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PARISH MAGAZINE

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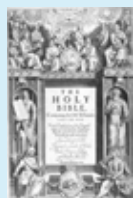
January 2011

JOTTINGS FOR JANUARY

- Sun 2 8.00 am Holy Communion**
10.45 am UNITED VILLAGE NEW YEAR SERVICE - St James
Revd Brian Harris and Rev Clare Heald
12 noon Baptism of Phyllbie Kenny
Followed by Refreshments
6.30 pm Evensong
Prayer Link Road: Village Road
Neighbourhood Link: Jean Cresswell
- Mon 3 10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
11.20 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
- Wed 5 10.45 am United Communion - Rev Canon Peris Williams
- Fri 7 6.30 pm Choir Practice
- Sun 9 8.00 am Holy Communion -Revd Gill Hibbert**
10.45 am Family Service - Dr Wayne Morris
4.30 pm CHRISTINGLE AT CHRISTLETON – Rev Canon Peris Williams
Prayer Link Road: Whitchurch Road, Roadside & White Lane
Neighbourhood Link: Janet Milton, Neville Meredith & Norman Goodwin
- Mon 10 2.00 pm Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
7.30 pm Stewardship Committee -Parish Hall
- Tues 11 7.30 pm Pastoral & Outreach Committee - Vestry
- Wed 12 10.45 am Holy Communion - Revd Gill Hibbert
followed by refreshments
11.30 am Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
- Fri 14 6.30 pm Choir Practice

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

- Sun 16 8.00 am Holy Communion - Revd Brian Harris**
 10.45 am Parish Communion - Revd John Carhart
 10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall
 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
 6.30 pm Evensong - Dr Wayne Morris
 Prayer Link Road: Woodfields
 Neighbourhood Link: Joyce Rydings
- Wed 19 10.45 am Holy Communion - Revd Brian Harris
 followed by refreshments
- Fri 21 6.30 pm Choir Practice
- Sun 23 8.00 am Holy Communion - Revd Canon Chris Samuels**
 10.45 am Matins - Dr Wayne Morris
 followed by refreshments
 10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall
 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
 6.30 pm Evening Communion – Revd Canon Peris Williams
 Prayer Link: Badgers Close
 Neighbourhood Link: June Hulme
- Wed 26 10.45 am Holy Communion - Revd Canon Chris Samuels
 followed by refreshments
- Sun 30 8.00 am Holy Communion - Revd Canon Peris Williams**
 10.45 am Matins - Revd Brian Harris
 10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall
 6.30 pm Songs of Praise – Revd Canon Peris Williams
 Prayer Link: Those worshipping at St James from outside the Parish
 Neighbourhood Link: Area Secretary Anne Collier
- Mon 31 7.30 pm PCC Meeting - Parish Hall



Front Cover:

Frontispiece to the Authorized King James Bible first published 400 years ago in 1611

Epiphany

Since early in November, the view from our kitchen window has been enhanced by Chester's 'big wheel'. You might say that it dominates the view, since it towers over the castle barrack block, Agricola's Tower and, that sign of our affluence and progress, the Abode building. By the time you read this, the wheel will be ready to move on, and our former view will be restored. Many people will have taken the trip skyward to enjoy the splendid views of the town, Beeston Castle, Helsby Hill and Liverpool Cathedral; that has no doubt added to their pleasures over the Christmas festivities. But the wheel is a very transient object in our little world.

By contrast, St. Matthew's story of the visit of the Magi to the lowly birthplace of the infant Jesus, tells a timeless and enduring truth. The journey of these sages, which has been an inspiration to artists and poets alike, is our journey too. From the very beginnings of human existence, human kind has sought to find that which lies beyond our every-day lives, that which gives meaning, understanding and reason to our presence in a world of things, of joys and of pain. For T. S. Eliot's Magi the journey was hard:

*'The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'*

Perhaps your journey has been hard. It is often difficult to find the Christ Child; we have the same distractions and often the same confusions as St. Matthew's Wise Men, finding a grand worldly Herod instead of a humble loving Saviour.

But our hope is in 'the word made flesh'. The Christian message of 'God with us' means that our journey is guided by the very one we seek. The Christmas message is enhanced by the Magi's story. God came into the world and those who sought him found him! We are assured of a successful outcome to our travels of faith, our search for truth, our journey of discovery.

We celebrate the Epiphany on Sunday, January 2nd this year with the Village United Service. There we renew our covenant to continue our journey of faith, not spinning aimlessly through time and space, but progressing, hand in hand with the living god, presenting our gifts to his world in the building of a Kingdom of mercy truth and love.

A happy New Year's Journey to you all.

Brian Harris

Richard Nicholson

Richard has announced recently that he wishes to step down as complier of this magazine. He has been involved in this role for over 14years, and as David Bull has commented brought us out of the dark ages and into the 21st century. Richard is the ultimate professional, and probably the most gifted person in the village with superb practical knowledge of the digital age and internet. He is very quiet and unassuming, but has



a wicked sense of humour and is an exceptional writer when he contributes the occasional article to the magazine. I wish to pay tribute to him on behalf of everyone, for all the work he has done voluntarily every month of the last fourteen years, giving the magazine its new modern image and receiving enormous success for the Parish through his work. That the magazine is regarded as being one of the

best of its type is entirely down to him, and his expertise will be missed. However he will be continuing to work on the Parish website which again is one of the leading websites in the country, and has been visited by tens of thousands of people. If you have access to a computer, please look at it, and share what is a superb site. You can even read the magazine in full colour, see photographs of lots of village events, and find out about virtually everything that is happening in the village.

Visit the site at www.christleton.org.uk. Thanks Richard for all your hard work.

Altar Frontal in memory of Dr Barry Gilliat

At the conclusion of Matins on Sunday 28th November Dr Wayne Morris received and dedicated a beautiful new purple alter frontal for St James' from Mrs Betty Gilliat and her family, in memory of her husband Dr Barry Gilliat who died last January. This new alter frontal is a welcome addition to the collection we have at St James' and



will be used in Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday in Lent.

Charles Clubb Awarded Gold Award by the RSCM

During Matins on Sunday 28th November Charles Clubb, a member of the choir, was presented with the highest award for a chorister, the R.S.C.M. Gold Medal, by Steve Roberts Director of Music and Choirmaster. The citation from the Royal School of Church Music reads;



Charles Clubb has attained the highest possible standards in loyalty, industry and musicianship as a Chorister. In recognition of his exemplary conduct & outstanding work, the R.S.C.M has the pleasure of presenting him with the Gold Award. This is the third and last award that Charles can achieve after previously gaining the Dean's and Bishop's awards, which were presented to him in the last two years at Chester Cathedral. The Gold award is very demanding and requires a great deal of study of both music and the place of music in worship. Only two other choristers in Cheshire have this distinction.

Congratulations Charles from your friends at St James'.

A FAIR THANK YOU

I wish to thank those who made cakes for the cake stall at the Christmas Fair, and especially Janet Brown for her jam making.

We did very well – just £4 less than last year.

Betty Dunning

CALLING ANN HOWELLS CHRISTMAS FAIR – Raffle

A raffle ticket in the name of Ann Howells was drawn in the raffle but unfortunately we don't have a contact number for this lady. If she would like to contact Keith Smalls on 335688 he will make sure the prize is delivered to her.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ruby Wolfendale who will be 90 on 29th January.

Best wishes from all her friends in the village

VACANCY!

Computer literate? – Your Magazine needs you!

An opportunity has arisen for someone willing to take over the role of magazine compiler. The major qualifications for this rewarding volunteer work are adequate/good computer skills, coupled with a suitable computer – as well as a flair for “publishing”.

Richard has kindly offered to give whatever guidance or tuition is needed to enable the new compiler to take over. If you would like to consider this rare opportunity to join our magazine team, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Nicholson (336004) directly to find out more – or speak with your editor David Bull (332234).

BOX OPENING 2010

On behalf of The Children's Society, a very big Thank You to all Box Holders and everyone who contributed towards Box Opening 2010. The grand total to date is £1087.19! A wonderful result.

Throughout the country £2 million is raised annually in this way. Your small change really does make a big difference. Children here in the North West are supported by the Society through various projects. They include: The Liverpool Accommodation programme which helps to provide permanent homes for young people aged 16 – 18, who through being in local care or because of trouble at home, have to set up on their own. Safe in the City Manchester works with children and young people who runaway or go missing from their homes in Manchester and Salford. It also supports unaccompanied asylum seeking children and refugee children to access education. The Children's Society in Northwich works with teenagers aged 13-16 to overcome anti-social behaviour. Please do check The Children's Society website at www.childrenssociety.org.uk for more details on these projects and other work in our area.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. If anyone would like to become a box holder please do let me know.

Lesley Morgan



NATURE NOTES

David
Cummings

The cold snap of the last two weeks has been excellent for bird watchers in and around the village. There have been amazing sightings everywhere, with the appearance of the rare waxwings reported in stop press last month being the highlight. Two or three were seen on



several occasions at The Park, but a group of twenty were seen near the Primary School in Quarry Lane. These birds feed almost entirely on rowan berries and are so unafraid of human activity, that they will sit and feed while they are

watched. They are nicknamed the “supermarket birds”, as that is where they are usually found when they arrive in the UK, as almost all modern supermarket developments have large numbers of rowan trees with their thousands of bright red/orange berries planted around their car parks. The waxwings often sit like groups of candles on these trees, oblivious of the people going about their shopping, not even being put off by the regular beeps of a busy pedestrian crossing as at Sainsbury’s in Caldley Valley. Brambling and blackcaps have been feeding in Birch Heath Lane and Sandrock Road, whilst a pair of beautiful goldcrests appeared in Bridge Drive. These tiny birds, the smallest species we have in the UK, are



green in colour but have a bright orange crest on their heads. Usually insect feeders on the tops of conifers, they will sometimes come down to ground level looking for food if the weather is very icy. Other species coming into our garden this month included robin, wren, coal tit, large family parties of long tail tits, starlings and house sparrows. One of my many informants from the village is delighted that he has a pair of roosting blue tits visiting a bird box fitted with a nest camera attached to his house, and says that they arrive each night and then huddle down for warmth during this cold spell. Fieldfare and redwing, the colourful wintering thrushes are currently in a feeding frenzy on the berries of the hawthorn bushes lining the canal. Sometimes they appear on the tops of branches, but are likely to fly off as they are approached. Others are feeding in the leaf litter at the base of the hedge and stay still until human danger has passed by.



Our family of mute swans flew off as soon as the canal froze over, and are almost certainly somewhere on the outer Dee Marshes. My last count at the end of November resulted in over 120 wild swans being recorded there. Most are incoming migratory swans from Iceland & Russia, whooper and Bewick's respectively. I estimate that there were in excess of eighty whoopers, almost all mature adults with just a few cygnets. The rest of the flock feeding on what appeared to be a field of leeks were ten mute swans, the remainder being the smaller and rarer Bewicks from Russia.



ON REMEMBRANCE

1. War and Peace

Once into adulthood, even during our teens, what happened earlier in our life takes its place in our memory. It shapes our emotions. Events in our past sort themselves out and mould our attitudes for example towards family life, relations, education, our chosen career, and money. The nature of our rearing, for many of us in the Christian Church, becomes paramount even in our subconscious.

Remembrance is never stronger in the minds of British people than on Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November. Whether in church services or at War Memorials, in families who have lost loved ones or in army barracks, we remember with gratitude in deep prayer those who have given their lives in war and in conflict in the brave service of their country. We also pray for the wounded and for their healing, for their families and friends, so many young people deeply and recently affected by Iraq and Afghanistan.

Remembrance Sunday this year coincided with the 70th anniversary of the serious bombing that night of the city of Coventry by the German air-force. The left-over bombs were dropped on the city of my birth, Peterborough, where my mother nursed five-month old twins (one of them was me) at the window as a young Nazi pilot glided over our back garden. As a fire-watcher my father raced to the city centre to rescue people from the flames.

So should the people of Coventry and my family “remember” harder than most? Should we be bitter? My parents weren’t.

In the last few years I have become a little uneasy about some of the excessive media presentations in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day and, dare I say, some of the rather jingoistic sentiments surrounding it. Apparently I am not alone and this year

(among others) six military veterans of recent conflicts even wrote to one national newspaper about that. Their message was that reverence for the past and for the war dead was absolutely right, but isn't it about time more of us thought about the lessons of war for the future and in their memory place more emphasis on peace and reconciliation? "War? Never Again" was written on their hearts, they said.

Coventry Cathedral of all places has been in the forefront of such outreach, saying to German cities like Dresden, who were also badly bombed that we should all learn from the tragedies of fighting each other. Ultimate world peace, the Cathedral's message, is not an objective we should all give up on, and certainly not the Christian church.

"Build Bridges, Live in Forgiveness" was the huge motto displayed as the beautiful baroque Frauenkirche in Dresden, destroyed in 1945, was rebuilt with so much goodwill and donation from many Britons. Appeasement is not in the dictionary there, positive reconciliation is, and in capital letters.

The Dean of Coventry Cathedral, himself a visitor to Dresden, preached the live radio sermon from the Cathedral last Remembrance Day with precisely that sentiment. As he did so, came news of the release of Aung San Suu Kyi from 15 years of house arrest in her native Burma. Her brave message, even at risk to her own further safety from her opponents in government? "Further conflict and violence will not solve Burma's problems; reaching out to so-called enemies will". Brave words.

Please God, it seems there will always be war, but can we be better at peace?

John Carruthers

Left out in the cold

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services each week, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The minister found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him warily, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The minister made himself comfortable, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination.

As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead and dark. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The two men sat on in reflective silence.

A little while later, just before the minister was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back

Our Rose Queen
Natasha Beach at the
Christmas Fair in the
Parish Hall on 27th
November, 2010



Royal Arms in Parish Churches

Part 1

The Royal Arms, which hangs on the north aisle of St James' Church has an interesting history. This particular beautifully decorated board, painted by Randle Holme, a

heraldic painter to the King who lived in Lower Bridge Street, was placed in the church by the parishioners wanting to welcome the return of the Monarchy through Charles II in 1665. They had suffered a torrid time during the English Civil War, had seen their King, Charles I, come through the village in 1642 after raising his standard in Nottingham, and then probably witnessed some of the action



of one of the last major battles of his reign, his defeat on the battlefield at Rowton Moor, and in the area around the village. It is almost certain that they wouldn't have wanted the Parliamentary Army garrisoned at The Old Hall, and in the Church, and yet had to provide accommodation, food and probably men, when the army took up its advance position overlooking the city, in the final phase of the battle for Chester. Charles had come to the city in the vain hope that 10,000 of his troops would arrive in the port, from Ireland, to help him in what was becoming a rearguard

action against the stronger, and by this stage of the war, well organised Parliamentary Army. Sir William Brereton the Parliamentary Commander who had taken up residence at The Old Hall, was supported by a large number of troops who were billeted in and around the church.

When I first came to Christleton I was told that a tunnel connects the Old Hall and Church by way of the Manor House. There is still evidence of a tunnel around the Old Hall, although not in the direction of the church. The main action in the village itself took place on January 24th 1645. A party of Royalists were coming out of the city to attack the garrison at Christleton, but soldiers of the Parliament stationed on top of the church tower saw the opportunity to ambush them as they approached the village, somewhere near the Old Glass House on Whitchurch Road. The Royalist troops suffered considerable losses, and they hurriedly turned back towards the city. A Parliamentary writer of the time said that these common soldiers were Chester Men, shoemakers, cobblers, tailors, barbers etc. In February 1645 a new Royalist force was mobilised, and Prince Rupert and his brother Maurice are said to have burned Christleton to the ground in a revenge attack, driving the Parliamentarians out of the village. However shortly afterwards when Prince Maurice had left the area, the siege of Chester was restored and Christleton re established as the advance headquarters of Sir William Brereton.

The King arrived in Chester from Chirk on 23rd September with a troop of Life Guards. His cavalry led by Sir Marmaduke Langdale were grouped around Saughton. At the same time the main Parliamentary force led by Colonel Poyntz approached the area from the Whitchurch direction. The Battle of Rowton Moor, which was in fact a large number of small skirmishes, with the largest of them at Rowton (on land between the A41 and Rowton Hall Hotel), then took place on September 24th. The King is said to have watched the battle from the City Walls, but in fact what he saw was the remnant of his army coming back towards the North Gate, which the Royalists controlled. As a consequence of these events which took place over a number of years, the people of Christleton were glad to be able to re build their homes and re-establish village life again. They like the country at large, eventually became fed up with Oliver Cromwell and his Commonwealth rule, and when Charles II was invited to return to the Country from exile, every parish including Christleton was invited to display the Royal Arms as thanksgiving for the King's safe return, and also for the restoration of Prayer Book worship. The Royal Arms we see at St James' were then duly painted by Randle Holmes II and hung in 1665.

Next Month. Part 2 The story of Royal Arms after HenryVIII.

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 W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at
7.15 pm in the Parish Hall
Next Meeting
12th January
New Year's Party

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

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 LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Christleton Primary School in Quarry Lane

Wednesday 26th January

7.30pm

All welcome.

Subject; Thomas Brassey

Speaker. Doug Haynes. Cheshire Local History Association

"Thomas Brassey was born as a tenant farmer's son at Manor Farm, Buerton, a township in the parish of Aldford. The farm has now gone, but he became the greatest railway builder in the world, building one in three of the miles of railway in this country, and one in twenty of the railways in the whole of the world during his lifetime. He employed up to 100,000 men at times and I believe such a person should be better known, particularly in this area of his birth"

Please Join us for a special

CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION
St. James', Christleton
Sunday January 9th
at 4:30pm at St. James' Church, Christleton



Christingle originated in the Moravian church in 1747

A Love of All Things Printed

At the age of 11 I saw a book "The Pictorial Book of Knowledge" in a Burnley bookshop. I wanted it so much but did not have the five shillings. I lived in Read and in the village was a girl called Sally with a big garden. So big it had room for a wishing well which she introduced me to. I wished for that book and today I still have it on the shelf. One of my earliest memories of a love of all things printed.

But to be able to print oneself was not just a wish but a need. My first introduction to printing was using a typed stencil and a linen flat bed on which you squeezed some black ink and spread with a squeegee. A filthy job which thankfully was soon replaced with a second hand Roneo Duplicator machine. Turning the handle was a monotonous job but life improved when it was eventually replaced with an electric driven model.

My father used to write a weekly column called Brand X for The Deeside Advertiser. A publication produced by the Fewster brothers on Deeside. I was amazed at how he could regularly come up with ideas to write about. This went on for years but sadly no copies were saved for me to read now. He had his local following and one particular anonymous literary stalker who I assumed was a lady who used to hound him with her witterings under the name of Flower.

I had been producing lists of antique maps and prints on the Roneo duplicating machine for my customers but felt that a printed version might give a better image to the business. To the Fewster brothers I went with my typed copy. The maps and prints were sent away for printing blocks to be made for the illustrations. The print was set using a linotype typesetting machine. This was a huge and noisy contraption with a 90 character keyboard that was able to produce a whole line of metal type as a single piece called a slug. A revolutionary machine in the history of type. At this time publications were still being set by hand with every metal letter and space being added individually to a printing frame.

My map business was growing and I was starting to produce regular catalogues. I purchased a Gestetner offset litho printing machine and taught myself how to print. Making the metal plates in the darkroom. Inking up the machine, cleaning the rollers and then the most difficult art. Getting the balance of ink and water right. I rarely had clean fingernails in those days.

The time comes in all small businesses when decisions have to be made about how you should best spend your time. I decided to hand the printing to a professional as the setting up was a huge job in itself. To improve the look of the layout I purchased an IBM typewriter that output proportional spaced type. A big jump from the uniform spacing of a normal typewriter. This produced lovely black type as it used a film ribbon so each letter used a fresh piece. Not content with this there next came a Varsity. Known probably only in the printing trade. Looked like a typewriter but coloured green. It was a dreadful weight that made you groan when you had to move it but produced the most beautiful black proportional print on pure white paper.

Now for the big one. For over 200 years the front stone step at Stoneydale has withstood constant Georgian traffic either in the form of dainty fabric lady's shoes, men's buckled shoes, farmer's boots or even stylish polished black and brown leather hunting boots gently tapped with a riding crop awaiting the maid to answer the door. Years of lady's shoes hidden by long swishing Victorian dresses. It did not flinch with the stamp of soldiers boots in the First World War. Children with bare feet on a hot summers day. Well worn shoes in World War II. Creeping crepe shoes, dirty wellingtons and sexy strap work sandals. It did not scream when stabbed by high stilettos but preferred the gently brogue. Peoples feet, dog's feet, cat's feet, a frog's foot, a bird or the silver sliding belly of a slug never did it any harm. But then one summers day the beast arrived. The Gestetner Typesetter. Dull black with blue stripes it approached the step on a trolley. To you, no to you. I looked on as two strong sweating men heaved the beast on a trolley over the cobbles. The front step quivered fearing its fate. The beast moved and made its mark. The step cracked under the weight. It bears the scar of that fateful day in the early 80's to this very day.

Early personal computers had started to appear. I remember on a visit to London seeking out a shop just to be able to drool over the Commodore Pet. With its 8kb or RAM, its tiny calculator type keyboard, small screen and a tape cartridge to load programs. In comparison my Gestetner Typesetter was some seven feet long, three feet deep and over four feet high with a reasonable screen and a large keyboard. The secret of this £10,000 monster was that it could store data on 9 inch floppy disks. When you committed a file to print it twittered away like a nightingale setting the type onto a roll of photographic paper that you processed in a matching blue and black cabinet.

I was around at the birth of the Apple computer and have since then been a loyal fan and user. It introduced me to desktop publishing and my first Apple laser printer costing £5,000. Another amazing revolution in its time. Now I could produce type written material with no messy chemicals. The step braced itself and the beast left quietly, exiting and leaving no mark of its departure. With successive Apple computers the capabilities widened and today sophisticated glossy publications can be produced at home. There are those who will try and make us discard the printed word on paper and instead hold a digital tablet in our hands. Time will tell what happens. Perhaps there is room for both for although I welcome new technology I hope there will always be a desire for the visual delight and feel of a treasured book. Illustrated on the front cover of this magazine is the frontispiece of a treasured work. The first edition of the Authorized King James version of the Bible published in London 400 years ago in 1611.

I had been a subscriber to the Christleton Parish Magazine for many years and in 1996 I saw a request in the magazine for help with the monthly pasteup sessions that took place. After making an appointment I visited the rectory. Our retired rector Peter Lee was there with Pat Nillsen. Peter kindly apologised for the lack of space with now the three of us tucked into his office. I cannot really remember what I said but it must have been welcomed. For the rest is history.

Richard Nicholson

2011

The 400TH birthday of the King James Bible

This year is the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, and it will be a year of celebration! Look out for Biblefresh, an initiative made up of more than 100 Christian organisations, from churches and agencies to colleges and festivals. Biblefresh one big aim: to encourage churches across the UK to a greater confidence and appetite for the Word of God.

For many people the Bible is already a vital part of life. It regularly informs and shapes their lives, their attitudes and actions. But for many others the Bible is something they struggle to engage with. So often it ends up being put to one side, ignored, unopened. They don't see its relevance; they don't see its value; frankly, they don't see the point.

Biblefresh wants to change all that. It wants to encourage all of us to engage afresh with the Bible. By bringing together so many different organisations that are involved in one way or another with resourcing Bible reading, study, translation and exploring the Bible through the creative arts, Biblefresh is opening up a wealth of resources and opportunities for every one of us.

Just imagine what might happen if we all take this seriously and make 2011 a year of the Bible in our churches and in our own lives!

So how can churches, individuals get involved? Biblefresh has come up with four pledges. These are to:

Read the Bible

Be trained in handling the Bible well

Give to translate the Bible in Burkina Faso

Provide the opportunity for people to experience the Bible in new and creative ways

The Biblefresh website (www.biblefresh.com) provides a wealth of creative ideas and suggestions as to how you could explore all four areas further. Think about what you could do to help make Biblefresh a part of your church's year in 2011.

The BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) has created a Year of the Bible Resource pack containing samples of its Bible reading notes, posters and much more. (ready early Feb). If you would like to use this in your church, contact BRF on 01865 319700.

Whether it's to read the Bible in a year, or to read a commentary, or to help organise an event in your church—why not resolve to do at least one thing in 2011 related to Biblefresh

**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...

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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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Financial situation...

'The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance.'
Cicero - in 55 BC

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Parish Registers for November 2010

Holy Baptism

- 7th Poppy Grace Bateman daughter of Andrew Bateman & Shirley Melling
12 Greenfield Crescent Waverton
- 7th Jacob Gregory Thompson son of Andrew & Clare Thompson
21 The Paddock, Elton, Chester
- 7th Olivia Jade Thompson daughter of Andrew & Clare Thompson
21 The Paddock, Elton, Chester

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

The Wedding Service

- 27th Paul Falconer Banks & Lucy Georgina Docherty
47 Citi Peak, 874 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, Manchester

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

The Funeral Service

- 5th David John Groom 25 Woodfields, Christleton
- 10th David John Groom (Burial of Ashes)
- 24th Harold Malcolm Carr 16, Watling Court, Vicars Cross, Chester

"Grant them eternal rest"

Offeratories

November	Cash	CSE	2010	2009
7th	172-22	695-50	867-72	935-50
14th	671-55	639-50	1,311-05	1,310-10
21st	126-06	662-50	788-56	952-95
28th	88-95	604-50	693-45	694-86
Totals			£ 3,670-78£	3,893-41

"Of your own do we give you"

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

SUNDAYS	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	
	10.45 a.m	Parish Communion	1st & 3rd Sundays
		Family Service	2nd Sunday
		Mattins	4th & 5th Sundays
	6.30 p.m	Evensong	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
	Evening Communion	4th Sunday	
	Songs of Praise	5th Sunday	
WEDNESDAYS	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
SAINT'S DAYS	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

Rector:	Interregnum	
	All baptism, weddings and appointments by arrangement with Janet Milton, 335469	
Churchwardens:	John Pearson	335101
	Keith Smalls	335688
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	Alan McAllester	
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Mother's Union Branch Leader	Janet Brown	335785
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