

Parish Magazine



March 2007

# St. James'

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## Christleton

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# Mark in March

## LENT

**Fri 2**

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

10.30 am Service at Wesley Methodist Church, St John Street  
7.30 pm Service at Hamilton Street Methodist Church  
6.30 pm Choir Practice

**Sun 4**

The Second Sunday in Lent  
8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2  
10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall  
10.45 am Parish Communion - Order 1  
Lent Sermon Series: Christian Basics: Prayer  
6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall  
6.30 pm Reflective Worship for Lent  
Prayer Link Road: Village Road  
Neighbourhood Link: Jean Cresswell

**Mon 5**

10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home  
11.20 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home

**Wed 7**

10.45 am United Communion followed by refreshments

**Thur 8**

7.45 pm Deanery Synod - Handbridge

**Fri 9**

6.30 pm Choir Practice  
NB: Last date for contributions to April Parish Magazine, to the Rector, at The Rectory, Birch Heath Lane, preferably earlier

**Sun 11**

## The Third Sunday in Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1  
10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall  
10.45 am Parish Communion - Order 1  
Lent Sermon Series: Christian Basics, Belief  
6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall  
6.30 pm Reflective Worship for Lent  
Prayer Link Road: Whitchurch Road, Roadside and White Lane  
Neighbourhood Links: Janet Milton, Neville Meredith and Norman Goodwin

**Mon 12**

2.00 pm Mothers' Union - Parish Hall

**Wed 14**

10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments  
(with Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer)

	11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
	7.30 pm	“Calvary” by Riding Lights at St Michael’s, Newton
Fri 16	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun 18</b>		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.45 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service with Baptism
	6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm	Reflective Worship for Lent
		Prayer Link Road: Woodfields
		Neighbourhood Link: Joyce Rydings
Wed 21	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
	7.45 pm	United Lent Speaker: John Griffiths of Christian Aid Methodist Church
Fri 22	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun 25</b>		<b>PASSION SUNDAY</b>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.45 am	Short Morning Worship and Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by ‘Faith’ Lunch; displays and presentations in Parish Hall
	10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
	6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group
	6.30 pm	Evening Communion with Meditation
		Prayer Link Road: Badgers Close
		Neighbourhood Link: June Hulmes
Tues 27	9.00 am	Church Ramble Group leave car park for Audlem
Wed 28	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri 30	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
1 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
	10.30 am	Palm Sunday Procession with Donkey from Littleton followed by short service in Church
	6.30 pm	Passiontide Devotion in words and music
		Prayer Link Road: Birch Heath Lane
		Neighbourhood Link: Fiona Lee

# The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

## **Church Membership**

Last month I invited us all to use Lent as a 'Health Check' to examine our lives to ensure they are in balance and in harmony with God's purposes. Jesus used his time in the wilderness to prepare for his ministry and to ensure he was 'fit for purpose'. After his Baptism Jesus called his disciples to be his Church to help his ministry and mission in the world. So in Lent we remember how still today Jesus calls us to be his Church for the purpose of extending God's Kingdom on earth as in Heaven. That is why we belong to the Church.

It so happens that we have been told that we need to compile a completely new Electoral Roll this year. Everyone has to reapply in order to be on the Roll, and application forms need to be in by 10 March (see note elsewhere in magazine). The Electoral Roll is a working document of the Parish Church. It is the equivalent of the civil Register of Electors; it enables those included to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council. It is also used for other purposes such as to assess Parish representation to the Deanery and Diocese etc. Every worshipping member of St James over 16 should join the Electoral Roll, but people who live outside the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christleton must have been a regular worshipper at St James for the six months leading up to application. Membership of the Electoral Roll enables those living outside the Parish to be married at St James. Also right of Burial in the Churchyard can only be granted to those who live outside the Parish, if they are on the Electoral Roll. As we apply for membership of the Electoral Roll it is a good time to ask ourselves what our Church membership means to us in real and practical terms. Are we 'fit for purpose' according to the priorities and tasks Jesus entrusted to his Church? So again Lent can be used as an opportunity to make our discipleship more effective.

This year the PCC has decided to hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 28 March following a short service in Church at 10.45 am. This is to encourage and enable as many Church members as possible to take part in the meeting and actively engage in what we are doing as a Church.

Following the meeting, which will be kept as brief as possible, there will be a Buffet 'Faith' Lunch in the Parish Hall where there will be displays and presentations of what we are doing as a Church. Do please come and join in so more and more of us can feel actively involved in our ministry and mission. There will be opportunity to share and suggest ideas as to how we could be more effective. The meeting will include the election of 2 Churchwardens and 5 members to the Parochial Church Council for a 3 year term of office. Lois Dickinson has indicated she will stand again for election as Churchwarden for one more year, but David Mercer will not be standing for election, so we need someone to take over. As we thank David for all he has done as Churchwarden we are glad he will continue as Treasurer and to manage the Parish Hall. He will also continue to be involved in the work of the Stewardship Committee in carrying out the necessary work resulting from the Architect's Quinquennial Inspection of the Church last year, which thankfully was nowhere near as extensive or expensive as last time!

I do hope all of us will use these opportunities to help us as a Church to be increasingly effective in our membership and in the ministry and mission to which Jesus calls us as his disciples in this Parish.

Yours sincerely

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

**Prayer of the Month**

*Maurice Wood*

*Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ  
and of his Church in this Parish.*

*May we as a congregation reach upwards to you  
in worship and adoration;  
inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship;  
and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion.*

*Make us like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men,  
women and children may find Christ as the light of the world;  
his Church as his family united in his love;  
and eternal life as the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **ST JAMES CHURCH, CHRISTLETON**

### **NOTICE OF MEMORIAL SAFETY INSPECTION**

**T**he Church Council is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Churchyard and an inspection of the memorials, and other items, is to be carried out.

The family of the deceased are the owners of their family memorial and are primarily responsible for the safety of the memorial.

Memorials that are found to be unsafe will be cordoned and staked. After 28 days, the Memorial is liable to be laid down. A notice will be attached to the memorial. If considered to be an immediate danger, a memorial may be laid down immediately.

**DO NOT TOUCH ANY OF THESE MEMORIALS.** They are liable to cause serious injury.

Family members should immediately contact David Mercer, Churchwarden, tell 01244 336155.

**IF A MEMORIAL HAS BEEN LAID DOWN, DO NOT RE-ERECT IT. ANY REMEDIAL WORK MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDED CODE OF WORKING PRACTICE OF THE**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
MEMORIAL MASONS.**

**DO NOT REMOVE WARNING TAPE  
OR SUPPORT STAKES.**

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### **ST JAMES CHURCH, CHRISTLETON ELECTORAL ROLL 2007**

**A** new electoral roll is now being produced. If you wish to be included, please submit a completed application to the Rector, or alternatively forward it to Pat Nilssen, 11 Littleton Lane, Littleton, Chester, CH3 7DJ. Final entries for inclusion in the new roll must be received no later than 10th March 2007. Thank you

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### **PARISH MAGAZINE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**C**ould you please use the envelope provided to renew your annual subscription for this magazine. If your magazine is delivered, please ensure that you return the envelope to your distributor as soon as possible. If you collect your magazine from Church, please deposit your payment in the box at the back of Church. The price remains at £3.50 per annum. Cheques should be made payable to Christleton Parochial Church Council. Thank you

# The World Wide Church

**Building bridges so that we can work together**

**W**e, in the Parish of St James Christleton, have been discussing how we are involved with the World Church: what we do, who our contacts are and in what ways our communication and sharing of resources can become even more helpful as we work together.

Over the next few months a thumb-nail sketch of the various ways of 'doing World Church' will be available on the notice sheet, in the Church Magazine and on the Web-site [www.christleton.org](http://www.christleton.org). If you would like to give or receive hot-line news (e.g. for intercessions and personal prayer) please tell the Rector or Gwen Knight.

The following are the organisations and people with whom we at St James' are regularly involved. There is a wealth of resource through magazine updates and prayer leaflets available at the back of Church, but there is also valuable information to be found on the web-sites, a few of which are indicated.

CMS Church Missionary Society  
[www.cms-uk.org](http://www.cms-uk.org)

USPG United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel  
[www.uspg.or.uk](http://www.uspg.or.uk)

Christian Aid  
[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

Bible Society  
[www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)

Scripture Gift Mission  
[www.sgm.org](http://www.sgm.org)

Wycliffe Bible Translators  
[www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)

The Mango Tree Trust  
[www.themangotree.org](http://www.themangotree.org)

SIM Serving in Mission [www.sim.org](http://www.sim.org) also [www.mandritsara.org.uk](http://www.mandritsara.org.uk)

SAMS [www.sams.ac.uk](http://www.sams.ac.uk)

Leprosy Mission  
[www.leprosymission.org](http://www.leprosymission.org)

Do please take time to find out about how others are involved in the World-wide Church.

Gwen Knight

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## FLOWER FESTIVAL

At St James' Church.

**July 13th, 14th, 15th 2007**

**I**t is hoped that this will be a Church and Village event so, if you are interested in Flower Arranging, or would like to help in any way, please ring 332005



## Cover Picture



The “Reg Morgan” cover picture this month features the Pump House standing on the cobbled area opposite the house then known as “Holly Bank”. The pump house is gated, and is overlooked by both gas lamp, and a signpost to the Whitchurch Road. Holly Bank (now Birch Heath Lodge) was originally built as a private school for Benjamin & Ephraim Parkin. The first headteacher was a Thomas Lakeland, and we learn of the lessons taught there in 1817 from a letter written by young Thomas Welsby to his father, a wine merchant in Chester. They included Greek and Latin! It later became a private house and was occupied at one time by Rector Lionel Garnett’s sister Annie, who married into the Rolt Family. Their son L T C Rolt is the canal enthusiast and writer, who did so much to promote the use of canals for leisure.

The date of the photograph is believed to be 1907. DC





## WANTED URGENTLY

We are currently without a volunteer to deliver magazines to residents in Hawthorn Road and Bythom Close and are appealing for someone to take over this role.

If you are interested, please contact  
Pat Nilssen, 336013.

*Thank you*



**Rose Queen, attendants  
& page boy required for  
Christleton Village Fete on  
Saturday 30th June, 2007**

Please contact:  
Shirley Hurst 345421



I have received the following from The Children's Society thanking us for our gift of £582.82, the total raised from the Christingle Service held at St. James Church on 14 January.

'Our important work with over 50,000 children throughout the country could not develop without your generous contributions. Your valuable support helps children whose needs may be ignored and overlooked by other services and enables them to deal with life's harshest challenges, to develop their own self-belief, and to face the future with confidence.'

Tony has turned his life around since coming to The Children's Society. He'd like to thank you for giving him a second chance:

'I wouldn't have made it through with The Children's Society, I'd lost all direction and was just drifting around. I was in a mess. You were the only people who helped me... you turned things around for me. Thank you'.

*Lesley Morgan*

# THE HISTORY FILE

Celia Fiennes believed by many to be “The Lady on the White Horse from Banbury Cross” was one of the first travellers to write about her journeys through the English countryside. After one of her many visits to Chester, she describes in her journal her route across the “Roman Bridges” at Hockenhull.

“I went 3 miles on a causey through much wood; its from Nantwich to Chester Town 14 long miles the wayes being deep; its much on enclosures and I passed by several large pooles of waters but what I wondered at was that tho this shire is remarkable for a great deale of greate Cheeses and Dairyess, I did not see more than 20 or 30 coves in a troope feeding, but on enquirey find the custome of the country is to joyn their milking together of a whole village, and so make their greate cheeses, and so it goes round.”

She later writes about her arrival in Chester and gives a fascinating account of the City in 1685. After visiting the Old Port, where the quaysides and warehouses stood on the land between the present County

Hall and the River she writes, “The traditional industries such as ship building, leather working and snuff manufacturing are now in decline, to be replaced by lead works, and hydraulic engineering



works, but it is also catering for the leisured gentry and upper classes, who gravitated to the city, and used it as a base to travel to Ireland and to and from London. She continues that “the town is mostly timber framed buildings, the main trade is to Ireland and to Wales, but it is broad below the town, where they have a little dock, and build ships of 200tun. I saw some on the stocks.

Celia Fiennes is commemorated in the Millennium window at St James’, and at No Mans Heath near Malpas, members of the local History Group there have erected a fine white marble statue to Celia and her famous steed Equis. The site can be visited just a short distance off the new A41, about two miles on from the Hampton Heath roundabout, by taking the signpost to No Mans Heath and Malpas. As you approach No Mans Heath, turn left onto the old A41 and the statue is almost immediately on your right on a small green area before the houses.

*David Cummings*

*You will find a link on the Christleton web site to the travels of Celia Fines*

## **WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2007**

United Under God’s Tent  
A Service Prepared by Christian  
Women of Paraguay  
10.30 am Wesley Methodist Church  
St John Street  
Speaker : Rev. Julia Hedley  
7.30 pm Hamilton Street Methodist  
Church  
Speaker: Rev. Christine Davies  
**ALL WELCOME – MEN WOMEN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE**

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### **Poop! Poop! Watch out for Mr Toad!**

Big rubber tyres squash small squidgy amphibians. It is a sad fact of life that thousands of common toads, known as *Bufo bufo*, are going to face death on our roads in the next few weeks.

The reason is because toads like to breed in certain places, and for some reason, they are almost always on the wrong side of the road when mating season begins. The poor toad can’t win. For centuries seen as something evil, now they simply aren’t seen fast enough.... not on roads in the dark and the rain - which is when they most like to cross them.

Toads may not be beautiful, but they have had their fans. George Orwell wrote of them: “A toad has about the most beautiful eye of any living creature. It is like gold, or more exactly it is like the gold-coloured semi-precious stone which one sometimes sees in signet rings.” Watching as one toad emerged from its mud-encased winter sleep, Orwell also observed: “... after his long fast the toad has a very spiritual look, like a strict Anglo-Catholic towards the end of Lent.”

# CATHEDRAL NEWS



**T**he Friends Plant Sale will be on Friday 4 May and Saturday 5 May from 10 am – 4 pm. Please start potting, planting and dividing plants in good time. Take jams, chutneys, marmalades, cakes etc for sale on the Saturday. Contact Caroline Dennis on Chester 314408.

The Cathedral Shop sells wooden Chester Crosses made by Tim Brodbelt, a member of the congregation. They are mostly made from Spanish Olive wood but occasionally made from a South African wood called Pink Ivory. A visitor from California bought one last summer and it is now behind

the halo of a St Mary shrine in an Episcopal church in California.

## ST WERBURGH

This year sees the eleven hundredth anniversary of the Translation of the Relics of St Werburgh to Chester. She was a Saxon princess who became a nun. Her shrine is in the Lady Chapel. The anniversary will be marked in a number of ways including a Pilgrimage from Hanbury Church on 17 June and finishing in Chester with Evensong at the Cathedral on Thursday 21 June which is St Werburgh's Day. The midsummer Watch Parade will concentrate on St Werburgh and there will be a re-enactment of a Viking village the previous weekend.

## SAINTS' WINDOWS IN THE CLOISTERS

Mathias the Apostle was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as he could bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus. He preached the Gospel for more than 30 years in Judea, Cappadocia, Egypt and Ethiopia. He is remembered for preaching the need for mortification of the flesh with regard to all its sensual and irregular desires.

Died: stoned to death at Colchis in 80 AD; some relics in the abbatial church of Trier, others in Saint

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Mary Major in Rome.

Saints Day: 24 February

Patronage: alcoholism; reformed alcoholics; carpenters, smallpox, tailors

### **NEW SHOP MANAGER**

Originally from the Wirral, Sue Petranca was brought up in Uganda where her father was a cotton trader. Most of Sue's working life has been spent in the hotel business, most recently at the Chester Grosvenor and Spa. She is looking forward to applying her organisational and customer care skills to the smooth running of the Cathedral Shop.

### **CHESTER CATHEDRAL NAVE CHOIR**

Directed by Ian Roberts

Organist: Philip Rushforth

Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

Litanies á la vierge noire

Francis Poulenc

And music by Maurice Dureflé

Pierre Villette and Louis Vierne

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

available from Cathedral Office, 12

Abbey Square

(01244 324756) or on the door.

**10 March 2007 – 7.30 pm at  
Chester Cathedral**



Eric Beech will be 90 yrs old  
on 26 March.

## **Mad as a March Hare?**

Mad or not, this is the best time of year to see any sort of hare. But you'll have to be quick: the brown hare is Britain's fastest mammal, reaching staggering speeds of 35 to 45 mph over open ground. With their orange brown fur, powerful hind legs and black tipped ears, hares are magnificent and a pleasure to watch as they run.

If you are very fortunate, you may even see two hares 'box' this month, during their breeding season. One will almost certainly be an unimpressed female, telling an over-amorous male to get lost.

Sadly, hares in Britain are in serious decline. In the late 19th century, there were probably more than four million. Today, barely a fifth of this number remains. Their decline is due to modern intensive agriculture methods, however, not aggressive females!



# **Christleton Parish Hall**

**available for Meetings, Parties, Functions etc,  
occasional or regular use.**

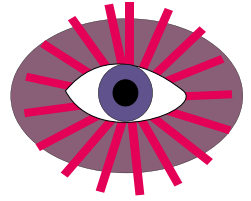
The Hall has wheelchair access  
and specially adapted facilities.

Please contact the Booking Secretary,

**David Mercer 336155**

Please telephone between 10.00am and 8.00pm  
Monday to Saturday

# Nature Notes



The highlights this month include the sighting of a large flock of yellowhammers, in fields near the Sports Club. Yellowhammers are now quite rare in Cheshire, and this was an excellent sighting. Their display call “a little bit of bread and no cheese” is very distinctive, and was once heard everywhere in the village. Another

excellent sighting was a barn owl hunting near Littleton, whilst a tawny owl was heard calling near The Pit. Large flocks of field fare and redwing are also foraging on the fields. The Tuesday walking group were delighted to hear at least four greater spotted woodpeckers drumming, on their recent walk around the parish, and a newly excavated nest site has been spotted at Birch Heath. Buzzards, kestrels and sparrowhawks have been much in evidence, and yet another red kite reported.



Three different pairs of swans have disputed territory at The Pit, with our own pair eventually winning out on the 5th February. However they had no sooner flown in and claimed their nest site, than they started to chase off last years 5 remaining cygnets. I had the task of trying to get them to safety, not an easy task, and I hoped that they could escape without too much damage from a very vicious and angry cob. What must they have thought, to suddenly find their once caring adults chasing and

pecking at them, who only a day or so before, had shown them great affection. One of the pairs chased off was a pair that had tried to nest on the Waverton Canal last spring, before being set upon by our Christleton pair when they moved from the Pit onto the canal. I had later rescued that cob CJ03 from a field of maize at Rowton, and released it for safety on the Pit, as it would have been attacked again if it had been put back onto the canal. However it now has a new mate and having lost the battle at The Pit, has come back to the former territory on the canal at Rowton. What a carry on, just like one big swan merry go round!

*David Cummings*

## A Mother's Prayer

*Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray my sanity to keep.  
For if some peace I do not find,  
I'm pretty sure I'll lose my mind.  
I pray I find a little quiet,  
Far from the daily family riot.  
May I lie back and not have to think  
About what they're stuffing down the  
sink,  
Or who they're with, or where they're at  
And what they're doing to the cat.  
I pray for time all to myself  
(did something just fall off a shelf?)  
To cuddle in my nice, soft bed  
(Oh no, another goldfish dead!)  
Some silent moments for goodness  
sake  
(Did I just hear a window break?)  
And that I need not cook or clean  
(well goodness, even I can dream!)  
Yes now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray my wits about me keep,  
But as I look around I know,  
I must have lost them long ago!*

## Christleton High School Needs your Unwanted Mobile Phones

Christleton High School Association (CHSA) are trying to raise funds for the School by collecting mobile phones and have joined with phones4schools, who will pay £500 for 200 phones. The funds are being raised for a new Community Library/Resource Centre. The project is a bid to the Lottery Fund to create Community Library which will of course be a School library as well. If you or your friends could donate your old mobile phones it would be great help in achieving our target as well as helping with the library bid.

Please can you bring in your phones (together with the charger) to the Reception at the High School by the end of March. Don't forget to remove the sim card!



# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.30 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James. For further details please contact Berenice Hogg, 336779.

## CHRISTLETON LADIES GUILD

Held at the Christleton Methodist Church, commencing at 2pm, on the first Tuesday of each month, £1 admission includes refreshments. For further information contact Joan Webb, 335518.

All very welcome.

## 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 next meeting on Wednesday 14 March at 7.15 pm – “Chocolate”.

## 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 Edna Ellis telephone Chester 346497.

## CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

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

## CHRISTLETON GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting will take place on **12 March – “Herbaceous Perennials Old and New” –** Mr Peter Foley. Holden Clough Nursery, Clitheroe Plants for sale.

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

**T**he March magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 25 February 2007.**

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## CHRISTLETON RAMBLING GROUPS



St James Tuesday Walking Group  
**Tuesday March 27th**

Cheshire; Audlem & Shropshire  
Union Canal. 6 miles (Grade easy).

Pub lunch in Nantwich.

Depart Church Car Park at 9.00am

Further details from  
David Cummings. 332410

## MOTHERS UNION

Our next meeting is  
**on Monday, March 12th**  
at 2.00pm in the Parish Hall, when  
the speaker will be Vera Woods.

The 'Wave of Prayer' will take place  
during Wednesday Communion  
**on March 14th.**

All welcome.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

Warmly invite you to  
The Methodist Church  
**On Thursday 8 March**

10 am – 12 noon

To promote FAIRTRADE during

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 26  
Feb – 11 March

Coffee: Homemade biscuits:  
FAIRTRADE STALL

and

**On Saturday 31 March**  
12 noon – 2 pm

for  
**The Christian Aid Lunch**

*Everyone most welcome*

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

**P**lease ensure all items for inclusion in the April edition are sent  
to the Editor, David Bull, The Old Rectory, Plough Lane, as soon  
as possible **BEFORE Friday 9 March** or you can e-mail this to

**christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk**

# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## QUIZ NIGHT AT THE INSTITUTE

**Monday April 16th at 8.30pm**  
Come and join us from 7.30pm for a fun evening at the Institute. Teams of four, entry £1 per person. Prizes. Make up a team on the evening or come ready organised! Pastoral and Outreach Committee

## CHRISTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Will be holding their annual Open Morning  
At the Parish Hall on Saturday  
**17th March 2006**  
10 am – 12 noon  
Everyone Welcome  
Come along and have your say!

## CHRISTLETON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Meets at the Primary School in Quarry Lane.  
**Wednesday March 21st 7.30pm.**  
Dating Victorian Photographs.  
Speaker; Hannah Crowdy MA,AMA. Keeper of Local & Social History at the Grosvenor Museum.

(Please bring along any old photographs for dating).  
Everyone welcome.

## 1791 – music from Mozart's last year

Chester Bach Singers and orchestra  
With members of St.David's High School, Saltney  
**Saturday 24 March 2007**  
**7.30 pm**

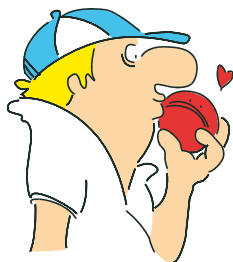
### Chester Cathedral

Music includes  
Mozart's REQUIEM, his Clarinet Concerto(slow movement) with Jonathan Guy,clarinet  
Selections from the Magic Flute  
Tickets £16, £12, £6  
Concessions available  
Gateway Theatre Box office  
01244 340392



## Red Nose Day Friday 16th March, 2007

at  
Christleton Institute  
**10.30am to 4.00pm**  
Bring \* Buy Sale  
Cakes, preserves, plants  
seedlings, Raffle  
Coffee & Tea served with home made biscuits during the day



# CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

Christleton Cricket Club are looking forward to their 3rd season competing in the Cheshire County Premier league. At a recent AGM Gareth Davies was re elected as Chairman.

The 1st team captain will be Matt Parkinson. This will be Matt's second spell as captain, having led us to promotion from Division 1 to the Premier league in 2004. He is optimistic about the coming season.

Indoor practice begins on 18th February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm at the Kings School, Chester. New members are welcome  
Contact Richard Morgan Jones - 332104 for details of junior cricket arrangements.

The standard of the ground has been recognized with an historical 1st - a minor counties match to be played on Sunday 20th May between Cheshire 1st and Shropshire 1st teams.

A Sportsman's Dinner featuring Joey Jones (ex Liverpool) and John Lloyd (FIFA Referee) is organized for 23rd March - tickets available.

Match sponsors are needed for the 2007 season. Please contact Brian - 332326 if you would like to support your village team.

ACCOMODATION  
REQUIRED FOR OUR  
OVERSEAS PLAYER -  
FROM MID APRIL TO MID  
SEPTEMBER  
PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN  
IF YOU HAVE A ROOM TO  
LET

*If we have not quiet in our minds,  
outward comfort will do no more  
for us than a golden slipper on a  
gouty foot. - John Bunyan*

## **LEPROSY MISSION**

### **Stamp out leprosy!**

Please donate your used stamps so that money can be raised for Leprosy Mission. Stamps should be trimmed to quarter inch border around the stamp, and can be left at the back of Church.

### **PLEASE TELL US...**

If you know of any special birthdays, anniversaries or anyone celebrating a special occasion, who is a Parish Magazine reader, please inform the editor, David Bull.

### **AVAILABLE AT ST JAMES CHURCH**

"Loop" system, for the hearing impaired  
Large print books for the visually impaired  
& large print weekly notice sheets  
Easy to follow Communion Service  
Books for children  
Access for wheelchairs  
Please ask any of the Churchwardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in any way.

## **CHRISTLETON UNDER-FIVES**

### **COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**

### **Registered Charity 1022817**

Christleton Under Fives is an established pre school playgroup attracting children from a wide area. It enjoys good and well founded links with Christleton Primary School. Children from the age of 2 1/2 years until school age are accepted. Please contact the Supervisor, Carole Penny, on 336586 for further details.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY VAN SERVICE**

The van calls weekly: alternate Thursdays all day and alternate Fridays in Quarry Lane 11.15 am – 12.45 pm. For further details of when the van is next in your area, please telephone Upton Library on 380053.

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# Parish Registers for January 2007

## The Wedding Service

9th Brian Harries & Betty Wasley 53 Pearl Lane, Vicars Cross, Chester

*“Those whom God has joined, let not man divide”*

## The Funeral Service

10th Annie Elizabeth Miller Oaklands Nursing Home, Littleton.

11th Annie Elizabeth Miller (Burial of Ashes)

12th Sarah Marjorie Clarke Tarvin Court Nursing Home, Tarvin Road, Littleton.

18th William James Banks Haul y Gwent, Salisbury Avenue, Saltney.  
(Interment Only)

21st Elizabeth Jane Wood 131 Penrobyn Valley, Anglesey.  
(Burial of Ashes)

*“Grant them eternal rest”*

## Offertories

January	Cash	CSE	2007	2006
7th	192-55	564-00	756-55	672-20
14th	389-88	590-00	979-88	756-06
21st	165-50	467-70	633-20	881-47
28th	113-50	768-40	881-90	731-00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£3,251-53</b>	<b>£3,040-73</b>

*“Of your own do we give you”*

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

<b>SUNDAYS</b>	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	
	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion	1st & 3rd Sundays
		Family Service	2nd Sunday
		Mattins	4th & 5th Sundays
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong	1st, 2nd & 3rd
Sundays			
		Evening Communion	4th Sunday
		Songs of Praise	5th Sunday
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
<b>SAINTS</b>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

## WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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263389		
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