

A full-page photograph of a bride and groom standing in the arched doorway of a church. The bride is on the left, wearing a white strapless wedding dress and a long veil, holding a bouquet of white and purple flowers. The groom is on the right, wearing a dark suit and a purple tie. They are both smiling. The background shows a green lawn, a red car parked in the distance, and tall evergreen trees.

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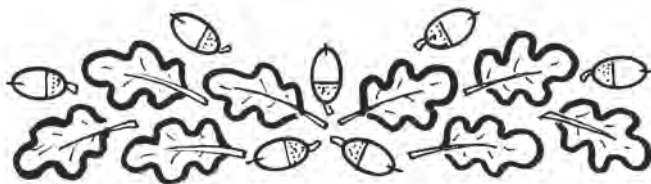
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Occasions in October

Mon	1	10.45 am	Holy Communion
		-	Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion - Tarvin Court Nursing Home
Wed	3	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	4	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch at Methodist Church
Fri	5	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	7	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		6.00 – 7.30 pm	The Crew with David Cummings & Tina
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship BCP
Mon	8	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	10	10.45 am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	12	12.30 pm	Wedding - Gary Johnson & Aimmi Flynn
		6.30 pm	Choir Practice

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

Sat	13	9.30 am	Decoration of Church for Harvest help needed please
Sun	14	8.00 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Harvest Family Service - followed By refreshments You are invited to bring a gift of Harvest Produce to be given out in the Parish Holy Communion
Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	19	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	20	7.30 pm	A HARVEST CEILIDH - Parish Hall Everyone Welcome. See Parish Mag for details
Sun	21	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Sunday Club - Parish Hall Evening Worship - Common Prayer
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	26	1.00 pm 6.30 pm	Wedding - Paul Tucker & Faye Stowell Choir Practice
Sun	28	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Sunday Club - Parish Hall Holy Communion



Message from our Rector

On 14 October we will celebrate and give thanks for the gifts of the harvest in our Harvest Festival service. Whilst we keep this feast every year, we need to ensure that we do not fall into the trap of becoming complacent perhaps we need to give conscious thought as to just what we are celebrating and why we give thanks.

We, in this country, have the luxury of being able to visit our shops and supermarkets in the confidence and assurance that the shelves will be stacked with produce, regardless of the time of year. Indeed many of the so called seasonal fruits and vegetables can now be purchased all year round thanks to innovative farming methods and technological advances.

And yet, in the countries of West Africa, there are many people starving to death because the crops have failed, and there is a lack of food. It is to our great shame, that news reports of the crisis have slipped from our televisions, perhaps to be replaced by more “viewer friendly” reports of celebrities or pop stars misbehaving.

Even in our own country we are experiencing a growth in food-banks and luncheon clubs as families experience the daily dilemma of having to make the horrendous decision of either putting food on the table or heating their homes.

Whilst many harvest festivals have the Scripture reading of the feeding of the 5000 when Jesus took five loaves and two fish and fed the multitude who have gathered to hear him, an act which speaks metaphorically of Jesus word feeding us, we also regularly have a Scripture reading from the Acts of the Apostles, perhaps for many scenes which we can more readily identify with.

The Acts of the Apostles concerns the young church, and it's struggles and problems and yet despite the problems and confusions they faced, as well as the persecutions, they extended love and care one to another, offering food, shelter and all other possessions they owned.(and daily the Lord added to their number.....)

As we approach and celebrate the gifts of the Harvest, may we do so with a renewed sense of thanksgiving for all that we receive from God our Father, and may we like that young church in the Book of Acts, share all we have with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Jesus challenged his Disciples when he spoke of his being hungry and they not feeding him, of his being naked and they not clothing him, of his being in prison (whatever and wherever that prison may be) and they not visiting him.....when was this, His Disciples asked.....when you failed to do this for the least of your brothers and sisters, you failed to do it for me, he replied.

Your faithful servant

Malcolm



HELP PLEASE

Will the person who took away the 'numbered Tombola chart' at the end of the Christmas Fair last year, saying they would get a new, laminated one for the next Fair, please get in touch with

**Gillian Brackenbury
(tel 329346)
as soon as possible.**

Thank you.



With children, for children, with you

BOX OPENING 2012

Attention all Box Holders!!

Please check next month's Parish Magazine for details of our annual Offertory Service... Just a few weeks left in which to collect those pennies!

Many thanks
Lesley Morgan

HARVEST GIFTS

Last year the bulk of the harvest gifts donated by our church family and the primary school were given to Chester Aid to the Homeless and to Save the Family, where they were gratefully received and appreciated. We also took flowers and chocolates to the local nursing homes. Thanks to all for your generosity. This year we would like to do this again and hope that you will all help to contribute by bringing either perishable or non-perishable goods to our Harvest Festival on 14th October. If you would prefer to make a monetary offering please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Harvest Appeal" and give to myself, the Church Wardens or Rector.

Thank you.

Berenice (Pastoral Worker)

Janet Milton

Congratulations & best wishes to Janet from her friends in the village and at St James, for her 70th Birthday celebration on October 6th. Janet works behind the scenes in so many ways at St James', and we wish her a very happy day.



Congratulations also to Sue Moore -

Happy 70th birthday greetings to Sue on 9th October from her friends and family.

Leaving Littleton

After 30 years at Claremont, Tarvin Road, we are leaving our house and the area. We will take with us very precious memories of our life here and would like to thank most warmly all our friends and neighbours who have shared so many happy times with us and shown us so much kindness.

With very best wishes from

Graham , Gwen, Rachel, William Cleverly. gwen@cleverly.co.uk

Very many thanks to all at Christleton for so many good wishes for my retirement.

I really enjoyed showing off my daughter's creation produced for the occasion.

I did say in my retirement speech I would becontinuing my informal surgeries after church at Christleton each Sunday but that the gravestones were a bit hard for lying on to be examined!

Liz McClure



People in the News.

Rae Cullimore

I'm sure older readers will be sad to learn of the recent death of long time Christleton resident William Rae Cullimore. He died on 11th August aged 93yrs, at his home in retirement in Wiltshire. The Cullimore Family lived in Christleton for over 150years, and were very influential in the life of both the village and of the City of Chester, through service as Lord Mayor and Solicitors. Rae was trustee of many village organisations, including The Men's Institute, and the Scouts. The family also hosted the Village Fete in the grounds of Faulkner's Lodge in the 1970s and were very hospitable. Just before Rae & Stella retired to live in Wiltshire they gave rare early glass plates and black & white photographs depicting village and family scenes to the Village History Group, and they are now a very valuable resource. Many will be featured in the talk on 27th October in the Jim Partington Memorial Lecture. A service of thanksgiving for his life was held at The Church of the Holy Cross in Sherston, Wiltshire on 21st August. He will be much missed by his family and friends. DC



Victoria Seddon & the Three Peaks Mountain Adventure.

Victoria from Littleton, accompanied by dad Nigel, completed the famous 3 peaks climb during August to raise funds for her trip to Boston in America to take part in the largest head of the river race in the world, (the Head of the Charles) They followed the same routes as the St James' group did in 2003 except that they started at Snowdon and finished at Ben Nevis. They set off for the summit of Snowdon at 8:30 on Friday morning and were amazed that when they arrived at the ridge at the top of the mountain, it was completely still – so much so, that flies were a nuisance at the trig point! The views were magnificent. They continued their adventure by driving to Wasdale Head in the Lake District (4 hours) and had dinner at the King George IV Inn at Eskdale Green which is well worth a visit, and stayed at Joss Naylor's a world famous fell runner's farmhouse in Bowderdale.

They headed for Scafell the highest peak in England at nine the following morning.

It was warm again and there were hundreds of walkers at Wasdale Head. When they arrived at the summit of Scafell, they were greeted with a temporary bar that had been set up with a barrel of Wainwrights bitter! After a quick descent they set off for Ben Nevis a further six hours drive. On arrival, Nigel discovered that he had booked into a hotel, the Inn at Ardgour which although only 8 miles from Fort William, required a ferry!! Luckily they got there at 8:30 just in time for the last ferry crossing at Corran.

Ben Nevis the following morning was a tough challenge. They were quite tired at this point, the weather was hot and the climb is the highest of the 3 peaks at 1,344 m. Nigel & Victoria started at 10 o'clock but the climb seemed to go on and on, and the long stepped path



is very demanding on the body. It was quite breezy when they reached the main ridge and had magnificent views, eventually reaching the summit at 2 o'clock. The three peaks is a very challenging & exhausting event and many congratulations to Victoria for achieving it at a young age, walking and climbing a huge distance and travelling 900 miles over 4 days, If you would like to sponsor her for her American Rowing Challenge, give Nigel a call (335588) or visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VickyNigelSeddon DC>

Hems de Winter

Walked from Blackburn to Chester to highlight the work of Adoption Matters Northwest Boats, bishops and bridges all had a part to play in this exciting 65mile walk from Blackburn Cathedral to Chester Cathedral. The specialist adoption agency, Adoption Matters North West supported over many years by St James congregation, staged the walk along the Leeds Liverpool and Shropshire Union Canals to raise awareness of the plight of the 4,000 children, many from our own region, who have sometimes waited years in the hope of the new family. The team of social workers and support staff, led by AMNW Chief Executive Officer Norman Goodwin from Rowton, were given a send off by the Bishop of Blackburn, before they headed along the canal, passing through Blackburn, Chorley, Adlington, Wigan, Appley Bridge, Parbold, Burscough, Magull and Bootle, ending up this section at the Pierhead and Albert Dock in Liverpool. Hems a chorister at St James' accompanied them for most of the way. At Burscough they had a surprise visit from The Bishop of Burnley, a canal boat enthusiast, and he helped unveil a promotional banner on the 70ft narrowboat "Charmaine" operated by the young people charity, Care Afloat.

Adoption events were staged at various points of the journey, but the walk marked the success of the Agency in the northwest, who have been successful in finding new families for thousands of children, including groups of three, four and five siblings! Each of the 65miles walked represented 65 children placed last year with a loving and stable family.

The final stage of the walk was from the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum to Chester Cathedral, with a celebratory lap of honour around Chester's historic walls. Heritage, plentiful wildlife and some great company made the trip a real pleasure for the walkers, whose main aim to make the public aware of the work of the adoption charity. It is hoped that as a result of their efforts more people will consider themselves to become adoptive parents.
DC/HdW



JOHN SELLERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, CHRISTLETON

This ancient Trust was founded on 23 December 1779 for the education of poor children in Christleton and Littleton. It was originally to provide instruction in reading, English, writing, arithmetic and for spinning, sewing and knitting. The original Minute Book is still in use and has recently been restored.

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

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

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

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR NETWORKING EVENT

10 September 2012

I was asked by Berenice if I would like to attend this Event at Foxhill House in Frodsham and went along with a certain amount of trepidation wondering what it was all about.

I duly presented myself at 9.15 am and was welcomed by Victoria Day from Church House who had played a large part in organising the Event. In all there were 39 ladies and 3 men in attendance and after a welcome cup of coffee we were ushered into a large room upstairs and issued with identification badges and shown to our reserved table. I was sitting with :

Linda from St Thomas & All Saints, Ellesmere Port

Chantal from All Saints in Hoole

Jane from St Andrews in Tarvin

Jackie from St Michael's in Plas Newton

Sally who is a Church Co-ordinator at St Mary's Upton.

They all work full or part-time in the Parish Office of their respective churches with the exception of Jane and myself who work from home.

There was then a brief welcome and prayers by Richard Burton, Parish Development Officer for Chester followed by Victoria, who explained that it was the first time that all the Administrators had been gathered together in this way, and that in fact, they had been completely, but pleasantly, surprised that so many had shown interest in attending. Table by table we then introduced ourselves saying where we were from and briefly, what we did in our own parish.

A short session of Bible study with Archdeacon Mike Gilbertson followed when he suggested that perhaps we could see ourselves as part of God's mission of ministry in different ways:

- For us to pray about our parish work & ask for help each day
- Our role to be seen as oiling the wheels & gluing everything together
- Be aware that we are often the first contact, via the telephone, in welcoming new people into the church.

This was followed by a group discussion when we talked about what we each did in our administrative 'job' and what would help each one of us to do it better ie "The Joys & The Challenges". It was interesting for me to hear what the others did in their parish offices – obviously they had a very structured timetable for doing things but we all had weekly notices to produce along with items for parish magazines etc. It was generally agreed that the joy of the job was meeting people from all walks of life and the main challenge was a lack of communication/keeping deadlines!! In conclusion it was agreed by all that all parishes are different but we all have common problems.

There was a short reflection on the day and a closing prayer after which we had a buffet lunch and a general chat amongst ourselves and agreed it had been a very pleasant and worthwhile morning and look forward to the next Event.

Janet Milton

Forthcoming Service at St James.

ALL SOUL'S SERVICE Sunday November 4th at 6.30pm.

Every year at this time the Bereavement Support group at St James' invites newly bereaved families and anyone who feels that they might draw strength and solace from this gentle, contemplative and hopefully moving service, where we can all remember loved ones whom we see no longer. There will be an opportunity should you wish, to light a candle during the service, and to enjoy refreshments in the Parish Hall following it. The St James BSG Group is a group that works quietly behind the scenes as part of the Ministry of St James within the community, and the All Soul's Service is organised annually to commemorate all loved ones departed. You would be very welcome if you would like to join us at the Service. DC

Nature News

This month has seen a belated return to some good sunny weather, and the emergence of many butter and dragonflies. Species such as tortoiseshell, red admiral and peacock seem to be the main beneficiaries of the warm sun, and could be seen feeding along the hedgerows, in gardens, and in particular St James Churchyard. This was also the place where I saw both brown and southern hawkers, beautiful and graceful dragonflies hanging down from the yew trees on the Manor House side of the churchyard. These are really amazing insects, and have the most complex eyes of any creature. The lens of their eyes is made up of



tens of thousands of tiny mirrors, which enable them to have 360degree vision. It certainly helps their defence mechanism when any predator tries to attack and eat them. They can also easily spot the approaching camera lens, and will fly off at a moments notice. The best time to photograph them is when they are emerging from a cold nights sleep, conditions that we

find in early autumn. So keep your eye on the lower branches of conifers, or yews and you just might see one of these magnificent creatures just hanging there.



Our swans have now been ringed, and the three surviving cygnets seemed to be very healthy when we caught and weighed them. They were certainly the heaviest three of twenty cygnets ringed in Cheshire

at the same time. However one has since disappeared, and although it has possibly now gone off on its own, it cannot fly yet so is likely to be somewhere along the Chester section of canal. However another pair, with the male a blue ringed swan 7BFJ from Ellesmere, Shropshire has turned up at Rowton with its mate and three smaller darker cygnets than our Christleton cygnets. They must have bred secretly, probably on a farm pond somewhere between the Shady Oak and Christleton, and have suddenly appeared out of the blue. I'm pleased that the pairs seem to be aware of each other, and haven't yet started territorial battles.



After all the recent heavy rain The Pit at Little Heath is now looking like it should, and those of us working to conserve it are really delighted. The heavy rain also helps to reinvigorate and oxygenate the water, making conditions much more comfortable for the fish and other creatures. It is worth noting however that the amount of rain falling is very variable. We have had more heavy thunder showers than for many years, but it doesn't fall evenly even around the city. On one momentous afternoon a months rain fell in an hour. The rain was so heavy in Chester that you felt you would see an ark floating down the streets at any moment. People were huddled for shelter along the rows, water was over shoe depth in Watergate Street, and there were waterfalls coming off every roof. Yet when we returned home to Rowton it had hardly rained, just a few millimetres. On another occasion we drove along the A41 from Rowton in really torrential rain, through to completely dry conditions on the road at Vicars Cross & Hoole to flooded road conditions again at Upton. Crazy. However enough rain has fallen to make The Pit look like it really should, and I for one am very grateful.

CEREMONEY OF THE KEYS – TOWER OF LONDON

We were very privileged last month to be invited to a black-tie dinner followed by the Ceremony of the Keys at Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress, more commonly known as the Tower of London. Hosted by Major General Roddy Porter the event included a reception drink in the Museum, followed by a three-course dinner with wine in the Royal Fusiliers' Officers' Mess. The wine was served in silver goblets donated to the regiment in 1894 and all the regimental silver was displayed down the centre of the tables.

At the conclusion of the dinner and a toast to her Majesty, a Yeoman Warder appeared at 9.30 pm to explain about the Ceremony which is a 700 year old tradition that takes place every night. It involves the formal locking of the gates.

Every night at exactly eight minutes to 10 pm the Chief Yeoman Warder of the Tower comes out of the Byward Tower dressed in red and carrying a candle lantern in one hand and the Queen's Keys in the other hand. He walks to Traitor's Gate to meet other members of the duty regiment Foot Guards who escort him through the ceremony. One soldier takes the lantern and they walk in step to the outer gate. The Warder locks the gate and they walk back to lock the oak gates of the Middle and Byward Towers. All three then return towards Traitor's Gate where a sentry awaits them.

Sentry: Halt, who comes there?

Chief Yeoman Warder: The Keys

Sentry: Whose Keys?

Warder: Queen Elizabeth's Keys

Sentry: Pass Queen Elizabeth's Keys and all's well

All four men walk to the Bloody Tower's archway and up towards the broadwalk steps where the main guard is drawn up. The Chief Yeoman Warder and Escort halt at the foot of the steps and the officer in charge gives the command to the Guard and Escort to present arms.

The Chief Yeoman Warder moves two paces forward, raises his Tudor bonnet high in the air and calls "God preserve Queen Elizabeth". The Guard answers "Amen" exactly as the clock chimes 10 pm and The Duty Drummer sounds The Last Post on his bugle.

During this procedure we were all completely silent, having been warned not to talk at all.

The Chief Yeoman Warder takes The Keys back to the Queen's House and the Guard is dismissed.

We were escorted to the exit and had to climb through the part-closed gate at exactly 10.05 pm.

The weather was perfect and Tower Bridge was most spectacular, still lit in all colours to celebrate the Olympic Games. It was an occasion to remember.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE CEREMONY OF THE KEYS

Tickets are free to the general public but you have to apply in writing by post. You need to supply names of all applying, at least two dates you can attend, at least two months in advance (three months in the summer), and a self-addressed envelope with UK postage.

Send your application to:

Ceremony of the Keys Office, Tower of London, London EC3N 4AB

Please note: Latecomers will not be admitted. There are no toilet facilities or refreshments available. Photographs are not permitted.

COINCIDENTALLY – The late Major Currie was a member of the Fusiliers. He was born in London and lived at the Old Hall, Christleton. He was related to a longstanding Christleton Village family, the Ince Townsends. He married an actress who had worked on the London stage. Our son has copies of a series of letters that Major Currie wrote home from Tibet where he was serving in 1904. He won a silver campaign medal.

In the 1930s he and his wife moved to Amlywch on Anglesey where they lived until their deaths in the 1940s and where they are buried. His housekeeper was the aunt of Ronald Hugh Smith, a former Choirmaster at St James.

Alf and Margaret Croston

LIGHTS IN CHURCH

Will anyone who has access to St James please ensure the lights are switched off when leaving and that the alarm is set.

Many thanks.

John Milton – Verger

Charity Talk with Buffet Supper in the Parish Hall, 7.00pm 27th October 2012

The Jim Partington Memorial Talk. by David Cummings

Christleton in Black & White; Christleton in Colour.

Photographic images of the village in the Victorian age, together with the Christleton of today, including the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Admission Adults £7 Children £3 (Includes light supper & soft drinks)

Tickets from David on 332410, from Church or the Village Stores.

All proceeds to Village Charities.

Christleton Local History Group

Wednesday 17th October 7.30pm at Christleton Primary School.

Speaker; Simon Ward

Recent happenings in the field. A review of Chester Archeology.

Simon, an old friend & member of the History Group, who is Principle

Archeologist for Cheshire West & Chester Councils at the Grosvenor

Museum, will talk about recent explorations of archeological importance around the Chester area, including the Grosvenor Park dig, and work on the Roman walls.

Christleton Wednesday Group - Fun Quiz Evening

on Saturday 10 November, at Christleton Parish Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm.

Tickets £9.00 include a glass of wine & finger buffet (available from members or phone Chester 336644)

In aid of Dial House

A Harvest Ceilidh will be held on the evening of 20 October.

Following on from the success of last year's ceilidh, another is being planned for Saturday 20th October

Tickets are now available but due to limited capacity will be sold on a 'first-come first-served' basis. Please do not think you have to dance! You are welcome simply to enjoy sitting and listening to the band, "Two Left Feet", and enjoy the hot supper. There will also be a raffle to help raise funds and proceeds from the evening will go towards St. James'.

Tickets will be available from church and are £10 per adult or £25 for families with one/two children under sixteen years.

You may also telephone any of the numbers below for tickets to be set aside : 336779, 335469, 335645



The Crew Youth Group

Harvest Thanksgiving Service 2nd September



Worship, witness and fellowship

The crew were joined by other members of St James' congregation to give thanks for the Harvest in unusual but quite appropriate surroundings! The short service was held on Mike and Tina's allotment and led by Malcolm. Will Edwards and Huw Morgan provided the music. Following the service we all enjoyed a BBQ and were invited to pick some produce to take home. Despite poor weather there is still plenty of food available but we are aware that those in other countries are not so fortunate. The current famine in West Africa is of great concern and thanks to the generosity of those attending our thanksgiving service, the Crew have been able to donate £30 towards the famine relief fund.

The next meeting of the Crew will be on October 7th in the Parish Hall at 6pm

The History File

The London 2012 Olympics, Paralympics & The feel good factor. This year has been such a memorable one in so many ways, from the wonderful celebrations in the village for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the arrival in Chester of the Olympic Torch Relay, to the incredible success of London 2012, at both Olympic and Paralympic Games. Unable to get tickets for the Olympics, we managed to get tickets for the family at the paralympic rowing finals at Dorney Lake near Windsor. We also had a day pass for the Olympic Park at Stratford, and an athletics session in the stadium. I just felt compelled to write these notes, because it was the most inspiring event I have ever been to. I think the press and public have now been made aware of the tremendous skills some of our paralympic athletes, and other disabled people have. They have achieved things that most able bodied can't achieve. To see athletes playing wheelchair tennis, controlling both their chair and the racket with such skill and enthusiasm. There was no lack of drama and their commitment was total. It was so enjoyable to watch, fast and furious at times and they rarely made double faults even from a sitting position. To watch blind athletes compete in football, goal ball and other events just using their sense of sound, and then the incredible achievements of high & long jumpers with one leg, wheelchair racers with no legs, and all athletes giving their all, and although they might have been exhausted, congratulated each other first, and then if questioned, thanked their

families, their coaches, physio's and support teams for their help and encouragement. What a lesson for many able bodied sportsmen & women. In many cases the athlete's disability was obvious, but they all have over-



come incredible problems with such resolve and spirit. It made you proud to be there. To stand in the stadium with 80,000 people cheering loudly for every competitor, is something I will never forget. To see blind athletes run around the track, fall through exhaustion and yet pick themselves up to finish their race, and their disability was only obvious when they had to be guided onto the podium by carers to stand for their medal. Yet their smiles were the biggest you will ever see, their achievements enormous, and what a privilege it was to be there. Just a word too for the organisation of the Games, it was just superb. From the entry into London to walking through the Olympic Park you felt very welcome. The organisation of events was slick and went like clockwork, thanks to the thousands of games makers, volunteers and officials. There were people there in the Park of all ages, of all colours and creeds, and from every corner of the world. There were 120,000 happy people in the Park the day we went, and there was no litter, no loutish behaviour, just a wonderful sunny occasion when members of the world family gathered to share in something really special, in a revitalised piece of land in East London. The colourful wild flowers around the park seemed to set the scene for us, the gold decorations of the barge "Glorianna" made for the Queen's River Pageant reflected beautifully in the river running through the park, and alongside the magnificent new sporting halls & facilities. The friendliness of everyone we saw and met made it such a wonderful place to be. However it was the courage, enthusiasm, supreme efforts and sportsmanship of these special athletes that made the occasion so memorable. DC



Save the Family

This is the time of year when we as a country give thanks for another good harvest safely delivered. We at Save the Family are saying, 'Thank You' to all our supporters that have made it possible for countless children, to be given their right to a safe and secure home, a happy childhood and a future.

Save the Family is faced day after day with requests for help that are the result of the ever growing socio-economic problems of our society today. Without your very practical support this harvest-time many of these requests will remain unanswered.

The charity in its vital work on the frontline of poverty has never, in over three decades, retreated but always increased its efforts to provide much needed services. Please will you support our work through a gift of harvest goods (non-perishable goods) and/or a financial donation.

Please support us by making a monthly donation. Your generosity will help towards;

£10 per month will fund a teacher to help a child recover much lost education in the primary years and secure a better future.

£30 will pay for an emergency pack which will provide emergency essentials for a family.

£75 per day allows a Family Trainer to work with parents to address and resolve the reasons as to why the family became homeless. For example, lessons in budgeting, basic cooking, adult numeracy and literacy.

£320 per week allows a youth worker to provide a programme of activities which will help keep young people safe, improve their choices and their confidence levels.

£635 will pay for one family to receive emergency accommodation and training in life skills with Save the Family for one week.

£2,750 will pay for one family to receive emergency accommodation with Save the Family for one month.

£8,250 will pay for one family to receive emergency accommodation with Save the Family for three months.

£16,000 will pay for one family to receive emergency accommodation with Save the Family for six months.

Thank you for your support.

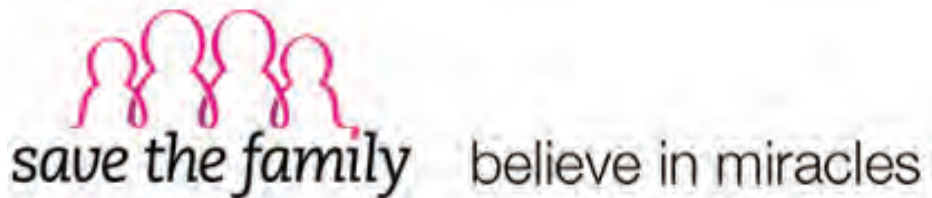
It's been a summer of unprecedented sporting success for the British men and women who have proudly represented their country at Premier Football, PGA Championships, the Tour de France, the US Open, Olympics and Paralympics.

As Autumn approaches everyone is savoring one final chance to revel in a summer of good news away from the gloom instilled by the sharp austerity measures being implemented.

Save the Family are celebrating our very own 'Golden Girl', Vicky Shearn, who has been very busy raising money for the charity. Vicky has successfully completed the Chester Marathon, the Manchester 10K run, a 50 mile circular bike ride from Liverpool to Chester and back again and then cycling the 48 miles from Manchester to Chester. The final event is the Chester Marathon on the 7th of October.

For many the Paralympics was possibly one of the finest celebrations of humanity, demonstrating above all else the strength and utter determination of the human spirit to overcome adversity. For families facing adversity the future can appear very grim. Problems can often be complex and in some cases result in homelessness and their children being placed in care. Save the Family work to keep families together by providing temporary accommodation, support, education and training - a helping hand in times of need.

If you would like to sponsor Vicky's endeavours or support the charity please contact: Save the Family Fundraising Team, Cotton Hall Farm, Cotton Lane, Cotton Edmunds, Chester CH3 7PZ. Telephone 01244 409 100 or Email: info@savethefamily.uk.com



Christleton Community Plan

Implementation of the Community Action Plan

The Summary of the Community Plan has been distributed throughout the village and the first implementation meeting is to be held on the **18th October 2012** at Christleton Primary School from 7 to 9pm

The Summary and the full Community Plan is available for viewing or downloading from either the Christleton web site (www.christleton.org.uk) or the new parish council website (www.christleton-pc.gov.uk). Limited numbers of paper copies are available on request.

The Village needs your help!!

We need volunteers to help implement the Plan so please come and talk to us on the **18th October** or contact us by email at christletoncommunityplan@gmail.com

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 Kirwan, 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. October 10th. Amish, with Sheila Johnson



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 Lilian Hopley telephone Chester 676683.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the September edition are sent to Janet Milton (335469), as soon as possible BEFORE Friday 12 October or you can e-mail this to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The October magazine will be available for collection from Sunday 30th September

Get ready for Operation Christmas Child 2012!

It's time to start filling shoe boxes again – with gifts for desperately needy children who will have no Christmas this year – unless you help. Since 1990, Operation Christmas Child worldwide has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 50 million boys and girls. Last year Samaritan's Purse in the UK sent out over a million gifts to children across Eastern Europe and Africa.

Each year this project attracts tens of thousands of people like you across the country. Individuals, schools, churches, businesses, and other organisations work together to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for hurting children around the world. Last year Operation Christmas Child sent gift-filled shoe boxes to more than 1.1 million children in desperate situations in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. They live in orphanages, hospitals, refugee camps, homeless shelters, old railway carriages, in underground sewers, and in impoverished neighbourhoods.

The gifts are given regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs to children. Nothing is required of them, their families or communities in return. If you would like to pack and send a shoe box, or even volunteer some time during November or December to work in a warehouse that sorts and send OCC shoe boxes, please visit: www.samaritanspurse.uk.com for further details.

What Now?

What now, for the torch has gone
And no more tales of winning gold?
We'll do what we've done all along –
And moan about the rain and cold!
By Nigel Beeton

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.

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

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.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN SERVICE

We call every TWO WEEKS.

WEEK 1.

Quarry Lane at 3.15 to 6.00pm.

WEEK 2

Quarry Lane at 11.30 to 12.15pm.

Our NEW telephone is Chester 973700.

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Baptisms.

- 12th Oliver Douglas Braley son of Ian Albert & Amanda Louise Braley
3 Moorcroft Court, Great Boughton
- 12th William Edward Braley son of Ian Albert & Amanda Louise Braley
3 Moorcroft Court, Great Boughton
- 12th Kate Louise Braley daughter of Ian Albert & Amanda Louise Braley
3 Moorcroft Court, Great Boughton
- 19th Isla Jane Stewart daughter of Iain Harry & Victoria Jane Stewart
Redwood, Whitchurch Road, Rowton

"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

The Marriage Service

- 4th Robert Handley & Sarah Little
Manor Farm, White Lane, Christleton
- 18th Stuart Callegaris & Kathryn Thomas
35 Spon Green, Buckley, Flintshire

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

The Funeral Service

- 10th John Leslie Goldberg 3 Haslin Crescent, Christleton 87yrs
- 23rd Jayne Roscoe 29, Hawthorn Road, Christleton

"Grant them eternal rest"

Offertories.

August	Cash	CSE	2012	2011
5 th	330-00	134.80	514-80	612-40
12 th	138-36	745-00	883-36	705-05
19 th	95-39	*	*	580-37
26 th	93.20	*	*	483-20

Totals. **£ £**

*Unavailable this month. Will be included with September figures.

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

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton

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	Carl Cumiskey	330028
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Bellringers Secretary:	Nikki Dromgoole	351124
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