

# St. James' Christleton



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# JOURNAL FOR JULY

Wed	2	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thur	3	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch – Methodist Church
Fri	4	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	5	10.00 – 12.00	Village Show Coffee Morning - Ring O Bells
Sun	6	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion with Healing
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Mon	7	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands N Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court
Wed	9	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holly Communion - Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	11	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
		7 - 9.00 pm	Non perishable exhibits in the Village Show to be delivered to Parish Hall

**Last day for contributions to August Magazine, to Janet Milton (335469) You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: [christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk) OR [christletonmag@spraff.net](mailto:christletonmag@spraff.net)**

Sat	12	9 - 10.30 am	Exhibits in Village Show to be delivered to Parish Hall
		<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Village Show</b>
Sun	13	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Flower Service followed by Baptism & Community BBQ (See Parish Magazine)
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion

Mon	14	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Parish Hall
Wed	16	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	18	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	19	10.00 am	Parish Conference 2014 – Parish Hall
Sun	20	2.00 pm	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		4.00 pm	Messy Church – Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Mon	21	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club – Parish Hall
Wed	23	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshment
Fri	25	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	26	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	St James Patronal Festival Holy Communion followed by Picnic (See Magazine pg 7)
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Wed	30	10.45 am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments

## Cover Story

Our front cover this month was taken after the Confirmation Service at St James' on 18th May. The candidates, Megan Tuck, Alex Martin and Joachim Jones are pictured with The Right Reverend Bishop Geoff Turner, The Rector Rev'd Malcolm Cowan, Rev'd Elizabeth Inall and Rev'd Barbara King.

The back cover celebrates the 90th Birthdays of Mrs Betty Ellis in June and Mrs Cynthia Siddall in July.

# Message from our Rector



In the big build up to the World Cup finals in Brazil, we had hopes and expectations of an England team, this might be the time, it could be our year.....and yet after just two games, we witnessed the elimination of the team after two defeats.

The banners and flags which had been proudly displayed, just a few weeks ago, now hang forlorn, the supporters who had saved and planned and travelled to support their team, and sang expectantly before the games, cut a sorry sight as they left the stadia dejected, with hopes and dreams dashed yet again.

Hopes and dreams have been part of the human condition for thousands of years. The people of first century Jerusalem had witnessed so many people claiming to be the one on whom the people could place their hopes who would realise their dreams of freedom and liberation.....and each and every time, those hopes and dreams were dashed.

We can perhaps catch a glimpse of how those first century followers must have felt, when after so many years of hurt and expectation, Jesus came and offered the people a glimpse of what might be. Many people put their trust in this new messiah hoping that this time things might be different. What they hoped and expected Christ to be for each of them, was an immediate change of their circumstances, freedom from the bonds and shackles of Roman occupation, rather than the liberation from the baggage of sins. The new life that Jesus offered was different to the new life the people had expected.

Bill Shankly, the great Liverpool football manager once said, "Football is not a matter of life and death.....it's far more important than that"

The disappointment of elimination from this year's World Cup, might, for many, have seen hopes and dreams dashed, however, we will get over it. The banners and bunting will be confined to the re cycling and life will go on.

Perhaps that was the thoughts of the first century followers, We will get over it, and life will go on.....and how did go on.....on that first Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came and inspired desolate and broken Disciples, with such power that they preached and taught and converted so many people, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and turning hearts and changing lives .....things would never be the same.

Christianity is a matter of life and death and life with Christ is far more important than four more years of hurt.

Your Servant,

Malcolm.



**Bible Verses:**

1 John 4:16 - And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 3:16 - Hereby perceive we the love [of God], because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down [our] lives for the brethren.

Luke 6:27 - But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.

# 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 **August** edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday**

**11<sup>th</sup> July** or you can e-mail this to:

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## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **July** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**.

## **BARBEQUE after the FLOWER SERVICE**

**Sunday 13 July at 11.30 am**

Please join us at the annual BBQ  
and bring the family.  
You are welcome to bring your own  
alcoholic beverage.



Ticket prices include a free soft drink  
**£5 per adult / £3 per under 16 / £12 family ticket 2 x 2**



If you would like to contribute a plate  
of food ie salad, pasta, vegetarian dish,  
pudding, anything at all would be most  
welcome. A list for people who will be at-  
tending will be at the back of church for  
you to indicate how many will be coming.

## **Celebration of Patronal Festival for St James' Day**

There will be a special service  
to celebrate the Feast of  
St James on

**Sunday 27 July at 10.45 am**

Following the service you are invited to  
bring a picnic. Please also bring your own  
picnic paraphernalia if you wish, although tables and chairs  
from the hall will be available.



Anyone requiring a picnic to be provided  
should telephone: *Janet Milton* 325529



There will also be an exhibition in the  
Parish Hall displaying what we have been  
doing at Messy Church so far this year.  
*Berenice Kirwan*



# **Testimony of the Goodness of the Lord**

## **AMEN!!!!**

I am writing this on the Feast of Pentecost, a glorious time in the church's calendar marking the beginning of the church. Each of the apostles filled with the Holy Spirit so they could talk in many languages enabling the good news of Christ to spread throughout the world. An incredible time.

By the time you read this, I will have been ordained Priest in Chester Cathedral and I will have presided at my first Eucharist, two amazing occasions. I have been quite nervous about all this, fairly understandably, but as the time approaches I feel very peaceful. I am aware of the immense privilege in the role that God has called me to but also a great joy.

It is strange how life's great journey unrolls. When I was eight or nine, I clearly remember the time when I knew I was going to train to be teacher and nothing was going to stop me. I felt it was God's call to use the gifts he gave me. I would never have believed I would be ordained though, that was not in the plan! I had always had the quirky idea that if God wanted me to be a missionary in darkest Peru, where Paddington Bear comes from (I am a great bear lover) he would tell me, and so I dismissed any further thoughts from my mind. But God had other ideas; fortunately, he didn't send me to darkest Peru but said how about Reader training? It seemed all right, but would I have to 'dress-up' in those strange clothes? Yes! And then God almost immediately planted the next little thought, what about ordination?

It hasn't been an easy road; early doubts in discerning my vocation tested my determination and belief; the training, a full time job and caring for my mother was hard and towards the end, very difficult. I look back and know I only survived through the grace of God who acted and saved me.

It is good to look back at Pentecost and see how God's Spirit has enabled and empowered in situations, which seemed so impossible. I know I am doing, however inexpertly and with many mistakes, what God has called me to do. That brings so many



emotions, amazement, delight, apprehension but also the joy and peace, fruits of the Spirit.

It is the peace that is so wonderful. It is that feeling of rightness. I pray that those of you who are struggling with finding a way forward with difficult situations, what ever they may be, can have the courage to place the difficulties in God's hands. Let Him guide you to find that feeling of rightness. It might not be a smooth path and it is easy to turn the wrong way but if it is God's way, and he will show you, it will be right.

I always say to God, "If you want me to do it God, you will show me the way."

I am very blessed to serve in such a lovely area, thank you for all your support and kindness. I hope to be out and about on my new super- sprung- for -bumpy- roads bicycle now the weather is trying to be nicer so please wave if you see me. I promise I won't fall off if I wave back!  
In love and light,  
Barbara.

## **ZEPPELINS**

The recent reminiscences by Ben Williams of having witnessed, as a young boy, a zeppelin flying over the Wirral reminded me that I, too, had seen the same airship.

It would have been in the 1937-38 period and it flew away low over Liverpool causing great excitement. Years later after the 1939-45 War I read that it was on a spying mission, flying low over the Liverpool and Birkenhead docks and elsewhere, mapping and taking photographs for the conflict that was looming.

As a schoolboy who lived through the bombing of Liverpool, I experienced the aftermath of that so-called "goodwill" flight. I believe its name was the Hindenburg and that it later caught fire and was destroyed when being moored in New York after a Trans Atlantic flight. *Alf Croston*

# People in the News

## Cynthia Siddall

Congratulations and very good wishes to Cynthia from her family, friends in the W.I., St James' Church and in the village, who celebrates her 90th Birthday on 7th July. Cynthia is currently President of Christleton W.I. and member of the Christleton Local History Group.

## Eric Kenyon

Belated congratulations to Eric who celebrated his 80th birthday on 9th June. Eric has been an active member of the village for almost fifty years, serving the community through his work at St James Church, Christleton Methodist Chapel, The Parish Council, Christleton Pit Group, Christleton Local History Group, Christleton High School Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, The Wednesday Group and others. His skill as an Architect has been called upon many times by so many of these groups, and all his family & friends send their best wishes to both Eric & Alison on this very special occasion.

## Melanie Booth

Melanie a resident of Cotton Edmunds recently ran the Chester Half Marathon with two good friends Beckie & Clare to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research in memory of her mum Judy, who sadly died a few months ago after a long battle against the disease. They have raised a total of over £1,350 to date for their cause, a really great effort. If anyone wishes to donate to their cause you can do so online at: [www.justgiving.com/2brunettesand1ginger](http://www.justgiving.com/2brunettesand1ginger).



## Bible Verse:

1Cor Ch13 vs 2 “And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing”.

## I'LL GIVE IT FOYVE!

Echoes from a very old TV music show - but 'FOYVE' is as good as it gets in the world of Food Hygiene ratings. Five out of five! The refurbished Christleton Parish Hall kitchen, equipment and facilities were officially inspected by the Government Foods Standards Agency and found to be 'Very Good'.



Just as well after spending all that money, some may say, but none the less it is a credit to those who have worked over many months to achieve this. This means that those preparing food there have everything necessary to fully follow the correct hygiene procedures. The photo shows the top of the official certificate which is now proudly displayed there.

But it gets better. As part of this a number of people from St James' Church who often get involved with catering have been on a training course and have achieved Foundation Certificates in Food Hygiene from the Royal Society for Public Health.

### **Well done to all involved!!**

*(In case you're wondering the show was 'Juke Box Jury' in the 60's or 70's. A girl called Janice, I think, created the popular catch phrase 'I'll give it five' in a strong Birmingham accent!)*

*Brian Inall*

### **Prayer of Forgiveness**

Almighty God, most merciful, You know our thoughts and deeds, Our sins have been most plentiful, Forgive, we plead!

Our hearts are far from You, O Lord, You should be first, not last, Our neighbours have not known accord  
Forgive our past!, Help us amend what we've become  
Direct what we shall be, With justice, mercy, peace we come, Humbly to Thee! *By Nigel Beeton*

# The History File

## **WWI Battlefield Sites and Memorials around the town of Ypres, ( Ieper).**

Recently Beryl & I made the short journey by Eurostar to Bruges & the WWI Battlefield Sites and Memorials around Ypres. (Written as Ieper in Belgium) Nowadays this is a short smooth comfortable journey, compared to the conditions faced by hundreds and thousands of our troops during the Great War of 1914-18.

This area of Belgium was so badly scarred during this time, and there are reminders everywhere of the carnage that took place. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers were killed and many more wounded, and many of the towns, villages and swathes of countryside completely devastated and ruined. It is a tribute to these communities, such as the town of Ypres which has been completely rebuilt since those terrible days. Ypres stands as a monument to the past, and having rebuilt its ancient buildings in a very sympathetic and memorable way, has great hopes for its future as it commemorates the centenary of the Great War.

The Flanders Field Museum set in the magnificently restored 14thC "Cloth Hall" tells horrific stories of those terrible four years, in a very graphic and yet poignant way, making use of new techniques of display, and using the newest of museum technologies. Ypres is surrounded by evidence of the horrors of this war to end all wars with over 140 British & Commonwealth Cemeteries in and around its boundaries. During the war, five million British & Commonwealth Troops passed through Ypres on their way to the front, known as the Ypres Salient, to battlefield sites at Passchendaele(the Valley of Suffering), Polygon Wood, Hill 60, Hill 62 Sanctuary Wood the Messines Ridge etc. All would have passed through the Menin Gate, now

probably the most famous War Memorial for British & Commonwealth Soldiers in the world. It bears the names of 54,896 soldiers reported missing in the Salient during the war, and because there was no more room, a further 35,000 names of the missing are recorded at nearby Tyne Cot Cemetery. Tyne Cot also has 12,000 white Portland memorial stones, set in beautiful ranks, two thirds of which are not named, but are described as a memorial to an unknown soldier of the Great War. The cemetery is set out like a church and contains many areas of beautiful flowers that might be found in a country garden. A



A few German graves can also be seen in this cemetery, and the beautiful and impressive Cross of Sacrifice stands on top of a concrete German Bunker, which is where it stood on the actual battlefield. Nearby is a large white Stone of Remembrance, which bears the inscription "Their Name Liveth for Evermore" a text chosen from the bible by Rudyard Kipling.

During our stay we located the memorials for four Christleton men. Private George Davenport, Private Walter Handley on the Menin Gate. Trooper Norman Okell on Hill 60 and Serjeant George Richards at Tyne Cot. Over the next few months I will tell you more of the part men and women from our Village Community played in WWI, following research by members of the Local History Group, Christleton High School Staff & Students, Phil Hirst Media Officer at Chester University and myself. One of our greatest finds to date is a bound volume of Christleton Parish Magazines covering the period of the Great War in the County Record Office. This is an amazing treasure trove of stories, and monthly accounts of the progress of the war and life in the Parish and written by the Rector G.M.V.Hickey. I also

hope to bring you some exciting news of our project, to provide a lasting memorial to our War Heroes.  
DC

## **The Menin Gate Ceremony**

Every evening at 8.00pm a deeply moving ceremony takes place under the vast arch of the Menin Gate. On 8th May 2014 on the anniversary of the end of WWII, we stood with thousands of others to witness this ceremony under the memorial arch. As the time approached and the traffic stopped, the crowds built up, and we were over ten deep by the time the marching band from the Diksmuide Fire Brigade, accompanied by standard bearers of the British & Belgium Legions, and many old comrades, paraded into their positions under the arch.

A dozen or so representative groups of Armed Forces, of men, women and children from all walks of life and countries, were already lined up ready to lay wreaths at the central memorial steps, at the end of the ceremony. A few words were said by the President of the Menin Gate Association, including the Poem “For the Fallen” by Laurence Binyon, before the group of five buglers played the Last Post. There was complete silence at this point, before the band played the British and Belgium Anthems.



These echoed around this impressive memorial arch, which commemorates so many lives of the fallen, and was followed by the moving ceremony of laying of floral wreaths & tributes, including several by groups of children from

schools in the U.K. remembering former students who had sacrificed their lives during the 1914-18 war. DC

## Nature Notes

Last month I was able to report that the elusive cuckoo had been heard in the Parish for the first time for several years. My phone didn't stop ringing for days as several people heard it/them in the area of Plough Lane, Cotton Edmunds, Cotton Abbots and Hockenhull Platts. I actually saw one flying from the direction of Cheshire View towards Cotton Abbots Farm to confirm the stories, but of course the call is unmistakable to those who heard it. What was more remarkable is that as we stood in the so called "Trench of Death" at Diksmuide on the Belgium front line running alongside the River Ijzer, and facing the nearest German bunker some 50yards away, we also heard a cuckoo, which called for about a quarter an hour.



We couldn't imagine what the sound would have been like at that point a hundred years ago with the explosive sounds of guns, and cannon fire shooting across the skyline, creating huge craters, and deafening anyone in the vicinity. Yet as we listened to the cuckoo, it was joined by the churring sound of a great reed warbler in a nearby reed bed, and as we tried to locate it, saw a huge grey heron, and several great crested grebes feeding in the river alongside the trench.

As I write reports are coming in from the Parish of very successful breeding of great spotted woodpeckers, great,



blue and long tailed tits, and there are large groups of gold finches flying around. Some birds are even laying second broods already, as there is so much food around after the mild spring and enormous growth of plant life.

Even our old cob can be found with a new spring in his step as he seems to have acquired a new young mate. I'm not sure what an age difference of over twenty years, means in the swan world but he seems extremely happy. I've also had reports of fluffy baby barn owls being seen peeping out of nest boxes, indicating a much better season for this species in 2014.

Damsel and dragonflies have also emerged in great numbers especially along the Gowy, and the colourful blue & black helicopter like "banded agrion damselflies" are a spectacular sight on sunny days. Even the dowdier females look wonderful with their green and gold colour shimmering in the sun. Early orchids have appeared on the wet meadow including several early purple and common spotted varieties. The Dexter cattle seem to be very much at home again on the big meadow and look extremely healthy on their diet of rich green grass. DC



## **Parkgate Shrimp Boats**

On a recent visit to Parkgate and looking out over the river I couldn't help comparing the front as it is now with my early visits as a child .About 1937 I used to go with my parents to visit friends who had Church Farm Burton and who had a son the same age as myself. It was a small dairy farm that no longer exists, the house and building being

converted to dwellings, a large modern school has been built on some of the land. It faced the Church first built in 1086 and rebuilt several times. The tower built in 1721 has a unique clock, having no motion work it only has an hour hand, minutes were not considered important in those far off days.

One day there was a terrible squealing from the butchers across the road, I was told they were killing a pig. The poor pig wasn't going without protest. If it was a fine afternoon we would all pile into the farmers car and go to Parkgate for an ice-cream, a local farmer named Nicholls made ice cream. There is now a large Ice Cream Parlour next door to the original shop still called Nicholls but now run by someone else. After the ice cream, if the tide was out, we would climb down the steps in the wall on to the sand. The wall as I remember seemed to be three times higher than it is now but patches of mud were beginning to form. About 50 yards out was a Channel and on high tide shrimp boats would come sailing up and tie-up to the wall, left high and dry when the tide went out The shrimps were sold from two small shops now converted into a takeaway.



There is an interesting association to this, in the centre and slightly set back from the front is St Thomas's Church. It was built in 1843 as a Congregational Chapel taken over by the Presbyterians in 1858 and in 1910 by the Church of England and named St Thomas's it was then known as 'The Fisherman's Church' closed in 1994 it became derelict and was scheduled for demolition, however in 2001 the locals [not just the Anglicans] started a fund raising and with the help of English Heritage the Church was renovated, reconsecrated and is now a Chapel of Ease

for Neston Parish. The full story is told on Wikipedia under St Thomas's Parkgate

Along the front beyond the Boat House Pub was the swimming pool now filled in and used as a car park only the outer wall is left. It was filled by the incoming tide, as were the pools at West Kirby and Hoylake now closed. I wonder what the front will look like in the next 77 years?

**ONE MONDAY A MONTH** folk from Saint James' Church serve a **HOT LUNCH** in the **PARISH HALL**. You are invited and most welcome to come. Numbers are limited so it is best to book your place in advance to be sure.

**TIME?** From 12 noon for 12.30 serving.

**DATES?** Next is 21st July, then 11th August. (Note: The August lunch is on 11th, not 18th.)

**COST?** Nothing at all .... *but*, if you wish, you may make a donation towards costs.

**HOW TO BOOK A PLACE?** Contact one below:-

Tel: 409414 or [elizabeth.mcclure070@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.mcclure070@gmail.com)

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# **Don't forget**

## **???? Its THIS month ????**

### **Christleton Village Show 2014 Is on Saturday 12th. July In Christleton Parish Hall**



This year the show theme is Commemoration of Heroes as it is the centenary of the outbreak of WW1.

Schedules are still available from Christleton Village Stores and Ring O Bells as well as St James Parish Church, Christleton Methodist Church and committee members.

You still have time to enter a Hanging Basket or Bake a Cake or make some Jam or sort through those fantastic Photographs taken last summer, there are so many categories to choose from. If you haven't entered before why not have a go. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and there are lots of trophies to win. Once again Linda at Drakes Hairdressers has kindly agreed to be a collecting point for completed Entry forms, making getting your forms in on time easy. This is in addition to the Entry form collection point at Judith Butts house –Greenmantle, Plough Lane.

There will also be a Coffee Morning on 5th 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

*This year the show is sponsored by J & B*

# THE ROAD TO GENEVA

When my grandson, Antony Foster, was 9 yrs of age he started training in mixed martial arts – a blend of tae kwon-do, kick boxing and karate and joined the Alan Price Martial Arts Academy in Hawarden. He enjoyed the sport from the very beginning throwing himself into training with great enthusiasm & attending training sessions twice weekly. Little did we realise what it would lead to.

Antony achieved black belt status in 2013 and shortly afterwards started competing in tournaments. He was runner-up in his class in the British Championships in 2013 and in April this year he attended the Welsh Championships in Colwyn Bay and this time he won becoming Welsh champion and in so doing he qualified for the World United Martial Arts (Wuma) Championships to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on 11-15 September this year representing Great Britain. At the same tournament Thomas Green aged 9 yrs from Bryn-y-Baal also a member of the Hawarden Academy qualified in his class and he hopes to travel to Geneva at the same time as Antony.



Antony, a pupil at Christleton High School, is actively involved in sport and is working towards his GCSE in PE and hopes to become a PE teacher in the future. He is currently being coached to become an instructor in the martial arts.

Both boys are hoping to add to their trophy and medal collection and are very excited at the prospect of the forthcoming trip to Geneva where they will compete against hundreds of people from more than 60 countries. Antony would love to come away from Geneva with a trophy but what a fantastic experience for him. The trip will cost about £3,000 (one parent has to accompany each boy as they are under age) and to achieve this the Academy and family are busy organising fundraising activities to get the boys there. They will travel with the Great Britain team and have to buy their own kit.

Naturally, as a family we are excited at the prospect ahead for Antony, not to say extremely proud and to support the fund raising activities I am planning to hold a -

**Coffee Morning**  
**Thursday 24 July at**  
**1 Glovers Loom Gt Boughton**  
**CH3 5TY (3 minutes from Sainsburys)**  
**10 am – 12 noon**  
**£4 All Welcome**

Do please come along and meet Antony who will be happy to talk about his forthcoming trip & show you his trophies. Perhaps he'll bring home a new one - a gold medal!

*Janet Milton*

## **Christian Ministry and a Prayer of St Francis of Assisi**

The inward and spiritual gifts of Baptism are incorporation into Jesus and membership of the Church; seen as the beginning of a person's Christian journey whereby we become members of the Christian community so that we can partake in the life of God and share in the mission of God to the world. Many people are Baptised ( christened ) as a baby but at Confirmation during youth or later in life you will have 'confirmed' your Baptism and God will have confirmed the activity of the Holy Spirit in you through the words said by Bishop Turner, God has called you by name and made you his own'.

Everyone who is Baptised is called to ministry, often called 'every member or every day ministry', also referred to as Lay Ministry. That is sometimes exercised through authorised and licensed vocations such as a Reader (with a focus on teaching, as well as prayer and worship) or a Pastoral Worker. In other circumstances it may be simply going about daily life wherever that takes place in the community, at work, socially etc where you may minister to others in all sorts of ways small and large, occasional or regular. A particular form of ministry is to be ordained (as a deacon and sometimes subsequently as a priest)



for which the inward and spiritual gift can be said to be setting apart for service, that is called to be a servant.

Whatever the form of ministry and exercise of Christian life, a prayer of St Francis of Assisi seems to express the general essence of it:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
where there is hatred let me sow peace,  
where there is injury let me sow pardon,  
where there is doubt let me sow faith,  
where there is despair let me give hope,  
where there is darkness let me give light,  
where there is sadness let me give joy,  
O Divine Master, grant that I may  
not try to be comforted but to comfort,  
not try to be understood but to understand,  
not try to be loved but to love,  
Because it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in forgiving that we are forgiven,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life”.

The chapel of St Francis sitting below the rather frenetic town of Assisi is calm and beautiful. Whether visiting there and thinking about this prayer in the context of his home area, simply reflecting on these words in your ministry within our community, or reflecting how you may come into such ministry, I hope the prayer provides a helpful thought for each one of us to partake in the life of God, share in the mission of God to the world and to be guided and provide comfort through the love and advocacy of the Presence of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

*Mark Evans*

## **A GARDEN PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE**

On Wednesday 21 May 2014 the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. Princess Beatrice of York, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were present.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms and The Queens' Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty. The Bands of the Royal Armoured Corps and the Royal Air Force Squadronaires played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Queen wore a matching coat and hat in lilac, Prince Philip in usual stance of hands behind his back, with umbrella, was in morning suit with a grey top hat and a pink flowered buttonhole. Princess Michael of Kent was very elegant in a cream outfit with a cream hat banded in grey – an unusual combination but very attractive, Princess Beatrice in a floaty skirt and short jacket. Coming down to earth – I wore a pale blue trouser suit with black hat and handbag.

Alf and I were privileged to be there on account of my British Empire Medal. The weather kept fine (virtually no shelter had it been raining). The gates were scheduled to open at 3 pm. We arrived about 2.45 pm and joined the long queues to be admitted after passing a security check with photo identity. Then up through the Palace rooms and out onto a terrace with steps leading down into the garden.

A long refreshment tent stretched out to the left with many tables and chairs set out on the grass. They were virtually all occupied! How did people manage to get in earlier? Just as we were approaching a table, a couple got up and left so we were lucky enough to get a seat. The other two seats were occupied by the mayor of Enfield and his daughter – Asian. He was just coming to the end of his office as Mayor. Eventually they left and a couple of ladies joined us – one described herself as a “Hooligan” and had originally lived in Hoole, Chester – what a



small world. She presently lives in Shrewsbury and her hostess was a Baroness in the House of Lords, a specialist in pensions, and renowned in England and the Continent.

The Royals spoke to people who had been selected beforehand to meet them and we were near enough to a group of four as The Queen spoke to them and could almost have touched her. A great thrill. At 5 pm The Queen and other Royals took tea in the Royal Tent – open sided and on view – and afterwards were led back to the Palace with a Bodyguard and everyone gave them a clap.

We had previously had our tea; very nice sandwiches and a selection of sumptuous small cakes in plentiful supply. The guests left after the departure of the Royal party and returned through the Palace via the main entrance just before 6 pm. It was strange to come out and see from the other side the crowds outside the Palace railings. A very interesting and unusual experience.

*Margaret Croston.*

## Thanks

Ron and Liz McClure would like to thank all their friends at St James for their good wishes on the occasion of their Silver Wedding



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# LOCAL HERITAGE LIST



Chester Civic Trust is helping Cheshire West and Chester Council prepare a 'Local List' of heritage assets according to a process devised by English Heritage.

Christleton with Littleton has been selected as one of three pilot areas, alongside Handbridge and Upton.

Heritage assets are defined as:

*"Eligible buildings and features that MUST have local architectural, historical or curiosity value, must be permanent rather than temporary or ephemeral, and must NOT be Listed Buildings, Scheduled Ancient Monuments or otherwise included on an existing Statutory register."*

Thus nominated heritage assets must be of special local value and need not be buildings.

Participation in the process is welcome from parish councils, residents' associations, local history groups, primary and secondary schools as well as other members of the public who might be interested.

A meeting will be held in the next few weeks to recruit those willing to survey the area and produce a list of nominations for consideration by the Civic Trust. If you would like to help please contact the local coordinator, preferably by e-mail:

Graham Ranger

E-mail [gmranger@onetel.com](mailto:gmranger@onetel.com)

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# Parish Registers(May)

## The Marriage Service

- 17th Karl Adrian Smalls & Gemma Kathryn Carvell  
18 Dane Grove, Mickle Trafford, Chester
- 31st Rohan Grey Cornwallis McCulloch & Camilla Clare Hill  
37 Kelmscott Road, London

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

## The Funeral Service

- 1st Desmond Charles Austin Beaumont Care Home,  
Epsom, Surrey 88yrs
- 6th Jessie Louise Fleming Oaklands Nursing Home,  
Littleton 82yrs
- 15th Thomas Spencer Edwards 32 St Georges Crescent  
Waverton 82yrs
- 28th Thomas Spencer Edwards (Burial of Cremated Remains)
- 29th Derek Charles Reid Castle Cottage, Little Heath Road,  
Littleton 51yrs
- 30th Olive Cadman Tarvin Court Nursing Home, Littleton 91yrs  
(Burial of Cremated Remains)

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories	Cash	CSE	2014	2013
4th	111-31	455-52	566-83	582-10
11th	91-35	590-66	682-01	640-68
18th	144-57	466-30	610-87	535-00
25th	76-60	412-00	488-60	557-25
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£2,348-31</b>	<b>£2,315-03</b>

“Of your own do we give you”

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

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

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

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## 90th Birthdays



Mrs Betty Ellis



Mrs Cynthia Siddall

### **Bible Verses:**

Exodus 20:12 - Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Ephesians 6:4 - And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

1 Timothy 5:1 - Rebuke not an elder, but intreat [him] as a father; [and] the younger men as brethren;

*July 2014 @ St. James, Church Christleton*