

St. James' Christleton



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Sun	1		The Eighth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 13
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – Order 2
		10.45 am	Parish Communion with Baptism
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Brickfield Lane
			Neighbourhood Links: Janet Jones
Wed	4	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	6	9.00 am	Holy Communion for
			TRANSFIGURATION
		12.00 noon	Wedding
Sun	8		The Ninth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 14
		8.00 am	Holy Communion – Order 1
		10.45 am	Family Morning Prayer
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Bridge Drive
			Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Croston
Wed	11	10.45 am	Holy Communion- followed by refreshments
Fri	13		LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER PARISH MAGAZINE TO DAVID BULL (332234). PREFERABLY EARLIER PLEASE

Sun	15		The Blessed Virgin Mary The Tenth Sunday After Trinity: Proper 15 8.00 am Holy Communion – Order 1 10.45 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Evensong Prayer Link Road: Brown Heath Road Neighbourhood Link: Audrey Shone
Wed	18	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Sun	22		The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity: Proper 16 8.00 am Holy Communion – Order 1 10.45 am Matins 6.30 pm Evening Communion Prayer Link Road: Bush Road Neighbourhood Link: Dorothy Smith
Wed	25	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	27	2.00 pm	Wedding
Sat	28	5.00 pm	Rambling Group Social Event – 135 Queens Road
Sun	29		The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity: Proper 17 8.00 am Holy Communion – Order 1 10.45 am Matins 6.30 pm Evening Worship Prayer Link Road: Those worshipping at St James who live outside the Parish. Neighbourhood Link: Area secretary: Anne Collier

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Defragmenting!

My computer was a bit off colour. It was working, but only just. It was sluggish and sometimes only part of the screen would show, with the rest hidden or delayed. I had not got a clue what was wrong, still less how to put it right, but fortunately 'I know a man who does'. He came and gave the patient a thorough examination, putting various things right as he did. His diagnosis was that the main problem was that it needed defragmenting, which sounded rather uncomfortable. Evidently, the more it works and longer it goes on, it is too busy to put files away, or in the right order, so it takes longer and longer to find and access them. This sounded rather familiar as I have a cartoon on my filing cabinet declaring that we use the Biblical filing system in this office – "seek and ye shall find." With a computer, the more you put into its memory, the more difficult it is for it to keep an overview of what is there. My helper declared I should defragment my computer once a week, and he kindly set up an icon on the screen for me, so that even I would know how to do it. Once I press the defragmenter icon, I can 'click' to have its progress diagrammatically presented on screen. At first it is full of lots of little squares in different colours all mixed up and with gaps all over the place. Once it starts, the squares are all neatly lined up, colour coded and in sequence as it progressively works through the whole memory and transfers the gaps to space at the end. When they are all in the right order with the right connections the computer can work as a complete and integrated programme once more.

I don't know about you, but I often feel I wish I could press a defragmenter button in my brain! I certainly believe that individually and socially, our lives are in danger of fragmenting. We live in a society which, unwittingly or wittingly, has encouraged us to lead increasingly fragmented lives. An emphasis on individual choice and self fulfilment has encouraged people to 'isolate' their life as a separate identity. Home life and the life of work are lived in separate worlds and leisure is increasingly another compartment. Computers, virtual reality and mobile phones have become substitutes for real relationships. The mobility of the population and relegation of marriage and family life as the accepted cornerstone of society, have left individuals increasingly isolated. At a recent clergy conference I attended, a speaker from the USA spoke of a survey which had asked how much time parents spent in 'quality conversation' with their children. The result was an average of just 32 seconds a day. The speaker's husband was a teacher of a class of 28 fifth grade children of whom just 3 were living with their original family. A material and consumer oriented society means people increasingly choose to pay for entertainment provided by others, rather than becoming involved in

creating and sharing their own. I am sure you can provide your own examples of the fragmentation of life.

August is a good time to defragment! Hopefully many people will have the opportunity to take time out and try to get life in perspective, and see it as a whole. The word 'holiday' of course comes from 'holy day' When my computer doctor told me I should defragment it once a week, I immediately thought of the Sabbath. Keeping the Sabbath holy is part of the maker's instructions to get the best out of life in his world. God knows that we only work properly and efficiently as human beings when our lives are not fragmented but whole as body, mind and spirit. We need this holistic approach to life if we are to find true happiness, and establish our priorities and proper perspective. August is a good time to recapture our awareness of our spiritual needs and let God defragment our lives: then we need that Sabbath space each week for re-creation.

Yours sincerely

Peter Lee.

Prayer of the Month:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

BUILDING STRONG PARISH COMMUNITIES THANK YOU!

At the beginning of this year the PCC launched our initiative to Build a Strong Parish Community. This obviously continues in the constant ongoing mission and ministry of the Parish, but we would like to thank all those who have responded to the financial challenge. It would seem invidious to thank those individuals whom we know of (because they have, for example, signed bankers' orders and/or Gift Aid forms), without being able to thank those who have increased their giving 'anonymously'. So please accept this as a personal 'thank you' if you have, in any way, responded to our appeal to increase our Christian giving. Not only has our 'Parish Share' to the Diocese increased by 12% this year, but we can only undertake new projects and respond to our mission as a Church, if the financial resources are there.

So far this year the indications are that people have responded well to the Appeal. Since January 15 new Gift Aid declarations have been signed, we have given out 16 new sets of envelopes for regular weekly giving, and 11 Bankers' orders set up. This, of course, is in addition to people who have increased giving through existing envelopes, gift aid and Bankers' Orders etc.

Overall this year so far, compared to the same period last year, the figures are as follows:

	2003	2004
Envelope giving	14,645	16,180
Cash giving	4,336	5,225
Bankers' Orders plus all	15,233	16,834
Income Tax reclaimed		

This is an encouraging response so a big 'thank you' to each of you who have responded and helped us in this way to help each other carry the responsibilities we share as a Church

[If you would like to respond or receive further information please contact Betty Dunning 335652 for sets of envelopes; Martin Wheeler

336644 for Gift Aiding your giving so we can claim back the tax you have paid on whatever you give, or for information about giving through a Banker's Order – forms are available from the back of church.]

Dixon's Almshouses

A vacancy exists for a flat at Dixon's Almshouses. Priority will be given according to the terms of the Trust. These state that they should be for residents of the ecclesiastical Parish of Christleton (Christleton, Littleton, Rowton, Cotton Edmunds and Cotton Abbots) who do not own any property. The present Trustees are the Order of St John Care Trust based in Lincolnshire, but there is a local committee.

For further details phone the Rector (01244 335663) or Mr Nigel Bromage (336119). Anyone who would like to be considered for the vacancy should write an application, indicating in which way they meet the terms of the Trust. Applications should be sent to the Rector at The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton, Chester CH3 7AP, to be received by the end of August.

Churchyard Work Party

A big thank you to the 20 people who helped to tidy up the churchyard and car park on Saturday 3 July, not forgetting those who attended at other times. Everyone will be welcome at the next one in **SEPTEMBER**, please look out for the exact date. Sausage barmcakes or similar and coffee/tea will again be on the menu!

David Mercer

NEW TESTAMENT TAPES

"In the Library area there is now not only cassette tape recordings of the New Testament but also the Old Testament. These very kind gifts bring the Bible to life in a new way and might be particularly useful to those whose vision is impaired. Also, to those of you who read the Lesson, if you get tricky names or just want to learn how well it can be read – borrow a tape.

Margaret Bass

CHRISTLETON VILLAGE FETE 2004

Comes Out of Africa “Thoughts out of Africa”

Our Fete is one of the most important days in the life of the village. It has a long tradition and customs have been kept alive through succeeding generations. We do not have to invent our community or regenerate it out of city industrialisation that has obliterated. We are so fortunate. This does not happen without the work of each generation keeping it alive. Now in the 21st century people work hard to make the Fete what it is – alive, ever changing, everyone feeling they belong, everyone able to meet at least one person they know or one person that knows them! Our community.

Our title “Out of Africa” leads us to think what comes out of Africa, what do we have in common?

Out of Africa comes music, dance, singing, an ability to celebrate however difficult life may be. When life is hard and survival a struggle it is even more important to have time to celebrate and to belong to the

community. Africans in villages in so many countries are so good at this. They, like us, are proud of their traditions, they love their land and the place where they belong. They are supportive to each other, caring and concerned. They have dignity. There is an African phrase “if you have come because you think you can help us – we can manage. If you have come because our problems are your problems – then you are welcome”. In the 21st century the world is so small that their problems are our problems, the results of the need to address the way we trade, the poverty and the lack of health care for AIDS will boomerang on us and affect the survival of the planet for our children and grandchildren.

We share a love of the food that comes out of Africa – pineapples, bananas, melons, coffee, tea.

We share the way we prepare for our Fete – not in a day or a week but planning and for thought for many weeks.

In Africa there is no internal mail, no telephone, no posters and fliers. All is done on foot or by word of mouth.

The food has to be prepared

from before daylight – hours of cooking in big pots. People are hungry – there will be no money to buy hot dogs, ice creams, teas. The children are patient – they will not have eaten that day. Food comes at the end of long queues for a helping of rice.

It is the beat of the drum starting at dawn that tells people to come and join the celebration, to enjoy themselves.

Churchyard Regulations

The Rector and PCC would like to clarify the regulations which govern right of burial in the Churchyard. A Churchyard is different from a civil cemetery where people buy a 'plot'. Anyone who lives in the (Ecclesiastical) Parish, at the time of death, has the right of burial in the Churchyard. Right of burial cannot be granted to anyone who lives outside the Parish, unless they are to be buried in an existing grave and other members of the family are happy for this to happen, or the deceased is on the Church Electoral Roll at time of death. It is very difficult, and distressing, if this regulation has not been

understood, and a request, which cannot be granted, is made when someone dies. Exceptions cannot be made even if someone has lived in the Parish for many years but has since moved away. It would not, in any case, be fair to make an exception, even if it were possible, to one family, when it had not been granted to others.

The Rector and PCC hope that all parishioners will understand and appreciate this situation, and would be grateful if readers can make this regulation as widely known as possible.

CHRISTLETON WI

Please may I say a very big "thank you", to all friends and Christleton WI members (including one who came in her wellies, cagoule and plastic apron and sold plants in the rain) who attended, donated money and goods, and helped at my Coffee Morning on 19 June for the Alzheimer's Society. The Society was very supportive and some members travelled across the county to be here. We had a very friendly and happy morning raising £352 for their funds. Thank you once again.

Maura Jones – The Old Farm

Nature Notes

Christleton Swans

Last month in Stop Press I reported on the loss of two of our cygnets, and the rescue of the third, which had been taken to the RSPCA Centre in Nantwich for treatment. Sadly this cygnets also died after surviving for twenty four hours. The incident has caused us great concern not only for the loss of our cygnets, but also of two others further along

fish have been found dead in that section of the canal, suggests that some form of pollution was the cause. Possibly a diesel spill from a passing boat. I've since heard that several mallard were affected, also on the canal. The adults now seem fully recovered, but won't breed again until next year. The two other cygnets from the canal near Focus Do It All are recovering.

I've just received an interesting report about a swan ringed at



the canal near Focus Do It All, on Tarvin Road. An examination of the dead birds was carried out, but with no sign of the lead poisoning which had been suspected, and the Vet could not find any obvious reason why they had died. However the fact that at the time of the incident, the two adult birds were smothered with an oily substance, and that during the last few weeks many

Chester in 1998, being seen at Hay on Wye a distance of 140km., and the moult flock on the River Dee has now reached a total of 57 swans. Locally things are very quiet, as despite the comparatively warm weather there are few butter or dragonflies around. A yellow hammer and skylark were seen in Plough Lane recently, with a sparrow hawk killing a magpie on the

church lawn. There seem to be fewer swallows, house martins and swifts nesting this year, although many young can now be seen feeding in the air over the fields all around the village. I know many people are as concerned as we are, about the water level at the Pit. Just to reiterate for those people new to the village, that this is purely due to evaporation by the sun and transpiration through the leaves of the plants, and the severe lack of rainfall in our area over the last two years. The only source of water the Pit has is rain water, and from nearby road drains. We are not yet at the low levels of 1975/6, but we do need some decent rainfall in the next few weeks to see us through the summer.

David Cummings

THANK YOU

Christleton and Littleton Conservatives wish to thank all who so generously donated bottles for the Tombola stall at the village fete.

CARE

I recently wrote about CARE (Christian Love in Action) in connection with the Pregnancy Advice Service organised under their auspices. CARELINKuk. CARE's unique referral service has already helped many people with a diversity of problems, ranging from – for example – alcoholism, accommodation needs, and emotional to debt advice and unexpected pregnancy.

Now the popular helpline has been transformed into a comprehensive, open access, userfriendly website [HYPERLINK "http://www.carelinkuk.org"](http://www.carelinkuk.org) www.carelinkuk.org. This online directory offers instant access to a growing range of specialist caring agencies throughout the country. To find appropriate help, concerned friends, family members, church leaders, community workers etc simply need to insert the type of care support they are looking for. The CARELINKuk directory will then provide a list of potentially helpful organisations – free of charge.

Liz Evans

Feature of the Month Christleton Women's Institute

Congratulations to the members of Christleton Women's Institute, who celebrated the 80th Birthday of the branch on Wednesday 9th June 2004. The six founder members were a Miss Griffiths, Miss Roberts, Mrs Keyes, Mrs Cullimore, Mrs Oswald-Smith and Mrs Partington. Meetings were usually held in members homes e.g. at Faulkners Lodge, Rock House and Holly Bank (now Birch Heath Lodge), until Mrs Porritt gave the land for an Institute to be built next to the Christleton Men's Institute. Members donated bricks and purchased chairs. Several gave money and others loaned money for the project to be completed. This building was their home for about 70 years, and contained a superb stage, the setting for many memorable plays and musicals, which were later performed all over the county. The members often took part in pageants, and at one time had an excellent choir. Many members went on

to star on the stage with CVP, Christleton Village Players. On several occasions in the 1920's they ran the village fete, and have manned stalls every year since. In 1976 led by Mrs Emma Hall they were the main force in organising events to enable Christleton to take part in a Festival of British Villages which was a very successful and enjoyable event.



In the early days members learned many new skills through courses in needlework, art, Christleton Parish Magazine

design and cookery, making useful items for the home etc. These skills proved vitally important during the war years when the emphasis was providing enough nourishing food, and even providing clothing for the family. One of the skills developed during this time was the skill of canning fruit, and the Institute bought its own canning machine for use by members. There was a membership of over 140 ladies at its peak, and they were involved in many aspects of village life. They gained a great deal from their membership, took part in competitions and learned about wider aspects of life through regular contributions by Guest speakers on a variety of useful topics, medical, social and practical. Christleton also had Friday Dance Night with Gordon McClelland on the piano and Mick West as MC. In the sixties they held regular folk dances.

During the war members met at the Scout Hut, because the WI Hall was requisitioned as a hospital. Incidentally the Men's Institute became the ARP Headquarters.

Today members meet at 7.15pm on the second Wednesday of the month at The Parish Hall

and also hold a whist drive there on the last Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm. They are still committed to contribute both to the local community, and to the country through their three annual resolutions, which are debated at National Conference. Some branches contribute to WI Markets, which are held all over the country, and support events such as the Cheshire Show with sales, demonstrations and displays in the WI Tent. This years programme at Christleton includes talks on Gardening, Birds, History, Lets Make etc, together with a members Produce Show in September.

Mrs Ethel Witter and Mrs Barbara Locke, Past Presidents were the Guests of Honour of President Ann Barclay at the 80th Birthday Party, and continuity from the past provided by Lucy Partington whose mother in law Mary was a founder member. Christleton WI members are a happy, friendly group and would be delighted to welcome new members. Please contact Ann Barclay, Anne Large or Maura Jones (336204) for further information.

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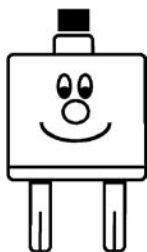
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CATHEDRAL LINK

The Friends Plant Sale held in the Cloisters recently had lots of willing helpers and raised an incredible £3,300 towards the Flower Fund and the upkeep of the Cathedral Gardens.

In the recent Organ Marathon, twenty organists took part, including Professor Ian Tracey from Liverpool Cathedral and Mrs Christine Durrands from St Luke, Holmes Chapel, celebrating 60 years as a church organist. A large group of Dutch Organists attended Choral Evensong.

Mr Rodney Duncalf, Head Verger, recently retired having held the position for 23 years and was the longest serving member of staff. Rodney excelled in making groups of people going to services in the Cathedral warmly welcome. He had time for countless people going to the Cathedral in distress or in search of a particular piece of history. We hope he and his wife Christine will enjoy a long and happy retirement.

The new Head Verger is Michael Kelsey.

Nicholas Fry has been appointed to the new post of Marketing and Press Officer.

Ian Atkinson has been appointed as Services and Events Co-ordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Simon and Julie Eccles on the arrival of their firstborn, Phoebe Grace. Phoebe is the first grandchild of Christine and the late Robin Nairn and Sue and John Eccles.

Have you ever noticed that.

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose begins to itch.

Identical parts - aren't.

Any tool, when dropped, will roll into the least accessible corner.

Nothing is as inevitable as a mistake whose time has come.

If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.

The solution to a problem changes the problem.

It is a mistake to allow any mechanical object to realize that you are in a hurry.

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the next morning you will have a flat tyre.

Dr. Barbara Tonge

Dr Tonge held a Coffee Morning at Heathfield, Tarvin Road on Saturday 19th June to celebrate Carers Week. It was a very happy occasion and she wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the occasion, by attending, for donating prizes, cakes, preserves and other items for sale. A total of £1150 was raised on the day with proceeds going to Age Concern £300, Multiple Sclerosis £300, Crossroads £300, Amnesty £75, Tools for Self Reliance £75, and Christian Aid £100.

Association. Over six hundred children from ten local schools, together with many adults took part in this now annual event. The theme was Living our Lives and Seeing Eyes; Discoveries and Opportunities. As the children walked their circuits around an inner track of the racecourse, they could see colourful pictures and read about life in a variety of developing countries, on display boards provided by Christian Aid and UNICEF. They were each provided with a Fair Trade banana from the Winward Islands and entertained by the RAF

There is a huge need for carers, and if the current carers were to disappear, this country would be faced with a bill for over £5.7 billion pounds. It's estimated that there are over 6million people who care for others in the UK, and the coffee morning was just one event to celebrate National Carers Week.

On Friday 2nd July Dr Barbara wearing yet another hat, was organising a Sponsored Walk on the Roodeye for the United Nations



Cadets Bugle Band. Some had the opportunity to learn about life in other countries given by one of the teachers from Christian Aid, and see and use a very primitive rickshaw. The event was again a great success, and raised a large sum of money for the work of UNICEF.

The photograph shows Dr Barbara enjoying the experience as a passenger in the rickshaw cycled by Frank Earl a friend and local Methodist Minister.

David Cummings

In The News.

On Sunday morning the 4th July, St James' bellringers, celebrated the birth of Ceridwen Fisher daughter of former Captain David and his wife Gill, with a quarter peal of bells. Ceridwen lay in her pram at the bottom of the Tower throughout it all, and was still smiling when the peal was completed! Clearly bell ringing is in her genes.



Parish Rambling Group. Rambling Group Social Event (Everyone welcome)

Saturday 30th August 5.00pm
Progressive Meal & Walk starting at 135 Queens Road, Vicars Cross, main course in Christleton and finishing at 25 Croft Close Rowton. A meal with three courses along the way. We will be using paths and towpaths and as the Chester section of the canal is now well surfaced, we hope to encourage wheel chair users and cyclists to join us. The maximum return distance is 6 miles and transport could be arranged for those who just wish to go one way. Please let us know if you wish to take part, in order that we can arrange catering.

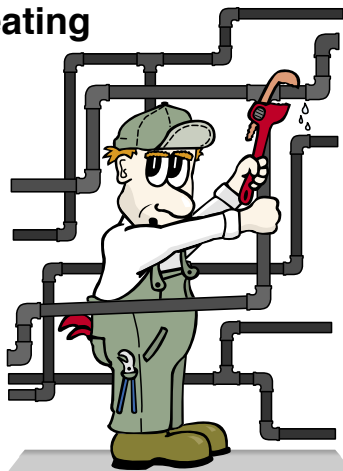
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LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.30 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James. For further details please contact Berenice Hogg, 336779.

CHRISTLETON LADIES GUILD

Held at the Christleton Methodist Church, commencing at 2pm, Tuesdays fortnightly, £1 admission includes refreshments. For further information contact Joan Webb, 375076. All very welcome.

OPEN HOUSE GROUPS

The Monday Afternoon Group meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the home of Rena Griffiths, 24 Hawthorn Road, Christleton. Contact Margaret Bass (335517) for further information.

There will be no Monday Afternoon Open House during July and August.

CHRISTLETON

METHODIST CHURCH

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.

There will be no meeting in August

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Edna Ellis telephone Chester 346497.

CHRISTLETON W.I.

MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

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

LOCAL EVENTS DIARY



There will be no meeting in August.

CAR BOOT SALE

A Car Boot Sale is being organised at the Cheshire Cat **on 18 September at 9.0 am**

by Janet Milton and John Pearson

with proceeds going to the Christmas Charities nominated by St James Church. We are asking for your help. Can you bring a car boot with "new to you" items, things you've stored in the garage/attic & no longer want, and join us at the Cheshire Cat. A bacon sandwich breakfast will be supplied by the Cheshire Cat to all boot sellers. Please help towards this Christleton church and local community event by giving Janet Milton a ring on Chester 335469 or John Pearson a ring on 335101. Let us help others less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

August, 2004

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COFFE MORNING and BOOK SALE

Wednesday 18 August

At the home of Rena Griffiths
**24 Hawthorn Road,
Christleton**
100.00 am - 12.30 pm

Bring and Buy/Raffle
In aid of Raby Hall Autistic
Community, Wirral

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the September edition are sent to the Editor, David Bull, The Old Rectory, Plough Lane, as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 13 August.**

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The July magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday 29 August.

EXPLORING NORMANDY AND THE LOIRE VALLEY

Two days after the 60th Anniversary we visited the invasion beaches at Utah, Omaha and Arromanches. It was incredibly busy still with lots of army vehicles, jeeps completely fitted out with every imaginable piece of equipment.

There were USA uniforms everywhere, many of them worn by the French who had really got into the spirit of things and were more open about the history than in the past. Many school parties, including British ones were there experiencing the incredible cinema in the round where one was taken into the landing craft and into battle and its aftermath. The cemeteries as always were beautifully maintained by the War Graves Commission and fresh flowers and flags had been placed on the graves. We stayed one night in Cr  pon a few miles inland from Arromanches and at the small village war memorial was an account of the winning of the only VC on D-Day by St. Major Stanley Hollis who had saved his men and destroyed several of the enemy. The only person at one of the farms was

a 10 year old boy whom he made sure was safe. After the war, Stanley went back to the village and discovered that the farm was then owned by the man who had been the boy and he re-visited and stayed with him for many years. Movingly, a wreath had been laid that weekend by his daughter and his granddaughter. It was hard to realise in that sleepy village that more than 40,000 troops had been stationed there during the war and in the fortified farmhouse where we stayed.

As we motored along one of the empty D roads we noticed a large elderly man in a ditch and thinking there must be something amiss, we stopped. He appeared to have had some kind of heart attack and had gone into the ditch with his motorbike. Alf helped him into the shade across the road and recovered the bike and his helmet and flagged down a lorry, which drove on, to our dismay, but he had gone further on to a house with a telephone. Meanwhile, we flagged down another car and a lady stopped and was a great help. She must have been a nurse or had some medical knowledge and wrapped him up in a foil blanket which she

had in her car. Meanwhile Alf had donned his yellow jacket (which one needs to carry in France) and directed the traffic. Eventually the medical section of the Sapeurs et Pempiers (the Fire Brigade) arrived and gave him oxygen, then an ambulance came and it took four men all their time to lift him onto a stretcher and take him off to hospital. There was much shaking of hands all round especially of the Fire Brigade and Ambulance team even before they started attending the poor accident victim. We said a prayer for him and hope that he is making a good recovery. We felt that we had done our good deed for the day.

Fontevraud Abbaye in the Loire Valley is a wonderful building with a history going back hundreds of years, for many of them governed by Abbesses. Of great interest to us were the tombs of our early Royals, King Henry II, Richard the Lionheart and Eleanor of Aquitaine lying recumbent in a peaceful area, tombs of the local stone and painted in bright colours, now fading.

A visit to the Cathedral in Sées town, twinned with Southwell in Nottinghamshire, proved both

cool and musical. The organ was being played, and a man rehearsing an aria for a later performance, was singing. We were amazed to discover, when he came down from the Loft; that the organist was elderly and completely blind!

We shall long remember our 2004 visit to France.

Alf and Margaret Croston

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Imagine you were born blind, are ten years old and live in a country where life is a struggle, even for the fully-sighted. That is the challenge facing children in places like the Philippines and India. Now Feed the Minds has received an urgent request for additional Christian Braille materials from partners in each of these countries.

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As from 2 August 2004, Chester Cathedral will be introducing an entrance charge for visitors. The costs of maintaining the fabric of this historic building increase day by day, and donations from visitors and other sources now fall well short of the thousands of pounds required on a daily basis. But it is not just a matter of bricks and mortar – the Cathedral cannot develop its Ministry to the City and wider community without adequate funding. At the moment, we are just managing to survive by putting off projects and cutting back on staff, but it is simply not possible to continue in this way or to undertake any new outreach initiatives. A number of ways of encouraging donations have been undertaken, but these have not proved effective, and so the Chapter have regretfully taken the decision to charge admission.

Adults will be asked to pay £4.00, Pensioners, Students and Groups over 10 will pay £3.00, a Family Ticket will be £10.00, and children between the ages of 5 – 16 will pay £1.50. Each paying visitor will receive a free ‘guidePORT’ digital audio tour.

However, in order to make sure that Chester residents will still be allowed free entry, any holder of a Chester City Charisma card will be able to enter free of charge. There are already about 50,000 cards in circulation in the City and these will be made available to any member of the Cathedral congregation as well as parishes. A Charisma card holder will be able to purchase the guidePORT tour for only £1.50.

Entry will be via the south transept door; there will be an easily moveable barrier across the transept so visitors will be able to enter and come part of the way down the transept, thus getting a wonderful view of the organ. The pay point will be situated here so it will be very easy for visitors to pay and continue their visit. We are also hoping to introduce a major new exhibition, thus further enhancing a visit to the Cathedral.

A separate chapel without charge will be set aside for private prayer.

The present visitors’ entrance will become the exit, and a small ‘branch’ of the Cathedral shop will be situated here. School

groups will still be able to use this way in so that they can access the Education Room easily. The shop and Refectory will both be accessible without paying either by coming in the present visitors' entrance or via the Abbey Square steps; anyone coming in this way will be able to buy an entrance ticket in the shop, although they will have to go to the south transept if they want a guidePORT tour.

Opening hours are also going to change; on a weekday the Cathedral, the shop and the Refectory will be open at 10.00 am but stay open until 7.00 pm. Charging will not come into force on a Sunday until 12.30 pm.

Everything will be kept under constant review and changes may well need to be made in the light of experience. Hopefully, all these new measures will help the Cathedral expand its Ministry, welcome visitors and preserve and protect the fabric for future generations.

Everything is Wonderful
My face in the mirror
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty,
The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely
And so does my lawn.
I think I might never
Put my glasses back on.

In a word – HOPE

The word 'hope' can have a variety of meanings. For instance, the cricket team need 200 more to win, and the last pair are at the wicket. "What a hope!" says a spectator. In fact, he means that there is no hope at all of winning.

Two neighbours are talking and one says, "Is that right that you are going to France this summer?" and the other replies, "I hope so! I've got the tickets here!" In other words, "Yes!" – unless some calamity occurs to spoil the plan. It's almost a certainty.

In Christian and biblical use, the word 'hope' is used very much like this second example, and not at all like the first.

During the war the island of Malta stood out against raid after raid by Italian and German planes; it stood astride their supply route to North Africa. At first, all they had on the island were three old fashioned biplanes – Gloster 'Gladiators' – known as 'Faith', 'Hope' and 'Charity', after the three virtues Paul writes of in his first letter to the Corinthians. If faced, you'd think that the 'hope'

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CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

The good results achieved by all the teams during June are shown by league positions. The 1st team is currently second in the County league Division 1. They have also progressed to the last 16 in the National Village Knockout competition, playing against Stainsby Hall near Derby. The prize is a visit to Lord's, the home of cricket, to play the final. The Chairman, Gareth Davies, welcomes supporters from the village on July 5th for the quarter final, should we be successful against Stainsby Hall.

We have also progressed to the semi-final of the Boughton Hall Knockout.

The 2nd X1 are currently in 3rd position in their league, only 3 points off a promotion place.

The 3rd X1 are in 1st place after some good results. The team fields many young cricketers, a positive situation for the future of the club.

Over 60 boys and girls attend coaching on a Monday evenings and are now playing regular matches against local teams.

The Women's team are so far unbeaten and top of their

league.

Christleton Cricket club is progressing on all fronts. The ground is a credit to the village and the success in the National Village Knockout has been recorded in both the Daily Telegraph and The Times.

Unfortunately however the future of the sports club is far from secure. Our existing 30 year lease has expired and despite three years of discussions with the Parish council, who are the trustees, we have yet to agree a new lease.

Finally we would like to convey our thanks to our June match sponsors:

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they had was like the cricket team's – not very much at all.

When you think about it there is only slight difference between Christian 'faith' and Christian 'hope'.

'Faith' means 'Trust', trust in a person and in his reliability and truthfulness. We put our trust in Jesus Christ because we believe He is God Almighty – because of the things He said and did, and because He rose from death to everlasting life. Most of all we trust him because, being God, He died on the cross to rescue us from all the effects of our sinful disobedience.

Then because of our faith in him we have a 'Hope' that is total confidence that He will keep his promises to us, and that we shall definitely be going – not "to France this year" but to the glory of his presence for ever. We even begin to experience that very thing here and now, as a foretaste of what is to come!

New perils

A child, who misheard, once prayed while trying to memorise the Lord's Prayer: "...and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil..."

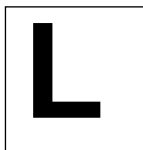
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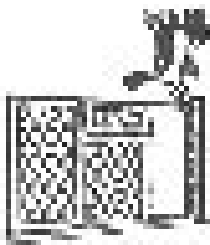
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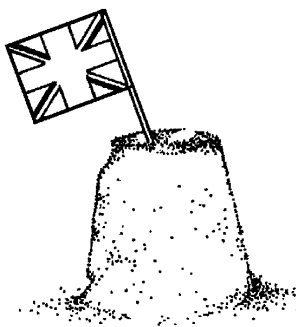
HOLIDAYS

Are you going on holiday soon? Even a hundred years ago people rarely had what we now think of as proper holidays.

The word 'holiday' comes from Holy Day, because in the past people didn't have time off as we do now. In medieval times they didn't have to work on special holy days like Easter, Christmas and saints' days. Each holy-day started with a special service in church.

These holidays were spread throughout the year, most were only a single day to celebrate a particular saint, but the Christmas holy-days were twelve days long.

Altogether the holy-days added up to eight weeks in the year - which is longer than most people get for their holidays now.



BIBLE HS

All the answers in this Bible quiz begin with the letter H - can you find them all? There are clues for the more difficult ones. Answers are at the bottom of the page.

1. A king of Tyre, he sent cedar wood to King David.
2. River that led into the Euphrates (2 Kings, chap. 17).
3. Samuel's mother.
4. Another name for Mount Sinai.
5. The wise men were warned not to go back to his court.
6. Caiaphas was this.
7. One of Noah's sons.
8. A spring where Gideon camped (Judges, chap. 7).



The house we stayed in on holiday last year was only a stone's throw from the beach and very easy to find. All the windows were broken!

The weather was so bad on my holiday that when we went to the zoo the keeper was building an



Answers:
1.Hiram 2.Habor 3.Hannah
4.Horeb 5.Herod 6.High Priest
7.Ham 8.Harod

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12th Andrew James Brock Greenfield Cottage, Greenfield Lane,
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"Those who God has joined together, let not man divide"

The Funeral Service.

11th Maurice Bewley 5 Toll Bar Road, Christleton.
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"Rest eternal grant unto them"

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	698-19			
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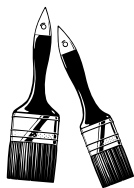
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