

Parish Magazine



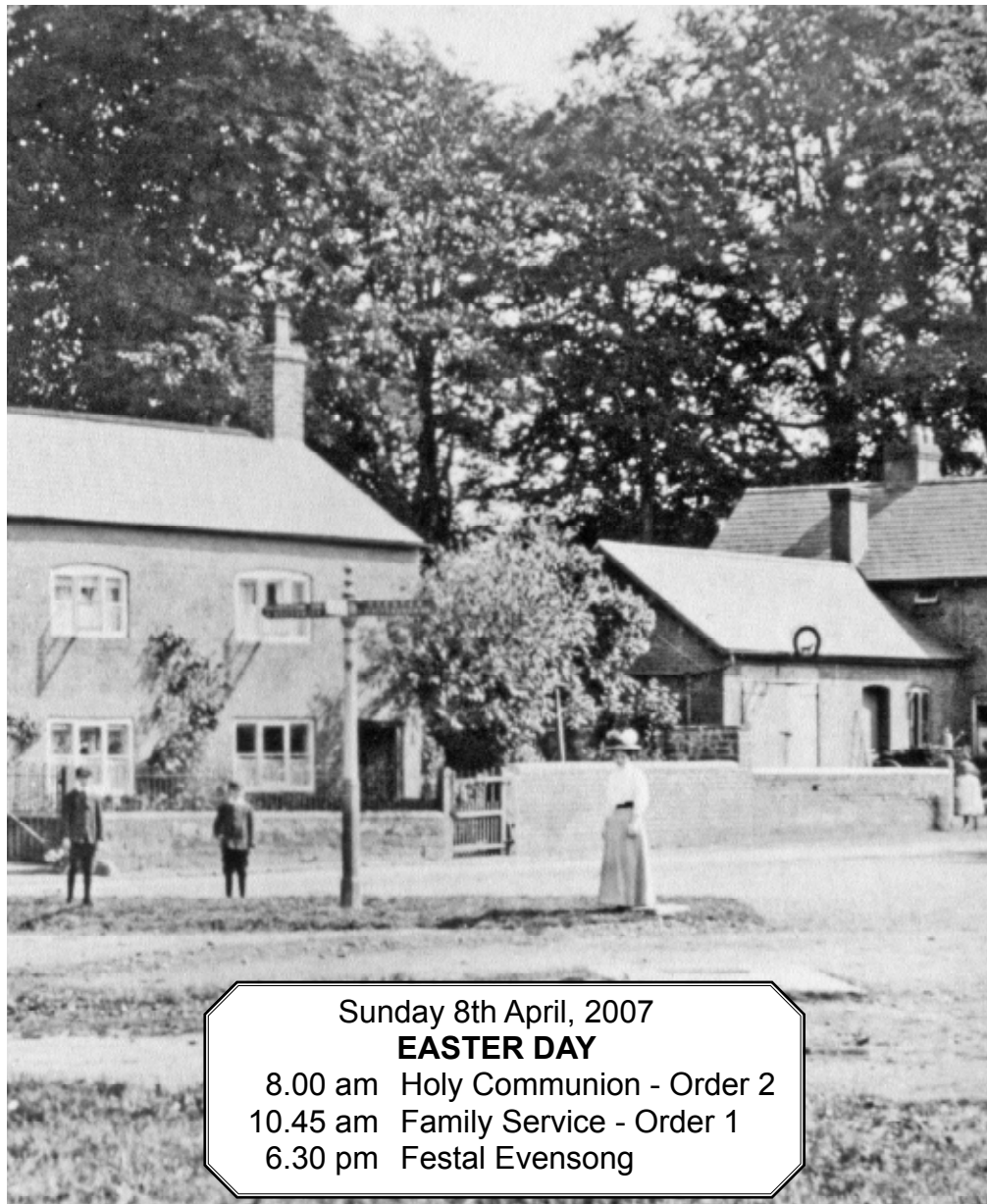
April 2007

St. James'

Christleton

30p

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Sunday 8th April, 2007

EASTER DAY

- 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2
- 10.45 am Family Service - Order 1
- 6.30 pm Festal Evensong

Appointments in April

HOLY WEEK

Sun 1

PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2

10.30 am Palm Sunday Procession from Littleton with Lucius the donkey with short act of worship in Church on arrival.

6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall

6.30 pm Passiontide Devotion in words and music
(Palm Crosses will be given at each service)

Prayer Link Road: Birch Heath Lane

Neighbourhood Link: Fiona Lee

Mon 2

10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home

11.20 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home

2.00 pm Holy Week Meditation

7.45 pm Compline (Night Prayers) and Meditation

Tue 3

7.45 pm Compline (Night Prayers) and Meditation

Wed 4

10.45 am United Communion - followed by refreshments

7.45 pm Compline (Night Prayers) and Meditation

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.45 pm United Communion - St James

GOOD FRIDAY

10.45 am Family Service followed by refreshments

2.00 pm One Hour Devotion

HOLY SATURDAY

6.30 pm Easter Vigil

Sun 8

EASTER DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2

10.45 am Family Service - Order 1

6.30 pm Festal Evensong

Prayer Link Road: Bridge Drive

Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Croston

Wed 11

10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 13

6.30 pm Choir Practice

NB: Last date for contributions for May Parish Magazine

preferably earlier, to the Rector at The Rectory, Birch Heath

Lane, or you can e-mail this to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

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Sat 14 7.00 pm David Cummings' talk with Buffet Supper (Parish Hall)

Sun 15 LOW SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1

10.45 am Parish Communion - Order 1

6.30 pm Evensong

Prayer Link Road: Brown Heath Road, Greenfield Road and Crescent. Neighbourhood Link: Val Mountcastle

Mon 16 8.00 pm Quiz Evening at Institute

Tues 17 Church Ramble Group contact David Cummings (332410)

Wed 18 10.45 am Holy Communion followed by refreshments

Fri 20 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Sun 22 The Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1

10.30 am Sunday School - Parish Hall

10.45 am Matins followed by refreshments

6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall

6.30 pm Evening Communion - Order 1

Prayer Link Road: Bush Road Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith

Wed 25 10.45 am Holy Communion for ST MARK - followed by refreshments.
7.30 pm United Rededication of Neighbourhood Links in Easter Worship with AGM of Churches Together in Christleton

Fri 27 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Sun 29 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1

10.30 am Sunday School - Parish Hall

10.45 am Matins

6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall

6.30 pm Evening Worship

Prayer Link : those worshipping at St James from outside the Parish. Neighbourhood Link Area Secretary : Anne Collier

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Living Free

I wonder how you feel as we come to Holy Week and Easter. Perhaps some feel, especially as they get older, that it's too difficult to hear the same story and go through the familiar ritual, and find new meaning. If so, perhaps somehow the observance of Holy Week and Easter has become separated from its reality and so lost its power and meaning. The purpose of the Christian year is the opposite: it is to ensure we focus on the reality of each aspect of our faith at least once a year. CS Lewis wrote: "I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." That is where we need to start in our observance of Holy Week and Easter.

So what is the reality in your own life which is given focus and expression in the familiar story? For some it is all too real and dominates their waking consciousness and haunts their sleep. Michael Bordeaux's book: 'Risen Indeed: Lessons in Faith in the USSR' described what it was like at that time and place and concludes: "They have not preserved the faith in hostile surroundings, it has preserved them." He describes standing in a church on Easter Eve in total darkness:

"A hammering and creaking from the back indicated a great door opening. 'Whom seek ye?' 'The body of Jesus.' 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, he is risen.' For the first time, the great crowd broke its silence. A murmur as though they could not believe the truth they were affirming. 'He is risen indeed' was their antiphon. But now too there was light. Someone at the back had lit the Paschal candle ... swiftly the flame passed from hand to hand ... each candle lit up a face behind it. That face bore the deep lines of sorrow, of personal tragedy. Yet, as it was illuminated, the suffering turned to joy, to the certain knowledge of the reality of the risen Lord."

That is a reality experienced by different ways by different people all over the world today, and, one way or another, it is reflected in our own lives.

'Living Free' is the title of a book written by Harry Williams, but not published till after his death. Coming from a traditional, privileged background, he was Ordained and returned to Trinity College, Cambridge. Then he had a nervous breakdown which led to prolonged analysis and treatment. This transformed his experience and expression of the Christian faith. His breakdown was a sort of necessary 'Calvary' in order to open up the reality of Easter. His book 'The True Wilderness' became

a spiritual classic with the challenge to face our true selves and discover that God's forgiveness means that God's love embraces us not as we may become, but as we are – and we have to learn to 'accept ourselves, because we have been accepted'. Harry Williams left Cambridge to become a member of the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield, and I remember the contrast at the consecration of Robert Runcie as Bishop, between the pomp and regalia of the procession with the simplicity of this ordinary figure in a monk's habit who was the preacher. In his book 'True Resurrection' Harry Williams wrote: "If we have been aware of resurrection in this life, then, and only then, shall we be able or ready to receive the hope of final resurrection after physical death. ... For only then will it be recognized as a country we have already entered and in whose light and warmth we have already lived." It was the reality of that experience which enabled him to 'live free'.

Robert Runcie recounted the story of visiting a Hospice and meeting a lady who was an artist and potter. After she died, he received her last work as her gift to him, and a testament of her faith: it was an broken eggshell. A powerful expression of the resurrection faith that she had broken out of the shell, and left behind her limitations, as she journeyed to a fuller life in the sight of God.

But what of your story? As we come to Holy Week and Easter can we open our hearts and souls to discover this is our story? As we follow Jesus on the road to Calvary and out through the open tomb, we are able to 'live free', because we 'recognise it as a country we have already entered and in whose light and warmth we have already lived.'

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Prayer of the Month: Peter Millar

With the beckoning and dawning of another day, can the fragile, yet extraordinary words of Jesus propel us to a wider awareness, a gentler compassion? To the rediscovery of the sacred in ourselves, and in our world? To that risk-taking place where the imprisoning bonds of our self-enclosed lives are finally shattered? To a different journey in a listening companionship with the prophets of our time – the wounded and weary who announce the kingdom and carry in their stories the seeds of the morrow? The 'hidden ones' in our global culture, whose pain and joy when threaded through our lives enlarge the heart and bring new meaning to our common future: the 'sacred future' where, impossible as it may seem, we 'love our neighbours as ourselves'. Amen.

ST JAMES CHURCH, CHRISTLETON

NOTICE OF MEMORIAL SAFETY INSPECTION

The Church Council is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Churchyard and an inspection of the memorials, and other items, is to be carried out.

The family of the deceased are the owners of their family memorial and are primarily responsible for the safety of the memorial.

Memorials that are found to be unsafe will be cordoned and staked. After 28 days, the Memorial is liable to be laid down. A notice will be attached to the memorial. If considered to be an immediate danger, a memorial may be laid down immediately.

DO NOT TOUCH ANY OF THESE MEMORIALS. They are liable to cause serious injury.

Family members should immediately contact David Mercer, Churchwarden, tell 01244 336155.

IF A MEMORIAL HAS BEEN LAID DOWN, DO NOT RE-ERECT IT. ANY REMEDIAL WORK MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDED CODE OF WORKING PRACTICE OF THE

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
MEMORIAL MASONS.**

**DO NOT REMOVE WARNING TAPE
OR SUPPORT STAKES.**



CHRISTIAN AID IN CHRISTLETON

WE NEED YOU

Please don't let this message fall on deaf ears! We need **YOUR** help with this year's Christian Aid house-to-house collection:

13 – 19 May.

Each year I rely on an ever faithful band of collectors, most of whom have helped for many years. This year I know in advance that there are several volunteers who, for health reasons or because they have moved away from the area, will not be able to take part.

If you feel that you could volunteer I would be most grateful. It would be a shame not to be able to cover every house in the Parish and the more collectors we have the fewer houses each will have to cover.

Please ring me

Fiona Lee (335663)

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People in the News

John Carruthers

Congratulations to John a well known member of the congregation of St James' and a tenor in the choir. He has recently been awarded a very unique medal for his work in the rebuilding of The Frauenkirche in Dresden, and for his continuing activities for peace and reconciliation for that city.

John has always had many connections with Germany, through his work as an officer of Cheshire County Council and student exchange schemes, especially with the town of Fulda. He became involved in the efforts of peace and reconciliation, and in the rebuilding of The Frauenkirche in Dresden through his many student links, and it was appropriate that as he was unable to attend the ceremony itself, was represented by two young German students who have both visited and worshipped at St James'. Bertram and Dorothea a University lecturer, and young teacher respectively.

John first started visiting Dresden in 1997, and saw the work progressing on the rebuilding of the Frauenkirche which had been flattened by allied bombing raids on the city in 1945. He is now Chairman for the Dresden Trust based in Chichester, which has raised more than £2 million towards both the rebuild and educational initiatives benefiting young people in the two countries. John states that "Dresden is a beautiful city, and the people so welcoming. It is an honour to be given such an award"

David Cummings





Cover Picture



The April cover by Reg Morgan shows the scene at the bottom of Village Road, where it joins with Plough Lane. The building on the left currently being restored is an old Inn “Hen Davarn” the Welsh for Old Tavern, and the doorway leads to the small room at the back, which was a Dame School run by Catherine Mayers, a sister of George Mayers, the Schoolmaster and Parish Clerk, and expert bell-ringer. Dame School’s rarely had more than fifteen pupils and was a kind of kindergarten for the younger pupils in the village. The Inn itself was called the “Bottom of the Wood” and was a well established village hostelry. It seems that was a link from here directly into the nearby “Ice House” mentioned earlier in this series. The wood of course belonged to the Rector who lived in “The Grange”(The old Rectory) higher up on Village Road. Remnants of these trees still survive, between the houses of the Park and the entrance to Christleton High School.

The building on the right is the Old Smithy, which was of vital importance to the life of the village, and it’s then farming community. The two boys are wearing collars probably indicating that they came from the Private School at what is now Birch Heath Lodge, mentioned in the March magazine, and the lady with a fine decorative hat has probably been put there by the photographer. They are looking at a village pond, where accumulations of waste and manure from the farms in the village, was washed down to the lowest point of the village. There are several references in the old school logs books to “The children had to stay behind in school because the pond is too deep to cross”

David Cummings

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Make a note in your diary

Christleton Village Show 2007

Is on Saturday 14th July

In Christleton Parish Hall

This year will be special. During the Village Show weekend there will also be a Village Flower Festival at St James. We're hoping people will make an extra effort to have hanging baskets and containers at the front of their houses, particularly in the village centre and Littleheath Road (they could also enter the Hanging basket and Container section of the Show and perhaps win a trophy). Refreshments will be served at the Methodist Church as part of the Village Flower Festival (as well as very light refreshments at the show.)

We're hoping as many as possible will do a "Hanging Basket and Container" to make the Village as floral as possible. Anyone in Christleton can join in, and you don't need to be an expert but we do need to have entry forms in by the scheduled date so that judging can take place during the week previous to the Show. The Show theme this year is 'Recycling' so there is plenty of scope for ingenuity.

Schedules will be available from Paul Jackson at the Post Office in March so get a schedule, choose some categories and start planting, sewing, painting etc. etc. whatever is your thing. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and you could win a trophy – there are lots of them.

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

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

ON CARE

About to draft this article two years ago, I planned to share my 3 years' experience on a Cheshire Social Services working party regarding the changing demography of Britain's population. Referring particularly to the increasing proportion of older people, the whole field of care, transport, opportunities for our elders to contribute actively in the community etc was covered. Discussions, visits, and opportunities to influence County Council policy were much more enlightened than I had expected.

True, when 'care' came up on the agenda my concentration sometimes wavered. I had cared for my mother for 9 years and kept a simultaneous eye on three elderly aunts and uncles up in northern Cumbria. My mother's further 9 years in an excellent Residential Home was not a total relief.

But as that draft article took shape, my wife suddenly became seriously ill and my caring function had to resume at once. Perhaps the initial 5 months visiting hospitals was not hands-on-care,

but I knew that subsequent care for my wife at home would be caring of an intensity that I had not previously experienced.

Should caring come easily for a Christian? Should love of one's wife somehow prevent one's continuous exhaustion? Should it supercede time easily to walk the dog, to take a bath, or to write a brief letter?

For some years, I found that a most common topic of conversation outside Church or in the village street was education. With a career in teaching and education behind me, should it have been a surprise to be constantly questioned about it? People expected me to know the answers. But through the 1990's and still, my friends gradually assumed that I was an expert on care, so I had to ponder carefully the appropriate advice that I would give to the loving partner, son, daughter, or friend as they struggled to cope.

Don't be ashamed to feel some anger, I often said, if only because of a sudden restriction on your personal time. Never feel guilty taking time off from your caring role, even to go away by yourself.

Keep healthy and active in your own things. And come to the Cheshire Working Party I said once or twice, "Both the best and the worst carers are Christian partners. They are totally loving and dedicated, but they won't let go". Enjoy the beauty and the fun of the caring experience, I would now add, in Church praise God and be thankful, but also be honest. The person being cared for can only benefit from the carer still having a life. And I am trying, even in the Church choir!

Finally, the medical, nursing and care services often get knocks in the press at a management and political level. But there are great people there dedicating their working lives to people like my wife and myself. We know, we've met them – God really doth provide.



John Carruthers

FLOWER FESTIVAL

At St James' Church.

July 13th, 14th, 15th 2007

It is hoped that this will be a Church and Village event so, if you are interested in Flower Arranging, or would like to help in any way, please ring 332005



Rose Queen, attendants
& page boy required for
Christleton Village Fete on
Saturday 30th June, 2007

Please contact:

Shirley Hurst 345421

Environmentally friendly transport

While driving in the countryside, a family caught up to an old farmer and his horse-drawn cart. The farmer obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Ecologically efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

CATHEDRAL NEWS



Saints' Windows in the Cloisters

Gregory the Great was the son of a wealthy Roman senator and Saint Silvia. He was the nephew of Saint Emiliana and Saint Tarsilla, and great-grandson of Pope Saint Felix 111. Educated by the finest teachers in Rome. Prefect of Rome for a year, he then sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedict monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome. He became a Benedictine Monk. Upon seeing English children being sold in the Roman Forum, he became a missionary to England.

Elected 64th Pope by unanimous acclamation on 3 September 590, the first monk to be chosen. He sent Saint Augustine of Canterbury and a company of monks to evangelise England, and other missionaries to France, Spain and Africa. Collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are now known as Gregorian Chants. One of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church, he wrote seminal works on the Mass and Office.

Born : c.540 at Rome, Italy Papal Ascension 3 September 590

Died : 12 March 604 at Rome, Italy Patronage : choir boys; educators; England; gout; masons; musicians; plague; Popes; schoolchildren; singers; stone masons.

Visit of Archbishop Kyrill to Chester Cathedral

On Tuesday 20 February, Chester Cathedral was honoured to receive



a visit from Archbishop Kyrill, the Russian Orthodox Archbishop of San Francisco and Western America who was in this country on a pastoral visit to churches in Birkenhead and Felixstowe. The Archbishop was met by the Dean and led prayers at the Shrine of St Werburgh who is regarded as a Saint by the Orthodox Church. Father Paul Elliott from the Russian Orthodox Parish Church of St Elizabeth the New Martyr, Birkenhead accompanied him, and members of the church also attended the short service of prayer.

Taken from the Russian Orthodox website

"We were treated to the generous hospitality of the Dean and staff at Chester Cathedral, who permitted us to use the Lady Chapel in the retro-choir for a Moleben service. We were then treated to a guided tour of the cathedral, and took a walk around Chester, visiting the ancient city walls, before returning to the cathedral refectory for a delicious lunch".

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

Demosthenes



You know you are living in 2007 when....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 16 phone numbers to reach your family of 4.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You know people's email addresses before their home addresses.
6. Your reason for not staying in touch with various friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
7. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
8. Every advert on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
9. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

THE HISTORY FILE

Burial in Wool

I've recently come across a rather interesting certificate relating to St James', that relates to the practice of burying bodies in wool, and in fact people being prosecuted for not doing so. It seems that as the wool industry was going through bad times, a law was passed by Parliament to ensure that wool was being used in the countryside.

The Certificate states.

Elizabeth Williams of the Parish of Christleton in ye County of Chester, maketh oath that Mary Loe of Christleton in ye County of Chester, lately deceased was not put in, wrapt, or wound up, or buried in any shirt, shift, sheet or shroud, made or mingled with Flax, Hemp, Silk, Hair, Gold or Silver, or any other than what is made of Sheeps- wool only. Nor in any Coffin lined or faced with any Cloth, Stuff, or any other thing whatsoever or mingled with Hemp. Silk, flax, Hair, Gold or Silver or any other material, contrary to ye late Act of Parliament for burying in woollen, but sheeps- wool onely. Dated the 16th day of March in ye tenth year of ye reign of our sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of ye Faiths. Anno Dom 1712/13

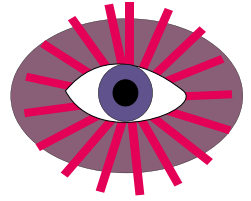
Sealed and subscribed by us
Who were present and witness
To ye swearing of the above
Said affidavit
Chas. Oulton
J Leavis

I hereby certify the ye day and year above said, ye said came before me and made such Affidavit as is above specified, according to a late Act of Parliament, entitled, An Act for Burying in Woolen.

Witness my hand ye day an year first written above written.
John Thomason Mayor.

David Cummings

Nature Notes



Highlight of this month has been the sightings of early butterflies. In late February a peacock butterfly flew around the church during choir practice, probably the one that was seen during the harvest festival in October. Then a few days later a small tortoiseshell flew around our garden at Rowton. Very early indeed, even for overwintering insects to emerge from hibernation. I've been told that the first frogspawn was seen in the village in February, again a very early date. The bird of the month has clearly been a black cap, or black caps, as a number of people have reported seeing more than one in their gardens, and feeding at their bird tables. These migrant warblers really ought to be in April 2007

Africa, but for several years now have decided to stay, although there is a theory, that our migrant black caps do leave and go south, but are then replaced by Scandinavian birds coming to us for winter. The black cap slightly bigger than a robin can easily be recognised because of their sleek black head (male) and lighter brown head for the female

Great spotted woodpeckers continue to drum and show themselves, and although



like a thrush in size, are much more colourful, and have a very distinctive looping flight. My report of a buzzard in last months magazine resulted in a phone call telling me that there is usually one sitting on trees on the Sainsbury's roundabout, and sometimes seen even feeding on the ground. By the time you read this article I will have built the nest at the Pit for our swans, and I'm delighted by the heavy rainfall over the last few weeks, which has resulted in the Pit being full for the first time for many years. We've now had over five inches of rain since the start of the year, doubling the previous two winter's rainfall for the same period. I've also had a report that one of last years Christleton cygnets has turned up at Southport, and another on the Menai Straits near Bangor, continuing a trend that has occurred over several years, where the family splits up and flies off in different directions, no doubt influenced by the prevailing winds and weather.

DC

Climate change - We can't blame God for it

The publication in January of the European Commission's report on climate change makes clear the seriousness of the situation, and the drastic nature of measures needed to halt change, if not to reverse it. Where does

that leave the community of faith? Are we to blame God for deserting us in our hour of prosperity? Are we, like Job's friends and neighbours, to say "curse God, and die?"

Or are we to recognise that, however unpalatable this may seem, it is our actions and our collective lifestyle that have brought about this situation? Fifty years ago the average British citizen travelled five miles a day; now he or she travels 29 miles, and nine of that is overseas air travel. Fifty years ago the average home contained two or three electric motors, a vacuum cleaner, a fridge and perhaps a washing machine; count how many there are your home today

Yet we should not be dismayed. The years of crisis are often the landmarks of faith: the exodus, the exile, the persecutions under Nero, the European holocaust of the Jews, all of these have led people of faith towards new understandings of the God who is redeemer as well as creator, who is with us no matter what. So will climate change and our response to it, given sufficient prayer and dedication.

Like Noah in Genesis 9 we have been given responsibility for the earth and for managing its fruitfulness; like Moses in Leviticus 25 we have the task of allowing years for the land to rest. But we have widely ignored these ecological covenants, and we are now paying the price for squandering God's gifts. Yet if this crisis enables us to focus on using his gifts simply but well, it will be worth the problems of change.

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 W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall next meeting on Wednesday 11th April at 7.15 pm – “History of Port Sunlight Village”.

CHRISTLETON LADIES GUILD

Held at the Christleton Methodist Church, commencing at 2pm, on the first Tuesday of each month, £1 admission includes refreshments. For further information contact Joan Webb, 335518.

All very welcome.

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 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. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last

CHRISTLETON GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting will take place on 16th April (NB: 3rd Monday)

Garden Cyclamen –
Mr Derek Jones.

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The May magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday 29th April 2007.

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CHRISTLETON RAMBLING GROUPS



St James' Tuesday Walking Group

Tuesday April 17th

Welshpool & Buttington 8 _ miles
(Grade moderate+).

Beacon Ring Hill Fort, with superb
views over the River Severn.

Picnic needed. (Option of visit to
Powis Castle)

Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am

*Please ring David on 332324 if you
intend coming
so that transport can be organised
in advance.

Christleton Local History Group

At the Primary School in Quarry
Lane

**Wednesday April 18th at
7.30pm**

Thomas Telford. Bridge Builder &
Engineer

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of
his birth.

Speaker; Judy Smith.

Currently researching the history of
Thomas Telford for Shropshire Con-
nections.

Everyone Welcome.

Admission £2 which include wine and nibbles

GROSVENOR MUSEUM SOCIETY

"Life and death in Roman Chester : the
hidden story behind Chester's Roman
tombstones.

A lecture by Dan Robinson, former Keeper
of Archaeology, Grosvenor Museum, in the
Lecture

Theatre, Grosvenor Museum on Thursday,
19 April 2007 at 7.30pm.

Members free. Suggested donation of £4
for visitors at the door.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the May edition are sent
to the Rector, at The Rectory, Birch Health Lane, as soon as
possible **BEFORE Friday 13 April** or you can e-mail this to

christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

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QUIZ NIGHT AT THE INSTITUTE

Monday April 16th at 8.30pm

Come and join us from 7.30pm for a fun evening at the Institute.

Teams of four, entry £1 per person. Prizes. Make up a team on the evening or come ready organised! Pastoral and Outreach Committee

Christleton Methodist Church Ladies' Guild

At the Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Guild on Tuesday 6 March the decision was reluctantly taken that the Guild should be disbanded. Will any members who were not present please note that there will be no more meetings.

Joan Webb

The Trefoil Guild

Welcomes former Guides to their monthly meetings at

Caldy Valley Centre

2.00pm

Last Thursday in the month

Chairman Mary Pleavin

01829 770278



Registered charity 1020854

Do you have a child aged between 0-3 years? Stuck for something to do on a

Tuesday morning between

10 - 11.30a.m? Why not come along

and meet the **Christleton Toddler**

Group in the Parish Hall. We meet

every week during term time. £2.00 per

session, which includes refreshments

for grown-ups and children.

Mothers Union

Our April meeting will take place on 2 April when we meet in Church for our Lent Meditation followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards. The "Wave of Prayer" will be incorporated for us into the Communion Service on Wednesday 4 April and we would like to remind members about this.

Janet Brown

Chesterfest

Let's tell you more about the Chesterfest Summer Celebration Week 23-29 July 2007, which will bring different congregations together across Chester irrespective of denomination, to act as one church to serve the community. This will involve:

(a) Mornings of teaching, worship, discussion and afternoons of CAKE Projects (Community Acts of Kindness Experience) across the city.

Active Citizenship for young people and adults involved in practical work based projects improving urban area, green spaces, allotments, housing; short-term children's holiday clubs; outreach sport activities and street performance in drama and music.

Young people will be given the opportunity to play a valuable part in their community and grow in confidence to understand their value and significance. Local people will be served by young people making a positive contribution and we hope that through this a positive perception of each other will grow.

We expect 300 local young people and youth workers to take part, and new this year is an adult stream.

(b) Funday on a Sunday – July 29, a completely free community Funday with something for all the family: music and drama, stories of faith, bouncy castles, burgers, refreshments, steam train, entertainers, The Great Big Kick About, football, tricks, pony rides, face paints, and more! (In 1997 100 visitors, in 2005 3,000 visitors, in 2006 6,000 visitors and in 2007 we expect 10,000 visitors).

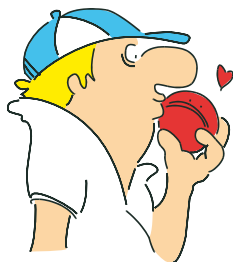
(c) Events:

The Event Summer Special – the Christian band yfriday and local musicians playing at Chester Cathedral to 1,000 young people.

Cannon & Ball Gospel Show

Open Mic Night at That Café Thing

Football Dinner with Special Guests like Dan Magness, UK Champion Football Trickster, talking about his life and faith, along with other well known names.



CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season is rapidly approaching with an encouraging turnout for net practice and with many new players attending. Large numbers of junior members also attend which bodes well for the future of the cricket club

The 1st team have recruited two new players and with the addition of our overseas player, Matt Parkinson is confident for the season ahead.

The second team will be hoping to repeat last year's highly successful performance. 1st team players could be challenged by the developing young players in the team

The 3rd X1 will be strengthened this year benefiting from our youth coaching with several promising youngsters available.

Our over 40's team have still to surface from hibernation, but have been taking their vitamins regularly over winter and will be attending Alison Hollindale's aerobic classes during the next few weeks.

New players are still welcome. Details of the junior programme will be announced soon.

We are still looking for match sponsors for 2007.

Jim Partington has been seen looking at seed catalogues. It is rumoured he is determined to win the handsome trophy for Christleton CC Best Floral Display.

Contacts - Brian Wareing 332326
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ACCOMODATION
REQUIRED FOR OUR
OVERSEAS PLAYER -
FROM MID APRIL TO MID
SEPTEMBER
PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN
IF YOU HAVE A ROOM TO
LET

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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.

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CHRISTLETON UNDER-FIVES COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Registered Charity 1022817

Christleton Under Fives is an established pre school playgroup attracting children from a wide area. It enjoys good and well founded links with Christleton Primary School. Children from the age of 2 1/2 years until school age are accepted. Please contact the Supervisor, Carole Penny, on 336586 for further details.

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Parish Registers for February 2007

The Funeral Service

- 2nd Mary Maria Bailey 36 Toll Bar Road, Christleton
18th Mary Maria Bailey
(Burial of Ashes)
22nd Hugh Francis Davies “Mac Ian” Village Road, Christleton
22nd Kathleen Cartwright 17 Mallard Close Upton by Chester
(Burial of Ashes)
22nd Joan Griffiths Lynwood Nursing Home Grosvenor Rd, Paignton
Devon
(Burial of Ashes)
23rd Edith Gertrude Walsh 19 Flint Road, Saltney Ferry

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

February.	Cash	CSE	2007	2006
4th	330-41	603-00	933-41	752-52
11th	129-48	591-50	721-98	1,070-73
18th	191-95	627-50	819-45	686-03
25th	122-72	837-00	959-72	965-65
Totals			3,434-56	3,474-93

“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	
SAINTS	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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