

# St. James'

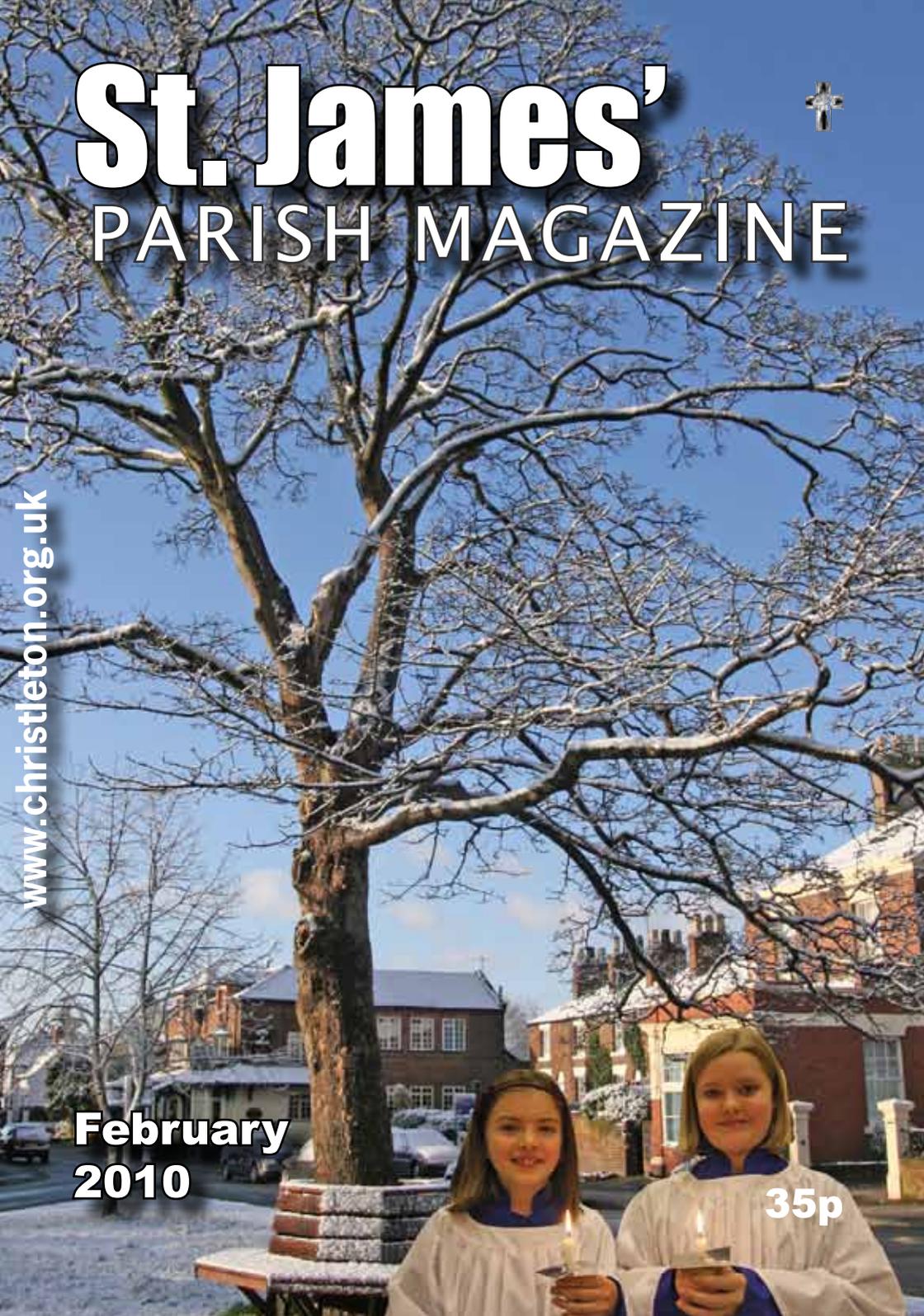
## PARISH MAGAZINE



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**February  
2010**

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# Features in February

Mon	1	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		6.30 pm	Confirmation Group (Lady Chapel)
		7.45 pm	PCC Meeting (Parish Hall)
Wed	3	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	Bereavement Support Group (Hospice)
Thur	4	7.45 pm	Deanery Synod
Fri	5	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 2)
		10.45 am	Parish Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Sunday School (Parish Hall)
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
		6.30 pm	Evensong - followed by refreshments
			Prayer Link Road: Rowton Lane and Promised Land Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Karen Smalls
Mon	8	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union (Parish Hall)
		2.30 pm	Parish Visiting Group (The Rectory)
		6.30 pm	Confirmation Group
Wed	10	10.45 am	Holy Communion -followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	First 'get-together' for any adults interested in being Confirmed (The Rectory)
Fri	12	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

NB: Last date for contributions for March Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (335469). Earlier if possible please, or you can attach your Word document and e-mail this to [christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk)

<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>Sunday Next before Lent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Family Service - followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Rowton Bridge Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Angela Haswell
<b>Wed</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
		10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.30 pm	Invitation to Mass and Imposition of Ashes at St Werburgh's
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19</b>		6.30 pm Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Parish Communion (Order 1)
		10.45 am	Sunday School (Parish Hall)
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group (Parish Hall)
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Sandrock Road
			Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Wheeler
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22</b>	6.30 pm	Confirmation Group (Lady Chapel)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>23</b>	8.00 am	Church Walking Group leave car park for Chester Walk. Contact David Cummings (333410)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>24</b>	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26</b>	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>
		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: Skips Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Pat Hawkes

Dear Friends

### **God's Springtime**

Lent starts early this year with Ash Wednesday falling on 17 February. To many people Lent is a dreary time, and to think of observing it is more of a duty than a joy. But perhaps we can find a new enthusiasm for Lent if we think of it as God's Springtime.

'God's Springtime' was in fact the title of a book written by Joyce Huggett, which gave a fresh approach to faith. It in no way changes the meaning of Lent for Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning Spring. Lent came to be known as God's Springtime; the period when Christians 'tuned in' to God's love and made a fresh response to it. But of course no growth is automatic or instantaneous. Plants need to be nurtured and given the right conditions for growth. Sometimes the dead wood has to be cut away before new growth can see the light of day. And through the long months of Winter, and well into Spring, the growth is internal and unseen – the sap is rising but as yet there is nothing to show for it. Even when all of nature looks bare and dead new growth is coming and things are happening. God's Springtime looks to blossom at Easter. Jesus always spoke of the Kingdom as a seed growing secretly. His time in the wilderness was a time of preparation and secret growth towards his ministry and his final giving of himself to bring new life to the world.

So why not use Lent as God's Springtime for you – a time of secret spiritual growth? We don't have to be too ambitious, nor should we let ourselves be put off by others who seem to be so much further on than we are. May I suggest you set yourself a simple, achievable task for Lent – a modest attempt at personal spiritual growth? Perhaps it will be a special time for prayer and/or Bible reading or reading a book for Lent such as Joyce Huggett's. As a Church we shall have 'specials' and 'extras' for Lent, which I hope will be helpful, but don't be daunted by it. Join in as much or as little as you can manage, but try to make a start. For any adults interested in being Confirmed in May there will be a first 'get-together' on Wednesday 10 February at 7.45 pm at the Rectory when you will be very welcome.

It is a real blessing in Christleton that we are able to share in Churches Together across the denominations. On Ash Wednesday we shall have our usual 10.45 am Communion, but we are also invited to Mass at St Werburgh's at 7.30 pm with the Imposition of Ashes. Then through lent we are organising House Groups based on the film 'Chocolat'! This is a way of engaging together on matters very relevant to our faith through a popular medium – so why not sign up for a house group? As usual we shall have our USPG envelopes for personal giving in Lent perhaps 'diverting' money we would have spent on ourselves to help the work of the world-wide Church. There will also be Bible studies available, produced by USPG, to help us focus on the faith we share world-wide. There is a library of Christian books in the 'Children's area' at St James (with books for all ages), and these are available for people to borrow.

But I hope that God's Springtime will be an opportunity for us to encourage new growth, not only as individuals but as a Church. The PCC has set up three groups to help us plan our action for growth in our spiritual development, in our shared worship and in our welcome and outreach. There can be no growth in the life of our Church and in our mission and ministry unless it is firmly rooted in spiritual life, so may we all use this Lent to become more deeply 'rooted in Christ' to encourage, sustain and enable our growth as a church.

Yours sincerely

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

**Prayer of the Month: The GAP Prayer**

*Lord Jesus Christ, you command and inspire your Church to make disciples:*

*may our Church become a joyful and vibrant community of welcome, worship and service, spreading hope to those around us and attracting others to the fire of your love;*

*may your Spirit be at work through our Growth Action Planning, helping us to catch a vision for your Church and to serve you faithfully, to your glory and honour. Amen.*



## New Choir members



**A**t the commencement of the toy service in December Isobel Holland and Amber Disley were inducted by the Rector as full members of the Choir at St James, having spent several months learning the skills needed for the choir. The Choir is always keen to recruit new members, and have vacancies for new sopranos at the present time, although other voices are always welcome. Singing is a great social activity, and the popularity could be seen in many reality TV programmes last year. In addition to singing the services at St James, the choir has a wide repertoire, and sings as a guest choir at weddings, or for special occasions. e.g Singing at Chester Cathedral for the Annual Service of the Mothers Union in the Chester Diocese in January 2010.

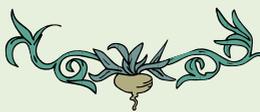


## Festive Decorations

A special thanks to Brian & Hillary Devenport & their team of volunteers who have again decorated the Victorian Lamp Posts around the Village for the Festive Season. They really make the village look bright & cheerful and together with the colourful Christmas tree on the Village Green and the newly lit holly tree in front of the Church in memory of young Dominic Arnold, have brightened up our village through the Christmas Season.



This year we also had the wonderful addition of the illuminated star high on the church tower thanks to the efforts of Tony Lamberton from Christleton High School. This could be seen from all around the village and lit up the night sky wonderfully to welcome people to once again celebrate the birth of Christ at St James' in Christleton, "The place of the Christians."



# Making Stained Glass

## THE HISTORY FILE



**S**tained glass is glass that has been coloured by adding metallic salts during its manufacture. The coloured glass is then crafted into windows in which small pieces of glass are arranged to form patterns or pictures, and are traditionally held together by specially shaped grooved or H shaped pieces or strips of lead. Sometimes the term stained glass is applied to windows in which colours have been painted onto the glass, and then fused in a kiln. The detail is applied by painting with a yellow or silver stain, which in turn enhances the design. (Kempe was very fond of this method) From the 10th & 11th C when the art of stained glass making began to flourish, glass factories were set up where there was a good supply of silica, the essential ingredient for making glass. The glass was then coloured by adding metallic oxides whilst in a molten state in a clay pot over a furnace. This method was known as Pot Glass. Copper oxide would produce shades of green, cobalt - blue, manganese for brown, gold for producing red.

David  
Cummings

## **Cylinder Glass**

This type of glass is partly blown into a hollow vessel and whilst molten spun onto a table rather like clay on a potters wheel. The centrifugal force causes the material to flatten and spread outwards. It could then be cut into sheets. Sometimes the concentric curving ripples of this process created interesting patterns, and had a delightful refractive quality. Often these thicker centre pieces emerged like “bulls eyes” and were often used to fill small windows as a design in their own right.

## **Table Glass**

This is formed by pouring molten glass onto a metal table and rolling it with a heavy roller. The type of roller can influence the pattern or appearance of the glass. This type of glass is widely produced today.

### **Flashed Glass.**

Red pot metal glass was dark in colour and very expensive. This method of flashing was used to produce a cheaper version, when molten clear glass was dipped into a pot of red glass coating it with a thin or thick layer as required. The glass that resulted was then cut, flattened and annealed by heat. This method enabled a variety of shades from dark red to opaque, ruby red to pale, and sometimes even a streaky red. This was used to decorate the robes of saints for example. The method was also used to produce variations in other colours with equal success.

## **Modern Production**

Today there are factories in Germany, France, Poland, Russia, England & the USA which produce high quality stained glass. The Millennium window at St James' is made with Polish Glass. A great deal of this modern glass is used in the repair & restoration of older windows especially those from the Victorian era, The Arts & Crafts Movement, and 20th C styles. The production of new windows using stained glass is very popular, and there are a large number of new styles emerging, as well as the copying of traditional designs of the past. In Victorian times when there was a huge demand for new stained glass windows. Among the most productive & innovative designers were William Morris, Edward Burne Jones, Thomas Willement & Charles Kempe. The Art Nouveau & Art Deco periods followed with personalities like Charles Rennie Mackintosh, John La Farge and Louis Tiffany emerging as favourite designers. DC

Ref; wikipedia/stained glass

## 6. TREASURE THEIR CHILDREN

A little unfairly there is still an image of Romania that is common in many British minds, that of severely disabled children and young people contained in conditions of restrictive squalor. Indeed just before Christmas, secret filming for BBC television showed elements of this practice continuing despite the clearly dedicated efforts of care staff.

Those reports repeated the figure of 100,000 such children originally suffering from a practice inherited from the cruel policies of selective-cleansing by the ruthless Ceausescu regime. At that time the ideology of the government was that Romanians were to be desirably pure-bred and strong. Disability was generally frowned upon in higher political circles.

Although the period of Ceausescu rule ended dramatically 20 years ago, that regime also left the Romanian state economically and politically destitute unable, even with a strong conscience and will in society, to do much about the huge problem of disabled young people.

Just imagine a prosperous Britain inheriting in 1989 100,000 severely disabled young people living in poor conditions. What would we have done about it? How would we have coped? Would Parliament have been prepared suddenly to divert vast resources to a situation both serious but unattractive? A vote-winner in elections?

I have neither a brief for the present government of Romania for its people after my two recent visits, but I witnessed there a strong, integrated and loving place for children in society and in family life. I also saw evidence of inspiring efforts to tackle the issue of child disability and deprivation. Earlier my

late cousin Dell had twice bravely practised dentistry in poor areas under the Dentaid scheme and there have been two or three separate initiatives in Romania from different parishes of the Chester Diocese.

In September I visited a marvellous small unit in the centre of Sibiu where about a dozen physically and mentally disabled young adults are taught basic crafts, cookery and language. “Manchester United!” exclaimed one on being told I was from England. Funded by a Protestant charity from Linz in Austria, it may still be one of few such centres but it provides an excellent model for future extension of state or independent provision in Romania.

Two years previously I was shown a small drop-in centre for young children from generally deprived homes and not regularly in school. Both centres are led by Romanians of strong Christian conviction, with their staff totally dedicated to the welfare and advancement of deprived young people.

Only last summer, along a dusty village lane by the small farm where I was staying I saw children ambling along, each carrying a musical instrument. At the height of the school holidays, I was surprised. “Come to Church tomorrow evening”, my family told me. There, a random orchestra of perhaps 20 children and 5 adults played several items within the Family Service and one stood up and sang as well. In the middle of nowhere a great voluntary effort, like several others I have seen in the field of music, drama and costume in Romania.

Snippets these may be, but there is a lot that is good for children in Romania these days. We need to pray and support all those in that beautiful country who through education and family life are working to build on the best of a long heritage undistracted by the worst bits of recent history. But it will take time, as we heard when St James Church supported a project near Bucharest in its Christmas collections for 2008.

Are you listening BBC?

*JOHN CARRUTHERS*

# NATURE NOTES

David  
Cummings

Although many people remember 2009 as a relatively poor year for weather, the year was in fact quite warm and dry with a particularly good sunny spring. The months of March, April, May & June all had good spells of warm sunny weather with virtually no rainfall. At one stage the Pit was getting to drought levels and the newly planted coir roll edges lost a number of the wild flowers that were sown in them. However the heavy rainfall in November & December when (250mm) 10inches fell, saw our annual rainfall rise to (706mm) 28 ¼ inches. This is still well above average for the village, but nothing like the almost (1000mm) 40” that fell in 2007.

The severe cold weather with the deep snow in early January has seen spectacular scenes all around the village and our area. Parts of North Wales between Mold & Ruthin were like Swiss Ski Resorts with thousands of people enjoying the deep snowfall and fabulous winter conditions. Christleton had more than its fair share of snow too, and although I’m sure many older residents found it difficult to get around, children and the younger generations had a wonderful time, finding as many places as possible to sledge down slopes on improvised sledges. The bank behind the old bus shelter on Quarry Lane was like the Cresta Run for most of the time.

As a consequence of the cold and later frosty conditions more and more small birds have come into gardens to feed. There have been spectacular numbers of redwings and fieldfare, the wintering Scandinavian thrushes taking the opportunity to feed on cottoneaster, holly and any other berries or



fruit to be found. These two members of the thrush family have wonderful markings and are very distinctive. The redwings have a white stripe over the eye and red underwing, whilst the fieldfare are much bigger, have a very subtle camouflaged plumage but with a bright yellow/orangey bill. Black caps, bullfinches, robins, wrens, long tailed tits and nuthatches have all been seen, whilst the colourful great spotted woodpeckers are also coming onto bird tables and nut feeders. I've had several



reports of owls being seen and heard. There have been plenty of tracks of foxes in the village, with three foxes being seen together near Bridge Drive. Also the eerie calls of a vixen in the middle of the night, has disturbed the sleep of many residents there. I'm sure you'll be glad to hear that the pair of swans from the Pit are back together

on the canal usually near the Trooper, after the pen had been seen covered in blood and been missing for about three weeks. The little tufted duck that has been on the canal for over three years can now be seen below the Christleton Lock and is still in good condition and seemingly very happy on her own.



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## **A Joke in Every Bite**

Did you hear about the fight in the  
biscuit tin?

The Bandit hit the Penguin over  
the head with a Club, tied him to a  
Wagon Wheel with a Blue Ribbon,  
and made his Breakaway in a Taxi!

A boy walked into a shop and asked  
for some helicopter flavoured crisps.  
The girl behind the counter said  
“Sorry we’ve only got plane!”

Two bags of crisps are walking down  
the road when a policeman stops and  
asks if they want a lift.  
“No,” they reply, “we’re Walkers!”

## **Riddle this!**

A horse is tied to a 15ft rope and  
there is a bale of hay 25ft away from  
him. Yet the horse is able to eat from  
the bale of hay. How is this possi-  
ble?

The rope isn’t tied to anything, so  
the horse can roam freely.

Q. When do elephants have eight  
feet?

A. When there are two of them!

Q. A woman has seven children, half  
of them are boys. How can this be  
possible?

A. Half are boys and so is the half.  
All the children are boys!

Q. How much dirt is in a hole 6.5m  
wide, 8m deep, and 5m long?

A. None! There’s no dirt in a hole.

### **Special Birthday Greetings**

Belated Congratulations  
to Claire Holland from all  
her friends at St James’ on  
her significant birthday on  
January 16th

## CHRISTLETON RESIDENTS

### DID YOU KNOW

The Christleton Parish Council meeting is held in the Methodist Church on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 8.0 pm.

The first item on the agenda is always Public Forum time which is allocated for residents to raise concerns/queries with the Council.

The minutes of every meeting are published in the Parish Notice Boards and on Christleton.org website.

The Parish Council always welcomes residents to the meetings, whether to simply listen to discussions regarding village issues or to raise a concern or query.

**Next meeting: 2nd February, 2010**

## Christleton Parish Plan

Progress is being made in the development of Christleton Parish Plan. For anyone who missed the piece in the last issue, a Parish Plan starts with an in depth survey of a community undertaken by the community itself. The survey establishes how a parish wants to see itself develop over the next 5 – 10 years and includes an action plan to make sure that this happens. (Visit [www.cheshireaction.org.uk](http://www.cheshireaction.org.uk) for access to completed plans from other parishes.)

A meeting has been held with the Parish Plans Development Officer from Cheshire Community Action and an interim steering committee is being formed with the aim of encouraging interest in a Parish Plan 'Event' later in the spring. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome.

For further information or to express an interest in joining the group please contact  
Sue Mallows  
[suemallows@hotmail.com](mailto:suemallows@hotmail.com)  
Tel: 01244 335527





Pennies make pounds again!  
**Box opening 2009 raises £1033.47**

### **THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHILDHOOD BETTER**

The following 'Thank you' is from The Children's Society in appreciation of our box opening donation.

Sian, 12, would like to tell you how your generous support has helped The Children's Society make a real difference to her life:

'Our house was dirty, there was no food and dad was drunk. The Children's Society helped. I mean really helped. Life is so different now'.

*Thanks again to you all for your generous support of the Society's work throughout the year.*

Lesley Morgan

## **Christmas Collections 2009**

Carols Around the Tree	£985-25
Midnight Communion	£318-23
8am Holy Communion	£95-07
10.45 Family Service	£626-20
Total	£2,024-75

50% for Church Mission Overseas  
25% for Church Aid for the Homeless  
25% for Adoption Matters



# 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

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

### Lent Lunch

**Thursday 4 March**  
**12.00 – 1.30 pm**

Methodist School Room  
All Welcome  
*Proceeds to Christian Aid*

## CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the  
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall  
Next Meeting  
**10th February**  
THE FIRST FEMALE MOUNTED  
POLICE OFFICER IN THE N.W.  
*KAREN CORCORAN*  
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

Telephone: 01829751140

## CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last  
Wednesday of the month at 2pm.  
*All welcome*



# THIS MONTH

## CHRISTLETON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 24th February

**7.30pm**

at Christleton Primary School

Speaker. David Cummings

Subject

### *The Art of Stained Glass*

A fully illustrated talk about of the making and designing of stained glass through the centuries. Illustrations include the windows at St James' and at Chester Cathedral, as well as from other parts of the U.K and Europe

## ST JAMES WALKING GROUP

February 23rd 2010

Chester; City Walls; The Dingle;  
Eccleston- The Meadows- Caldby  
Valley-Christleton.

City, River & Canal walk

Rating; Moderate 10miles

Pub Lunch at The Ring O Bells in  
Christleton

Depart Church Car Park at  
8.00am. Walk to Park & Ride.

## CHESTER CATHEDRAL



## Anne Frank Exhibition

**3rd – 26th February**

**9.00 am – 5.30 pm**

## COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 24th February

**10.30 - 1.30**

Christleton Institute

Coffee/home-made cakes  
sales table

All welcome Admission free

In aid of the Maasai People of  
Tanzania  
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# CAUGHT IN THE NET

Our country is divided. Neither side understands their adversary. There are two camps. Those that embrace the internet and those who spurn it. When the two sides come face to face each champions their own opinion with interesting results. Let us for simplicity call them the users and the non users. Each is wary when engaging in conversation, trying to test the waters to see which side the other is on. In most cases it is the user that makes the first tactical move by adding to his conversation words that were not in his vocabulary ten years ago but now are spoken with ease and authority. Such words as wifi or wiki. The word download is a sure giveaway as to which side you are on. It's a bit like tennis. Serve a few of these special words. If your opponent is a non user he will still be standing there on the touchline with a somewhat glazed look in his eyes. No effort is made to make a return. On the other hand your opponent might immediately make a fast return with a Google. Unfortunately the users have not as yet managed to agree on a universal handshake so that they instantly recognise each other without the non users ever suspecting a thing.

I should at this point declare myself a dedicated user. My attitude towards towards non users has up to now been kindly and understanding. Like most of my patriots I feel rather smug about the situation. Yes there have been mountains to climb and learning curves to scale but forgetting the more arduous ones it has been and still is a great adventure that my forefathers could never have imagined.

I think by now that this article has been sufficiently boring enough to have shaken off all the non users. I suspect they dropped off about midway through the first paragraph. So that just leaves us users left together which is how we like it. No need for us to talk about all the useless things that other lot talk about. We can get down to exchanging our thoughts on weighty subjects such as. Is it worth the expense

of increasing my ram? I am not getting the speed that my internet provider told me I would enjoy when he enticed me away from his competitor. Are those pills I am constantly being emailed about any good? Will it help if I catch the park and ride serial bus into town for a USB stick?

We users are really quite a matey lot. In the old days it used to be Dear Sir or Dear Madam or if you were really personal Dear Mr. Jones. Have you noticed how flighty women are now with their salutations in emails. Hi Richard, Hi John, Hi Paul. Women that have never met you and probably never will. Stuck somewhere in an office looking after your car servicing, holiday enquiry or your interest in installing a jacuzzi in the back garden. But don't you just love replying to them Hi Samantha, Hi Tracey, Hi Latisha.

The point a non user could argue for his side is that the users are missing a lot from life. Shut away with a mouse and not enjoying the true wonders of the world. This I would concede and would encourage users to do their best to remain a normal human being. Yes you have transferred online money from one place to the other, paid your electric bill, taxed your car, bought your lottery ticket, had your groceries delivered, sold unwanted presents on ebay, checked your premium bond numbers, booked a holiday, downloaded some music, laughed until exhausted on YouTube, checked to see what the neighbour sold their house for, had a diagnosis for that hair growing on the palm of your hand, sold some now worthless shares or shamelessly twittered, blogged and joined Facebook. Do watch out you are not suffering internet loneliness. You have accomplished all these tasks without any human contact. Just dilute it sometimes with a long draught of normal life.

Now that we users are most definitely alone at the end of this article I am going to finish by not wishing you well for there is is no better remedy that I would recommend and prescribe that we should be taking daily for tackling stress and even for that matter survival. When did you last backup? Better do it now. We do not want the non users to have the last laugh.

*Richard Nicholson*

# christleton.org.uk

*On January 1st this year the Christleton Web Site got a new look  
All the information you may wish to quickly view is there*

**Up to date Church Notices**

**Who is Who and What is What at St. James'**

**The Church Services**

**Sunday School**

**The Crew Youth Group**

**An illustrated guide to St James' Church**

**Downloadable Parish Magazines. Going back years**

**Village Groups**

**A Diary of upcoming events in the village** (the webmaster relies upon residents to keep him posted with items to be included here)

**Parish Hall Bookings Contact**

**Links.** An ever expanding page of useful and interesting links to other web sites

**A Guestbook**

**A Business Directory** (Any business wishing to advertise here should contact the webmaster)

**The Christleton Web Shop & Downloadable MP3 Music** (Commission from your purchases here goes towards the hosting and running of the web site)

**A Webmaster's Blog.** A good place to gossip.

**2010** In case you ever forget the snowfall in January 2010 you will be able to recall it with the help of 110 photographs spread over two pages taken in and around the village by David Cummings and myself.

The web site is 10 years old later this year. All the events covered over these years are still there but are only available from a second menu at present.

New contributors are welcome. Would someone like to write a regular gardening page? How about someone to do some book reviews. Or some holiday articles on where to go. I am sure you may have other ideas. If so please get in touch with me at [richard@christleton.org.uk](mailto:richard@christleton.org.uk)



*Richard Nicholson*

**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**

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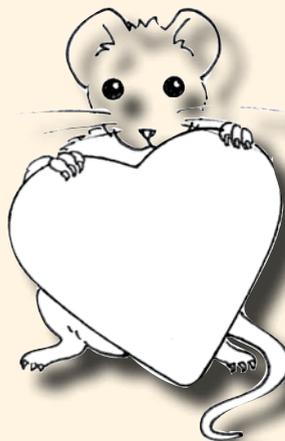
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# Parish Registers for December 2009

## Holy Baptism

20th Kathryn Emily Taylor daughter of  
Paul & Alexander Taylor of 30 Trefoil Close Huntington

*"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"*

## The Marriage Service

12th Charles Anthony John Goodsall & Bridget Amy Eastwood  
93 Butterbache Road, Huntington

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

## The Funeral Service

3rd Barbara Edith Williamson 12 Brookside, Boughton, Chester

6th Eric George Norman Clayton 54 Roslyn Road, Vicars Cross  
(Burial of Ashes)

30th Valmai Clare Oaklands Nursing Home, Tarvin Road, Littleton

*"Grant them eternal rest."*

## Offertories

December	Cash	CSE	2009	2008
6th	166-43	762-00	928-43	751-87
13th	279-49	786-00	1,065-49	1,251-72
20th	394-63	750-00	1,142-63	1,310-97
27th	147-17	806-50	953-67	577-55
Totals			£4,090-22	£3,892-11

*"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	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	
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
<b>SAINT'S DAYS</b>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

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