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Jottings for June

Mon	1	10.45 am	Holy Communion Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion Tarvin Court
		02.00 pm	Mother's Union – St James
Wed	3	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thur	4	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	5	06.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	7		First after Trinity – Proper 5
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW) – followed by Breakfast in Parish Hall
		10.45 am	The Rt Rev Dr Peter Forster, Bishop of Chester will be attending St James. Bishop Peter will preach and celebrate Holy Communion.
		10.45 am	Sunday Club – Parish Hall
		06.30 pm	Evening Worship (CW)
Wed	10	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge
Fri	12	06.30 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 OR christletonmag@spraff.net

Sun	14		Second after Trinity – Proper 6
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Morning Worship
		04.00 pm	Messy Church - Parish Hall
		06.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)
Mon	15	12.20 pm	Luncheon Club - Parish Hall
Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri	19	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	21		Third after Trinity – Proper 7
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		06.30 pm	Evening Worship (BCP)
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion – followed by refreshments
Fri	26	06.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	27	01.00 pm	Village Fete
Sun	28		Fourth after Trinity – St Peter and St Paul
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Morning Worship (CW)
		06.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)

Front Cover

A beautiful scene along the Shropshire Union Canal at Quarry Bridge.

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A traditional scene from the Christleton Village Fete to be held this year on the 27th June

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Messy Church in the Parish Hall.

Bible Verse:

Acts 103 : 12 “as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us”

John 1:27 “27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”.

Message from our Rector



It's the wedding season again!

This year we have 15 marriages to celebrate at St James. The words of today's Marriage service, composed for our new liturgy which was published in the year 2000, seem really to catch our understanding of what as Christians, we believe marriage to be. I am glad that we now consider the marriage commitment to be identical for Bride and Groom.

So the vows couples usually make are the same, although of course the Bride can still say "obey" if she wants to.

But what perhaps we need to remember is that in the old prayer book when the Bride promised to "love, cherish and obey" her husband, the groom promised to "love, cherish and worship" his wife.

"Worshipping" seems rather a strange way of responding to one's spouse in today's world. But maybe we would do well to remember that it really means "giving someone their true worth". It seems to me that is something we most certainly need to do, not only in our married partnerships but in all our human relationships.

As I write this letter I keep reflecting on the News programme I was listening to as I woke up this morning. It was the news of the anticipated football transfers now the season is drawing to a close and the many millions of pounds which will be spent on one footballer to kick a ball around a pitch of ninety minutes each week, as well as the story of a desperately hungry twelve year old girl in Zimbabwe selling her body as a prostitute for a meal.

What I wonder is a human life worth and what makes these two stories apparently have such a different worth in the world

we and they share? Over the years I'm not sure the Christian church has always lived out the teaching of the one who constantly emphasized that every life is infinitely precious to God.

We have perhaps been too keen to leave people feeling guilty, or that they are failures in one way or another. We have failed to give others their worth and acknowledge our own. Yet the record of Jesus's dealing with people in the gospel accounts is all about raising people up and encouraging them to see their potential as God sees it, rather than pointing a finger of blame, which humiliates and stunts people's growth.

So how about us all doing a bit of "worshipping"? I don't mean just coming to church to acknowledge God's worth. I mean responding to one another with loving encouragement and constantly looking for the good in each other, rather than focusing on each other's failings.

Your Faithful Servant,
Malcolm.



Bible Verses:

John 5:6 - 8 "When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

Luke 18 : 40 - 42 "Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed 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: 07803964548.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the **July** edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 12th June** or you can e-mail this to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk OR christletonmag@spraff.net

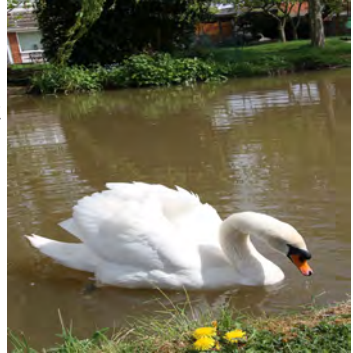
MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **June** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 31st May**.

Nature Notes

Christleton Swans

Our pair of Christleton swans are doing well again this breeding season, with the old cob and his new young mate producing eight eggs at their first attempt. The nest is a secure one on a safe garden site, with the cob doing guard duty along the stretch of the canal protecting the site. He will be very aggressive towards dogs off the lead, so please take care. We anticipate that the cygnets will have hatched out by the time you read this article. Thanks to the Sturgess Family for their excellent care of the swans.



Sparrowhawk surprise!

Sparrow hawks are common in the village, and especially along the canal. They can often be seen diving at speed through gardens in search of their prey. Occasionally you can get a good glimpse of them eating their prey, but the one pictured was just sitting idly on our garden fence, just eyeing up its possible dinner! Amazingly it sat there for at least five minutes enabling me to get a camera, load up a big lens and then take the shot through our kitchen window. Eventually it took off and headed straight for a sparrow, but the sparrow was clever enough to dive into the cover of the hawthorn hedge, and the sparrow hawk was left sitting on the opposite fence shaking its head in disbelief that it had missed its target.



Spring Migration

Almost all our expected spring migrants have arrived on time, some much earlier than usual, all except for now the elusive cuckoo. Chiff chaff, were the first to sing from the tree tops in mid March, and house martins arrived at Brown Heath farm very early in April. This initial movement was followed a few days later by really good numbers of swallows, together with black caps, sedge warblers and whitethroats. A rare reed warbler was heard at the Roman Bridges, competing for being the noisiest arrival against the huge drumming sound of a pair of greater spotted woodpeckers. Song thrushes were enjoying the warm days of April, and made a wonderful sound from the top of the canopy. Small tortoiseshell butterflies emerged in March closely followed by brimstone, peacock and red admiral. All emerged or arrived well ahead of the orange tip butterflies, but at least twenty five males were flying over the wet meadow in the warm days of late April.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We currently have a small but dedicated team of people who keep St James Church clean and tidy but it would be nice if we could expand that team to enable those people to have the occasional 'day off'.

Would there be anyone out there who has a few hours to spare to help us out? For further details please contact the Verger, John Milton on 01244 325529.

Happy 70th Birthday

Belated congratulations to Brian Davenport who celebrated his 70th Birthday on the 12th May, from all his many friends in the village, and members of the Tuesday Walking Group.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who very kindly sent best wishes greetings to me following my recent illness. They were all very much appreciated. Margaret Croston



CHRISTLETON VILLAGE FETE WELCOMES YOU TO THE



ZOO

SATURDAY 27TH June
2015 @ 1:30pm

(Parade leaves the
Village Green @ 1pm)



Face
Painting

Fancy Dress
Competition

All New
Games &
Prizes

Raffle Prizes
Family Zoo
Membership, Kindle,
and many more!

Falconry
Flying Display

Live Music
From Local
Artists

Admission - Families £5, Adults £2, Child/OAP £1, Under 5's FREE

A note for your diary

Christleton Village Show 2015

Is on Saturday 11th of July
In Christleton Parish Hall

This year the show theme is An English Country Garden, reflecting the many beautiful gardens in our village. We're also hoping a special effort will be made with Hanging Baskets. It is good to see the Pump House resplendent with flowers each year and we're hoping this example will be followed throughout the village – there's also a trophy to won in the Hanging Basket competition.

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

As usual there are new categories to choose from as well familiar ones so there is great choice to start planting (its time to start your Hanging Baskets), 'crafting', sewing, painting etc. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and there are lots of trophies to win. You will also be helping with a good charity, after last year's show we donated to Claire House Children's Hospice; Hospice of the Good Shepherd and North West Air Ambulance. Once again Drakes Hairdressers (see Hayley) has agreed to be a collecting point for completed Entry forms, making getting your forms in on time so much easier. This is in addition to the Entry form collection point of Judith Butts house –Greenmantle, Plough Lane. There will also be a Coffee Morning on 4th July in the Ring O Bells for entries to be made.

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, Jim Ferns and Claire Gelder.

Blessed are the merciful

Philip Yancey writes about this Beatitude in his very informative book called 'The Jesus I Never Knew'.

He refers to Henri Nouwen, a well known Catholic priest and famous author, who died in 1996, but during his life amongst other things taught at Harvard University. However, he gave it all up at the height of a then glittering academic career in order to take on the demanding chores required by his friendship with a man called Adam.

Nouwen wrote:

“Adam is a 25 year old man who cannot speak, cannot dress or undress himself, cannot walk alone, cannot eat without much help. He does not cry or laugh. Only occasionally does he make eye contact. His back is distorted. His arm and leg movements are twisted. He suffers from severe epilepsy and, despite heavy medication, sees few days with grand-mal seizures. Sometimes, as he grows suddenly rigid, he utters a howling groan. On a few occasions I've seen one big tear roll down his cheek.

It takes me an hour and a half to wake Adam up, give him his medication, carry him into his bath, wash him, shave him, clean his teeth, dress him, walk him to the kitchen, give him his breakfast, put him in his wheelchair and bring him to the place where he spends most of the day with therapeutic exercises”

Yancey, musing as to whether this was the best use of Nouwen's time, asked him when he had so much to offer through his speaking and authorship, could not someone else take over the menial task of caring for Adam. Henri Nouwen replied “ I am not giving up anything” he insisted, “ it is I, not Adam, who gets the main benefit from our friendship”- an inner peace, a realization that his success in academia was marked with rivalry, competition and hypocritical behaviours all around him.

Adam taught him that

“ what makes us human is not our mind but our heart, not our ability to think but our ability to love” From Adam's simple na-

ture, he had glimpsed the “emptiness” necessary before one can be filled by God .

Yancey reflects that Nouwen was enjoying a new kind of spiritual peace, acquired not within the stately quadrangles of Harvard, but by the bedside of incontinent Adam. He left the meeting convicted of his own spiritual poverty, he who so carefully arranges his writer’s life to make it efficient and single-focused. The merciful are indeed blessed, he learned, for they will be shown mercy.

I thought that this extract was particularly interesting to think about in the context of some of the tensions, differences of outlook and hypocritical behaviour we seem to see too often as we wander through secular and our Christian day to day and Parish life- notwithstanding, that is set against - the myriad of good things. It seems to put a lot of what we see and hear in context.

God Bless you

Mark

Prepared by Mark Evans 3 May 2015 (extracts from P Yancey ‘The Jesus I Never Knew’) and recommended reading of that book and ‘Creative Ministry ‘ by Henri Nouwen as an insightful presentation and a resonant spiritual guide for every man and woman who wants to be of service as a call to ministry in whatever form for every Christian.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GROW OLDER?

What does it mean to grow older?

It means to grow wiser each day; to appreciate more fully the joy life sends our way.

It means finding pleasure in little things –

A word, a smile, a thought –

To plan and dream but not forget the joys the past has brought.

It means to value having friends and loved ones always near,

To learn from each experience and to cherish every year.

Amanda Bradley

GOOD ADVICE

A little more kindness,
A little less creed.
A little more given,
A little less greed.

A little more smile,
A little less frown.
A little less kicking a man
When he is down.

A little more we,
A little less I,
A little more laugh,
A little less cry,
A little more flowers on
The pathway of life,
And less on the grave when
We finish the strife.

CHURCHYARD GROUNDS

You may have noticed that the grass in the churchyard was rather overgrown recently. This is due to the fact that the contractor who has been cutting the grass for the past two years has cancelled his contract with us at short notice. I would therefore respectfully request your patience until we can find a suitable replacement.

It's not easy trying to find someone to cut the grass in the churchyard – it's a large and in places, difficult area to work in. However, I think we have been successful in finding someone who will do the job – in fact – by the time you read this I am hopeful he will have started the task of tidying up and grass cutting.

John Milton – Verger

NEWS of Relief Work from Paul Wright in NEPAL

Paul has been working in 'Disaster Management' and Sarah has been teaching in the churches and college in Kathmandu for the past 18 years; Bob and I visited them 4 years ago. They came back to live in Gairloch, Scotland last June for the education of their two children, Jack (14) and Asha (12).

Following the disaster in Nepal, Paul has been asked by the United Mission to Nepal and the Methodist Church to return to Kathmandu to help with the relief work initially for 2-3 weeks but to consider working longer term. Paul writes:

'Greetings to all and many thanks for your prayers. It never ceases to amaze me that

I can be sitting in a rural village in Nepal, yet have fellowship with folk on the other side of the world. We distributed relief items to 1100 households in Ashrang and Borlang VDCs of Gorkha district this morning.

It was not as targeted or organised as I would have liked but at least

the relief pack got out to people. They received 30kg rice, 2kg lentils, 2L oil and 1kg salt; enough food for about 1 month'.

Sarah writes: 'Paul has had a meeting with a donor who has \$100,000 for relief work in Sindupalchowk, the worst affected district.



With that amount of money they can do both immediate relief and also medium term work. Medium term work would include improved shelter i.e. something more substantial than tarpaulin that would be better for monsoon and providing seeds and animals to help people re-establish their livelihood. Please pray for

this new project. Paul is keeping well, but is tired too. He says that it is clear that people who have lived through the earthquake are traumatised and the impact on them is huge.

Please especially remember in your prayers those relief workers who are still working to come to terms with their own trauma while reaching out to others. Pray too for children, many of whom are still anxious and fearful.

Thank you for all your prayers and support’.

Paul and Sarah Wright (via Bob and Gwen Knight)

APCM NEWS!

A headline grabber! The annual church meetings took place on 26th April, too late to report in the May magazine, but here is a brief summary which I’ve made as exciting to read as possible. (Not easy!)

56 church members came to the meeting. Our church membership (Electoral Roll) stands at 239, I had apologies from 11 so that still left 172 church members who either didn’t know about the meeting, forgot about it, or who were uninterested. Perhaps we need to address this as an issue over this coming year. Any feedback from people who didn’t know or didn’t wish to be there would be useful - it may help us when organising next year’s meeting. Would a glass of wine instead of coffee help? Should we start the service at 10am (instead of 10.45) so that the APCM finishes earlier? How can we better advertise it? Should it be in Church on a Sunday? Let me know.

Thanks to Bettie for organising the refreshments and splendid food.

Just the two existing Churchwardens Bettie Gilliatt and Carl Cumiskey put their names forward, and so they were elected

without the need to get into voting. Just as well as I hadn't prepared any voting papers. The PCC is now made up from the Clergy, Churchwardens and the following people:

Christine Abrams, Jan Bowden, Gill Brackenbury, Valmai Griffiths, Lorraine Lewis (Joint Treasurer), Tina Lightfoot, Jean Tizard, John Eccles, Brian Inall (PCC Secretary), Brian Lewis (Joint Treasurer), John Milton, John Pearson, Keith Smalls. Also, Berenice Kirwan (Deanery Synod Representative and ex-officio member of PCC).

Tina, Jean and Valmai are new on this year so we wish them well in their role. Good luck!

The Information Packs made available over 2 weeks ahead and containing all sorts of useful information and interesting reports went down well. This I believe is a new idea for Christleton, but these types of packs are produced by many other churches and can be the basis of an annual report to the Charity Commission. (The church is a charity.) 70 packs were produced and all were taken up. If you missed out you can still get one from me. Additionally the draft accounts were published separately before the meeting with a report from the treasurers. Again, more copies available from me if required.

The electoral roll went up from 238 last year to 239 (5 came off and 6 went on) so I raised a titter by commenting that this indicated church growth!

The accounts were accepted by the meeting even though we did not have audited copies to show at the time. Financially we are more or less stable but quite reliant upon legacies and upon income from the Parish Hall to balance the books. General giving to St James is insufficient to cover costs. The PCC will need to consider fund raising in the years ahead as costs are unlikely to fall.

Projects coming up this year include repairs in the tower (about to start), repairs to a boundary wall, car park resurfacing, replacing the heating boiler, new flag pole, extending the churchyard, replacing some choir stalls.

The list of Sidespeople was presented for approval although at the last moment two people asked to come off. Plenty of space on the list for new names - just talk to Carl Cumiskey.

The Rector expressed gratitude to the other clergy, and to the wardens, for their support during a difficult year, and to the Verger who was ‘a safe pair of hands’ on which he could rely. He felt St James was a good place to be. The Rector got a vote of thanks from the meeting and a round of applause.

The choir is suffering with low numbers and particularly with the absence of the Choirmaster / Director of Music since just before Christmas. Their standards were slipping as a result. A statement was read out by a choir member appealing for a quick resolution of the difficulties causing all this as they need professional leadership. Sheila, normally a choir member and deputy organist, now plays at all our services, and indeed at many funerals and weddings. The extra time and travelling for her is significant. She was thanked by the meeting which appreciated her response to the situation, and she got a round of applause as well.

Brian Inall - PCC Secretary (Tel: 336500)



THE MONTHLY
CHRISTLETON

From 12 noon for 12.30 serving:



**LUNCHEON
CLUB** IN PARISH HALL

**Monday
15th June**

FREE lunch
(donations
welcome)

All welcome, but please book a place by calling:
Liz: 409414, or Janet: 325529, or Christine: 335562, or sign the list in Church
(Transport can be arranged for those that need it - just ask.)



BARBEQUE after the FLOWER SERVICE

Sunday 12 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.

**There will be no charge for this
but donations will be welcome.**

**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
attending will be at the back
of church next month, for you to
indicate how many will be coming.

For more information : –
ring Janet Milton 325529.



Messy News !

It's wonderful to be writing about Messy Church and we are so thrilled to see all of the families whom we have had the privilege to get to know over the past months.

It's great to see families sharing time together as they explore the activities; for instance, dads being bandaged and covered with 'blood' (tomato ketchup), as they act out the story of the Good Samaritan, decorating fish on which to write prayers or a game of getting sheep into a pen, as we learned about Jesus the Good Shepherd.

There have been many delightful moments in our worship time too, which we call " Celebration ". We have seen the youngest children shaking some bells or rattles to the song, " We are Marching in the Light of God " -played by our Messy Musicians, or joining in the actions to " My God is so Big, so Strong and so Mighty ".

Our 'team' from St.James' is now well used to the routine of Welcoming, Activities, Worship and Hospitality - not sure if 'Activities' was on Christ's agenda, but the other elements of our Messy session are surely part of our agenda as Christians.

Especially exciting last Sunday was to welcome baby Jack and family, for his baptism in St.James'. He is one of our youngest members. Congratulations Jack!

We welcome new families - children do need to be accompanied by a parent/grandparent or other adult. If you are a member of St. James' and just want to pop by, please do....we also need someone to help with publicity - in particular anybody who likes using social media. For any inquiries, please telephone Berenice on 336779.

The History File

WWI Centenary. Christleton Men at Gallipoli

The centenary of this disastrous campaign in our history has just taken place. Gallipoli must have seemed light years away for the men and women of Christleton, but the battles which started off with such enthusiasm, soon turned into despair and disaster, as the troops were met with fierce Turkish opposition fighting in a very alien terrain.

Although often regarded now as an ANZAC campaign, there were tens of thousands of men from the UK involved, including men from the village. The nine months campaign saw three of our fallen in WWI, Tom Broster from the village, Norman Okell and Percy Dickenson from Littleton buried a few miles apart in this hostile place. Two others, Jack Cullimore from Faulknors Lane and George Lee from Stamford Heath were members of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment sent to rescue as many troops as possible, in what was known as a rear guard deception. Both lost their lives a few months later in Iraq, Jack Cullimore in an extremely gallant defence of his men, again acting as a machine gunner in the rear guard, knowing that he would almost certainly be killed.



However the most fascinating story from the village point of view was that of Norman Okell. Norman was born at Littleton Old Hall, the son of John & Emma Okell. Life was tough for young people at that time and many choose to leave these islands, and 18 year old Norman made the hazardous journey to South Island New Zealand, and became a sheep farmer on the Canterbury Plains near Christchurch.

When war was declared in Europe, Norman immediately signed up like thousands of others and became a Trooper in the Canterbury New Zealand Rifles. He was just 23yrs old, and together

with thousands of New Zealanders and Australians formed the ANZAC Regiments who fought so bravely for their former homelands. Norman's journey took him to the hot dry lands of the Dardanelles, an area near the Aegean Sea held by the Turks, as the allies wanted to keep the sea route open to their allies from Russia, on the Bosphorous near Constantinople. In April 1915 British French and ANZAC Troops landed on the Gallipoli peninsular to be met with fierce opposition.

Tens of thousands of Turkish Troops had dug in all around the area behind strong fortifications. The attacking forces were under severe fire from every direction wherever they landed, and were lambs to the slaughter, trapped between the sea and the surrounding hills. 106,000 Officers and Men were lost and a further 90, 000 struck down with sickness. Winston Churchill had been one of the great supporters of the idea of taking the Dardanelles, but even he admitted defeat when a fresh attack by new Allied troops at Suvla Bay in August 1915 was a disaster.



The Official record says that on 22nd August, Hill 60 was attacked by the Canterbury and Otago Mounted Rifles, followed by the 18th Australian Infantry. The Hill was eventually captured between the 27th-29th August, and held until the evacuation after defeat in the December.

Norman had been in the company that tried to take Suvla Bay and was killed in action on the 28th August 1915. He is commemorated on Hill 60 at Suvla Bay on the New Zealand Memorial to the fallen, one of four in that area of the Gallipoli Peninsula whose graves are not known. It bears 180 names including that of brave Norman Okell aged 23. The cemetery at Suvla Bay, is close to one where Percy Dickinson from Littleton is buried, and a short distance away from the grave of Tom Broster the Village Butcher from Rock House who is buried at Shrapnel Valley. DC



COFFEE IN THE BISHOP'S GARDEN

[BY KIND PERMISSION of the Bishop of Chester]

TUESDAY 30th. June 2015

6.30 pm.

**IN THE GARDEN OF
BISHOP'S HOUSE,
ABBAY SQUARE, CHESTER.**

Tickets at £1.

**Stalls & Raffle
Refreshments & Entertainment**

The proceeds will be donated to The Children's Society. Charity Reg. No. 221124.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

VILLAGE TEA ROOM

IN THE METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM

From 7th JUNE
until 27TH SEPTEMBER 2015

EVERY SUNDAY

FROM 2.30 P.M. UNTIL 4.30 P.M.

EVERYONE WELCOME

PROCEEDS TO STARLIGHT granting wishes to terminally ill children

Archbishop of York heads call for more minority ethnic vocations in Church of England

More minority ethnic Anglicans are needed for ordained ministry in the Church of England, the Archbishop of York has said. In a foreword to a new booklet on minority ethnic vocations, Dr John Sentamu said there has never been a better time for Christians from minority ethnic backgrounds to respond to God's call to ordained ministry in the Church of England.

"There is a greater need than ever for minority ethnic Anglicans to respond to God's call to ministry and servant leadership – we need people who are equipped for cross cultural ministry in our increasingly diverse society," writes Dr Sentamu.

"We need more minority ethnic clergy as deacons, priests and bishops. We need ethnic diversity at all levels in the Church's ministry. This booklet shows how crucial it is for our ongoing vocations work in the Church of England. We need to see more minority ethnic Anglicans if we are to serve effectively and see churches grow, and to do that we must make and nurture disciples in diverse communities across England today."

Everyday People, God's gift to the Church of England, from the Vocations Strategy Group, a working group of the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns, and the Ministry Division of the Church of England, features the life stories of seven ordained clergy and one Anglican who is currently exploring her vocation. All are of minority ethnic heritage.

The booklet is being distributed to dioceses in the Church of England. At present, minority ethnic clergy make up less than 3% of serving clergy.

Father's Day – time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his

favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing. How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, is there a 'spare' father somewhere in your church or your circle of friends whose children cannot be with him, and who would welcome some special treat on the day?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time.

But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

Today, Father's Day is a great time to celebrate any sort of male role models, like uncles or grandfathers, as well as dads. Certainly Father's Day has become a day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably. Perhaps most telling of all, though, is how children continue to see their fathers: in America, for example, more 'collect calls' to home are recorded on Father's Day than on any other day of the year!

Parish Registers (April)

Holy Baptism

19th Ellie Ann Devine daughter of Andrew & Gemma Devine
20 Croft Close, Rowton, Chester

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

The Marriage Service

17th Benjamin Oliver Hirst & Alexandra Kathryn Hutchinson
184 Saddlery Way, Chester

25th Peter James Burgham & Emma Casson Withers
24 Grove Road, Uppermill, Oldham, Lancs

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

The Funeral Service

7th William Ronald Jones 181 Blacon Point Road, Blacon
84yrs

20th Philip Charlton Appt. 48 Boughton Hall, Filkins Lane,
Boughton 84yrs

24th Ronald Williams Curzon Park Residential Home, Cur
zon Park, Chester 84yrs

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

April	Cash	C.S.E.	2015	2014
5th	155-30	871-51	1,026-81	756-56
12th	167-80	380-50	548-30	676-11
19th	191-60	334-50	526-10	1,339-67
26th	129-33	735-50	864-83	665-46
Totals			£2,966-04	£3,437-80

“Of your own do we give you”

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES, CHRISTLETON

REGULAR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS:	8.00am:	Holy Communion
	10.45am:	Holy Communion (1st & 3rd & 5th Sundays) Morning Worship - a less formal service for all (2nd Sunday) Morning Prayer / Mattins (4th Sunday)
	6.30pm:	Evening Prayer / Evensong (1st Sunday) Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays) Evening Prayer / Evensong (BCP) (3rd Sunday) Evening services on a 5th Sunday vary - see notices.
WEDNESDAYS:	10.45am:	Holy Communion (BCP) (United service on 1st Wednesday)

Special services take place at festivals and at other times, and other variations occur, so please check the diary at the front of this magazine, also the church notices and the Christleton website. A 'United' service is where Churches Together in Christleton congregations come together.

'Book of Common Prayer' (BCP) services use the older traditional language, other services are 'Common Worship' using modern language.

Children are welcome at all of our services. Sunday Club, Messy Church and the Crew Youth Group also available for younger members. There is a good organist at St James and a robed choir sings at many of the services.

Refreshments are generally served after the 10.45am Sunday service in the Parish Hall across the road, and are also served in the church after the 10.45am Wednesday services. Once a month on the 1st Sunday breakfast is served in the Parish Hall from about 8.45am. These give splendid opportunities for fellowship and you are invited to join in.

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Shalom!!!



A traditional scene from the Christleton Village Fete to be held this year on the 27th June



Messy Church in the Parish Hall.

Wisdom!!!

There was a man who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The man calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The man replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the man drowned & went to heaven. Then he asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "But, I sent you two boats!"

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