

St. James'

Christleton

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JOTTINGS FOR JUNE

Sun	1	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion BCP
		6.30 pm	Evensong Worship CW
Mon	2	10.45 am	Holy Communion Oaklands
			Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion Tarvin Court
Wed	4	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thur	5	12 noon	United Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	6	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	8	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Morning Worship
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion CW
Mon	9	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	11	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge
Fri	13	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

NB: Last day for contributions to July magazine, to Janet Milton (325529). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

Sat	14	5.00 pm	Ordination of Rev Barbara King at Chester Cathedral
Sun	15	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion - Rev Barbara King to Preside at her first Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

		4.00 pm	Messy Church - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Mon	16	12.20 pm	Luncheon Club - Parish Hall
Wed	18	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	20	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	22	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer BCP
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion CW
Wed	25	10.45 am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments
Fri	27	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	28	1.00 pm	Village Fete
		2.00 pm	Wedding - Matthew Sinclair/ Hannah Davies
Sun	29	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion with Baptism
		6.30 pm	Celebration service

Cover Pictures

Front

The central Pack Horse Bridge at Hockenhull Platts. The three fine sandstone bridges date back to about 1470, the same date, as the building of St James' Church. This middle age bridge was covered in graffiti last autumn but has now been completely restored by stone masons. However closer examination has revealed a structural problem with part of the stonework, and repairs will probably need to take place during the summer.

Back

Recent scenes from the Annual Village Show which this year takes place on **July 12th at the Parish Hall**. Entry forms are available from The Ring O Bells, Church, Chapel or Committee Members.

Message from our Rector



One of the most memorable occasions for any priest is to preside at the Eucharist for the first time.

There is perhaps no greater privilege than to preside at the Lord's table, breaking bread and pouring wine, just as our Lord did with His disciples.

On Saturday 14th June 2014, Barbara King our curate, will (God willing) be ordained to the priesthood at a service at Chester Cathedral. Barbara will preside at the Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 16 June, here at St James, at our 10.45am service of Holy Communion.

Just a few weeks ago, a celebration service for the 20th anniversary of the first women to be ordained in the Church of England was held, with many of those first women ordained, present at the service. The Church of England has certainly come along way in twenty years, but there is still more to do, if true equality is to be seen in the Church.

I recall a sermon preached many years ago, when the preacher said he was offered a meal of spaghetti, only to proclaim "I don't like spaghetti"....."Have you ever tasted it, he was asked".....No, he replied, but I know I don't like it"

The Church of England faced similar hostility twenty years ago, by many in the church, both lay and ordained, when the issue of women being ordained to the priesthood was debated.

Some years ago, I was invited to consider a move to a parish in Chichester Diocese. Joyce and I arranged to meet with the movers and shakers of the parish, and to consider if this might be God's will for us. As we sat in the sun chatting with the parish representatives, and listening to hopes and plans of the parish,

we were suddenly joined by another ordained minister (she was licensed to the parish, and had just arrived after conducting a funeral) as we chatted, it became clear that this minister was a deacon in the Church of England.

I asked if she had ever considered Ordination to the priesthood, to which she replied that she really felt God was calling her to priesthood, but her heart was also calling her to serve the people of this parish.

It was only then, that the penny dropped, and I realised, that the Bishop of this particular Diocese, was opposed to the Ordination of women to the priesthood. So this wonderfully gifted and able minister was unable to pursue her vocation to the priesthood.

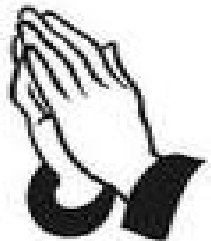
Over the twenty years since the first Ordination of women to the priesthood, many gifted, capable, and remarkable women have quietly gone about the ministry entrusted to them by God, and have changed hearts and minds with their gifts and by living out their calling.

And to those who still consider women have no place in the church, consider this

Who was the first people to see the risen Christ ?

Who was regarded as the first documented convert to Christianity in Europe.

Women have been part of the Christian message since the beginning.....Amen to that



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 **July** edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 13th June** or you can e-mail this to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **June** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 25th May**.

Palm Sunday Procession

Lucius the donkey, together with Mr & Mrs Cashin his owners, once again helped us celebrate Palm Sunday by leading a procession of villagers carrying palm crosses across the fields from Littleton to St James' Church.

Last year we had to cancel the procession due to deep snow lying across the fields, but Lucius still appeared in the snow earlier that day at Barrow Church, and this sequence was used to good effect in the production of the "Mystery Plays" at Chester Cathedral, both in initial publicity in the press and on television, and during the performances.

The 2014 procession started after prayers at Pearl Lane said by the Rector, Revd Malcolm Cowan who was accompanied by Rev'd Barbara King. Four children carried large palms at the head of the procession and everyone else took their palms from the beautiful saddlebag on Lucius' back.



Prayers were said at two other points on the journey, the second by the Morris Oak, and the procession was welcomed by Parishioners along the churchyard and outside church. We said goodbye to Lucius after another successful visit to Christleton, before the Palm Sunday service concluded inside the church. Thanks to Mr & Mrs John Carr for helping transport Lucius to and from the event in their horsebox.

DC

The History File

Did I see a Zeppelin??

Reading an article recently about an Airship being built at Cardington and due to be launched at the end of the year recalls another childhood memory. Until the age of seven I lived in one of a row seven newly built semidetached houses at the end of a farm lane. At the end of the row was a stile into farmland and a footpath to Ledsham and Capenhurst. I used to go into the fields with my father and I can remember the cries of the curlews as they fed amongst the pasture land and the song of the skylarks as they soared overhead.

Now sadly the farmland along with the birds has gone replaced by an ever increasing housing estate.

One summer's day when I was about four or five my mother let me go into the field by myself, things were more relaxed in those days, and as I walked amongst the corn I heard a

noise in the sky. A cigar shaped object came from the direction of Capenhurst and flew towards Ellesmere Port.



I rushed home to tell my mother but she hadn't seen it. When my father came home I tried to tell him but he didn't know anything about it either. I have since read that about that time a Zeppelin flew from Germany to Manchester on its way to America with a view to setting up a service. Did I see it or was it an aeroplane heading for Hooton Aerodrome now the site of the Vauxhall Car Factory. [Two of the original hangers are still there]

I hope it was the Airship, but I will never know.

Ben Williams

Footnote – Passenger Airships flew from 1928 until the Hindenburg disaster in 1937

Footnote 2 from David Cummings

I have two separate accounts of an Airship being seen over Chester & Christleton. The first is from Cynthia Siddall President of the Christleton W I who remembered that she had seen one fly over the Queens' School in Chester when she was a pupil.

The other was from the late Anthony Barrington Brown a famous photographer and traveller who lived with his grandparents Mr & Mrs Dolphin at Stoneydale in Pepper Street, whilst his parents were working as Geologists in South America. I spent a delightful evening some years ago talking to him about his childhood memories of living in Christleton in the 1930's. He remembered very clearly seeing an airship coming over the house in Christleton, I think there is a strong possibility that it could be the same one that Ben saw. We'll have to try and investigate the matter further as websites exist these days, with this sort of detail. DC

Nature Notes

The Parish comes alive with bird song, and the pitter patter of tiny feet!!

This has been a remarkable spring with most migratory bird species arriving early from their wintering grounds in Africa. Wheatear were followed by the smaller songbirds, which started arriving with good numbers of chiff chaff, black cap, whitethroat, and both grasshopper and sedge warblers. Swallows and House martins also arrived before the start of May, and swifts are expected any day now. That means most of our expected arrivals are back, but we had the added bonus this year of two redstarts. However it seems that the cuckoo is very elusive again this year with only one report from the village, although Beryl & I heard one recent-



ly at our camp site near Ludlow, together with the unmistakable song of a yellowhammer which sadly, has also completely disappeared from the area.

There were also surprise visits from a red kite, seen over both Waverton & Rowton, and from a common sandpiper and several curlew flying over Hockenhull. The new lake to the north of the bridges at Hockenhull has proved to be very interesting, with visits by shoveller, shelduck, merganser, goldeneye, oystercatcher, lapwing as well as hundreds of black headed gulls in recent weeks. The regular sighting of a kingfisher seems to suggest breeding close by along the Gowy, and the number of fresh spraints and footprints seen on exposed sandy patches along the riverbank, seem to indicate that we have a pair of breeding otters. An adult with two young has been captured on a night vision camera, and the two adults were both seen after dusk on the river near the bridges.

This is a remarkable transformation from the situation only ten years or so ago when otters were absent from most of the country, but the cleaning up of most of our rivers has resulted in the delightful return of these wonderful but elusive creatures. I've read that the otter will drive out the smaller aggressive mink, and we can only hope that they increase in numbers and enter our canal system, as it's now clear that a mink was responsible for killing our female swan last month. I'm told that a number of mink have been seen in and around the canal recently, although I haven't seen them myself. I hope to bring you pictures of the otters next month. DC



BIRCH HEATH LODGE

Summer Barbeque

11 June 4.00 - 7.00 pm

Tickets available - contact 434321

Proceeds to 25 yrs of the founding of the
Hospice of the Good Shepherd

Why Pentecost makes Christ accessible

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house. (Acts 2:2)

Christianity is more than a fading memory scrapbook. The day of Pentecost came, to make our Lord accessible, even to the newest follower!

Imagine the late Nelson Mandela arriving at Heathrow Airport. On stepping onto the tarmac a group of admirers and friends wave to him excitedly from the airport roof. But instead of lingering with them, he only waves briefly, and is immediately whisked away. Yet any disappointment among his friends is tempered later, when they see Mandela in a major TV programme addressing himself not only to them but to an entire nation. His removal from them had been essential if he was to have been made available to many millions more.

During Jesus' earthly ministry, no more than a limited number of people could be near enough to hear him, let alone speak to him or touch him. His Ascension – followed by Pentecost - was to change everything to a global dimension. Earlier he had reassured his disciples, "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you....It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go I will send him to you....(John 14:18; 16:7). To have the Holy Spirit is to have the very presence of Jesus in your life.

The mystery of Pentecost. The coming of Christ's Spirit – 'the Counsellor' - reminded people of a wind (unseen, yet powerful in its effects) - and of prophecies such as Ezekiel 37:9. Christians have always loved these vivid descriptions of the Holy Spirit - wind, fire, oil, water, a dove.

The sovereignty of Pentecost. 'The wind blows where it wills' said Jesus to Nicodemus (John 3:8). So was the Spirit's working in Acts 2 - suddenly there were new believers swept into the Church of Jesus Christ - from lands all around the Mediterranean basin. Don't say the Gospel can't work in certain places and people. It has! It does.

The energy of Pentecost. At the start of Acts 2, there were about

120 believers in the church. By the end of the day they had ballooned by over 2,000 percent. And today? Why, to take the statistics of Africa alone, for every little African baby being born today, there will be two Africans becoming followers of Jesus. Pentecost is a phenomenon worldwide!

CHESTER BACH SINGERS

‘Bravo for Bach!’

Saturday 14 June at 7.30 pm

St John’s Church, Vicars Lane

Tickets £15 or £12

available from Chester Tourist Office

or telephone **0845 2417868**

or visit the web site

www.chesterbachsingers.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sue & Keith Churchill who were married at St James 40 years ago on 15 June.

Best wishes from all their family & friends.

People in the News

Mrs Betty Ellis

Congratulations to Mrs Betty Ellis who celebrates her 90th Birthday on June 11th 2014. With sincere good wishes from her friends in the Parish and at St James’ Church.

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all those kind & thoughtful people who sent messages, get well cards, made telephone calls and generally enquired about my health following my recent stay in hospital.

I’m making slow but steady progress and looking forward to returning to full duties.

John Milton

CHURCHES TOGETHER in CHRISTLETON

Village Teas

Sunday 1 June – Sunday 28 September

2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Methodist Church Hall



ALL WELCOME



Proceeds to Christian Aid

‘Transforming Women’s Lives in Afghanistan’

TRAGASOL PRODUCTS, HOOTON

Ben Williams’ recollections in last month’s magazine about Hooton Water Works and Tragasol Products brought back memories of the latter for me, as I was involved with the design and building of part of that production plant. When Tragason closed we employed Colin, their Chief Engineer. Shortly after joining us he was discussing with a client the difficulty in reducing hard locust beans to powder via a grinder fitted with beaters rotating at high speed which quickly wore out, plus an integral screen which repeatedly blocked up and held up production.

The client had spent thousands of pounds trying, without success, to overcome the problem and asked Colin whether he had experienced the same difficulty. “Oh Yes, said Colin, we just removed the screen.” The client was reduced to tears of laughter at such a simple solution. I only wish that we could find practical project engineers such as Colin today. *Alf Croston*

Pentecost:-The Holy Spirit is to the Church what air is to every human being. Air surrounds us so completely that we sometimes forget it is there. We breathe it continuously without always realizing what we are doing. So it is with the Holy Spirit. He empowers our lives. He deepens our faith. He motivates our mission. And he demonstrates beyond the shadow of a doubt that God has a plan for all people – to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. AMEN!!!

Reminder

**???? Its next month ????
Christleton Village Show 2014
Is on Saturday 12th. July
In Christleton Parish Hall**



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

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

If you haven't entered before why not have a go. There are a wide variety of categories to suit all interests. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and there are lots of trophies to win. You will also be helping with a good charity, after last year's show we donated to Hope House Children's Hospice; Hospice of the Good Shepherd and Christleton Cricket Club.

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 so much easier. This is in addition to the Entry form collection point of Judith Butts house –Greenmantle, Plough Lane. There will also be a Coffee Morning on 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.

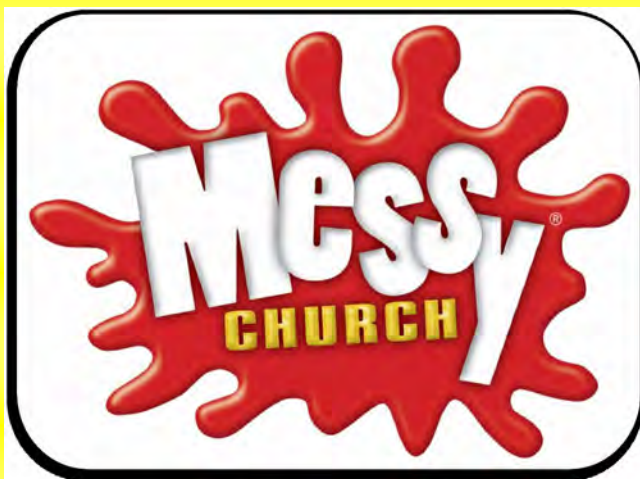
Charles Smeatham – 335209. Margaret Croston – 335955,

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



What's it all about?

CRAFTS, GAMES, FREE FOOD
STORIES, SONGS AND CELEBRATION

Where's the Mess? Christleton Parish Hall

When's the Mess?

May 18th, 4 - 6pm

June 15th, 4 - 6pm

July 20th, 4 - 6pm

All ages welcome

Children must be accompanied by an adult

IT'S FREE!

CHRISTLETON



VILLAGE FETE



Saturday 28th June 2014

1.30pm at The Primary School

(Parade from Village Green at 1.00pm)

Fancy Dress

Raffle Prizes



NUTS ABOUT BRAZIL!!



Admission: Family £5, Adult £2

Child/OAP £1 & Under 5's go Free



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 the church.

PLEASE TELL US.....

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WEEK 2

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Additional Donations or Tips welcomed which will all go to Church Charities.

Ci Vediamo Presto!!!!

Parish Registers(April)

Holy Baptism

- 6th Alexander Henry Wild son of Steven & Tania Wild
6 Pringle Close, Coningsby, Lincs
- 27th Olivia Louise Egan daughter of John James & Kelly Egan
119 Whitchurch Road, Great Boughton, Chester
- 27th Elsa Cate Thompson-Pollock daughter of David Pollock &
Vanessa Thompson Pollock 88 Tarvin Road, Littleton

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

The Funeral Service

- 3rd James Neville Lyon 79 Shelley Road, Blacon
(Burial of Cremated Remains) 83yrs
- 10th Barbara Elsley Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home,
Village Road, Christleton 93yrs
- 16th Desmond Charles Austin Beaumont Care Home,
Epsom, Surrey 88yrs

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

April	Cash	CSE	2014	2013
6th	168-66	587-90	756-56	818-85
13th	131-50	544-61	676-11	580-25
20th	405-67	934-00	1,339-67	845-95
27th	181-47	473-99	665-46	754-11
Totals			£3,437-80	£2,999-16

“Of your own do we give you”

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

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

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

Rector: The Rev'd. Malcolm Cowan, B.Th
The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton
01244 335663

All baptisms weddings and appointments by arrangement with Janet Milton - 325529

Church Wardens:	Carl Cumiskey	330028
	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
Stewardship Envelope:	Betty Dunning	335652
Gift Aid Secretary:	Nigel Seddon	335588
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Bellringers Secretary:	Nikki Dromgoole	351124
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C. M. S Secretary:	Janet Brown	335785
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Christleton Village Show - Coming soon Sat 12th of July



Matt:6 vs 28 & 29 “And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:”
“And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these”.



Acts 4:32 “And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common”.