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Cover Story

Our cover picture this month depicts the new Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Village Sign, unveiled on the Village Green on Fete Day.

Back cover

The 2014 Rose Queen Erin Brackenbury and her retinue sheltering under the Lych Gate before the Village Fete Parade through the Village.

Margaret Croston who opened the show is wearing her B.E.M awarded in the last New Year's Honours List.

Bible Verse:

Galatians 6:10 - As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Message from our Rector



This is a wonderful place, wonderful because over many centuries this parish has had concern for the other person. If you walk round to the pit you will see the Alms house, built to offer shelter to those who had and continue to have a need for shelter.

Each year we hold a Toy Service when toys are donated and distributed to those less fortunate than us.....

Harvest provisions are donated to worthy causes to help feed to hungry and homeless

And more recently, we have committed to the work and witness of foodbanks,we are a collection point for food, which is taken to Ellesmere Port and Blacon food bank centres.

For most of us here, higher food prices are an inconvenience, not a disaster. We will still be able to buy food and have plenty on our tables. We won't go hungry. Which, I'm ashamed to say, is not true of everyone in our area, in our county, in our country. For many people in Britain who are genuinely poor, higher food prices will add further woe and distress to already challenging, hungry times.

All of which jars with the teachings of Jesus "do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink." Imagine if a priest like me said to a young family with one, low income, "Jesus says don't worry about what you will eat. Strive for the kingdom of God and God will provide."

In Jesus we see the reason why God calls us to support the poor and needy. Not just because we have a guilty conscience – great motivator though that can be. Jesus teaches us the infinite value of the people around us and so teaches us why depri-

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and suffering matter. “The poor” aren’t just statistics or some social group different to you and me. They are the same as us: children of God; made in God’s image; who deserve better than society gives them.

So what we can do.

Churchesand Churches are just gatherings of individualsoften get caught in this scarcity trap. We hear people saying, “If we just had more youth leaders, we could if we just had more money, we couldif we just had more young families, we could.....” You never hear Jesus say that.

Whatever is present is enough, whether it be food or faith equivalent to a grain of mustard seed! Wherever Jesus is present there is always enough.

And so in places we’ve never heard of, the Bible is studied; in places where perhaps only one or two people have a copy of the Bible, the faith is taught. And with our love and generosity.....people who are hungry.....children who go to school without breakfast.....can be fed

Our gifts of food for food banks are important symbols of our commitment, our love and our Christ like attitude to others.



They remind us how easy it is to share our abundance, when we remember to do so. And the new food collection initiative is another opportunity for us to respond to God’s call.

Jesus says “do not worry about what you should eat and drink, about what you should wear.”

“Worry more about people who are hungry and thirsty and naked.”

Your Servant,
Malcolm.

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. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Ida Rogers, Chester 350060.



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 **September** edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 9th August** or you can e-mail this to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk OR christletonmag@spraff.net

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **August** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 27th July.**

People in the News

Golden Wedding

Sincere Congratulations from all their family & friends to Colin & Ann Wheeler who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the end of August.

Ruby Wedding

Very many congratulations from friends in the Parish to Brian & Lorraine Lewis who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in August.

Cliff Bridge

Hearty congratulations to Cliff Bridge, on his 102nd birthday on July 17th Cliff, Christleton's oldest resident, from his many friends at St James@ and throughout the village



Words are Powerful

Don't ever think your words aren't important! Your very future with God depends on the words you say. Your eternal destiny was settled the day you said with your mouth that Jesus is Lord of your life. Your life--both in the here and now and in the hereafter--is still being built by the words you say. When you say words of faith, it thrills God because those words open the way for Him to move in your life and bless you. That's what He loves to do. Personally, I love to be blessed by God, so I pay close attention to my words.

I'm also quick to be corrected. When I let down my guard and allow the devil to get hold of some of my words, I don't let him have them for long. As soon as I realize what I have done, I command those words to fall to the ground and I reinstate what I believe, what I want to come to pass. You can do the same thing. If you start speaking words of doubt and unbelief, just stop the moment you realize what you are doing and repent. Change your thinking and get your words back in agreement with the Word of God AMEN. *Kenneth Copeland*

Nature Notes

What a wonderful breeding season for birds we've had. This has been one of the best I've recorded in over 40 years of village records. One of the most exciting aspects has been the recovery of barn owls. Last year it was doom and gloom, with almost every nesting attempt a failure, only 5 nest boxes out of 210 having young. This year from just three boxes, five young barn owlets were ringed in a village nest box, four more at Hockenhull Platts, and six at Rowton. All three sites, were pole or tree nest boxes which is very encouraging, but there were also little owls and several pairs of tawnys successful in tree holes.

Kingfishers have bred near Hockenhull and possibly along the canal at Waverton, and several lapwings and tufted ducks have also been successful near the new lake.

There have been astonishing numbers of warblers heard and seen, and from the evidence have all been breeding well. Chiff chaff, blackcap, whitethroat, sedge and grasshopper warblers have been joined by reed buntings and even a reed warbler, but no evidence of that breeding yet! Spotted flycatchers are breeding on at least two sites and even the cuckoo has made an appearance for the first time for several years.



Buzzards, kestrels and sparrowhawks have all bred successfully and seem to have been joined in the skies above us by a pair of red kites, but no sign of any breeding yet by the kites.

Some species such as the barn swallows are now trying to nest for the third time, having had two successful early broods, although house martin numbers are down. Swifts on the other hand seem to be concentrated in three distinct sites, and here they have been prolific.

The sounds of them screaming around the sky, has been a highlight of my evening watching, whilst the sight of three or four baby barn owls coming out of a nest box, and trying to make

their first flight has been a wonderful experience. The first steps seem to be several minutes of flapping and shuffling along the ledge, or flapping to the top of the box. Then one individual falls down into the tall grass below the box and tries desperately to flap hard enough to get enough lift to take it back to the safety of the ledge. The bravest then take its first flight to a bare branch 10 meters away. Another follows a few minutes later, and then mum or dad arrive from a hunting trip over the long meadow with a vole or shrew for their feed. This was the scene for several nights, until four were seen flying over a wider area themselves.



The young owlets seemed to be easily distinguishable by their extremely white face and body, but are almost adult size when they emerge. It has been wonderful to see such a recovery in just one season for such beautiful creatures. I'm also told that four young peregrines have successfully fledged at Beeston Castle crag, so keep your eyes open, there might be peregrines flying around this area shortly. DC

The History file

Last month I told you that I was hoping to announce an exciting new project to create a lasting memorial of the Village in the Great War. 1914-18. I can now share with you the news that we have been awarded a grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund to create such a project. This is part of the press release giving details of the work we are to undertake.

Christleton Village History Group

**Project: Christleton Villages History;
Great War Voices; "War Stories -
Remembering our forgotten Heroes".**



Christleton Local History Group and partners from Christleton High School & the local Community has just received a grant for £9,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a community education project to explore the history and experiences of the men



and women who died, and those who survived the First World War, from Christleton and the neighbouring townships of Littleton, Rowton, Cotton Abbotts and Cotton Edmunds.

The project team and volunteers intend to research the stories of the soldiers, and the way the Parish Community supported their efforts, and produce a range of educational activities to commemorate the Great War 1914-18. The Community has gathered together each Remembrance Day at a Church Service and at the War Memorial to hear the names of the fallen, but very little is known about these individuals who selflessly sacrificed their lives during the Great War.

We want to know who these people were, where they lived, and what part they played in village life before they went to fight. We also want to explore what they did in the war, and where they died and are commemorated, so villagers of today, especially our young people can respect their memory. We want to put faces to names where possible, and tell the stories of these brave forgotten people.



Our object is to inspire school children and the wider community, in researching the contribution local people made during the First World War. We hope to develop new skills, enhance interest in & foster understanding of the villages unique heritage during the war period, for future generations to enjoy and cherish. To mark the Centenary of the First World War we will collabo-

rate with village organisations and individuals to collect photographs, personal accounts and letters to help build up a clear picture of what life was really like. With the help of professional writers, designers and film makers the new information will be incorporated into a Commemorative Book and Village Archive which will be made available on the Village Website www.christleton.org.uk The Group will also be working with, and supported by, The Cheshire Military Museum, Cheshire Archives and Local Studies & Chester Heritage Centre. DC

Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Village Sign

The new Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Village Sign, promoted by Christleton Parish Council was unveiled on the Village Green on Fete Day. The original picture was painted by Phil Hodges and used for the cover of our Millennium History Book. Phil also designed the new feature for the Village Green.

It was skilfully transferred from the original painting to the finished sign by John Carswell now a professional Signwriter, and former student at Christleton School who was taught art by Phil Hodges himself. What a wonderful combination and link within the village. The frame and ironwork was completed at the Tattenhall Smithy. The funding of the sign was paid for by sponsorship, donations from individuals and from fund raising events.



It is very appropriate to place the sign on the Village Green as it joins the celebratory Tree planted by the Village community to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. The unveiling was done by Jessica Mills a young person representing Christleton Primary School, Phil Hodges & David Cummings former Head teachers at Christleton High & Primary Schools respectively and Cllr. Luke Henley Chairman Christleton Parish Council

Village Fete

Congratulations to everyone who organised and supported this year's Village Fete despite the awful weather conditions. Dawn Sturgess and her team had done a wonderful job, in providing a range of new games and attractions, and there were some excellent stalls around the Primary School Field. The weather seemed to be at its worst as the Rose Queens and their retinues arrived on the field, and the opening ceremony had to be curtailed to avoid everyone getting extremely wet. Alf & Margaret Croston were the Chief Guests, and Margaret crowned the 2014 Rose Queen, Erin Brackenbury. Erin made an excellent speech, and invited everyone to enjoy the day, before the Erin, Sophie and their Retinues made their way from the stage to shelter in the school.

Several events had to be cancelled due to the adverse conditions, but as the rain stopped after an hour or so many more people arrived to see the displays. The Wirral Pipe Band gave a fine display in the arena, and Natasha Peto from Boughton, provided two slots of delightful folk songs. The "Kings" a rock band from Wervin near Upton were an excellent group who also provided the P.A. System for the Fete.

Another highlight in the arena was a display of falconry by expert Falconer Terry Large.

Terry was a student at Christleton in the 1960's and is now one of the leading falconers in the Country. We were delighted to see him back at the show, giving his superb display of flying owls and hawks, with expertise and panache. Many children were able to take part in the activities and had the opportunity to hold the barn owl or hawks.

The Prize Draw which concluded the event had a long list of valuable prizes and was organised by Jane Roberts & team. Despite the rain, the Fete went ahead successfully again this year, and the proceeds



will almost all be distributed amongst village voluntary groups and organisations. These donations are a valuable addition to their funds, and by supporting the Fete you are helping a wide range of village activities. This has always been the case since the Fete was introduced to the village by Rector Lionel Garnett in 1871.

In those days the money was needed to pay the running costs of the schools, which were funded locally by the Village, and by parents paying to send their children to school. The two schools were the John Sellers Charity School for Boys which was in the present churchyard, and the Girls and Infants School in the former school building opposite the High School now converted into five cottages. The present Fete Committee now are fulfilling that fundraising role by giving financial support to so any worthy village causes. DC

ZEPPELINS

I was interested to read what Alf Croston wrote in the July magazine about the Zeppelin flying over Liverpool.

I was about 11 yrs old at the time and living in Birkenhead not far from the docks when I also saw the zeppelin flying over. It's interesting to know at long last what they were doing taking photographs of the area.

Betty Dunning

HYMN: The story behind ... JUST AS I AM

The hymn 'Just As I Am' must be one of the most famous in the world. It has been sung by tens of millions of Christians at Billy Graham Crusades the world over, just for starters! Yet it was not written by a professional who was 'aiming' at a specific market, as many songs seem to be written today. Instead, it was written by an artist in Victorian times. Her name was Charlotte Elliott, and she was born in Clapham in 1789. She grew up in a

200th ANNIVERSARY

A CELEBRATION of the Cheshire Pitt Club's formation 200 hundred years ago was held in London on Thursday 15th May with a Bi-Centenary Dinner in the House of Commons Dining Room. William Pitt (1759-1806) was the youngest Prime Minister and the second-longest serving one. He delivered his maiden speech on 26 February 1781 at the age of only 22. Various clubs were formed through the country. Only about four are left.

Members and guests assembled in Westminster Hall – a huge building that is used for the Lying-in-State of Royalty, and various special events. We were divided into groups of 25, and conducted by knowledgeable guides firstly into the House of Lords where the Queen opens Parliament, and saw the Wool Sack. The Queen is not allowed into the House of Commons but she summons members of the Commons who proceed two by two (Government and Opposition) – like going into the Ark! Black Rod knocks on the door of the Commons and there are indentations where his rod has dented the wooden panel. Various statues were encased in plastic sheeting to avoid being damaged by dust liberated by tiles being renewed in the floor. They are all hand made and are getting worn out by the hundreds of feet passing over them over the years. We were not allowed to sit on the seats in either House.

Prior to the dinner, we gathered in a room for champagne and proceeded to the Dining Room for an excellent meal, starting with smoked salmon, followed by duck with vegetables, a delicious pudding, cheese and sweetmeats. After the meal the first Toast was to Her Majesty the Queen, followed by a Toast to The Earl of Chester, then the Honourable Graham Evans, MP introduced the Guest Speaker the Right Honourable The Lord Lawson of Blaby, PC (Nigella's Dad) who spoke about the Climate Change Controversy – to much acclaim.

The Right Reverend The Bishop of Chester, Dr Peter Forster gave a Vote of Thanks.

The Club always finishes its meeting in a rather old-fashioned

way by sending out someone to report on the weather, after which the Warden orders “Cloths to be withdrawn” and we all went away from Parliament at 10.55 pm.
(We had to be out 11 pm).

The following day Alf and I decided to go and see the Chapel of St Faith’s in St Paul’s Cathedral, which is dedicated to the Order of the British Empire. We by-passed the queues getting into the Cathedral and found a very nice guide who conducted us to the Crypt and asked if we were getting married! (We did that 64 years ago) – as any member of the Order and family are privileged to get married in the Chapel or have children baptised there. It is quite small and beautifully decorated – the entrance is flanked by two mirrored stands surmounted by silver bowls of white flowers.

On the pavements surrounding the Chapel are many graves belonging to artists and musicians and architects – Wren, Reynolds, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Parry, Alma Tadema, Newton, etc and further into the Crypt the raised tombs of Nelson and Wellington. Well worth a visit. A Cathedral dedicated to St Paul has stood on this site for over 1400 years.

Margaret Croston

All Quiet on the Western Front - Recollections of a visit to the WW1 Battlefields

I was ill prepared for what I was to see at the WW1 battlefields of Ypres, Arras and the Somme. Yes, I knew some of the politics, which countries were primarily involved, I knew about some of the major battles. I knew a bit about life in the trenches, I’d seen pictures in GCSE history books, I’d read ‘Birdsong’. But on actually visiting the Western Front, I realised that for all I thought I knew about WW1, I had certainly not really understood what a whole generation laid down.

WW1 escalated rapidly from the assassination of the heir to the Habsburg throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, in Sarajevo. As a result, Austria declared war on Serbia, to whose defence came Russia. Germany, in an act of aggres-

sion borne out of a desire to prove her strength and superiority, declared war on Russia and France. Germany also invaded Belgium, violating her neutrality, thus drawing Britain into the war on August 4th, 1914. The Western Front, stretching from the Belgian coast on the English Channel right along the length of the Franco-German border was to be the scene of unprecedented carnage and destruction until November 11th, 1918.

“Where the hell are we?!”

“Well according to this map we are on a road that doesn’t exist...but we’re not lost, I’m sure we can retrace our steps....”

This is Belgium, just outside Ypres. A vast grid of impossibly straight roads through extraordinarily flat fields of potatoes, maize, hops and sprouts. You can see for miles, but you can see, well, nothing. In addition to its world class beers and chocolates, Belgium boasts the best system of roads and signposts for anyone wishing to get completely and bewilderingly lost.

Eventually we find the Hill 62 Museum and Sanctuary Wood. The former is named by its height in metres above sea level (in this level-landed country, 62m represents a major strategic point). The latter is named literally because this wood was used as a sanctuary by soldiers who had become separated from their company. It was a safe place to meet and regroup - until, of course, it was ripped apart by warfare.

The museum is tiny and packed with artefacts. Few things are labelled, but few things need much explanation. There are bits of uniform, regimental badges, tin helmets, mud encrusted boots. There are bits of ammunition, shells, mortars, bullets, guns. The walls are covered, not an inch to spare, with photos taken in the Ypres salient during WW1, where some of the bloodiest and longest-sustained fighting took place. Many of these photos make grisly viewing, and there are some so horrific that, guiltily, I shy away from them, only looking through the corner of my eye.

At a table in the centre of the room, there are a dozen or so Victorian-looking stereoscopic photo boxes. You can sit at any one and look through the two round eyepieces at photos which have an alarming 3-D effect. Here I am not permitted to sideways-glance at the photos, some deemed too horrendous to make it to the history books. There is not the luxury of right or left, only head on confrontation. I feel quite tense as the next slide is rolled manually

into focus: perhaps it would be a bunch of smiling comrades, or perhaps a fallen soldier lying in mud and blood, half his head in some other corner of a Flanders field. I think, ‘What must it have been like to be confronted with this every day, uncertainty hanging like a heavy cloud, and mortality - not air - filling your nostrils?’. I can scarcely begin to imagine.

The rear of the tiny museum opens into Sanctuary Wood. A cursory glance and this looks like a woodland idyll, early autumn sunlight streaming through leaves beginning to turn and fall. Then I register the relief of the ground. It is pockmarked with shell holes, man-deep, already filling with mud after only one overnight shower. And I notice the aging tree stumps, bound with barbed wire to prevent them from falling apart, covered in remembrance crosses and poppies. These were once the only geographical features in no man’s land. Although nature has done an impressive job of reclaiming this wood, the scars left here by the ravages of war are impossible to conceal.

Here there is a section of a preserved trench. In places it is already too muddy for our tentative trainers to tread. (How pathetic! Pte R A Colwell recalls from Ypres: ‘The earth had been churned and rechurned. It was simply a soft, slippery mess, into which you sank up to the neck if you slipped from the duckboard tracks...pits of earth like simmering fat, brimful of water and slimy mud, mile after mile as far as the eye could see.’) Walking through the trench is a strange experience - in parts deep enough to be claustrophobic, in others worryingly shallow. But, nearly 90 years on, I am sure it can only now give a sketchy impression of the reality of trench living.

We reach Tyne Cot along an unassuming little road, through seemingly endless arable land. It is late in the day, and the crisp shadows are lengthening every minute. I stand at the gate and imagine standing before the entire undergraduate population of Oxford University. But here, each individual is replaced with a gleaming, bright white headstone. This is the Tyne Cot Cemetery, which holds 12000 burials of Commonwealth soldiers who fell in the Ypres salient. 70% of them are ‘Known unto God’. Beyond the headstones, names carved in huge tablets of stone stretch in an arc around the whole of the far side of the cemetery, a memorial to the 35000 soldiers who fell in the Ypres salient after August 16th 1917, and who have no known grave. (Those who fell before this date, some 55000, are remembered on the Menin Gate in Ypres town centre). The tremendous human cost of this ‘great’ war is beginning to register. It is

one thing to read an inventory of figures of which country had how many killed, how many wounded; it is another entirely to stand before them. And each one a son, a brother, a husband, a father. Indeed, one inscription reads ‘Sacred spot, tread carefully, a mother’s love lies here’.

Though strangely, this is not an unpleasant place to be. It is immaculately kept, with colourful flowers and shrubs planted on every row of headstones. It is a place of great dignity, and overwhelmingly peaceful, perfect for quiet reflection on what a nation’s youth endured and gave. In fact, I am grateful to be able to silently contemplate what I see before me, and spend quite some time doing just that.

Leaving behind flat, fertile Belgium, we head towards Arras, NE France. Just miles from here took place that most bloody and notorious battle, the Somme. An estimated 1.3 million casualties - mostly British, German and French - were incurred at the 1st Battle of the Somme between July and November 1916. All for 5 miles of liquid mud.

We visit a German cemetery at Neuville St Vaast. The impact of this place is perhaps even greater than Tyne Cot: I cannot see where the long rows of iron crosses end, looking in every direction they blur into oneness. I look at a single cross. There is a name on both of its horizontal arms. I look at the other side...two more names. My God, each one of these seemingly endless crosses represents four - four - soldiers. There are 44000 burials here in total.

A contrast to the bright white stone and coloured flowered in Tyne Cot, here there is no colour. Large trees spread a canvas of shade over Neuville St Vaast so that even the grass looks dark green, not bright and verdant like at Tyne Cot. At Tyne Cot there was a sense of glorification of the soldiers who died proudly fighting for our freedom, they are honoured and ennobled. Here, without the perspective of the victor, I feel only the bare futility and desperate loss. Here, I feel I have reached the quick of the most basic and most terrible aspect of war.

So what did it all achieve? Well, Germany’s aggressive attempt at expansion into territories to which she had no claim was rightly stopped. The freedom of France and the neutrality of Belgium were protected. So I will wear my poppy with pride and with gratitude to those who gave the highest sacrifice for the

sake of freedom.

But this was achieved at a cost of 10 million dead, hundreds of thousands of survivors left mentally and physically wounded, and those on the home fronts on the brink of starvation. So I will also wear my poppy with hope that the lessons of war will one day be learnt. For this 'war to end all wars' did nothing of the sort. On every day of every year since 11th November 1918, somewhere in the world there has been armed conflict.

Katharine Schofield

Divine illustration....

A teacher was observing her classroom of young children while they drew. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said gently, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, the girl replied with perfect composure: "They will in a minute."

Bible Verse:

Jude 1:24 - Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.



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- 29th Ella Jane Woodhouse daughter of Joseph Neil & Suzanne Marie Woodhouse 62 Greenfield Road, Christleton
- 29th Harriet Agnes Lovell daughter of James Robert D. & Anna Elizabeth Lovell 129 Queens Road, Vicars Cross, Chester

“We welcome you to the Lord’s Family”

The Marriage Service

- 28th Matthew Hibbs & Hannah Davies 56 Berwick Drive, Cannock Stafford

“Those whom God has joined, let no man divide”

The Funeral Service

- 4th Ian (Sid) Musto Bodlondob Nursing Home, Wrexham 58yrs (Burial of Cremated Remains)
- 6th Dorothy (Dot) Susan Stuart 1 Rowan Park, Christleton 62yrs
- 13th Gertrude Axon Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home Christleton 90yrs
- 13th Derek Charles Reid Castle Cottage, Little Heath Road, Littleton 51yrs
- 21st Dorothy (Dot) Susan Stuart 1 Rowan Park, Christleton 62yrs (Burial of Cremated Remains)
- 30th Ernest (Ernie) William Eaton 41 Melrose Avenue, Vicar Cross 83yrs

“Grant them eternal rest”

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| 1st | 173-60 | 611-00 | 784-60 | 749-20 |
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| 15th | 127-99 | 305-00 | 432-99 | 789-24 |
| 22nd | 16-50 | 729-01 | 745-51 | 629-60 |
| 29th | 220-19 | 637-19 | 857-38 | 844-00 |
| Totals | | | £3,724-26 | £3,779-79 |

“Of your own do we give you”

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

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| 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 |
| WEDNESDAY: | 10.45 a.m. | Holy Communion | |
| SAINT'S DAYS: | 9.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | |

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton
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All baptisms weddings and appointments by arrangement with Janet Milton - 325529

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| | Bettie Gilliatt | 335645 |
| Deputy Wardens: | Alan McAllester | 335494 |
| | Chris Platel | 332466 |
| | Keith Smalls | 335688 |
| Curate: | Barbara King | 300756 |
| Verger: | John Milton | 325529 |
| Sacristan: | Betty Dunning | 335652 |
| Pastoral Worker: | Berenice Kirwan | 336779 |
| Sunday Club: | Berenice Kirwan | 336779 |
| Mothers' Union Branch Leader: | Janet Brown | 335785 |
| Organist & Musical Director: | Steve Roberts | 815277 |
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| P. C. C Treasurer: | Brian & Lorraine Lewis | 534323 |
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| Gift Aid Secretary: | Nigel Seddon | 335588 |
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Margaret Croston BEM

Bible Verses:

Acts 20:35 - I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

John 3:8 - The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

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