for.....but I welcome the opportunity to give something back to our community!"

Notwithstanding that Julie will in due course no doubt put her own stamp on our magazine, the entry points for magazine articles remain unchanged viz : e mail word documents to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk and untyped material to Janet Milton (335469).

Please give Julie your full support.

Good luck Julie

DCB





# Shining light into darkness

**O**n behalf of The Children's Society, may I thank everyone who supported the Christingle Service held at St. James' in January.

The wonderful sum of £426.65 was raised !

The Children's Society:

- runs over 27 children's centres in England
- works in partnership with 40 local authorities
- has 77 programmes up and down the country helping children and young people who are struggling to cope with the pressures of everyday life
- supports children from a range of backgrounds and families through free legal advice on a range of issues.

Thank you all for your continuing generosity and support of The Children's Society's work and projects which helps to shine light into the lives of so many disadvantaged children and young people in our country today.

Lesley Morgan



# VILLAGE VOICE

On behalf of myself and many friends in Christleton, we would like to say a big Thank You to Deborah McNally and Janet Brown for ensuring that we had our annual Christmas Tree on the Village Green

Also to thank Deborah for clearing up on New Years morning .  
Diana Jones

## PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all the subscribers to our Parish magazine. Annual subscriptions for 2011-2012 will be due on 1st April. We are pleased to be able to hold the price at 35p per issue and the annual subscription price at £4.00. Subscriptions should be put in the envelope marked with your name and returned to your distributor as indicated or handed in at the Church. Please make any cheques payable to Christleton PCC.

## The Parochial Church Council AGM - 20th March.

Following the morning service in church the AGM will be held in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served.

## CONTRIBUTORS

The best way to send in contributions to St. James' Parish magazine is to email the document.

Attach your word document and email it to:

**christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk**



# Women's World Day of Prayer

**T**his month – on the first Friday in March - women in our local churches will join with millions of others around the world with one aim in mind - to pray. The Women's World Day of Prayer has in recent years become a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women.

The service is written by a different country each year and that country then becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day itself. It begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent until the last services of this special day are held back in the Pacific, on the islands of Samoa, circling the world in prayer for 36 hours.

By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The origins of Women's World Day of Prayer date back to the late nineteenth century when Christian women in the USA and Canada began a variety of activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. But it was not until the 1930s that Women's World Day of Prayer services began in Britain.

This year 2011 the worship material has been prepared by the women of Chile. Its theme, 'How many loaves have you?', is appropriate as bread is eaten at every meal in Chile, and is very much part of everyday life. Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody, as Christians demonstrate their solidarity with 'sisters and brothers' in other countries.



So - all are welcome to attend! .

## Nature Notes

January was a quieter month for sightings in the village, yet still some significant wildlife was observed. Three greater spotted woodpeckers in one garden was an excellent sighting, and I was fortunate enough to find a fresh otter spraint on the banks of the River Dee. This followed my sighting of an otter in June last year. It's good to see that they seem to be active in the area again.

An unusual sighting on the canal was a female merganser, a fish eating duck with a sword bill. These ducks are usually found in fast flowing mountain streams, and not normally associated with canals.

She is still there two weeks later, so is not the same duck that the walking



group saw catching and eating an eel on the River Dee near Eaton Hall. It was an amazing experience to watch this duck first catch, juggle in its beak, then swallow whole an eel, which seemed to us to be half as big again as the duck.

Many people have commented on the numbers of cormorant at The Pit. This confirms the fact that the Pit is alive with fish. A cormorant, a large greeny/ black feathered bird the size of a heron is said to eat up to 4lbs of fish a day. Usually found on sea cliffs, and remote lakes, they do come inland and are regularly seen at the Pit, and also feeding and flying along the canal.

A party of 20 redpolls were seen in the village, together with

some siskins, just one of the many flocks of small birds passing through. There were also several sightings of bullfinches.

These colourful finches were seen feeding in Plough Lane. The buzzard featured was seen sitting on the fence alongside the A41 at The Cheshire Cat, and is just one of many pairs seen daily in and around the village.



Readers might like to note that Cheshire Wildlife Trust have been carrying out some new work at Hockenhull Platts, opening up a new channel for winter flood water to be directed onto the wet meadow and under the first bridge, in an effort to provide a more varied habitat for water voles, and no doubt breeding sites for a number of dragonfly species. The additional area of water will also encourage flowering plants to flourish.



At the moment the area looks very bare, but with the growth of new vegetation in spring it will become gradually integrated into the reserve. The new area of water might also attract back a few wading birds onto the site, which have largely disappeared in the last ten years or so, due to changes in agricultural practices. The meadow was formerly grazed and trampled by dairy cattle, which provided the right conditions for orchids and other plants to flourish. Lets hope that the new work will help establish similar conditions and encourage the growth again of both early purple and common spotted varieties of orchid.

David Cummings

# Youth in action at St. James'

## Christingle

Members of the Christleton Rainbow Guides are pictured at our annual "Christingle" service held in January.



## The Crew Youth Group.

Members of the Crew Youth Group led the service at St. James on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>. The theme was "Homelessness" part of a National action week thinking about poverty and homelessness. The Rev. Gill Hibbert guided the service which covered many

aspects of the problems so graphically illustrated by the youngsters in their stories, plays and prayers, including one member sleeping in a cardboard box on the altar steps during part of the service.



The young people showed their knowledge of the situations that other less fortunate youngsters face, and gave a confident

response to a challenging situation, which enabled all to see the problems others face. The service also contained illustrative sections of film using digital projection, accompanied by well known hymns. Proceeds from the refreshments served by The Crew in the Lady Chapel will be given to a homeless charity.



# Nobody ever asked me!

**N**ot a very original excuse, but it is used. Perhaps more often it is "I didn't know". There are so many jobs at St. James that require someone's help. Some large, some small, some long term, some short term. There is something for everybody. Well, perhaps some of our very senior members may be excused, but hold us in their prayers. Too much of the work is being done by senior citizens who enjoy it and do it well, but we need a balance and a succession by receiving some help from younger members!

From time to time we will be making known opportunities for service at St. James as they arise.

## 1. We start with the big one !! The Parochial Church Council

There will be 2 vacancies on the PCC to be elected at the next AGM in March. The PCC presently meets 4 times a year. All members are members of a sub-committee where most of the practical work is done and then taken to and approved or otherwise by the PCC. These are Faith and Worship, Pastoral and Outreach and the Stewardship Committees. Each meets approximately 4 or 5 times a year.

No previous experience is required, only a willingness to listen, consider and collectively help move forward spiritual and pastoral life in the Parish. It is a chance to air your own views regarding the spiritual life of the Church and to get to know what is happening.

If you are interested, talk to the Churchwardens or a member of the PCC. They will be very happy to help you find someone to propose and second you.

## 2. Wheel chairs – Sunday services.

We often have as many as 4 wheelchairs to bring across and return to Birch Heath Lodge at the Sunday morning service. There is an urgent need for help occasionally or as part of a rota. A spontaneous offer of help at the end of a service is always welcome. Please ring Jim Hawkes (tel.: 01244 336099) or the Churchwardens if you are able to help.

*The journey through life is enhanced by helping others and in doing so serving God.*

St. James Parochial Church Council

# History File

## Christleton Parish on Maps. Part 1

The work of John Ogilby.

“His Majesty’s Cosmographer & Geographic Printer”

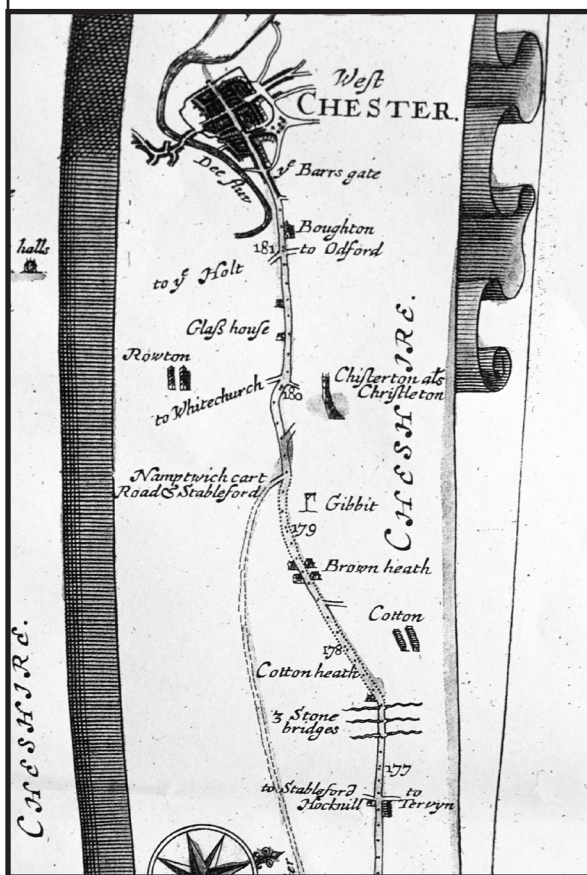
One of my most treasured possessions is an antique map with a separate description sheet, of “plate 3d”, a map covering the route from Litchfield to Chester and part of the London to

Holyhead route produced by John Ogilby in 1675.

This beautifully descriptive map is just one section of his famous “Britannia” series, which were the forerunner of our modern road maps. I first became aware of this particular map in the 1960s whilst working on a history project for teachers with fellow historian David Hayns. The project from “Nantwich to Chester

Town Trail” was written to introduce teachers to local history and enable them to use such material with their children. It included a section across three stone bridges that led to a place then almost unknown to me

called Christleton. It showed steams under three bridges at Hockenhull, a Gibbit at Brown Heath, a church at Chisterton (also known as





Christleton) a road from Whitchurch at Rowton, and a Glass House as the route approached Boughton.

The map has always fascinated me, but it is also very significant in our family history. Beryl and I were married in a church on the route at Wybunbury. Beryl's parents lived at Stapeley another village on the route. We now live at Rowton, and have so many connections with this map through our connections with Christleton. I have now looked after the area around Hockenhull Platts for forty years, and both our children and their families live on the Ogilby route, at the Roman town of Towcester, and at Kilsby near Daventry. What an incredible coincidence that this map now links us all through a single road.

**John Ogilby** was a Scot born near Edinburgh in 1600, who through poverty had to help care for his family from a young age. He became a Dancing Master and then Children's tutor, and went on to establish the Theatre Royal in Dublin. Having survived being blown up in the Irish Rebellion, and being shipwrecked on his return home, he found himself penniless. He somehow reached Cambridge and showed great skill in learning Latin, and then ventured into translating Virgil into English. He also learned Greek and in 1650 published "The fables of Aesop". He then spent years translating and publishing in London, and when Charles II returned from Exile, he was responsible for composing speeches and songs for his Coronation. In that year he also brought out a translation of Homer's "Iliad" After he had lost his home in the Great Fire of London, he set out again to re print "Aesop's Fables", but also turned to produce engravings and maps. This led to him surveying and making the wonderful "Britannia" Atlas and the setting of the standard unit of the miles and furlongs for measuring distances accurately.

His "Britannia" atlas was made up of a 100 plates of which prints 21 to 24 cover the section from London to Holyhead via Chester. In 1674 he was given the title of "His Majesty's Cosmographer and Geographic Printer" and when he died in 1676 he was buried at St. Brides one of Sir Christopher Wren's new churches.

David Cummings

Ref; Additional Information from Wikipedia

## **A newcomer's welcome?**

**A**s a relative newcomer to St. James' congregation I find that announcements made in Church and advertisements in our magazine for events are more often than not unintentionally exclusive.

As an example of the former "You are all most welcome to come to the new study group at Fred and May's house every Wednesday, for more details speak to Fred and May". A great welcome to all who either know Fred and May or at least where they live - but not so for the newcomer. Again, in the magazine, we have items such as "The xxxxxxxxxxxx club luncheon will be on Thursday in the Parish Hall All welcome, tickets from club members .....do you follow the drift?

Please think of this small, but important, plea next time and find an inclusive way of inviting newcomers as well as the in-crowd!

### **Your will**

*Father, I wait thy daily will;  
Thou shalt divide my portion still;  
Grant me on earth what seems thee best,  
Till death and heaven reveal the rest.*

**By Isaac Watts**



## Christleton plans for the future

Christleton has become the latest Cheshire village to ask residents to help prepare a vision for the future.

A project team made up of local people will spearhead the development of a community plan for the village and its surrounding areas.

The plan will set down how residents, organisations, community groups and other

stakeholders want to see the village develop over the next 5-10 years.

In the coming months, residents, businesses, schools, churches, shops, pubs and other organisations will be encouraged to make their views and suggestions known as part of a comprehensive consultation process.

“We want to preserve and enhance everything that makes Christleton such a superb

environment to visit, live and bring up a family,” said Community Plan Steering Committee Chairman, Richard Bennett.

“However, like every other community, there are challenges we need to address and

opportunities we want to seize to improving our environment and the services and facilities that are available to residents.”

Richard continued: “We know there are concerns about traffic and road safety.

What we need now is for as many local people as possible to let us have their own views, concerns and suggestions so that we can build these in to a meaningful and sustainable blueprint for the future of the village.”

The consultation process will include questionnaires and interviews covering a wide range of topics including social, environmental, economic, transport, housing, village facilities, recreation and planning.

The campaign to secure local views will be supported through posters, public meetings and other initiatives.

Dozens of communities from Ashton to Wybunbury have already completed their own village plan development process.

For more information, or to get involved in the consultation project, contact Richard Bennett tel: 01244 336335.

# News from Christleton High School



Readers might be interested to know that two public speaking teams, an intermediate one consisting of pupils from year 9 and a senior sixth form team, comprising a Chairperson, a Speaker and a Proposer of the Vote of Thanks, recently took part in a competition called Youth Speaks organised by the Rotary Club. The Intermediate Team chose to talk about the negative image of young people portrayed by the media; the Senior Team's presentation was entitled 'A bright future? Is modern technology changing the way our minds work?'

Although feeling a little nervous at the prospect of addressing a room full of adults, both teams performed well in the first round at club level which took place at Thornton Hough. Having our own Peris Williams subtly supporting us in the audience clearly gave us an advantage as we beat teams from Queens' School and St. Bridget's, Denbigh!

The next stage was the district level competition at Theatre Clwyd where there were nine teams in each age category; unfortunately the Intermediate Team was not selected to go forward but the Senior Team were awarded the position of runners up and so go on to the next round at regional level in March.

As part of the school's aim to achieve Green Flag Eco School status a group of interested staff and students are hoping to establish a 'Veggie Garden' as a means of:

- Providing students with hands-on growing experience in a safe and secure environment
- Educating students on the source of our food
- Encouraging the recycling of materials through composting
- Using recycled/recyclable products wherever possible

The Gardening Group would be pleased to hear from anyone with tools, time or expertise to share or donate

The next school production is the Disney hit High School Musical which will be performed at the beginning of April. Tickets are available from the school office.

Contributed by Joce Platel

## How universal free education in England began – 200 years ago

**D**id you know that universal free education in England began with the Church of England? 200 years ago the Church made a decision that slowly transformed the country: to offer free education to children in every parish in the land. Currently about one million pupils attend CofE schools, and this year they will join in the celebrations to mark the founding of the Church of England's National Society in 1811, offering education to the poor in every parish - 50 years before the state joined in. More than 15 million people alive today had the benefit of a church school education in England and Wales, including celebrities and leading figures in public life.

Nowadays, more than 1,000 of the CofE's 4,700 primaries are small schools providing vital educational provision in isolated rural areas and working closely with their parish church to serve the local community. The CofE, through its dioceses, is also the largest sponsor or co-sponsor of academies under the first wave - the majority replacing vulnerable or failing schools and already showing a marked increase in academic achievement (latest DofE figures).

This year's celebrations will be marked by events in schools and dioceses across the country culminating in a special service at Westminster Abbey on October 14 (Full details are on the anniversary website [www.natsoc200.org](http://www.natsoc200.org)).

# Music at St James'

## Presents



## **Chester Ladies Choir and guests**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30 pm**  
**St James' Church Christleton**  
**Tickets £8**  
**(Complimentary refreshments)**

**Contact Brenda Bailey at St James'**  
**or tel. 01244 335034**

*"A relaxing evening of light music and entertainment"*



## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.45 am – 11.45 am 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 W. I.

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

### 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.

### MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the April edition are sent to Janet Milton (335469), as soon as possible BEFORE Friday 11 March or you can e-mail this to [christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk)

### MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The March magazine will be available for collection from church on  
Sunday 27th February

### CHRISTLETON W. I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. All welcome. New players are welcome.

Chester Bach Singers  
Samson - Handel's  
dramatic masterpiece  
Saturday 2 April 2011 7.30pm  
Chester Cathedral

with Nicholas Mulroy as Samson  
18th Century Sinfonia  
Conductor: Martin Bussey

Tickets: £18, £12 and £6  
(concessions £1 off, students and  
schoolchildren £5)  
From Cathedral Box Office:  
01244 500959  
or [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)

## Christleton Wednesday Group

### Soup & Sweet Spring Lunch

on  
Wednesday 13 April,  
at Christleton Parish Hall,  
12.00 noon.

Ticket £7.50, including a glass of  
wine,  
(available from members)  
*In aid of*  
*Hope House Children's Hospice*

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

### LENT LUNCH

Thursday 7 April 12.00 1.30 pm

Methodist School Room

All Welcome

Proceeds to Christian Aid



Dear God...

A little boy's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, and please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

## **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 the Church.

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### **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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### **AVAILABLE AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH**

“Loop” system for the hearing impaired.

Large print books for the visually impaired and large print weekly notice sheets

Easy to follow Communion Service

Books for Children

Access for wheelchairs

Please ask any of the Church wardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in anyway

## **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 01244 336586 for further details.

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### **MOBILE LIBRARY VAN SERVICE**

The van calls weekly alternate Thursdays all day and alternative Fridays in Quarry Lane.  
11.15 - 12.45pm.

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# Parish Registers

## Holy Baptism

2<sup>nd</sup> Phyllbie Harriet Yates daughter of Nicholas & Elizabeth Yates  
 4 Berwyn View, Little Heath Rd, Littleton  
*"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"*

## The Funeral Service

4<sup>th</sup> Harry Spencer, 30 Manor Drive, Great Boughton  
 26<sup>th</sup> Lillian Pepper, Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home Christleton  
 (Burial of Ashes)  
*"Grant them eternal rest"*

## Offertories.

<u>January</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>CSE</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	233-11	709-00	942-11	754-51
9 <sup>th</sup>	178-30	640-10	819-40	672-30
16 <sup>th</sup>	88-10	630-40	718-50	898-89
23 <sup>rd</sup>	104-83	486-50	591-30	534-61
30 <sup>th</sup>	147-50	398-00	545-50	1,027-40
<u>Totals.</u>			<u>£3,616-81</u>	<u>£3,887-71</u>

*"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

<b>Rector:</b>	<b>Interregnum</b> <b>All baptism, weddings and appointments by</b> <b>arrangement with Janet Milton, 335469</b>	
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	John Pearson	335101
	Keith Smalls	335688
<b>Deputy Wardens</b>	Lois Dickinson	
	Alan McAllester	
<b>Reader</b>	Wayne Morris	01978 263389
<b>Vergar</b>	David Ellis	336879
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Betty Dunning	335652
Parish Worker:	Berenice Hogg	336779
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
Bellringers Secretary	Nikki Dromgoole	351124
Parish Hall Booking	Janet Milton	335469
C. M. S. Secretary	Janet Brown	335785
Children's Society Sec.	Lesley Morgan	335088
Visiting Group:	Berenice Hogg.	336779
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
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Parish Resource		
Person for Child Protection	Alastair Holland	332819