

Parish Magazine



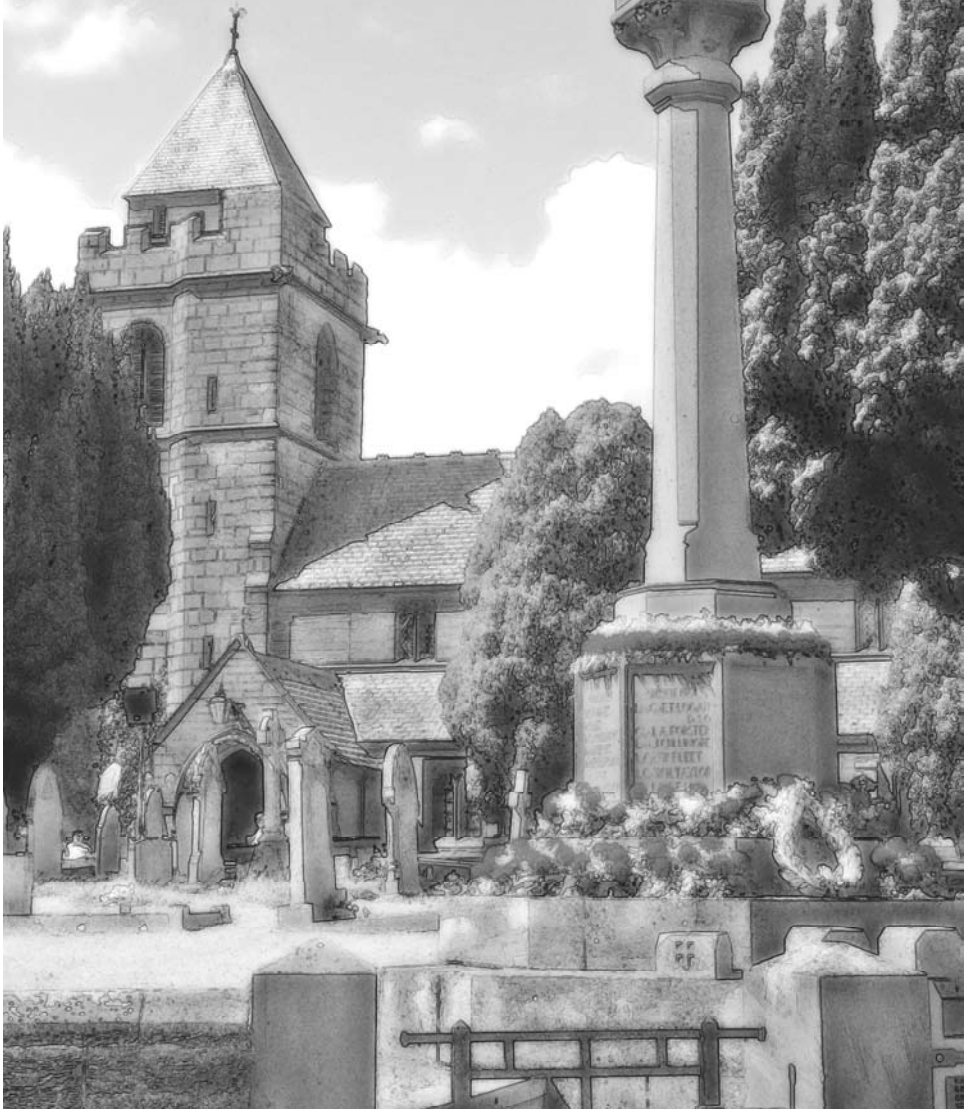
November 2007

St. James'

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Christleton

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Remember in November

Sun	4		ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		12 noon	Holy Baptism
		6.30 pm	All Souls Service
			Prayer Link Road: Skips Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Pat Hawkes
Mon	5	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		2.00 pm	PCC Standing Committee -The Rectory
Wed	7	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	Stewardship Committee - Plough Lane
Thur	8	2.00 pm	Churches Together Committee - Methodist Church
		7.45 pm	Pastoral and Outreach Committee -Plough Lane
Fri	9	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
			NB: Last date for contribution to DECEMBER Parish Magazine to The Rector (335663). Earlier if possible please. You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk
Sun	11		Remembrance Sunday
			The Third Sunday before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE with 2 minutes silence and followed by wreath laying at War Memorial
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Brickfield Lane and Tarvin Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Roger Bellamy, Nigel Seddon, Huw Morgan, John Carruthers
Mon	12	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Faith and Worship Committee - The Rectory
Wed	14	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	16	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	18		THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Evensong with speaker from Children's Society and offertery of boxes
			Prayer Link Road: The Park Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Kingston
Tues	20	9.00 am	Walking Group leaves car park for Shropshire
Wed	21	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	23	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	24	10.00 am	CHRISTMAS FAIR (see posters) - Parish Hall
Sun	25		CHRIST THE KING
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Morning Prayers with Baptisms - followed by refreshments
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion Prayer Link Road: The Square Neighbourhood Link: Liz Evans
Mon	26	7.45 pm	Deanery Synod - Boughton
Wed	28	10.45 am 7.45 pm	Holy Communion followed by refreshments PCC Meeting - Parish Hall
Fri	30	9.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion for ST ANDREW Choir Practice



THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

MUSTARD SEED

Jesus Said: "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." (Luke 17:6) Some commentators suggest Jesus is here just exaggerating, or that he was joking to make a point. Maybe, but what is the point? The point is the nature of faith. Elsewhere Jesus spoke of a tree growing from the smallest mustard seed. Jesus is saying that faith is like that. That the smallest seed of faith, in time, can move mountains – and trees! In my lifetime impossible things have happened : a man walking on the moon; power sharing in Northern Ireland; the end of Apartheid; pulling down the Berlin Wall. And we can think of the faith of those so long ago who fought to have slavery abolished or to eradicate disease.

In November we remember those who nurtured the seed of faith; however small. We remember All Saints; those who kept the faith alive in sometimes terrible situations and yet found that the 'blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church' and that through their witness the faith spread throughout the known world. Similarly All Souls commemorates the faith and example of those who have gone before us. Remembrance Sunday also commemorates the 'faithful few' who fought to keep the seed of freedom alive and who were prepared even to give their lives in the faith that their sacrifice would further the cause of freedom and justice, and enable their families and those who came after them, to enjoy the fruit of their 'seed of faith'.

Recently I read in the Church Times an interview with the broadcaster John Humphries. In it he said:- "I have spent many years working in third world countries and have been hugely impressed by what small charities do there. There are literally thousands of tiny charities in poor countries set up by people with only one motive: to help the most vulnerable and those most in need – especially orphaned children." He has set up an organisation called Kitchen Table Charities" (www.kitchentablecharities.org). He got the title from our friends Willie and Gail Fulton who started the Mango Tree Trust (www.themangotree.org) which the Christmas Fair supported two years ago. The title refers to relatively small charities, like theirs, which are run from the kitchen table, without large organisation and administration costs. These are examples of faith, growing from tiny seeds to achieve impossible results – children doomed to rejection, poverty and homelessness; fed, dressed, educated and loved.

In our own way, we shall be encouraging the seeds of faith to grow, in different ways in November. We have the Offertory of our Children's Society boxes at Evensong on 18 November to support that work with vulnerable children to give them new life and hope. Then our Christmas Fair on 24 November will this year support the Mothers' Union Worldwide Fund internationally for their work with children and families in desperate need; Huntington's Chorea, nationally, in planting seeds of hope to families facing the devastation of that disease and locally, Save the Family for their new project at Cotton Hall Farm to help families in great need.

Sometimes when we are confronted by the enormity of all that needs to be done on an international, national and local level to alleviate suffering, we are tempted to give up and feel there is nothing we can do about it. That is when we need to remember the mustard seed and how it can grow to a great tree from a tiny seed. If our faith is like that, says Jesus, we too can do great things and help to move the mountains of problems that people face. November calls us to remember those who have gone before us in the faith, and all that God was able to do through them, from sometimes tiny beginnings, and apparently hopeless situations. Then we shall be encouraged to do what we can to plant seeds in the faith that God will bless the growing with miraculous effects.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Prayer of the Month:

John Kingsnorth

*Your kingdom, O God, is among us as a seed growing secretly.
Let it burst into flower in this our generation.
Where the poor are raised up, there is your kingdom;
where justice flows down like the mountain streams,
there is your kingdom;
Where men and women yield their lives to Christ and to the doing of his will,
there is the hidden treasure of your kingdom.
Help us, O God, to read the signs of the times,
to discern the kingdom's presence,
and to make it known in prophetic words and committed lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

People in the News



Annie Young

Congratulations and best wishes from all her friends at St James' to Annie who celebrated her 90th Birthday at the beginning of October.



Berenice Hogg

Good wishes to Berenice as she begins her work as a Pastoral Worker in the Parish, seeking ways to involve and encourage young families in the life of our church, in addition to her role of leading our Sunday School.

Charles Clubbe



Congratulations to Charles, a member of the choir at St James, who recently completed an unusual sponsored fishing challenge to raise a magnificent sum of £864 for the Welsh Air Ambulance Service. In order to achieve this task Charles fished off all 57 pins at the Trap Fishing Pool in Buckley, only moving on from a peg if he caught a fish.

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Mark & Elizabeth Cleave

Congratulations to Mark & Elizabeth, members of the church choir who were married at St James' on September 8th. Their service taken by the Rector, was one of great joy and happiness and celebrated in the presence of a large number of family and friends. The service contained a wonderful range of music sung by members of St James' Choir, the Chester St Cecilia Singers, and soloist Helen Strange. This was followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Christleton

Congratulations to the Village on coming second in the 2007 Best Kept Village Competiton. With thirteen other villages in the class, we were runners up to Audlem a much bigger village in South Cheshire. Much of the cleanliness of the village is down to the hard work each day of Derek Garner, We wish him a speedy recovery after his recent serious illness.



Adopt a Grave scheme

This term each patrol at 2nd Christleton Guides has adopted a grave in the Churchyard as part of the Adopt a Grave scheme. Below each patrol describes the graves they are looking after. If anyone else is interested in adopting a grave please contact Keith Smalls telephone number 335688.

We are the Penguin patrol and we have adopted a War hero's grave. His name is Henry Edwards and he died aged 27. He was a Private in the Cheshire Regiment and he has a wife named Mary-Elizabeth who died aged 91 and a daughter called Alice.

We are the Starfish Patrol and we are looking after Sarah Ann, Harriet and Joseph Mayers grave. They all lived in Christleton and were important people in the village. We have tidied and put some flowers on the grave.

The Dolphin patrol has adopted Thomas Lakeland's grave. He was a school teacher of a boy's school in Christleton. His grave is mostly in Latin. The building in which he worked is now Birch Heath Lodge nursing home.

We, the Parrot Patrol, are looking after the grave of Ada and Edward Porrit and their son Edward. They live in Christleton Grange. They gave Christleton the Men's Institute and land for the Women's Institute. Their son, Edward, died in France during World War 1.

The Elephant patrol has adopted a grave of a girl called Elizabeth Mayers. We are going to look after it over the year by cleaning it and putting flowers on it.

2nd Christleton Guides

Confirmation 08

There will be a Confirmation at St James on Sunday 11 May 2008, which, appropriately, will be Whitsunday. It is to be taken by the new Bishop of Birkenhead, The Rt Revd Keith Sinclair. As this is slightly earlier than usual Junior candidates will be meeting for the first time on Monday 3 December in the Lady Chapel at 6.30 pm. I shall be arranging to meet any adults who are interested in the new year and will give details later. If you know of anyone who might be considering being Confirmed please let them know. If anyone would like to talk about the possibility please contact the Rector (335663).



**The
Children's
Society**

With children, for children, with you

BOX OPENING 2007

I am very pleased to inform you that Mr Keith Anderson, newly appointed Diocesan President of The Children's Society, will be the guest speaker at our special Offertory Service on the 18th November at 6.30 pm. During the service the collecting boxes will be offered at the Altar, so Box Holders would you kindly take special note of the time and date! If you are unable to attend the service, will you please ensure that your box is handed in to church by the 18th - any problems, give me a ring.

In his role as Diocesan President and Chair of the Chester Committee Keith has close contact with many of the North West's Society projects and sees at first hand the difference your support has made to so many disadvantaged children. In October I had the privilege to attend, alongside Keith, a very special Festival of Thanksgiving and Rededication held in Liverpool Cathedral. The day was full of colour and music, reflecting the vibrancy and enthusiasm children and young people have of life. We also had time to explore some of the issues and problems faced by many in our society today.. The day was entitled 'Every child deserves a good childhood' and followed The Edward Rudolf Memorial Lecture held the previous evening, presented by Professor Jonathan Brad-

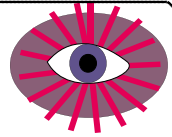
shaw co-author of the recent UNICEF report 'Child poverty in perspective; an overview of child well-being'. The Children's Society was the UK partner in this research and the report put the UK bottom of the league of 25 of the world's wealthiest countries. Although we're better off materially as a nation, some things are getting worse. Over the last 50 years, we have seen increases among children of mental health problems, alcohol abuse and drug abuse. Our multi-billion pound industries market to increasingly younger audiences; junk food takes up the major advertising slots on children's television. Children are expected to grow up earlier. Britain scored particularly badly in both peer and adult/child relationships and we have some of the highest rates of 'harming' behaviour.

The Children's Society launched The Good Childhood Inquiry in 2006 because it believes this is an issue that needs to be brought to a wider audience. There are many factors which contribute to children experiencing a poor childhood, to feeling alone and isolated, without the understanding and support they need. The Children's Society seeks to provide vital help and understanding for those forgotten children who face the greatest danger, discrimination or disadvantage in their daily lives, children who are unable to find the help and support they need elsewhere. I do hope you will be able to join us at the Service and take the opportunity to find out more about these issues and the work the Children's Society.

Many thanks,

Lesley Morgan

Nature Notes



The highlight for me this month was the sighting of an elephant hawk moth caterpillar. Moths like butterflies can be found in all sorts of shapes and sizes. Most moths have little colour, but the elephant hawk moth is an exception. It is a beautiful insect with delicate pink markings that blend in well with its favoured food source, wall valerian and pink honeysuckle. The caterpillars have excellent camouflage making them difficult to see, but the elephant hawk moth also has two huge false eyes to deter and scare predators. These caterpillars can hardly see at all, and possess six small eyes to help determine light and dark. It does not have lungs for breathing.

Instead it has tiny holes called spiracles on both sides of its body to draw in oxygen. Every week or so the skin of the growing caterpillar becomes too tight and splits down the back, to reveal a new skin underneath. As it sheds its old skin it swells the new one by breathing through the spiracles, and then remains still while the new skin hardens.

The Pit swans are now on the move, flying over the canal and fields each day, calling out to each other in “excitement!”, as they sometimes dodge over roofs in our Close. Two cygnets have already left, but the cob seems to be happier swimming on the canal rather than flying with the rest of the family.



I had a few hours to spare last week and went down to the River Dee marshes to bird watch. The highlights included seeing a great white egret, three little egrets, several ruff, good numbers of bar tailed godwits, two spotted redshank, and a wonder-



ful close up sighting of a very elusive water rail. Water rails are members of the coot/moorhen family, but are rarely seen. I had some excellent sightings and even managed to photograph the bird seen in this article. People often say, that excessive fruits in the hedgerow mean a hard winter, I'm not sure what to make of a family of five whooper swans from Greenland arriving on the River Dee marshes on 29th September, when the first arrivals are usually in early November!!.

David Cummings

MAKING HISTORY

If you should be in London before 2 December an exhibition at The Royal Academy is well worth a visit. It has been organised by the Royal Society of Arts and the Society of Antiquaries of London. The exhibition is curated by Dr David Starkey and celebrates 300 years of the Society of Antiquaries.

The Exhibition ranges from paintings, prints and drawings, manuscripts and historical artefacts. It includes over 180 treasures, many on show for the first time, such as a Bronze Age shield, a Limoges enamel casket depicting the murder of Thomas a Becket, the 12th century Lindsey Psalter, and a processional cross from the Battle of Bosworth in 1485.

Throughout its history the Society has been at the forefront of developing new technologies to further the study of the past and has paid a significant role in identifying, preserving and creating our understanding of the history of Britain.

Margaret Croston.

Places to Visit

Little Moreton Hall

Situated near Congleton about an hours drive from Christleton, Little Moreton Hall is one of the most magnificent timber framed buildings in the country. Built in 1504 for the Moreton Family, it is surrounded by 1,300 acres of farmland, a delightful rural setting. Oaks provided the material for the

in the wooden frame, and lime wash was added to the daub to give the house its distinctive (black & white) look. The roofs and chimneys are also interesting features, bringing huge slates and colourful bricks to help control both rainwater and fires respectively. The chimneys are on the outside of the structure to



timber framing, which was erected on a stone base using a system of pegs and studs. Oak laths and daub, a mixture of sand, clay, straw and cow dung was used to fill the spaces in between the main oak frame. There are some beautiful patterns created

prevent fire damage, and each serves several fireplaces at different levels in the house. The main roof at Little Moreton covers the long gallery, and over the 500 years or so, has pushed down on the whole structure, causing some twisting in the floors

and frame. The National Trust who now own the building has recently successfully inserted a steel frame under the main structure to prevent further damage. The famous long gallery completed in 1562 early in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I is a fine feature of this house, where walking in wet weather, dancing or other entertainments took place. Elizabethans loved fine clothes, and this was a great place to show off the fashions of the day. Children could also play here away from the gaze of the adults in the house below. Skittles was one such game. This gallery like the house also had another great status symbol of the day, leaded windows. Small pieces of shaped glass held together by lead, completely filling the larger window frames. There are many other fine features at Little Moreton including a Great Hall, Chapel, Parlour and Withdrawing rooms, but it is small enough to see a family living there very comfortably. The house is also surrounded by a moat where fish were bred, and there is a delightful knot garden behind the house. Little Moreton is worth a visit at anytime*, but look out for the special events, including medieval fair days, when actors dress up in costumes of the period and display the way of life, food, games, customs etc. that existed during Elizabethan times.

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*Check with the National Trust for dates and times of opening.

David Cummings

Moses goes to heaven

Moses died and went to heaven. God greeted him at the Pearly Gates. "Are you hungry, Moses?" asked God. "I could eat," Moses replied. So God opened a can of tuna and reached for a chunk of rye bread and they shared it. While partaking of this humble meal, Moses looked down into hell and saw the inhabitants devouring huge steaks, briskets, pheasants, pastries and wines. Curious but deeply trusting, he remained quiet.

The next day God again invited Moses to join him for a meal. Again it was tuna and rye bread. And, again, Moses could see those denizens of hell enjoying salmon, champagne, lamb, truffles, and chocolates. Still he said nothing. But the following day, when another tin of tuna was opened, he could not contain himself any longer. Meekly, he said: "God, I am grateful to be here in heaven with you as a reward for the pious, obedient life I led. But here in heaven all I get to eat is tuna and a piece of rye bread, and in that 'other place' they all eat like emperors and kings! I just don't understand."

God sighed. "Let's be honest," he said. "For just the two of us, does it pay to cook?"



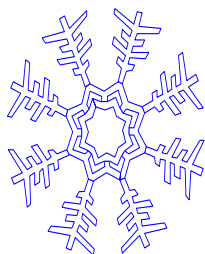
St. James' Annual Christmas Fair

Saturday 24 November 2007

Christleton Parish Hall

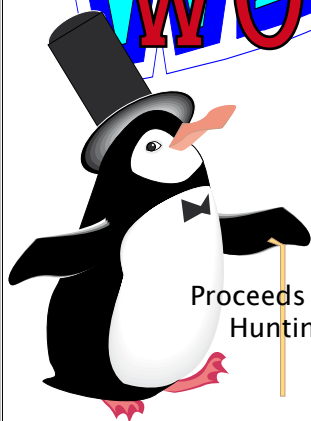
10.00 a.m. start

Entrance 50p
accompanied children free



Theme

WINTER WONDERLAND



Opening by
Rose Queen Megan Gibson

Proceeds to Mother's Union Worldwide Fund (International)
Huntington's Chorea Support and Research (National)
Save the Family (Local)

ON QUAKERS

My parents met, married, and joined the Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1936. Born four years later, I was brought up as a Quaker and made the choice for myself to become a full member when I was 17. I evolved towards the Church of England through marriage and was confirmed when I was 38. I still keep in touch with Friends and I have many Quaker friends.

Quaker worship in the British Isles takes the form of one hour of silence interspersed with ministry offered by lay members as they are “moved by God” to speak. That hour is known as a Meeting for Worship. Meetings grew steadily after the first Quakers crossed Morecambe Bay to the Lake District in 1650 led by George Fox. The places of worship, the Meeting Houses, were noted for their simple architecture and form, reflected inside by plain furniture and none of the more ornate symbols of other denominations. As Friends gather for Sunday worship they “centre down” quietly in the first few minutes into a deep silence. The early Quakers were often known as Seekers and decorative symbols and

prayers in Latin or academic forms of English were seen by them as a hindrance, rather than an aid to worship. No creed was said, nor sacramental prayers and canticles. Yet the language of the Quaker *Advices and Queries* is striking in its sensitive directness “Take heed dear Friends to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts”, for example.

Central to Friends is “that there is something of God in every person” regardless of rank or race. This leads to the well known Quaker testimonies for peace and (pacifism), education, social work, mental health, the prison service, and philanthropy in industry. There are still seven Quaker boarding schools in England and The Retreat in York was one of the earliest mental hospitals. The something of God in each person means to a Quaker that you can neither kill a person in war nor administer the death penalty to a criminal in punishment. Redemption in the sight of God is seen as an eternal possibility.

The Quaker concern for the welfare of workers in industry led the Cadbury,

Rowntree and Terry families into the manufacture of chocolate in Birmingham and York; also the Jacobs and the Bewleys in Dublin into biscuits and confectionery. Fairtrade was part of it. Individual Friends put their personal concerns into practice; one of these was Joseph Pease who helped to establish the Stockton and Darlington Railway, others became missionaries.

Quakers have always used some lovely phrases. Some early Friends “travelled in the Ministry” for periods of up to 2 or 3 years, moving from town to town, community to community, proclaiming the love of God and the importance of the Christian message.

Perhaps my favourite is when a Committee is no longer serving a useful purpose but no one dares admit it. “Dear Friends”, utters a courageous member, “I think the time has come to lay this Committee down”, in other words abolish it fast”.

Finally, how do Quakers manage (in Britain) without inducted ministers? Their “ministry of all believers” means what it says, but each Meeting has 4 or 5 Elders to watch over the meetings for worship and the spoken ministry there, and a slightly larger

group of Overseers oversee the personal welfare of members. It seems to work well. Quakers do not claim to be more perfect than anyone else and Elders and Overseers can have some quite sticky situations to deal with. I should know, I was an Elder myself for 3 years!

A small denomination maybe, but the Society of Friends offers much and I have great admiration and respect for it.

John Carruthers

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON CHRISTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy has occurred among the members of Christleton Parish Council. Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing on or before:-

22nd NOVEMBER, 2007

The applicants name must appear on the current register of Voters List or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date resided in or within 3 miles of the Parish or the applicants only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the Parish.

Please apply in writing to

Mrs Sue Thwaite
Clerk
7 Barley Croft, Great Boughton,
CHESTER, CH3 5SP

LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

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.

CHRISTLETON METHODISTS

Warmly invite you for
Coffee & Homemade Biscuits
on Saturday 3rd November
10.00am - 12.00noon
Charity Christmas Cards
Cake & produce Stall, White Elephant
Raffle
Admission £1
Proceeds to Fund for World Mission

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall
Next meeting on November 14th
Villages of Cheshire by Celia Lea

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.

CHRISTLETON GARDEN CLUB

Next Meeting
12th November
Plant Swap followed by
Fun Plant Quiz

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The December magazine will be available for collection from Church on
Sunday 25th November 2007.

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CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP FESTIVE LUNCH Wednesday 5th December 12.00 Noon

in
Christleton Parish Hall
Tickets £9
(including a glass of wine)
Available from Members
*In aid of the Children's Chronic
Arthritis Association.*

Christleton Wednesday Group QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 17 November,
Christleton Parish Hall,
7.00 for 7.30pm.
Tickets £8 from members,
(includes glass of wine & finger
buffet).
*In aid of the Children's Chronic
Arthritis Association.*

ST. JAMES (Tuesday) WALKING GROUP

Tuesday November 20th 2007.
Shropshire. Ellesmere; Lakeside,
canal towpath & farmland.
7 1/2miles easy.
Depart. Church Car Park 9.00am
Pub Meal
Further details from
David Cummings 332410

ELLESMERE PORT MUSIC SOCIETY

58th Season Autumn Concert
CIVIC HALL, ELLESMERE PORT
7 30 pm Saturday 17th November

Ellesmere Port Music Society Chorus
Conductor Michael Williams

HANDEL: Overture in D Minor arr Elgar
HANDEL: Chandos Anthem 9 "O Praise the Lord"
SULLIVAN Boer War Te Deum
ELGAR: Pomp & Circumstance March no 4
ELGAR Coronation Ode
WILLIAMS "Everyone Sang" Sassoon
– 1st public performance

Tickets 0151 327 4062
or from members of the society

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the **December**
edition are sent to the Rector, as soon as possible
BEFORE Friday 9th November or you can e-mail this to
christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

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Christleton Local History Group

**Wednesday
November 21st**

7.30pm

At Christleton Primary School
Speaker

Peter Boughton BA FSA FRSA AMA

The Story of Chester Silver

Author; Keeper of Art & Architecture
Grosvenor Museum

CHESTER WOMEN'S SAFE TRANSPORT

On the 1st October, Ealing Community Transport took over operation of Chester Women's Safe Transport and Dial-a-Ride services. The new booking details are:

CWST 0151 357 4423

Booking hours: Mon to Fri 11am - 1 pm
Service days/times: Mon to Sat 6.30 - 11 pm

Dial-a-Ride 0151 357 4420

Booking hours: Mon to Sat 9 am - 4.30 pm
Service days/times: Mon to Sat 9 am - 11 pm
Sun 9 am - 6 pm

Cancellations for both services:
0151 357 4425

Mon - Fri 9 am - 10.30 pm
Sun 9 am - 5.30 pm

General Enquiry number: Plus Bus User
Group Tel 0151 357 4420

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**Chester Bach Singers
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
With Waverton Handbell Ringers
Sunday 9 December, 7.30pm,
Tarvin Parish Church**

Saturday 15 December, 7.30pm
St Mary's Without the Walls,
Handbridge
&

Wednesday 12 December, 7.30pm,
Waverton Parish Church
-without the handbells!

Conductor: Martin Bussey

Tickets (to include seasonal refreshments): £9 (conc.£8), all students & children £5

From C.B.S.tickets 0151 677 3137
or Chester T.I.C (by Town Hall) or at the door.

WILL TAXES MAKE US MORE 'GREEN'?

In spite of the apparent popularity of taxation as a tool to tackle the UK's carbon emissions, support for green taxes is only skin deep, according to research by the chartered accountants Macintyre Hudson. Whilst 70 per cent of the 378 people surveyed believe that taxing environmentally harmful behaviour will encourage taxpayers to be greener, most specific taxes available would be hugely unpopular and, even if introduced, would do little to alter people's behaviour.

At the same time, 78 per cent of respondents said they were concerned about the damage to the environment caused by the UK's carbon emissions. Two thirds claimed to believe that green taxes set at a reasonable level are "a good idea", but few would willingly change their life styles, even if rises were quite high. Replies to questions about Air Passenger Duty were also revealing. Almost all respondents (95 per cent) said that a further rise of £10 per ticket would make no change to their travel plans. Even with a rise of £40 per tickets, 45 per cent would still fly as much as now. 61 per cent say there should be no further increase,

while 55 per cent would disagree with even a £10 increase.

The research casts a similarly cynical light upon the effectiveness of raising fuel duty. Only at high levels would there be a significant reduction in car usage. There was also strong opposition to an increase on VAT on domestic fuel. The researchers conclude that while penal green taxes could raise adequate revenue to replace (for example) Inheritance Tax, the belief that green taxes alone are a way to reduce the country's carbon emissions is sadly misplaced. These findings will come as no great surprise. But there is a challenge here, especially for Christians. If we are truly concerned about global warming, will we adapt our current lifestyles without compulsion (whatever form it takes)? Or, to paraphrase Augustine, do we pray "Please make me green - but not yet."?

A prayer on time

*Through every minute of this day
Be with me, Lord!
Through every day of all this week,
Be with me Lord!
So that when time is past
I may, at last, be with you Lord.*

A prayer by John Oxenham 1853 - 1941

St. James Church - Open all day Sundays, June, July, August and September 2007

One hundred and seventeen people (a minimum figure as not all attendances were recorded) visited St James' Church during the Sunday opening time between morning and evening services. Only on one day, August 19 were there no visitors at all – “weather awful all day” recorded by one of the patient volunteers. For the statistically minded this equates to an average of 6.88 visitors each afternoon. Surely this makes it all worthwhile?

Sixty seven volunteers helped to greet our visitors, of whom twenty-three did duty two or three times. Many, many thanks to everyone, but especially to Lois Dickinson and Betty Dunning who between them did ten duties. Only two volunteers more than last year, a far cry from the hoped for one hundred to share the load. There were so many appreciative comments from visitors many of whom had never been inside our beautiful Church before; others were there to relive their wedding, baptism or visit their former place of worship. Opening our Church to others gives such pleasure to many and is a very simple thing to do. Anyway shouldn't our doors be open whenever possible to offer a welcome? Please come and help next year and play your part in our outreach.

David Bowden - Chairman, Pastoral and Outreach Committee.

DID YOU KNOW?

Dogs and cats, like humans, are either right or left handed ... or is that paws?!

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night!

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

The placement of a donkey's eyes in its head enables it to see all four feet at all times.

Smelling bananas and/or green apples (smelling, not eating) can help you lose weight.

According to Genesis 1:20-22 the chicken came before the egg.

A duck's quack doesn't echo. No one knows why.

AN EVENING WITH

It's not often we have a 'celebrity' in the Village, but Adam Partridge came to Christleton on 3 October last when we had the pleasure of his company, knowledge and repartee for the evening.

Adam is the Principal Auctioneer and Valuer at Marshall, Surveyors of Antiques and Fine Art in Knutsford and has been with them for approximately 17 years during which time he has acquired a vast knowledge and experience within the antique trade. In his 'spare time' he is one of several 'expert valuers' taking part in the TV programme "Flog It".

The request for tickets in advance was very slow to begin with and I have to admit I was beginning to wonder if we would sell all our 100 – that number being determined by the fact that although the fire regulations allow 120 in the hall, David Mercer advised caution and for us to stick at 100 which he felt was a much safer option along with the fact that we probably only had about 100 chairs anyway!! Of course, with hindsight, (isn't it a wonderful thing) I needn't have worried because in the 2 weeks beforehand, the demand for tickets

was such that David Bowden's and my telephones were constantly ringing with requests for tickets. We sold out a week before the event and finished up with a waiting list and my phone was ringing at 6 o'clock on the evening of the 'do' asking if tickets were available!!

People started arriving quite early, probably wanting to get a front seat, and brought their favourite items along which were put on the tables and booked in for security purposes. There was a huge variety of articles of pictures, prayer books, vases, boxes, dog collars, porcelain – the list is endless, all waiting for Adam's arrival. As 7.30 pm approached there was no sign of him and one or two were beginning to worry as to where he might be but I wasn't in the least worried because I knew he was on a secret mission!!

David & Robin Barnes who live in Durban Avenue had read about Adam's visit in the September edition of the Parish Magazine and Robin really wanted to come along but realised that she would be too tired to enjoy the evening. David knew how disappointed she was & unknown to Robin he wrote to Adam explaining

ADAM PARTRIDGE

about her disability, how much she enjoyed watching the programmes on TV and asking if there would



be any way he could pay her a visit whilst in the Village. Adam's assistant telephoned David's house & Robin answered the phone but fortunately the assistant managed not to give the game away by saying she was selling double glazing! Eventually she spoke to David saying that Adam would be happy to visit before coming along to the Village Hall and, true to his word, he did just that which is why he was a little late arriving for his large audience.



Being held up in traffic on the motor way had delayed him further and unfortunately he only had about 5

minutes with Robin but the surprise on her face when he walked in was wonderful and they were both so grateful to him for taking the time and trouble to pay that special visit to Robin. Such a kind gesture from a

very busy man.

On arrival at the Parish Hall he was therefore introduced to a packed audience and proceeded to relate stories of his experience as an auctioneer and interesting stories when filming the items for Flog It. At the same time as he was talking to the audience, he was walking up and down the table inspecting some of the items on view & from time to time picked them up & described what they were, where they came from and approximately how much they would make if sent to auction. He was particularly interested in the brass dog collar which was extremely rare and a lovely miniature wooden chair. After keeping us amused for an hour he then proceeded to auction some items which had been given, anonymously, to make some more money for the funds. These were 2 pieces of Delft and 3 Royal Doulton

figurines which made £60.

The raffle then took place with Adam drawing the winning tickets for prizes which had been donated from local pubs and friendly well wishers. A vote of thanks to Adam followed which was proposed by John Milton and refreshments were available.

The total money made on the evening was £786 which was a magnificent result and a wonderful start to our charity money prior to the Christmas



Fair profits which will be added together to go to the 3 charities ie: International - Mothers' Union World-wide Fund, National - Huntington's Chorea, Local - Save the Family.

Thank you to everyone who helped in whatever way - big or small - it was so nice to see so many people in the Parish Hall enjoying themselves. I have written to Adam thanking him for joining us in Christleton and he has replied saying how pleased he was that it was such a profitable

evening and should we wish to do something similar in the future, he would be happy to help. So, perhaps in a couple of year's time, we could do it all again!

Janet Milton

That first kiss

At the end of their first date, a young man took the girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decided to try for that important first kiss. So with a put-on air of confidence, he leaned casually against the wall and said: "Well, how about a goodnight kiss?"

She gasped: "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

"Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

"No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

"Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

"No way. It's just too risky!"

"Oh please, please, I like you so much!!!"

"No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

"Oh yes you can. Please?"

"NO, no. I just can't."

"Pleeeeeease?..."

Out of the blue, the porch light suddenly went on. The door opened and the girl's sister stood there sleepily in her nightgown, her hair disheveled. Drowsily she said: "Daddy says please will you go ahead and give this guy a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud, tell him to stop leaning on the intercom button!"



St MARTIN of TOURS

St Martin of Tours? Sounds like someone who drives a bus doesn't it? But Tours is a city in France and St Martin was a Roman soldier who became a bishop and died aged 88 on 11th November in the year 397.

Martin was born into a pagan family and at the age of 10 decided that he wanted to follow Jesus. When he was 15 his father insisted that he join the Roman army. One very cold night Martin was on guard duty when a freezing beggar asked him for help. All Martin had that would help was his cloak but he would get into trouble if he gave it away. So Martin cut the army cloak into 2, gave one piece to the beggar and wore the other half.

The next night Martin had a dream where he saw Jesus wrapped in half his cloak. As Jesus tells us in the Bible: as much as you have done it for the least of my brothers and sisters you have done it for me. It wasn't easy but Martin left the army and spent the rest his life serving Jesus in the person of people who were poor and ill.

WHAT BUS?

All the answers to this quiz start with the letters BUS. So can you say what bus is...

1. A beard that grows very thickly?
2. A unit of dry measurement?
3. Someone who is very nosy?
4. Worn by a guardsman?
5. A big bird?
6. The noise of a city?
7. What they call the outback of Australia?
8. Someone who plays music in the street?
9. A small African animal that lives in trees?
10. What people do to earn a living?



What's big and red and lies upside down in the gutter?

A dead bus.

A policeman was driving round in his patrol car when he decided to call in and see his mother. He knocked on the door and his mother shouted 'Who is it?' And the policeman replied, 'It's me ma, me ma.'

Answers: 1.bushy 2.bushel 3.bushy body
4.bushy 5.bustard 6.bustle 7.bush
8.busker 9.bush baby 10.business

LEPROSY MISSION

Stamp out leprosy!

Please donate your used stamps so that money can be raised for Leprosy Mission. Stamps should be trimmed to quarter inch border around the stamp, and can be left at the back of Church.

PLEASE TELL US...

If you know of any special birthdays, anniversaries or anyone celebrating a special occasion, who is a Parish Magazine reader, please inform the editor, David Bull.

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Too many PINs hurt the brain!

How many PIN numbers do you have? Millions of us are suffering 'PIN code overload', according to recent study by the Abbey National. On average, we hold at least two credit or debit card PIN codes in our heads. But six million of us have three PIN numbers, three million of us have four PIN numbers, and almost two million of us are attempting to remember five or more! No wonder, then, that 22 million credit and debit card holders say that they regularly forget their PIN.

So - how do people attempt to keep track of all these PINs?

- 9.4 million of us keep our PIN written down, but disguise what it is.
- 5.7 million of us simply use the same PIN for all our cards.
- 4 million of us have stored our PIN on our mobile phone.
- And 2.4 million of us keep our PIN written down on a piece of paper, right beside our bank card in our wallets.

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Parish Registers for September 2007

Holy Baptism

- 16th Gemma Heeley daughter of David & Tracy Heeley
"Roma" 95 Tarvin Road, Littleton
- 16th Jacob Joseph D'Arcy son of Joseph D.Arcy & Amanda Moorcroft
11 Sheraton Road, Christleton
- 23rd Charlie Michael Deacon son of Paul Deacon & Alice Hughes
1 North Street, Boughton, Chester
- 30th William David Beddows son of David Beddows & Nicola Hassall
8 Bush Road, Christleton
- 30th Samuel Paul Wright son of Paul & Lisa Wright
5 Sutherland Way, Vicars Cross, Chester
"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

The Marriage Service

- 8th Mark Andrew Cleave 11 Chantrell Road, West Kirby
& Elizabeth Ireland Strange 3 Gowry Road, Mickle Trafford, Chester
- 13th Paul Arden Jones 4 The Smithy Flag Lane South Upton by Chester
& Joanne Rachel Clubbe 43 Toll Bar Road, Christleton
- 22nd Ian Alexander Henderson & Janette Louise Jones
28 Gladstone Road, Chester
"Those whom God has joined, let not man divide"

The Funeral Service

- 11th Stanley Nield 56 Quarry Lane, Christleton
- 17th William Stanley Rose, "Lynton" Hare Lane, Pipers Ash
- 20th Elizabeth Emma McCallum Wilson Queen Elizabeth Court, Llandudno
- 28th Roy Ernest Belchier Dale Cottage, Old Warren, Broughton

"Grant then eternal rest"

Offertories

September	Cash	CSE	2007	2006
2nd	260-30	907-40	1,167-70	1,091-84
9th	156-84	675-50	832-34	950-83
16th	218-96	587-00	805-96	702-62
23rd	234-81	827-50	1,062-31	896-10
30th	211-89	620-00	831-89	740-81
Totals			£4,700-20	£4,382-20

"Of your own do we give you"

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

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

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