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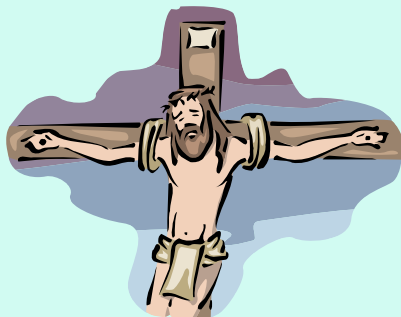
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Appointments in April

Thur 1		MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.45 pm		United Communion (St James)
Fri 2		GOOD FRIDAY
	10.45 am	Family Service
	2.00 pm	One Hour Devotion
Sat 3		HOLY SATURDAY
	6.30 pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 4		EASTER DAY
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	10.45 am	Parish Family Communion
	6.30 pm	Festal Evensong (Prayer Book)
		Prayer Link Road: Village Road
		Neighbourhood Link: Jean Cresswell
Wed 7	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri 9	NB: Last date for contributions for May Parish Magazine preferably earlier, to Janet Milton (335469) or you can e-mail this to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk	
Sun 11		The Second Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
	10.45 am	Family Service with Baptisms - Followed by refreshments
	6.30 pm	Evensong
		Prayer Link Road: Whitchurch Road, Roadside, White Lane
		Neighbourhood Link: Janet Milton, Neville Meredith, Norman Goodwin
Mon 12	2.00 pm	Mothers Union (Parish Hall)
	6.30 pm	Confirmation Group (Lady Chapel)
Wed 14	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments.
	11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
	7.30 pm	Churches Together AGM and Chocolate Celebration! (Methodist Church)
Fri 16	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat 17	7.00 pm	David Cummings Illustrated Talk with light supper for Christian Aid (Parish Hall)

Sun	18		The Third Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am		Holy Communion (Order 1)
	10.45 am		Parish Communion with ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Followed by Cheese and Wine and Presentations (Parish Hall)
	10.45 am		Sunday School (Parish Hall)
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm		Evensong (Common Worship) Prayer Link Road: Woodfields Neighbourhood Link: Joyce Rydings
Mon	19	6.30 pm	Confirmation Group (Lady Chapel)
Wed	21	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Sat	24	7.30 pm	St Cecilia's Concert in St James. Proceeds to refurbishment of Choir Stalls
Sun	25		The Fourth Sunday of Easter
	8.00 am		Holy Communion (Order 1)
	10.45 am		Matins - followed by refreshments
	10.45 am		Sunday School (Parish Hall)
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
	6.30 pm		Evening Communion (Order 1) Prayer Link Road: Badgers Close Neighbourhood Link: June Hulmes
Mon	26	6.30 pm	Confirmation Group (Lady Chapel)
Tues	27	8.00 am	Church Walking Group leaves car park contact David Cummings (332410)
Wed	28	10.45 am	Holy Communion -followed by refreshments



Dear Friends

The Road to Emmaus

It is St Luke, the great storyteller and painter, whom we have to thank for so many 'cameos' of Christ. The Easter story of the two friends walking the seven miles from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus, is just one of them. Can we imagine ourselves as one of those friends or walking alongside them in this shared experience? We are not told why they were leaving Jerusalem, but from what they say perhaps they were trying to put all that had happened behind them and move on. Perhaps, like the other disciples 'behind locked doors', they were afraid to be associated with what had happened. In a sense their real destination is not a village called Emmaus but an answer to their questions. It is not difficult to associate ourselves with their search for direction and reason and their attempt to make sense of life and faith. As we walk along it is good to share together and discover that others have the same searchings and anxieties as we do.

As Cleopas and his friend walk along an unknown fellow traveller slips in beside them. How typical of Jesus! Even on Easter Day there is no thunder-clap or fanfare – he never imposes himself but puts himself alongside us to offer the opportunity to respond at our level and on our terms. And when he opens his mouth it is not to give an answer but to ask a question:- "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" Jesus does not start by telling us where we should be but by asking us where we really are – what are our hopes and fears, our questions and anxieties, and at what stage along the road do we find ourselves? It is too easy for the Church to give the impression that becoming a Christian is about gaining a body of knowledge, but it starts by meeting God in Christ and beginning to form a relationship. It has more to do with belonging than believing and more to do with transformation than information.

So Jesus coaxes them to explain their understanding of all that has happened and gently leads them from there:- "He explained to them all that was said in the scriptures concerning himself." This process is not for them either an obstacle course or a dry academic exercise, but a journey of discovery – it is not so much a message as a messenger. As they looked back at it later they exclaimed:- "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on

the road and opened up the scriptures to us?" So it can be for us today if we make our life a journey of discovery with Jesus; we too shall find that his presence opens up the scriptures, and our understanding of life, in a new way so that we begin to make connections and discover a new enthusiasm for life with a new purpose and direction.

Then Cleopas and his friend reach a crucial point on their journey. Jesus was apparently going to go on further as they reached Emmaus but it was at this point that they urged him strongly: "stay with us." There comes that point on all our journeys where we need to make a decision. Is Jesus just an interesting philosophy or guide to life that we go along with so far and then part company, or do we come to the point where we see the possibility of our life being transformed and ask Jesus to stay with us? Are we ready to make the leap of faith into the new life of Easter, or do we hold back in the old life of doubt and sorrow? If we are ready to take that step it is made easier by being a shared experience. There are others with us at this point strongly urging Jesus to stay with us. And so it was that Jesus went in with them and as he takes the bread and blesses it; breaks it and shares it that becomes the moment of recognition. As on Easter Day, and every weekly remembrance, we take the bread and bless it, break it and share it, he is made known in our midst in his risen presence. The familiar gesture echoes the pattern of his life – taken and offered; broken and shared, that as we share with him so he shares with us and our life is transformed by his to give new hope and purpose.

Finally, the friends cannot stay still but immediately return to Jerusalem to share their discovery with other friends and take up the new direction of their lives with enthusiasm and commitment. So the life of faith, which we share with others, does not end, but starts, with the discovery of our destination. So also the Road to Emmaus is a parable of the road to faith. As I wish you all a Happy Easter, and as we share in our Annual Parochial Church meeting, it is my prayer that we may find that the stranger who walks beside us opens up our understanding so that our hearts burn within us, and as we invite him to stay with us, we recognise Jesus as the friend in our midst whom is made known to us and goes with us in his risen presence to give new life with shared direction and purpose.

Yours sincerely

Peter Lee

We Walked on to Emmaus by John Davies in 'Iona Dawn'
Luke 24:13-35

*We walked on to Emmaus
with a man who came from nowhere
knowing nothing except that which he was told;
and his friendship was an excuse
for our telling of these tales,
which comforted us, though our hearts were cold.*

*We walked on to Emmaus
full of all the fondest memories
and our kindling of them made us feel more bold;
for the questions that he asked us
were bread to feed our thoughts,
and a comfort to us, though our hearts were cold.*

*We walked on to Emmaus
and we told him about Mary
giving some small hope to which our hearts could hold;
and we talked of resurrection
and the strange scene in the garden,
which comforted us, though our hearts were cold.*

*We walked on to Emmaus
and were shocked by his insistence
that all these things had been foreseen of old;
and the fire of his persistence
was bread which fed our souls:*



VOLUNTEERS PLEASE
House-to-house collection
9 – 15 May 2010

We have heard much lately about earthquakes, floods and tsunamis in different parts of the world. Christian Aid offers support not only in disaster areas but also in the developing world. We, as collectors, are vital to their work in providing necessary funds.

We would be glad to hear from anyone willing to join the team of house-to-house collectors during Christian Aid Week so that we can be sure of covering every house in the Parish.

Individual volunteers or in pairs (to 'job share' a road) would be most welcome.

Please ring one of us if you feel you could help.

Fiona Lee
Tel: 335663

Judith Edwards
Tel: 335577

Cover Picture

This month we feature the figure of Christ as King from east window at St James, as a celebration of the Risen Lord after Easter. This window by Charles Kempe is the most significant in the church and was erected in 1903. It shows Christ as a King with orb and sceptre central to the Christian Faith, and the "lights" on either side depicting our patron St James and St Werburgh reflecting the links with the Diocese of Chester and Chester Cathedral.

DC

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

Thank you to all who supported the Lent Lunch when the sum of £243.40 was raised for Christian Aid.

THANK GOD FOR

*Our Father, we thank thee for each
new morning with its light*

*For rest and shelter of the night;
For health and food, for love and
friends,*

For everything Thy goodness sends.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Update

The Crew have had another busy term starting with our involvement in the Christingle service and ending with an Easter egg hunt and party. We had a great time making pancakes in preparation for Shrove Tuesday and since then have all (more or less) kept to our Lent resolutions!

We have been involved in a number of Church events this term, including the Healing service and the cake sale after the Guiding service in February. We would like to thank everyone who supported us at this event; we raised over £200 in aid of the Haiti earthquake appeal.

In our meetings we have had lots of fun playing games and eating food. We have also had a number of evenings focusing on issues such as child poverty and homelessness. One recent highlight has been holding a Passover meal which helped to bring to life the events of Maundy Thursday and create a deeper understanding of the life. The Crew have had another busy term starting with our involvement in the Christingle service and ending with an Easter egg hunt and party. We had a great time making pancakes in preparation for Shrove Tuesday and since then have all (more or less) kept to our Lent resolutions!

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual parochial Church Meeting will be in the context of the Parish Communion at 10.45 am on Sunday 18 April at St James. This will include the Election of churchwardens and new members to the PCC. Following the meeting there will be Cheese and Wine in the Parish Hall

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – A WAY WE CHANGE THE WORLD

Ever wondered why we do Christian Aid Week?
Here are seven good reasons why we're involved...

- 1** We are joining with more than **20,000 churches** in an unparalleled act of Christian witness to our communities – showing them we care about justice and poor people.
- 2** Christian Aid has a vision – an **end to poverty**. By being part of this week we're not only funding life-changing projects, we're helping tackle the root causes of poverty – helping to change the world for good.
- 3** The church has **an amazing heritage** of working for justice. Christian Aid Week has run every year since soon after the Second World War – demonstrating the church's faithfulness to helping the poor.
- 4** In these **difficult financial times**, the world's poorest people need our time, prayers and financial support more than ever. Christian Aid Week helps us give people the opportunity to be generous.
- 5** Around **300,000 volunteers** give their time to deliver envelopes door to door and put on events. We are part of this movement for change.
- 6** We get **money for nothing!** Every taxpayer who signs a Gift Aid declaration on an envelope is giving Christian Aid 28 per cent extra – making even more development work possible in the world's poorest countries.
- 7** Christian Aid has successfully campaigned on 'dropping the debt', carbon-declaration reform and trade justice. Christian Aid Week helps world-wide **structural change** to take place.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9–15 May 2010

We believe that poverty is a scandal and that we can really do something about it. To find out more about how you can get involved, just ask your Christian Aid Week representative or go to **www.caweeek.org**

POVERTY – LET'S END IT

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

9–15 May 2010

Rosalind McLaughlin, a Christian Aid Week representative, travelled to Kenya with a group of other organisers and collectors. She saw the work of Christian Aid partner MNU in Kiambiu slum, and discovered what life is like in Matopeni, where it has yet to start work. This is her story...



'The first things we saw when we arrived in Matopeni were the results of the "flying toilets". There's not a single toilet here, so people go, put it in a bag, and throw it over the wall. And there is no official tap or clean running water. People have managed to reach the water pipes below the ground – but the water is really filthy and carries typhoid.

'A lady called Catherine Kithuku (pictured below) showed us around. It was incredible. We were led along a walkway that runs alongside the houses. It was constructed of planks that were half-broken, and directly underneath it ran the community's drainage system. Catherine said when it rains her family home floods with sewage right up to the level of the beds, soaking the mattresses.

'WHEN IT RAINS HER FAMILY HOME FLOODS WITH SEWAGE'

'The dignity of the people here and the sense of community are very striking. It's about we, not me. Catherine has already formed a group that has organised rubbish collections and educated people about health and other issues. Catherine said she dreams of an environment fit for humans to live in. She said she believes in change.



Catherine Kithuku shows the broken walkway over her community's drainage

If MNU works in Matopeni, I believe she will see it.

'By contrast, the people in Kiambiu are living something like a normal life. With the help of MNU, they have built five toilet and shower blocks and they've employed people from the local community to clean and maintain them. They've also got clean drinking water now.

'But I've also seen that if we're willing to do something, to make an effort, to put other people first, we can make others' lives a lot better. We don't even need a huge amount of money. Relatively small amounts bring massive, massive changes to many, many people.'

**'SMALL AMOUNTS
BRING MASSIVE
CHANGES TO MANY,
MANY PEOPLE.'**



Catherine Nyaata and her daughter
Blessing collecting clean water from the
sanitation block

£16 could buy the materials needed to build five metres of new drainage in Kenya, to prevent sewage flooding into streets and houses, protecting families from disease.

To find out more about how you can be part of these amazing changes, ask your Christian Aid Week representative or go to **www.caweeek.org**

Together, we can bring an end to the scandal of poverty.

POVERTY—LET'S END IT

THE HISTORY FILE

David
Cummings



A reminder that the 2010 “Beating of the Bounds Walk” will take place on Sunday 9th May, starting after a short service at St James’ at 10.00am. Although the “Beating of the Bounds” is seen as an ancient custom or ceremony throughout England,

the first reference I can find to one being carried out in Christleton is in 1953 during the Coronation celebrations for our present Queen.

The Rector Arthur Alyn Guest Williams writes

“After morning service on Rogation Sunday, there was a solemn Perambulation of the Parish Boundaries, meant as an act of worship to petition God’s blessing on our fields, our flocks and herds and all the





dwellers of the 5 townships of the ecclesiastical parish-125 people starting, 85 accomplishing the whole round.”

It seems that the ceremony was adopted by Christianity in Anglo Saxon days and it is mentioned in the laws of Alfred the Great. It always took place on Rogationtide the fifth week after Easter.

The word Rogation derives from (rogare) to beseech the divine blessing on the Parish Lands for the ensuing harvest. In former times when maps were rare, it became the custom to walk the parish boundaries on Ascension Day

or during rogation week. The Rector together with churchwardens and other officials took inhabitants around the parish boundaries stopping at prominent points, gateposts, trees, boundary stones etc to ritually beat the landmark with sticks or birches. Often “boys” would be bumped on the stone, so that they would remember the exact location of the



boundary for future generations. I’m told that “Bumpers Lane” in Chester gets its name from “the Blue Coat Boys” who were bumped on the several boundary stones that existed there to mark the official border of Chester with Wales. I’ve heard the term “Bumping of a Blue” in the same context. A cane or birching of bottoms was also administered as an additional reminder!! In Christleton the ceremony now takes place every ten years and both boys and girls are gently bumped on the boundary stones just as a friendly reminder of this ancient custom.

Further details at the back of church and in next month’s magazine.

ALL ABOARD

Alf
&
Margaret
Croston

HMS Albion has strong links with Chester and its crew have the freedom of the City bestowed on HMS Albion in 2003. They can march through the City with bayonets fixed and flag flying. They did so on Thursday 11 March ending up with a service in the Cathedral and an official civic reception in the Guildhall, hosted by the Lord Mayor Councillor John Ebo.

Earlier on 9 March we were fortunate enough to be invited to a cocktail party on board where HMS Albion was moored alongside Liverpool landing stage.

We were absolutely amazed at the size of the vessel and we entered into the lower deck where there were a great many army vehicles and landing craft.

After climbing up two steep flights of metal stairs we emerged on to the helicopter deck that was mainly enclosed within an awning and was the venue for the party.

The captain and his crew were extremely welcoming and we chatted to sailors, submariners and Royal Marines. Also in uniform were several University students who hoped to make the navy their career. We were royally entertained until 8 pm when there was an evening ceremony “Evening Star” on deck – lowering the flag at the end of the day, with personnel presenting arms, a bugler who played Lights Out, and a sea cadet to furl the flag.

From the open deck, the outlook on a brilliantly clear night with a calm river was spectacular. The Royal Liver building and every adjacent one brightly lit and the opposite shore festooned with a line of sparkling lights reflected in the water.

With three other lucky men, Alf sailed on her from Liverpool at 8.30 am on Saturday morning 13 March, arriving in Devonport (Plymouth) late on Sunday afternoon.



Lapwings or peewits have become something of a rarity in the village since the change from dairy to arable farming, so it was very pleasing to find a flock of over 1000 feeding in fields, and flying close to the village in mid February. I was also delighted to spot 95 whooper swans feeding on the inner Dee Marshes during February. Within the village I am getting almost daily reports of owls being heard and seen so I thought that this month I would give details of what to look out for and what sounds each owl species that you are likely to see makes.

Tawny Owl

Tawny Owls are the most common owl seen and heard around the village, and at present can be heard calling almost anywhere during the late evening and night, particularly near the Primary School, the area around The Pit and along Birch Heath Lane and Common. This large brown owl nests in trees and occasionally in the owl boxes placed around the village. They can be vociferous and their “hoot” call can sometimes be extremely loud. However the call “to-whit to whoo” which is certainly said to be a characteristic call of the owl, is more likely to be heard as a rather warbling “whoo-whoo” sound with the emphasis on the “oo-oo” Both males and females call frequently through the year mainly at dawn and dusk, although I’m sure that many of the calls heard at present in the village are alarm or territorial calls warning off other owls thinking of making a nest site in that area.



Barn Owl

Sometimes known as the “Screech Owl” as the males territorial call is a loud screech, but they are also known as the ghost owl as they hunt over the countryside in complete silence, with even their wing beats being hardly discernable as they keep a close eye on their possible prey below. Occasionally near a nest site, a rasping or

snoring noise can be heard, and young barn owls often hiss at unwelcome visitors. Barn Owls can now be described as common in the Parish, and although it is possible to see them in daylight, they usually hunt between dusk and dawn.

Little Owl

In my view Little owls are now rare in the parish having been very numerous in the 70’s and 80’s. They are quite small compared with other species of owls and are also diurnal, so can be seen during the day and night. They tend to sit along branches or close to tree trunks, and sometimes on gate posts. However their small size and feather colour gives them excellent camouflage, and makes them difficult to see. The males call is a loud “whoo-ee”, with an emphasis on the “ee”. They can also make a squealing yelp, which can become a piercing “kek kek kek” when the bird is alarmed.

Short Eared Owl.

This is now a very rare visitor to the Parish, but could previously be seen at Hockenhull in the 1970’s to 1990’s wintering in the reed bed on the Reserve. They can still be seen on the Dee Marshes around Parkgate.



WHAT'S ON

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 WEDNESDAY GROUP

Soup & Sweet Spring Lunch on

Wednesday 14 April
at Christleton Parish Hall,
12.00 noon.

Ticket £7, including a glass of wine,
(available from members)

In aid of the
“Hospice of the Good Shepherd”

CHRISTLETON W.I.

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

Next Meeting

14th April

**SKINCARE WITH
LANCOMBE PRODUCTS**

ALISON GASTON

ALL WELCOME

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish
Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the
month at 1.30 pm. Details of any events
can be obtained from the Secretary,
Trish Pollard

Congratulations

Wishing

Eileen Quin

A Special Happy 90th Birthday
on 16th April

Also this month our
Very Best Birthday Wishes to

Win Thompson

on 22nd April
and

Ann Butterworth

on 24th April

THIS MONTH

ST JAMES WALKING GROUP

April 27th 2010

North Wales. Pen Y Cloddiau & Moel Arthur. Rating; Moderate
6 1/2 miles

A superb circular walk along part of Offas' Dyke, visiting two ancient hill forts, and with excellent views over the Vale of Clwyd, the River Dee and out towards the North Wales coast.
Depart Church Car Park at 8.00am.
Pub Lunch.

CHRISTLETON FRIENDS of HOPE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SPRING DAY OUT

**Rowton Hall Hotel 29th April
10.30am -4.30pm**

Tickets £5, winning ticket
Spa day for 2. Beautiful stalls, jewellery, gifts, books, clothes, children's clothes, interiors, books, pottery, and many more.
(Refreshments included)
Contact 332376 for tickets



CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

Coffee Morning 17 April 10 am – 2 pm

In Aid of
The Happy Children's Home,
Kerala, India
Charity No :- 74/IV/2007
Coffee/Tea/Home made biscuits.
10 am – 11.30
Ploughman's Lunches
Served from 12 – 2 pm
Brownies Car Wash
Brownies Cake Stall

Congratulations to Michael & Judy McGarva

on their
Ruby wedding Anniversary
15th April

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

BUFFET SUPPER FOR "CHRISTIAN AID" IN THE PARISH HALL

**The Parish Hall
Saturday April 17th 2010
7.00pm**

A trans European Journey from The Alps to The Pyrenees.

A talk about the geology & scenery, history & culture, flora & fauna from the Swiss Alps through many regions of France including the Dordogne and its prehistoric painted caves, to the dramatic scenery of the Picos de Europa and the wild Pyrenees in Northern Spain,

Tickets £6

**from Church, Village Stores or
David Cummings 332410**

GROSVENOR MUSEUM SOCIETY

The following lectures will be held at the Grosvenor Museum, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 28th APRIL

"Liverpool Overhead Railway : the beginnings until its end in 1958".

Speaker : Michael Murphy.

THURSDAY, 27th MAY

"Wedgewood and the English Country House : his influence on Neo-Classical interior design"

Speaker: Gaye Blake-Roberts.

Meetings start at 7.30pm. Entrance : Members free. Non-Members : suggested donation, £4. Students £2.

Membership details from
Ken Holding (312689 or
k.holding@sky.com)

Chester St. Cecilia Singers

Will be giving a Concert entitled

'Into the Light'

in St. James Church

Saturday 24th April at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7 (including refreshments).

available from Brenda Bailey and Sheila Davies
(St. James Choir Members)

Telephone: 335034 for further details.

NOONKONDIN SECONDARY SCHOOL – TANZANIA

Although it was a cold day, friends and neighbours came out to support the annual coffee/fundraising morning held in the Village Institute in aid of Noonkondin Secondary School in the Maasai area of Tanzania.

As this year has been a time when we have seen much need around the world it was not expected to raise any where near the amount we did last year, but I am happy to say the final total will be in excess of £500!

The money will be spent buying bunk beds for the dormitories; the present wooden ones have been eaten away by termites so they can now replace them with new metal ones. They have promised to send us a picture when they get them.

I still have for sale a Lexmark X1180 printer and 9 inkjet cartridges. Offers over £25. Please call me on telephone 332901.

Iris Foster

Girl Guiding Centenary Celebration Service

This celebratory service which took place on Sunday 14 February was well attended by all sections of the Guiding movement from both the village and the Chester District. The welcome was given by the 2nd Christleton Guides and Brownies and all members played a prominent part in the service, including the 1st Christleton Brownies, the newly formed Christleton Rainbows, and members of the Trefoil Guild.

During the service each section renewed their Promise to the movement, and prayers were led by the Senior Section. The Hymns were ; To God be the Glory, Now thank we all our God, This Little light of Mine and O Jesus I have Promised, and the service concluded by each section singing their closing song; Good-bye Rainbows, Brownie Bells and Daylight Taps. Following this excellent commemoration there were refreshments in the Hall, with the Guides and Crew Youth Group running stalls in aid of the Haiti Disaster Appeal. Congratulations to all the Guides and members of the Crew for raising £211.18 through their wonderful display and sale of cakes and biscuits.

DC

Why Does Christleton Need a Parish Plan?

There are many reasons why Christleton should have a Parish Plan:

It Will Help to Build Community Spirit & Village Identity - plans energise communities to think for themselves, to lobby for what they want and, in many cases, to achieve what they want through their own efforts.

It Will Improve Local Governance as plans can influence and inform strategic planning.

It Will Strengthen Relationships Within the Community - parish plans have been shown to bring communities together.

A Plan Will Provide Evidence to Access Grants & Other Funding Streams and therefore help with a variety of projects.

It Will Give the Village a Fresh Focus and help to provide direction.

Many Other Local Villages Already Have a Plan - see the list at <http://www.cheshireaction.org.uk/parish-plan-completed.php>.

It Is An Opportunity to Influence Local Development - by providing clear evidence of what our village wants to happen in terms of planning and the built environment.

It Will Encourage Partnership Working with opportunities for improved relationships with organisations within the parish.

It Will Achieve Tangible Outcomes – a plan is likely to result in various initiatives being carried forward.

A public meeting about Christleton Parish Plan is being arranged for **Wednesday 12th May**; please note the date as more details of this will follow next month and in notices around the village. We would encourage as many parishioners as possible to come along as we need as much support as possible to take the idea of a Parish Plan for Christleton forward. It will also be an opportunity to suggest issues that you would like to see included in the plan and indicate how you see the village moving forward into the future.

For further information please contact Sue Mallows (suemallows@hotmail.com, 01244 335527).



Christleton Village Show

Saturday 10th July 2010

Theme; Memories

Littleton

Christleton

Rowton



Cotton Edmunds

Cotton Abbots

The Parish Hall Christleton

Doors Open 2.00pm

Admission 50p Children Free

To be opened by Jim & Cynthia Siddall

*The 2010 Show is kindly sponsored by
The Butt Family*

Schedules available from the Village Stores, Parish Open Morning, or Committee Members

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.

AVAILABLE AT ST JAMES CHURCH

"Loop" system, for the hearing impaired
Large print books for the visually impaired & large print weekly notice sheets
Easy to follow Communion Service Books for children
Access for wheelchairs
Please ask any of the Churchwardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in any way.

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.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN SERVICE

The van calls weekly: alternate Thursdays all day and alternate Fridays in Quarry Lane 11.15 am – 12.45 pm. For further details of when the van is next in your area, please telephone Upton Library on 380053.

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*The spring is sprung
The grass is riz
I wonder where the birdies is?
Ah! There's the birdies on the wing
Ain't that absurd
I always thought the wing was on the bird.*

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Parish Registers for February 2010

The Funeral Service

1st Raleigh Desmond Brown 17 Egerton Drive, Upton
4th Beryl June Formstone 96 Vicars Cross Road, Vicars Cross
5th Elizabeth Hazel Fleet Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home,
 Christleton
22nd Lillian Edge 25 Littleton Lane, Littleton
25th Bertha Wyatt Oaklands Nursing Home, Littleton

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

February.	Cash	CSE	2010	2009
7th	61.94	1,063.50	1,125.44	922.73
14th	324.95	571.20	896.15	813.33
21st	100.73	574.00	674.73	653.72
28th	177.80	692.20	870.00	1,074.27
Totals			£3,566.32	£ 3,464.05

“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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