



# St. James'

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# JOTTINGS FOR JUNE

Tues 1 7.30 pm GAP Prayer meeting - Whitehaven

Wed 2 10.45 am United Communion - followed by refreshments  
7.45 pm Pastoral and Outreach Committee

Fri 4 6.30 pm Choir Practice

**NB: Last day for contributions to July magazine, preferably earlier, to Janet Milton (335469). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk**

**Sun 6 The First Sunday After Trinity - Proper 5**

8.00 am Holy Communion (Order 2)  
10.45 am Parish Communion (Order 1)  
10.45 am Sunday School (Parish Hall)  
6.30 pm Evensong - followed by refreshments  
Prayer Link Road: Bythom Close  
Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith

Mon 7 10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home  
11.20 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home  
Bereavement Support Group

Wed 9 10.45 am Holy Communion  
11.30 am Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home

Fri 11 9.00 am Holy Communion for **St Barnabas**  
6.30 pm Choir Practice

**Sun 13 The Second Sunday after Trinity: Proper 6**

8.00 am Holy Communion (Order 1)  
10.45 am Family Service - followed by refreshments  
6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)  
6.30 pm Evensong  
Prayer Link Road: Capesthorpe Road and Sheraton Road  
Neighbourhood Link: Norma Tissiman

Mon	14	2.00 pm 2.30 pm	Mothers' Union (Parish Hall) Parish Visiting Group (The Rectory)
Tues	15	8.00 am	Church Walking Group Contact David Cummings (332410)
Wed	16	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	18		Churches Together in Christleton Committee Away Day (Brown Knowl)
		6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	19	5.00 pm	Ordination of Rev'd Gill Hibbert as Priest (Cathedral)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>The Third Sunday after Trinity: Proper 7</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Parish Communion (Order 1) with Baptisms
		10.45 am	Sunday School (Parish Hall)
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			<i>Prayer Link Road: Church Walks and The Paddock</i>
			<i>Neighbourhood Link: Judith Edwards</i>
Wed	23	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	24	9.00 am	Holy Communion for <b>St John the Baptist</b>
Fri	25	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	26		Village Fete
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 8</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Matins - followed by refreshments
		10.45 am	Sunday School (Parish Hall)
		12 noon	Baptism
		4.00 – 5.30 pm	M Crew (Parish Hall)
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion (Order 1)
			<i>Prayer Link: Cotton Edmunds and Cotton Abbotts</i>
			<i>Neighbourhood Link: Ellen Frost</i>
Wed	30	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Dear Friends

### **Vocation**

Please pray for Gill Hibbert who is to be Ordained Priest at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 19 June at 5.00 pm. Although Gill maintains her links with St James, her Ordination is in the context of her work as Chaplain to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and as part of the Chaplaincy Team at the Countess of Chester Hospital. Our congratulations to Gill as she sees the fulfilment of her Vocation to serve in Ministry in this important and very demanding work, as we pray for God's blessing for her. Obviously once she is Ordained Priest she will have a very full timetable at Hospice and Hospital, but we hope there will be opportunity for her at least to help out sometimes at St James. Hopefully this will be to preside occasionally at the Sunday 8.00 am and Wednesday 10.45 am Holy Communion as part of the Rota which is being put in place for the vacancy when I retire on 18 July.

With my retirement in sight it gives me the excuse to reminisce! I was Ordained Deacon in June 1969 and Priest on 24 May 1970. The outward and visible sign of the Sacrament of Ordination is the Laying on of Hands, communicating the gift of the Holy Spirit. I still remember the overwhelming experience as the Bishop was surrounded by other Bishops and Priests. They all put their hands forward and linking through each other to those who laid their hands on me, emphasising the significance of the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the Church to those called to serve as Priest. My Ordination was at Christ Church, Oxford, which, being the College Chapel, is the smallest Cathedral in England, but serves the Oxford Diocese which is the largest Diocese in England and covers, at least in part, 8 Counties. I was Ordained there because I served my first Curacy in the Parish of Stoke Poges in Buckinghamshire, in the Oxford Diocese. The Parish included a chunk of Slough, and being the Curate I was put down in the Slough end of the Parish! The Parish combined the Church of Gray's 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard' and Betjeman's "Come friendly bombs, and fall on Slough". The contrast in the Parish was as wide as the poetry suggests so it was a good training Parish giving wide experience. Incidentally, Fiona and I were married while I was still at Cuddesdon Theological College, outside Oxford. The then Bishop of Chester, Gerald Ellison, had summoned me to the House of Lords for interview to seek his permission for us to marry and for me to

be Ordained elsewhere than at Chester, but that's another story! After three years in Slough, where Clare was born, we moved back to Chester Diocese as I became Curate in charge of Rudheath Church in the Parish of St Helen, Witton, Northwich. We really enjoyed our time there, during which Nick was born, but after only 18 months I was appointed as Vicar of Frankby with Greasby on Wirral. By this time Victor Whitsey was Bishop of Chester. During the Induction Service he came over in the first hymn and asked: "How are your finances, lad?" In the next hymn he came over and said: "You've got ten years hard graft here, lad!" I not only survived the Service but went on to serve as Vicar there for 18 years. It certainly was 'hard graft' but very rewarding and will always be the family home where Clare and Nick grew up. In December 1992 Bishop Michael Baughen wrote to ask me if I would "like my hat to go in the ring for Christleton." The rest, as they say, is history, as we come to the end of my second 18 year incumbency – but more of that anon.

It was a great joy to be able to share in the Confirmation Service on 16 May as the present Bishop of Chester, Dr Peter Forster, laid his hands on 10 of our members (plus one the previous week), and 2 from Tattenhall, in the sacrament of Confirmation, to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 'Vocation' means 'calling' and that is open to all of us. We don't hear the term 'vocation' used much in today's society. We hear of job opportunities and maximising potential and career moves but there is little sense of being 'called' to a position. As Christians we believe that God calls each one of us by name and that he loves us personally and has a purpose for us to fulfil. May each of us take time and space to listen to what God is calling us to do. What are the gifts he has given us and what is the service he is calling us to in our own ministry? It is a privilege to be called by God and to share in the ministry and mission Christ has entrusted to his Church.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Prayer of the Month: The Collect for the Fifth Sunday After Trinity**

*Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Canon Peter Lee's Retirement

As will generally be known by now, Peter will be retiring at the end of July. He will conduct his last services as Rector of St. James, Christleton, on Sunday 18th July. Peter has led our worship and pastoral care in the village since 1992. He has taken on many wider responsibilities and he and Fiona have always played an active part in village life. They will be missed by so many of us.

The Churchwardens have asked me to arrange a farewell party as a chance to say thank you to them both. It will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th July, starting at 6.30pm until around 8.30pm. The event will take the form of a finger buffet and drinks. The evening will be free but it will be necessary to know numbers for catering purposes and tickets will be available in mid June.

*David Bowden*

## Confirmation

The Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster the Bishop of Chester conducted a Confirmation Service with Communion on The Sunday after Ascension, 16th May 2010.

The Confirmed candidates from Christleton were;

Emily Adam, Lucy Demmon, Hugh Gibson, Thomas Gibson, Bridget Goodsall, Jonathan Heritage, Anna Norbury, John Norbury, Sophie Rao, Cynthia Wilcox. (Toby McLeay was confirmed on Sunday 9th.) Also from Tattenhall; Samantha Green and Christine Walley.

A large congregation witnessed the service. The hymns were; Crown him with many crowns, Take my Life, Shine Jesus shine, As the deer pants for the water, O Jesus I have promised, Breathe on me breath of God, O thou who camest from above, O Holy Spirit and Colours of Day. The Choir also sang the Anthem "Praise the Lord, O my soul" by William Child. After the service, the candidates, members of their family and friends, together with members of the congregation went over to the Parish Hall for light refreshments, and to meet The Bishop of Chester.

*(see front cover photograph and the web site for more pictures)*



# James Davies Siddall

Jim Siddall, who died recently was one of the last village men to serve in WWII, and as such always read one of the lessons at our Remembrance Day Service. He joined the Cheshire Regiment in 1939, but due to the need of more pilots joined the RAF in 1940. He flew Tiger Moths & Blenheims, but after a crash near Andover, transferred back to the 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment, with whom he saw service in Northern Ireland, India, the Middle East, Italy, France and Germany. Despite all his military service, Jim was the least likely fighting man you could meet with his calm gentle nature, wonderful sense of humour, and his love of fellow men and women. He was a true Cestrian, being born in Handbridge, and served the city well throughout his life. He was an Optician in the family business in Upper Bridge Street, an active member and former President of the Chester Society of Natural Science Literature and Art, member of The City Club, President of the Chamber of Trade, a Magistrate for over 30 years and an active Rotarian. He served on the Hospital Ophthalmic Committee, the City Library Committee the Oldfield Trust, William Jones Charity and the Mayoress' Holiday Fund. He was a keen scout, and attended the World Jamboree at Arrow Park in 1929, with a lifetime supporting The Gang Show & Scoutabout.

He met his lifelong love Cynthia in Chester during the 1940's, and they proved to be just the perfect couple. They celebrated their Diamond Wedding in 2007, and were always surrounded by a wonderful family and enormous group of friends throughout their lives. They travelled extensively, enjoying many family camping holidays in Europe, and were especially fond of visiting Australia



and their daughter Penny living near Melbourne. Jim was a keen sportsman, who particularly adored sailing, especially at Abersoch where they had a delightful cottage well known to family and friends. Jim also loved gardening, and supported The Village Gardening Club, the Village Show and the History Group. He was a loyal member of St James Church, someone who would always have a kind word for anyone, a true gentle-man. He was above all a great example to everyone, in how to serve his fellow human beings with great dignity. He loved his family, his friends, his village, his church and his Country. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

*David Cummings*

## St Cecilia Singers

**O**n April 24th the Chester St Cecilia Singers under their conductor Brian Greensill with Organist David Hardie, gave a concert “Into the Light” at St James Church. The choir formed in 1969 under the directorship of Ronald H Smith have many connections with Christleton, and rehearsed for many years at the church. In fact many members of St James’ Choir have also sung with the St C’s. They were formed to sing sacred music of all kinds and have now acquired a wide repertoire. They have also toured extensively, both at home and abroad, and have sung in many prestigious locations, including major Cathedrals, National Trust Properties and at Festivals. They also regularly appear on Television, with recent appearances on ITV for Easter Day and Christmas Eve with Katherine Jenkins and Alfie Boe.

Their concert at St James contained music by Sumison, Stanford, Handel, Casals, Tallis, Ives and Rutter. The choir blended well, with their usual fine harmony, and the congregation were well entertained by the choir, and with vocal and organ solos. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the successful occasion, which was organised by Sheila Davies and Brenda Bailey.





# CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP

## 50 YEARS OLD IN 2010

To mark our 50th anniversary, we plan to hold a special dinner on Friday 17 September 2010 at the Cheshire View, Plough Lane, Christleton, Chester, at 7 for 7.30 pm.

We are inviting members past and present (plus their partners if desired) to join in the celebration and to catch up with 'old' friends.

The cost will be £15 per person for 3 courses plus tea or coffee.

To register your interest, to prepay and for further details of the menu choices etc, please contact our Chairman, Margaret Davies, 7 Rowan Park, Christleton, telephone 01244 332643 before the end of June.

Please pass on this notice to anyone who qualifies and whom we may have let slip the net!

### Which way?

*Middle age is when you find yourself in the middle of the staircase, and you can't remember if you were downstairs going up or upstairs going down.*

## “Thank you” from Christleton Wednesday Group

On the eve of celebrating its 50 years of fund raising for charities, the Group would like to thank everyone for supporting our events over the years, making it possible to generate funds for a wide variety of local and national charities. We have recently presented a cheque for £3300, which we raised in 2009, to Claire House Children's Hospice. This year the Group is supporting the Hospice of The Good Shepherd. Thank you all for your much appreciated support.

*Margaret Davies, Chairman  
Christleton Wednesday Group*

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Leonard Vickers** of 63 Pearl Lane, Vicars Cross will be 90 on 7 June. Best wishes from his family and friends.

**John Carruthers** reaches 70 on 25 June, sharing his birthday with his twin-sister.

And, he says  $70 \div 2 = 35$ .

## St James' Christleton

# Beating of the Bounds

## for Christian Aid

### Sunday May 9th 2010

The ancient **Beating of the Christleton Parish Bounds** ceremony took place on Rogation Sunday May 9th 2010. It was a glorious day. 115 people participated at the start of the walk, and there were 72 finishers at the old Glass House. This ceremony is a mix of old traditions where the people of a village walked around the boundary of their Parish and the minister blessed the farming community, the land, crops and animals. Younger members of the community were then **bumped** on boundary stones to remind them where their township or parish boundaries were.

**The children bumped;**

Isobel Holland, Sophie Brown, Daniel Brown, Emily Bolton, Ted Bolton & Thomas Gibson.

The walk took in the boundaries of the townships of Christleton, Rowton, Cotton Abbots, Cotton Edmunds and Littleton, and we are indebted to the farmers and landowners who allowed us to cross their land, and use their facilities including; Stewart Arden, The Handley Family, Mr & Mrs Richard Fitton, Edward Walley & Barbara Cummins, Mr & Mrs Nigel Hill, Mr & Mrs Colin Pickering, Mr & Mrs Spofforth, Mr & Mrs Peter Wigley.

The walk was led by Roger Croston, David Cummings, John Carruthers and Huw Morgan who had previously surveyed each section. Roger also swam the canal at Rowton to continue another tradition which has taken place on each previous Beating Ceremony. The Rector Reverend Canon K Peter Lee led the Service, conducted the Prayers at appropriate points and supervised the bumpings, whilst **St James' Tower Bellringers rang a Quarter Peal to celebrate the occasion as the walkers set off on their 10 1/2 mile route.**

**The Bell Ringers;**

Nikki Dromgoole, Pauline Cook, Betty Harries, Rev Brian Harries, Ian Braithwaite, Steven Everett



- 10.00am **Prayers.** A short service was conducted by the Rector, The Rvd. Canon K Peter Lee outside the church Porch. The **bumping** of choir member Isobel Holland took place on the CP-LT 1847 Boundary Stone.
- 10.15am The Walkers crossed the A41 to The old Glass House.
- 10.20am **Prayers & bumping** of Daniel Brown on the **Christleton/Boughton Boundary Stone.**  
A token group walked through the house which marks the Parish Boundary
- 10.30am The walk continued across the fields, passing the Abbotts Well, went under the A55 slip road and via Caldý Brook towards Saughton.
- 11.15am **Prayers** were said on the **Christleton/Saughton Boundary** at Caldý Brook  
The route then crossed meadow land alongside the brook, and headed across fields at the back of Saughton Camp, and along Ridges Lane to the boundary stone on the **Saughton/Waverton Road.**
- 12.30pm The walkers then followed the Waverton -Saughton Road until they reached the A41. This was crossed in an amazing gap between busy traffic, and the walk continued past Old Waverton Post Office to Egg Bridge in Waverton where we were met by lots of supporters and Jim & Pat Hawkes, our back up crew, with

supplies of water. A token party crossed the field towards Elm Bank in Rowton visited on previous walks but missed out on this occasion in order to find a safer crossing of the A41.

1.15pm The **Bumping** of Thomas Gibson took place at the **Rowton/Christleton 1645-1995 Boundary Stone**, and Roger Croston swam across the canal at this point.

The walk continued from Egg Bridge into Foxes Lane where **Prayers** were said and the bumping of Sophie Brown took place on the **Rowton/Christleton/Waverton Boundary Stone**. The route continued along Capesthorpe Road, across Brown Heath Road and past Dolly Peg Hall to Cotton Abbotts Farm.

We passed the **Christleton/ Waverton Boundary** stone at the back of Greenfield Crescent, but tried to make up lost time by cutting out prayers at this point, as the group was very well spread out.

1.45pm **Prayers at Cotton Abbotts Farm**. A refreshment stop was made with drinks kindly supplied by Edward Walley. We continued across fields towards the Crocky Trail/Toilets and to our Lunch Stop at **The Amphitheatre**.

2.30pm. The walk continued via the footpath alongside the Crocky Trail to the brook where a **Bumping** took place on the **Waverton / Christleton /Cotton Abbotts Township Boundary Stones**.

Children bumped; Isobel Holland & Tom Gibson

2.35pm At this point Nigel Hill led the walk across farmland to the Gowy and through water meadows and cropfields to **Cotton Farm** where **Prayers** were said, and we had afternoon tea and refreshments.

A group of the children also bottle fed some new born lambs.

3.00pm The walk continued down the lanes to **Hockenhull Platts** and the Roman Bridges for **Prayers** on the **Christleton /Tarvin Boundary**

3.40pm The walkers then headed north across fields and the water meadows alongside the River Gowy to **Stamford Mill**. Prayers and bumping did not take place due to a diversion of the route and the boundary stone had disappeared from its site in 2000.

5.00pm Huw Morgan then led the walk via Green Lane, Stamford Hollows, and Fir Tree Lane to Littleton. This section had been re routed from previous walks for safety reasons, and followed the inner **Littleton / Christleton** Parish boundary. It was an excellent route walking in leafy lanes with lots of bird song.

5.30pm Littleton. **Prayers** were said at The Crossroads. The walk continued

along Pearl Lane west towards the footpath alongside the A41 Ring Road.

5.45pm

The Bumping of Emily & Ted Bolton took place on the **Christleton/Boughton Boundary Stone** on the north side of the A41 which had been left out during the morning due to problems with road works caused by gas pipes being put in along the route we were to have taken.

5.49pm

72 finishers arrived at the Old Glass House where final Prayers were led by The Rector & a speech of thanks to all given by David Cummings, before everyone celebrated with wonderful refreshments kindly provided by Mr & Mrs Peter Wigley continuing a family tradition started by Ames & Elisabeth Hellicar that has taken place after each of the preceding Beating of the Bounds since 1953.



*These photographs are part of a collection of 135 images of the Beating the Bounds. They can all be seen on the Christleton web site*





Note this date in your diary



# Christleton Village Show 2010

**Saturday  
10th July**

## **In Christleton Parish Hall**

This year the show theme will be **Memories** and we believe this should inspire lots of ideas to be displayed/portrayed in the many categories.

Schedules are now available from Phil and Sue Prees at Christleton Village Stores so get a schedule, choose some categories and start planting, sewing, painting etc. etc. whatever is your thing. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and you could win a trophy – there are lots of them.

Once again it would be a great boost to the appearance of the Village if people could make an effort to have hanging baskets and containers at the front of their houses and businesses – why not enter the Hanging Basket section of the Show – there are a number of trophies for the category winners.

Once again there will be a Show Coffee Afternoon at the Village Hall the weekend before the Show on Saturday 3rd July from 2-00 to 4-00 when entry forms and payments will be collected.

If you have any queries or **if you would like to help on the day** (PLEASE) ring any of the committee below.

David or Beryl Cummings - 332410, Janet Brown – 335785  
Charles Smeatham – 335209. Margaret Croston – 335955  
Sue Haywood – 01829 741814, Chris Marsland – 335424,  
June Pearson - 335101, Judith Butt – 335296, Sue and Lewis Rees;  
Christine Abrahams; Iris Foster; Edward Elliot;  
Sarah Donald; Jean Williams



# NATURE NOTES

David  
Cummings

What an amazing month for sightings of wildlife in the village. The swallows, martins and swifts all came at their average arrival date, and were soon bonding and nest building at many sites throughout the Parish. Warblers can be heard everywhere, chiff chaff, whitethroats, sedge warblers and blackcaps and although we haven't heard one in the village, the Walking Group heard three distinct cuckoos in the Vale of Clwyd. It's sad to report that the willow warbler seems to have deserted us, and it is now very rare to hear one around the city. My last record was from the canal near the University. Four rare wheatears seem to have taken up residence on the meadow north of Hockenhull Bridges, and I've recorded, yellowhammer, siskin and meadow pipits in the same area. We've had the joy of watching a song thrush find and eat most of the snails in our garden, and seeing it crashing and thrashing them on the concrete steps to release the body. The Christleton swans continue to occupy their new nest site at the pit, and the pen is sitting on seven eggs, getting up every hour or so to turn them over.



People have been very good in leaving them undisturbed, but I did see the evidence of someone throwing them a bag of crisps!. Her daughter, the pen of the Waverton pair, has just raised 6 cygnets from eight eggs. They were born around the 9th May and

were soon swimming along the canal at Christleton. I dread to think what will happen if or when the Christleton Pit pair

also move to the same section of the canal. Buzzards continue to breed in the Parish with one or even two pairs with nests close to the village centre. It's difficult to believe that these fine birds of prey first appeared only twenty years ago and, like the red kites have multiplied rapidly across a wide area. I'm pleased to report that the Beeston Peregrines have been found to have laid three eggs, after they seemed to have abandoned their original nesting ledge. Sadly there have many dead badgers in the lanes, particularly baby badgers, but I was amazed to see a dead pole cat not far from Birch Heath Common. Many people report seeing stoats and weasels, but this was a close relative. I'm also delighted to report that a water vole has been seen several times at Christleton Pit which is wonderful news. Let's hope that it stays and is one of a breeding pair.



# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from  
10.45 am – 12.00 noon each Sunday  
during term-time, except when Family  
Service is held at St James. For further  
details please contact  
Berenice Hogg, 336779.

## CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

We meet for Informal Prayers and a  
Simple Lunch on the first Thursday of  
each month at 12 noon. All welcome.  
There is no charge for the lunch but  
a donation to cover costs would be  
appreciated

## ST JAMES WALKING GROUP

**Tuesday June 15th 2009.**

**Anglesey. Four Mile Bridge to  
Treaddur Bay**

Rating; Moderate 8 1/2 miles.  
Walking another section of the  
Coastal Path around Anglesey.  
Packed Lunch/Sea Swimming  
Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am.

## CHRISTLETON W.I.

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

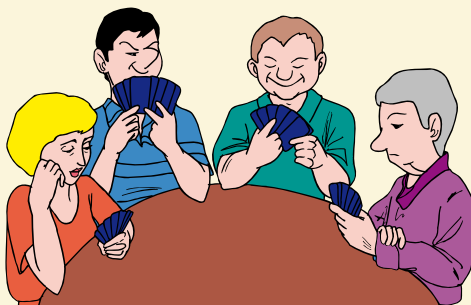
Next Meeting

**9th June**

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

## 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 MONTHLY WHIST

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last  
Wednesday of the month at 2pm.

***Open to All.***

*Required: Ladies and Gentlemen  
to join this friendly monthly event*

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

**YOU ARE WARMLY  
INVITED TO  
COFFEE IN THE  
BISHOP'S GARDEN  
ABBAY SQUARE,  
CHESTER**

(by kind permission of the Bishop of Chester)

**TUESDAY 15th JUNE 2010**

**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.

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

Tickets available from myself or  
pay at the gate on the day.

Many thanks, - Lesley Morgan



## VILLAGE TEAS

You will be pleased to know that Churches Together is sending the money raised last summer from the Village Teas to the Haiti and Chilli Earthquake Appeals.

We start again on **Sunday 6 June** serving Teas on a Sunday afternoon until the end of September in the Methodist Church Hall. Do join us and enjoy the delicious home made cakes and friendly chat.





# Christleton Village Fete



Celebrating with our twin-town

**Marzocca**  
**di Senigallia**

FESTA  
ITALIANA

Saturday  
26th June  
2010



1.30pm @ The Primary School  
(parade from Village Green @ 1.00pm)

# CHRISTLETON FETE 2010

## Theme: ITALY!

The theme for the Christleton Fete this summer will be ITALY, and all things Italian, or even Roman. The Fete will be at the usual place and the usual Date – the last Saturday in June - 26 June. The Parade starts at the village centre at 1.00pm and from there wends its way to the Christleton Primary School.

The theme this year has been chosen to highlight Christleton's friendship agreement ('twinning') with Marzocca in Italy. For the last few years there has been a growing two way traffic between Christleton and Marzocca, and this year a group of musicians and food lovers will be coming to join us at the Fete. If you have a taste for Italian wines, hams, cheeses, olives and generally things Italian, then this is the Fete for you. As part of the theme, we have arranged for the award-winning Chester Roman Army to put in an appearance, hopefully with a cohort of soldiers marching into Christleton and putting on a display for us. Sally, the Sicilian singer, will sing

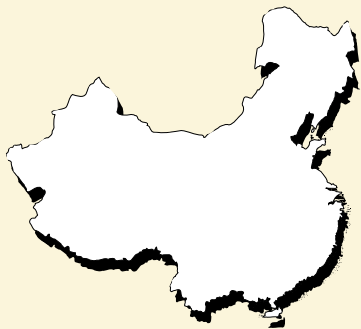
and the Marzoccan musicians will entertain. Just to add to the action, we have a Sanba Band to head the parade, and don't miss out on our own Irish Dancers, who will round off proceedings. There should be something in there for everyone, not to mention the many stalls and games, beer tent, bouncy castle, donkeys, and much, much more.

Of course, with an Italian theme, you must come to the party in fancy dress! Perhaps the Mafiosi? Maybe a Gondolier? A masked Venetian lady? Harlequin clown? Or of course as a Roman. If it's a hot sunny day some may prefer to be Michaelangelo's David, or even Venus de Milo (with arms). But whatever your taste, do dress up as something, and bring a dash of colour or spectacle to the Show! All the fancy dress costumes will be judged, both children and adults, and prizes given for the most beautiful, outrageous, and so on.

***So let's see you on the day,  
at our Christleton  
Festa Italiana!***







# China

## in an unknown land

I was recently reading an account of a talk given in 1921 to the young people's branch of a China Inland Mission. I quote "I want you to come with me and visit a real Tibetan tent. You can ride a horse, camel or yak, the three ways of travelling into Tibet. It is advisable to call out and make our presence known, otherwise we should be in danger of the numerous watch dogs. ... The tent is made of black yak's hair and in the distance resembles a huge spider...Very soon a Tibetan appears. He welcomes us by first presenting a silk scarf of salutation, and then pointing upwards his two thumbs and shooting out his tongue, the tip of it reaching down as far as his chin... He is clad in a sheepskin which has rather a strong odour, the skin not having been properly cured. His hair has never been cut or

combed, it being a tangled mass of more than hair so he is never lonely His face has never been washed, butter being substituted for water.... As we enter, we are introduced to the wife who resembles a witch. Her hair is hanging down her back in a hundred tiny plaits.... We squat on the ground round a huge dung fire and no one is lacking in conversation. Tea is served in a wooden bowl, which has previously been thoroughly cleansed by our host who has licked it all round,. Tea is followed by a good long talk and then we have the joy of telling them the story of Jesus. Their eyes, mouths, and ears are all open for they have never heard such a wonderful story before. Someone asks "How long is it since Jesus came to the earth?" I answer "Nearly two thousand years" "Why did you not come before and tell us,. How could you keep such wonderful news to yourself?"

There was lots of help sent to the children in some of China's schools and it reminded me of when our Gertrude Wright set up a school in Ladakh and received a lot of support from our Village and Primary School. White scarves are still exchanged.

*Margaret Croston*

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH in St JAMES

As part of the Growth Action Plan (GAP) for St James in 2010 one of the three key areas identified for action is that of Spiritual Growth. At the heart of any church is the relationship we all individually have with God – we are always trying to get to know God better (or should be!). This **“Growing to know God better”** is what we mean by **“Spiritual Growth”**.

So how do we get to “know God better” ? Well, perhaps it would be helpful to think of knowing God in terms of “*knowing by fact-finding*” and “*knowing by experiencing*” things relating to God. These two processes are inter-related and feed each other. So how do we set about it? The following might help:

FACTS	EXPERIENCE
‘Know (About)’ God by:	‘Know (Understand)’ God by:
Reading the Bible – <i>what does it say?</i>	Prayer (Group & Personal) – <i>and what are the answers?</i>
Discussing the Bible and Spiritual Issues – <i>what does it mean?</i>	Discussing the Bible and Spiritual Issues – How does it relate to my personal experience?
Learning from knowledgeable people (books, tapes, videos, sermons, conferences etc) – <i>what do they tell me?</i>	Meditation on God – <i>How do God and I relate to each other?</i>

It seems to me (indeed it is my experience!) that these processes are greatly enhanced by discussing the various issues in small groups, especially house-groups. In a very real sense **your** experience of God, if shared, helps **me** to grow spiritually.

But how would we know if our church is benefiting from this and growing spiritually? It is an extremely difficult thing to measure, but perhaps some indicators of growth might be shown in terms of “*More of*” and “*Less of*” as a church:

<b>How would Growing Spirituality manifest itself in the Future?</b>	
<b>More</b>	<b>Less</b>
Groups - Discussion/House/Prayer	Reliance on the minister for 'answers' and to 'do everything'.
Discussions - about services/sermons/scripture/spiritual issues: after church or indeed anywhere we meet!	Judgment of the spiritual position or preferences of others.
Freedom to disagree on scripture/beliefs	Grumbling/gripping about church activities.
Resolution of disagreement by reason, reference to scripture and in love.	Destructive criticism of almost anything.
Questions about scripture.	
Volunteering, testimonies, mutual support, encouraging, giving ...	
Use of natural gifts and Spiritual Gifts.	
Better knowledge of each other's spiritual beliefs.	

In order to continue on this journey of spiritual growth it is important to know where we are now and where we hope to get to. So it is proposed that, during the year, conversations will be held with everyone who wishes to discuss these issues. The aim will be to determine where people want to get to and how. From this the means will emerge. However, no-one should feel left out just because they neither wish to discuss this nor be involved in a house-group – there are plenty of other things to do in this GAP process!

If all of this results in no further house-groups or prayer groups being formed I shall be disappointed – but not dismayed! The important thing is for our church to grow closer to God by whatever means people are most comfortable with - and without losing any of the very wonderful things that are currently happening in our church.

*Bob Knight*

## DEAR LORD BEVERIDGE .....

During my four years at University College, Oxford I recall twice opening for you that awkward door at the back of the Hall passage leading to the College Library. It was a pleasure and an honour.

I am unlikely to meet you in Heaven, but I have not lost my respect for your work as Master of the College, nor for your major contribution in 1942 to the establishment of the Welfare State; hence this letter.

You would expect a graduate of such a fine college always to be on the lookout for new ideas; in my case (now aged sixty-nine) to additional proposals to the fine Beveridge Report relevant to my becoming the lone carer for my wife following her sudden and serious illness five years ago.

Mind you, the additional proposals that I would make to social care policy, or indeed those of any other ordinary citizen, would be swamped in the plethora of changing and competing developments devised by successive civil servants and governments since your time. Moreover, despite living in an alleged democracy, I doubt if many of the (excellent) ideas of the plain mortal like me get far beyond my MP, let alone for debate in parliament.

The trouble with issues of social care like benefits for poor people, the unemployed, the sick, and care of the elderly is that these days they get thrown about in unseemly debates in the House of Commons and dramatised in banner newspaper headlines.

For the Christian like I try to be, I should prefer a calmer approach, relating with less drama to real situations on the ground. And why are debates too often cloaked in arguments about money rather than on delivery?

Most of your ideas in the Beveridge Report were prepared at the time of a coalition government in the United Kingdom, albeit itself the necessity of a serious World War.

Can you tell me, please, will I feel that I get more support as a carer at home now that Britain has returned to coalition government, or might it be less?

Like everyone else, Christians need reassurance on these things; maybe other faiths do too.

In gratitude for the Beveridge Report,

You are not forgotten.

*John Carruthers*

Footnote: Lord Beveridge was Master of University College, Oxford from 1937 to 1945. He died in 1963.

# BIBLE CAKE

This puzzling recipe uses quotations from the Bible as the key to the ingredients. Look up the references and work out what's required. It won't taste too good if you get it wrong!

Butter	1. 225 g (½ lb) Judges V, verse 25 (last clause)
Sugar	2. 225 g (½ lb) Jeremiah VI, 20
Honey	3. 15 ml (1 tbs) 1 Samuel XIV, 25
Eggs	4. 3 of Jeremiah XVII, II
Raisins	5. 225 g (½ lb) 1 Samuel XXX, I2
Figs	6. 225 g (½ lb) Nahum III, I2 (chopped)
Almond	7. 50 g (2 oz) Numbers XVII, 8 (blanched and chopped)
Flour	8. 450 g (1 lb) 1 Kings IV, 22
Spices	9. Season to taste with II Chronicles IX, 9
Salt	10. A pinch of Leviticus II, I3
Baking Powder	11. 5 ml (1 tsp) Amos IV, 5
Water	12. 45 ml (3 tbs) Judges IV, I9

**(HINT:** 'leaven' means 'baking powder' and you may need to add some Exodus 111, 14 to moisten mixture)

Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream; add 4, one at a time, still beating, then 5, 6 and 7, and beat again.

Add 8, 9, 10 and 11 having previously mixed them, and lastly 12.

Bake in a slow oven for 1½ hours.

### **LEPROSY MISSION**

#### **Stamp out leprosy!**

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## **Contentment**

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked!

## **New news**

"Anything new in the newspaper today, George?"

## **MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS**

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"No, my dear - just the same old things, only happening to different people."

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# Parish Registers for April 2010

## Holy Baptism

- 11th Isobel Autumn Samuels daughter of Martin & Alison Samuels  
“Melgarth” Village Road, Christleton
- 11th Olivia Sophie Tilley daughter of Kevin & Catherine Tilley  
17 Durban Avenue, Christleton

*“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”*

## The Wedding Service

- 17th James Scott & Laura Jane Ford  
24 Sealand Road, Chester.

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

## The Funeral Service

- 12th Beatrice Mabel Kirk Oaklands Nursing Home, Littleton
- 14th Patricia Jean Carr Bernard Sunley Nursing Home, Woking, Surrey  
(Burial of Ashes)
- 23rd James Davies Siddall, Nestwod Cottage, LittleHeath Road, Christleton
- 26th Peter Alan Curwell 3 Sandrock Road, Christleton
- 27th Kathleen Joy Yarnell Applegarth Cottage, Whitchurch Road, Rowton

*“Grant them eternal rest.”*

## Offertories

April	Cash	CSE	2010	2009
4th	386-40	1,046-50	1,432-90	904-73
11th	237-77	1,044-00	1,281-77	1,657-57
18th	165-38	724-50	889-88	710-70
25th	72-62	687-50	760-12	1,044-06
Totals.			£4,364-67	£4,319-06

*“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	

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