



# St. James'

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## Appointments in April

Wed	3	10.45 am	United Holy Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thur	4	12 noon	United Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	5	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	7	8.00 am 10.45 am 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion The Crew – Sowing & Planting on Mike & Tina's allotment Evening Worship
Mon	8	10.45 am  11.30 am 2.00 pm	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home  Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	10	10.45 am  11.30 am  12.00 noon for 12.30 start	Holy Communion -followed by refreshments  Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home <b>Community Lunch - Parish Hall</b>
Fri	12	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

NB: Last date for contributions for May Parish Magazine. Please e-mail to the editor at [christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk). Any non-computerised contributions to Janet Milton (335469).

Sun	14	8.00 am 10.45 am   6.30 pm	Holy Communion All Age Service followed by <b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Parish Hall with refreshments</b> Holy Communion
Tues	16	7.30 pm	Churches Together AGM – Methodist Church

Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	19	1.00 pm 6.30 pm	Wedding - Ian Walsh/Sarah Jane Gibbons Choir Practice
Sun	21	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion - followed by refreshments Sunday Club - Parish Hall Evening Worship
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	25	12.00 noon	Wedding - James Evans/Sarah Cox
Fri	26	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	27	3.00 pm	Wedding - Rowland King/Katie Foster
Sun	28	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Sunday Club - Parish Hall Morning Prayer Holy Communion



## April 2013

### APCM Sunday 14 April

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 14 April after the 11.45 am service. We would like as many people as possible to attend and there are several vacancies to be filled on the PCC.

# Message from our Rector

As we move through this Easter season, just what will it mean for you.

Over the past weeks, many people have gathered in churches, not only in this country, but throughout the world.....people who at most other times of the year, would not give coming to church a second thought.....but such is the power.....the attraction of the empty Cross.....of the resurrection story, that it's power to draw people to itself, is as strong as ever.

Jesus, nailed to a cross, until he was dead.....placed in a cold stone tomb.....and now raised to life.....not only was he raised to life, but he appeared to people.

He appeared to Peter, who had, only a few days earlier, denied all knowledge of him.....he appeared to Thomas, who had doubted, the possibility of resurrection.....he appeared to Mary, who had wept for him.....he appeared to his friends, to his disciples, he ate with his followers.....and he comes to us, today.

As Christians, we are urged over and over again to trust in and accept the reality of the resurrection and to make it part of our lives through faith, and action.

We are people who are called to believe in the power and the love that it shows-----to believe in the power and love of God, to bring good out of evil, life out of death, and hope out of despair.....and as Christians, we are promised that when we trust and believe in this way, that when we believe in the power and the love of God .....a power and love that can raise the dead to life, that our lives will be blest, and that we will be a blessing to others.

One of the striking realities of this day, is that despite all the disciples had seen Jesus do, from healing the sick, to calming the storms, and despite the fact that all the disciples had heard Jesus say, that he would be killed and on the third day he would rise again.....

not one of them expected .....after the cross was raised,  
not one of them hoped .....after he was laid in the tomb.....  
to ever see him again.

No one stood watch near the tomb.....no one waited to see if he would rise.

When Jesus died, their hopes died.....their convictions died, indeed, their faith died.

No one expected the resurrection.....despite all they had seen and heard.....despite what they had experienced.

But it happened.....it happened, because God made it happen.....and not only did God make it happen, he went on and raised the faith of the disciples .....he brought to life again their dead convictions, and restored the hopes they had lost.

The resurrection is the most important thing that we believe as Christians .....the resurrection is the centre of our faith.....the foundation of our Christian experience.....and the goal towards which our lives move.

Think of what happened to the disciples after that first Easter morning, after they finally believed and accepted in the resurrection that Jesus had told them about.

They went from being people afraid of dying, to people who offered their very lives to help other come to the faith and hope and joy that they had.

The disciples were changed by their faith in the resurrection and in the God who brought it about.

They were given powers to heal and to help others.....power to conquer their own fear and despair.....and power to defeat the fear and despair that afflicts others.

This is what the resurrection is about,..... what our faith is about.

God can bring good out of evil.....love out of hate.....and hope out of despair.

This is what we believe.....and what we believe does make a difference, and allows God to work in and through us.



## IN THE NEWS.

**Congratulations** to Win Thompson of Church Walks who celebrates her 90th Birthday on April 22nd. With sincere good wishes from all her friends at Christleton W. I. and in the Village.



**Congratulations** ~ On 20th April, Sandra and Ronald Birks will celebrate their Golden Wedding, having been married at St. James' Church, Christleton by the Reverend Guest Williams.

## Churches Together in Christleton.

Congratulations to Sheila Roberts, Anne Collier, Gill Brackenbury & all members of the Churches Together in Christleton team, who raised over £150 at their Annual Lent Lunch for Christian Aid, held on the 7th March at the Chapel.



# Red Nose Day

## Christleton Great Cake Bake Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy

Congratulations to all who organised and took part in the Red Nose Day Cake Bake event at the Methodist Chapel. It was an extremely popular event, with evidence of some great baking in the Village. The chapel was very full all morning, a great tribute to the organisers both locally and nationally in this 25th year of Red Nose Day Appeals.



Whatever the economic circumstances are, the British public, and Christleton families in particular always support such events with great enthusiasm, whether its Comic or Sports Relief, Christian Aid, Save the Children, etc.

Thank you all for your continued generosity. A special thanks to Iris Foster, who contributed an additional £200 from two previous coffee mornings, to the sum raised at the Chapel. The final total was a whopping...£750. Brilliant.



# Nature Notes.

The first butterfly of the year, a hibernating tortoiseshell was seen in our garden on the 5th March and new signs of an otter at Hockenhull, with footprints and spraint was an exciting find on a sandbank there on Sunday 10th. Another great record was the view of eight curlew flying west to east across the wet meadow. A loud cur-lew call in flight alerted me to them, the first sightings of as big a group as this for many years. Curlew were almost daily sightings in the 1970's. but changes in farming practices from dairy to arable has meant that the habitat over a wide area of farmland has changed. Having



said that the meadows at Hockenhull are now still extremely wet, after all the winter rain, and are more like the terrain that existed during the dairy era. A flock of redpolls were seen

in the village in late February, and an estimated 100 lapwings seen over nearby farmland.

Many birds are now singing for territory, and in people's gardens dunnocks, robins and wrens are the most vociferous, although we also have a very loud blackbird. There seem to be plenty of great, blue and long tailed tits about and occasionally a coal tit will join them at the bird





feeders. I also heard herons having the most extraordinary battle in the air, with two going hammer and tongs at each other whilst flying in the Waverton direction. The calls were definitely angry with loud crawks being exchanged, accompanied by pecking and clashing of wings. The pair eventually parted, one flying towards the canal at Eggbridge and the other towards Saighton.

Another interesting sighting this month has been a large bird of prey, which appeared to two different observers to make a loud heron like call, and had a distinctive white tail. They described it as being bigger than a buzzard, and it soared in the sky rather than flapping and soaring like a buzzard. Some buzzards do have distinctly white undersides and wing patterns, so it's not conclusive that the bird was another bird of prey. Migrating harriers or an osprey are possible at this time of year, but the description given of a large bird with a white tail might suggest a sea eagle. I put this idea out of my mind until I met a local birdwatcher who has seen a sea eagle in England, and not just in Scotland, where they have been released as part of a long standing project with ornithologists in Norway. So keep your eyes open for anything strange in the sky around the village.

Our swans are currently on the canal and have not yet made their annual move back to the Pit. Two other local pairs have started negotiating nest sites, so it might be that the Christleton pair are waiting for warmer weather. The new nest site needs an adjustment as the water level is still at maximum, but I hope we can stabilise it in the next week or so to enable them to have a safer site for this season. DC Stop Press. Peacock butterfly seen in Plough Lane on 2nd March.



Rena Griffiths, a parishioner of Christleton for 50 years, passed away peacefully at Westbury Nursing Home, Wiltshire on 14 March.

Her funeral is being held at The West Wiltshire Crematorium, Devizes Road, Semington, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 6HL on Wednesday 27 March at 10:45.

A service is also being held in St James Church, Christleton on Thursday 18 April at 12:00 in memory of Rena, her late husband, Albert, (parishioner for 30 years) and her late father, Harold, (parishioner for 10 years). Paul and David, and their family, look forward to seeing those who wish to celebrate their parents and grandfather's life within this attractive community.



No flowers please, instead, those wishing to mark the occasion are requested to make a donation to The Wirral Autistic Society, Wirral Centre for Autism, Oak House (Unit C), 6 Tebay Road, Bromborough, Wirral, CH62 3PA.

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## MARGARET SKIPPER

Those of you who remember Margaret (wife of the late Canon Laurie Skipper, Rector of Christleton in the 1970's and Rural Dean of Chester) will be sad to learn that she passed away peacefully on Saturday 2 March aged 95 at her Nursing Home in Hindhead, Surrey. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Eccleston, Chester, on Friday 12 April at 2.30 pm.

Our prayers and thoughts go to Margaret's family.  
VB

# Thornton Lodge

In my last piece in the magazine I said my Mother had been a maid in a big house but left when she got married, here are some childhood memories of my many visits to the kitchens of that house between 1935 and 1945 and also of the family who owned it, and their history.

The house which was in the Village of Childer Thornton was called Thornton Lodge. It stood in its own grounds at the end of the main drive was a small lodge in which one of the gardeners lived. On the corner of the land at the junction of Heath Lane and Blackboards Lane was a pair of semis one for the Chauffeur and the other the Head Gardener. Blackboards Lane was so called because of a tall black painted wooden fence that had been erected at the request of the lady of the house to prevent people walking along the lane seeing the house even though it was 200/300 yards away. We used to visit via the back drive, the tradesman's entrance.

The house belonged to Mr Joseph Highfield- Jones and his wife one of the Brintons carpet family of Kidderminster. The arrival of the Highfield-Jones family although now largely forgotten had a significant effect on the development of area.

In the 19 century Ellesmere Port [originally Whitby Locks renamed in 1870] was a small dock on the Mersey estuary with a sea lock and a small light house both still there but now isolated from the river by the Ship Canal It was built as a terminus for the Chester canal The town grew up around it with a Harbour Masters house and Custom House. Between Dock Street and Church Street and overlooking the canal basin was Victoria Park An imposing building the Methodist Institute faced it, at the end of the street was the Methodist Church and further on The Anglican Church with the Vicarage and Church institute across the road. The Vicarage and Church institute are now demolished and the site of B & Q. The Methodist Institute was taken over as the Labour Exchange, I remember going there when I started work in 1946 it is now gone as is the Church. The Park is now all buried under the motorway. The Anglican Church is redundant

At that time there was little development beyond the railway and it was here alongside the railway and on the banks of the Chester canal that the Highfield-Jones in 1905 relocated their Wolverhampton Corrugated Iron Works [[http://blackcountryhistory.org/collections/getrecord/GB149\\_P\\_1684/](http://blackcountryhistory.org/collections/getrecord/GB149_P_1684/)] building 480 terraced houses for the workers brought from Wolverhampton and the surrounding area. As their output was mainly for export, which would include the famous 'Tin Chapels' used by missionaries, they had a fleet of 17 barges carrying their products to the Liverpool docks Further development in which they became the biggest facility of its kind in the world saw the building of a model village of 200 more houses this area named Wolverham.

When visiting the house we would sometimes see the Chauffeur cleaning the car, as the garage was at the end of the drive. In the garage was a generator providing

electricity for the main house, By the end of the Thirty's the house was connected to the mains. The drive was bounded by high walls probably for the same reason as the blackboard fence. At the top was a door which gave access to a paved yard surrounded by a wall with a coal store in one corner. A flight of stone steps led to the scullery. On one wall were sinks and another work benches, a door in the corner lead to a cold room. There was also an ice cream machine. This consisted of a wooded bucket with a smaller zinc tub inside it. Ice was packed between the bucket and tub, brought in for the occasion when the family entertained, and a handle driving a wooden paddle was turned until ice cream was formed. There was also a machine for cleaning knives which I got to turn the handle.

A doorway led into the kitchen. On one wall was a coal burning stove, on two others tall dressers, the fourth was a big window. A large table stood in the centre. I can remember the stove being replaced by a Rayburn, the cook who was small and 'well built' [typical cook] said it did not cook as well but was cleaner. There were three maids a parlor maid one general maid and a house maid who in the absence of a butler or house keeper was senior; it was her we came to see. I called her 'Auntie Rosie' a great friend of my mothers. I continued to visit by myself until I was about fifteen. One day she took me into the house and showed me a little sitting room which she said was hers, another time we went into a long room with glass cases either side, these housed a collection of Ming vases, only one person was allowed to dust these, at one time that was my mother and she broke one. They didn't dismiss her. Men came from London packed the vase in straw and took it away. It was repaired by stapling a technique you can see on vases in The Lady Lever Art Gallery.

I was sitting in the kitchen one day when a man came in from the house and wound the kitchen clock he worked for a clock maker in Birkenhead and once a week he would catch a train to Hooton walk to Childer Thornton and wind the clocks. Another time the door to the main house opened and the lady of the house stood there, everybody went quiet and stood up, the cook shouted to me to stand up which brought me to the lady's attention. She asked who I was and that seemed to satisfy her. She gave her instructions to 'Auntie Rosie' and went. When the war started men from the factory came and erected a 'Morrison Shelter' under the window this was for the maids incase of an air raid.

Some time in the late forties Mr. Highfield-Jones died, the Ming vase collection was sent to Sotheby's for sale, and the house was put up for sale. It has now been subdivided it was an 1840's house and listed which probably saved it. The lodge has been greatly extended and other properties built on the walled garden. The Iron works has long gone as have other manufacturing industries round it and it seems sad that the origins of Ellesmere Port have been destroyed.

Ben Williams

An important note for your diary

## **Christleton Village Show 2013**

Is on Saturday 13th. July

In Christleton Parish Hall

This year the show theme will be Inspiration and Legacy. When you read this in March, schedules should be available from Christleton

Village Stores as well as St James Parish Church, Christleton

Methodist Church and committee members.

As usual there are new categories to choose from as well familiar ones so there is great choice to start planting, sewing, painting etc. whatever is your thing. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and there are lots of trophies to win. You will also be helping with a good charity, after last year's show we donated to Claire House Children's Hospice; Water Aid and Christleton Gardening Club.

Once again Linda at Drakes Hairdressers has agreed to be a collecting point for completed Entry forms, making getting your

forms in on time so much easier. This is in addition to the Entry

form collection point of Judith Butts house –Greenmantle, Plough

Lane. There will also be a Coffee Morning on 6th July in the

Ring O Bells for entries to be made. Late entries will also be

accepted on the Show day for fresh produce. Getting your entry form in early helps enormously with registration and display of the items on the show Saturday.

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 and Lewis Rees; Christine Abrams - 335562, Edward Elliot - 336659; Sarah Donald, Jean Williams, Jim Ferns. Joanne Lowe



Saturday 20th APRIL 2013 at 7.30 pm at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall

ELIJAH, Mendelssohn's incomparable oratorio

featuring the Wirral Philharmonic Orchestra

EPMS Chorus of 100 singers

Soloists

Conductor Lloyd Buck

Churches Together in Christleton  
AGM and Easter Concert

On Tuesday 16th April we are meeting at the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm. After our short AGM we will have an Easter concert of readings and music followed by refreshments. Please let Judith Edwards (335577) know if you would like to take part.

Save the Family CottonHall Farm is looking for willing volunteers to join their estates team.

The roles would include light to heavy gardening duties,

Light to heavy general handywork and maintenance.

An enhanced CRB check and a reference would be required

If you are interested please contact Ann Bronnert  
at [ann.bronnert@savethefamily.uk.com](mailto:ann.bronnert@savethefamily.uk.com)  
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**CHRISTLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

**MEETINGS HELD IN CHRISTLETON PARISH HALL**

All enquiries to: The Secretary Chester 01244 350060

Meetings held on the second Wednesday in the month, starting at 7.15 pm

April meeting : Jeff Meehan speaking on 'Seven Seas in Sixty Days'

May meeting : Talk by Sylvia Thompson a 'House of Colour' consultant

All new members welcome.

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

Invite you to a

### **COFFEE AFTERNOON**

in the Parish Hall on Monday 22 April at 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm

### **"TASTE OF ITALY"**

A selection of complimentary desserts

coffee, tea & cakes

Bring and Buy and Raffle

Entrance £1

**ALL WELCOME**

Proceeds in aid of ANYA BETHAN'S APPEAL

For treatment of childhood cancer (neuro blastoma)

# CHRISTIAN AID

This year Christian Aid's fundraising week is 12-18 May.

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR THE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS DURING THAT WEEK. CAN YOU HELP?**

A coffee morning in Hoole and a lunch at the Methodist Chapel in Christleton to raise funds have already taken place.

David Cummings will be giving a talk and a show on 23 March in Christleton Parish Hall to raise funds for Christian Aid.

At the end of Christian Aid week, on Sunday 19 May, a speaker from Christian Aid, North West, will talk to the congregation about Christian Aid at the 10.45 service in St James church. After the service there will be a Christian Aid lunch {soup and rolls} to round off the fundraising week and there will be a film of Christian Aid's work during the lunch.

Generosity in giving should be one of the hallmarks of a thriving Christian community. Please give as freely as you can this year. Last year we collected around £3800. It would be good to achieve the same or more again this year.

“At the heart of Christian Aid's work is a vision to help build God's Kingdom by eradicating extreme poverty in the world. A central part of this work is Christian Aid week. Once again we ask you and your church {es} to witness to your faith and take action by participating in this vital fundraising week, which enables us to fund the work of our 500 partners in 47 of the poorest countries in the world. This year our stories are from Zimbabwe and the work our partners are doing to bring hope and a future so that everyone can have abundant life.”

From Christian Aid's North West Regional Manager

For details of how to get involved with Christian Aid and to offer to help with the house to house collections this year contact:

Chris Platel 01244 332466

# The History File

## Stones at St James Part 1.

Following on from one of Gwen Knights lent talks in the Parish Hall when she used stones as a theme of her talk, I thought it a good time to look again at some of the interesting stones that make up our church building at St James. When the builders of the first stone building at St James were looking for materials, they had to look no further than the stone from the quarry in Quarry Lane. This immediate source of stone was crucial, as it cut down costs enormously. It is believed that our present tower dates from 1484 at the time of Rector Thomas and is the second on the site. One of the contributors to the early church building was a Thomas Mayor from Bavaria, and descendants of the family the (Mayer's) have worshipped here ever since. It's possible that more stone was obtained from the Waverton Quarry, which was situated close to the A41, and the timber used obtained from within the Parish or nearby Delamere Forest. Various new stones were used to repair the damaged church after the Civil War in 1645, when the church was garrisoned by Parliament, but it was in 1737 when a major new building became necessary.

Only the tower survives from the early church and the new nave, chancel & aisles were added in fine Georgian Style in 1737, when money for this building was gathered by means of a parliamentary "Brief", a device used to obtain money from churches across the land. £1,500 was obtained in this way but £1,000 went on legal costs. (Nothing new there.) However by the 1870's this building was itself in need of replacement, and Canon Garnett decided enough was enough when in January 1873 part of the roof collapsed and snow fell onto the congregation one Evensong. He was determined to make sure that any new building was built to the highest standards and he employed William Butterfield one of the leading architects of his day, to redesign the new structure.

Butterfield's design, after many arguments between the Dixon & Townsend Ince Families, was to use the original tower, but to raise the floor of the whole building. You can see this by looking into the choir

vestry and see the original doorway to the tower\*. He also took the west door away and the Baptism window by Charles Gibbs was installed in the space. The font was then placed in the new space under the tower, and entry to the church was through the new porch. The large galleries containing family pews that had existed over the rear of the nave were also removed.\*

He obtained new sandstone blocks from Delamere and Waverton Quarries as stone from Christleton's Quarry was no longer viable. He also purchased blocks of creamy white stone from Stourton near Heswall on Wirral, the same stone that is used on the Mersey Tunnels. Butterfield's design is unique and he uses geometrical patterns in his buildings and this can clearly be seen in the sanctuary at St James. The foliated patterns in the roof are also typical of his work. The new building was consecrated in July 1877, and remains the fine building we have today. DC

\*Access to the gallery was through this doorway.





## **COMMUNITY LUNCH: Spring is in the Air! Update for April**

Following on from what we felt was a very happy occasion in December, we are holding a further similar event on Wednesday 10 April 12.00 noon for a 12.30 start.

We would see this event as open to everyone, and would hope the “regulars” will become increasingly aware of those more isolated or in need of company and ensure they are invited to come along.

This will continue to be on a “Donations” basis to ensure it is all inclusive but realistically in the long term, some of the donations will fund at least some of the food provided, although not the provision of it.

This being borne in mind, we would welcome donations in kind, eg vegetables, special skills, special menu items, time and effort. Good washers up are always welcome pending the dishwasher arriving (!!)- I wish!

Be part of it – Spring in the Air with us.

Suggested menu:

On arrival/sitting down:

A non-alcoholic ‘Spring’ cocktail of Apple juice, Lime & Mint on Ice with a little appetizer of chilled Melon & Watercress, Crumbled Cheese & Walnut salad.

Main course:

A Cacciatore of Lamb cooked slowly in olive oil, shallots & celery with fresh herbs of parsley, rosemary, thyme and leeks, white wine & white wine vinegar, served with oven baked gratin of thinly sliced potato & cheese/Bechamel sauce.

Vegetarian option:

Leek, Sweet Tomato & Cheese Tart of Filo Pastry with Gratin Potato side.

Both dishes served with plates of oil & lemon dressed cooked greens & a selection of artisan made breads.

### Selection of Desserts

Soft Drinks, Water Jugs on Ice with Lemon provided. Bring your own wine if required.

There is a notice at the back of St James church for names to be added and you can contact Janet or Liz below. Please don't hesitate to contact us to offer help or put your names down.

Janet Milton 01244 335469

Liz McClure 01244 409414

### **Good with computers? Your magazine needs you!**

The (unwaged) post of magazine compiler will shortly become vacant as Julie Coxall retires from this task due to pressure of work commitments.

We are extremely pleased to have had Julie's excellent help and she will be sorely missed.

The compiler is the kingpin in St James' parish magazine and assembles all the material submitted and sets it out using desktop publishing software. The product of this work is then sent on to the printers.

If you have a computer and an interest in helping please speak to Julie (336062) to find out more.

David Bull

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## SUNDAY CLUB

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.45 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St. James. For further details please contact Berenice Kirwan, 336779.

## CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

We meet for Informal Prayers and a Simple Lunch on the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon. All welcome. There is no charge for the lunch but a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

## CHRISTLETON W. I.

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



## CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Lilian Hopley telephone Chester 676683.

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The February magazine will be available for collection from Sunday 31 March.

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### *Stamp out leprosy!*

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Stamps should be trimmed to quarter inch border around the stamp and can be left at the back of the Church.

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## The Marriage Service

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10 Langdale Close, Gatley, Cheadle, Cheshire

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

## The Funeral Service.

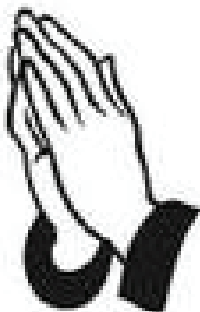
5<sup>th</sup> Joan Roberts St Catherine's Nursing Home, York 86yrs  
6<sup>th</sup> Philip Stubbs Tarvin Court Nursing Home 100yrs  
13<sup>th</sup> Irene Parker King's Court Nursing Home Newton Lane, Chester 78yrs  
14<sup>th</sup> Arnold Chamberlain 20 Ballater Cres, Vicars Cross, Chester 81yrs  
15<sup>th</sup> Arnold Chamberlain 20 Ballater Cres, Vicars Cross (Burial of cremated remains)  
15<sup>th</sup> James Joseph Ilott (Burial of Cremated remains) 88yrs  
21<sup>st</sup> Margaret Laura Lightfoot, Orchard Manor Nursing Home 81yrs

*"Grant them eternal rest"*

## Offertories.

February	Cash	C.S.E.	2013	2012
3 <sup>rd</sup>	157-35	563-00	720-35	869-59
10 <sup>th</sup>	106-27	473-50	579-77	657-60
17 <sup>th</sup>	117-87	651-50	769-37	714-80
24 <sup>th</sup>	61-40	472-00	533-40	823-90
Totals			£ 2,602-89	£3,065-89

*"Of your own do we give you"*





# **PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON**

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

## **WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT**

**Rector: The Rev'd. Malcolm Cowan, B.Th**

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**All baptisms, weddings and appointments by arrangement with Janet Milton 335469**

<b>Churchwardens:</b>	John Pearson	335101
	Carl Cumiskey	330028
<b>Deputy Wardens:</b>	Alan McAllester	335494
	Chris Platel	332466
	Keith Smalls	335688
<b>Reader:</b>	Wayne Morris	01978 263389
<b>Verger:</b>	John Milton	335469
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Betty Dunning	335652
<b>Pastoral Worker:</b>	Berenice Kirwan	336779
<b>Sunday Club:</b>	Berenice Kirwan	336779
<b>Mothers' Union Branch Leader:</b>	Janet Brown	335785
<b>Organist &amp; Musical Director:</b>	Steve Roberts	815277
<b>P. C. C. Secretary:</b>	Betty Gilliatt	335645
<b>P. C. C. Treasurer:</b>	Carl Cumiskey	330028
<b>Stewardship Envelope:</b>	Betty Dunning	335652
<b>Gift Aid Secretary:</b>	Nigel Seddon	335588
<b>Bellringers:</b>	Ian Braithwaite	300565
<b>Bellringers Secretary:</b>	Nikki Dromgoole	351124
<b>Parish Hall Booking:</b>	Clare Holland	332819
<b>C. M. S. Secretary:</b>	Janet Brown	335785
<b>Children's Society Sec:</b>	Lesley Morgan	335088
<b>Visiting Group:</b>	Berenice Kirwan	336779
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