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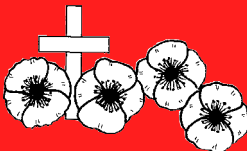
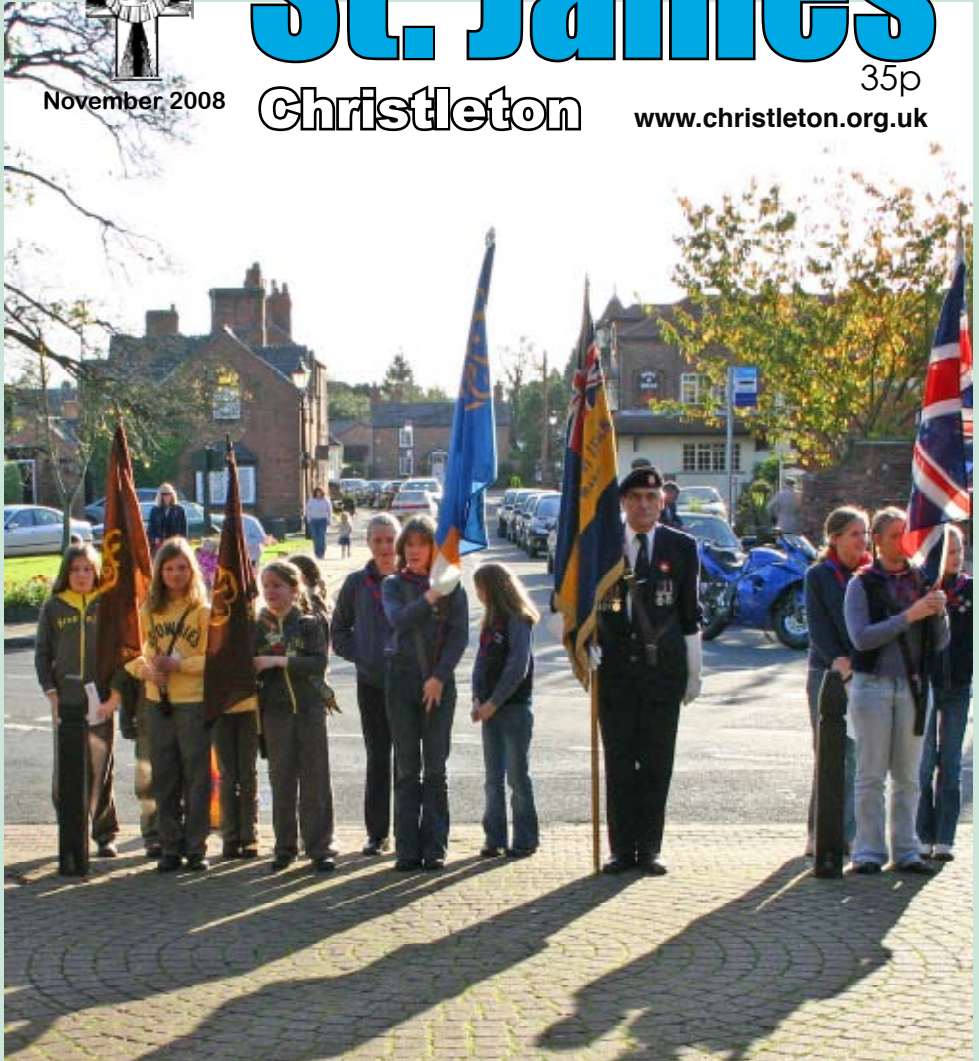
November 2008

St. James'

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Christleton

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Remember in November

Sun	2	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 2 10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall 10.45 am Parish Communion with Baptisms - Order 1 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall 6.30 pm ALL SOULS SERVICE - A Service to remember "those whom we love, but see no longer" - followed by refreshments Prayer Link Road: Brown Heath Rd, Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Cres Neighbourhood Link: Val Mountcastle
Mon	3	10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home 11.20 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home 2.30 pm PCC Standing Committee - The Rectory 7.45 pm Pastoral and Outreach Committee - Toll Bar Road
Wed	5	10.45 am United Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	6	12 noon Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church 7.45 pm Stewardship Committee - Lady Chapel
Fri	7	6.30 pm Choir Practice
Sun	9	The Third Sunday before Advent. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1 10.45 am Sunday School - Parish Hall 10.45 am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE with 2 minutes silence and followed by wreath laying ceremony at War Memorial 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall 6.30 pm Evensong <i>Prayer Link Road: Bush Road Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith</i>
Mon	10	2.00 pm Mothers' Union - Parish Hall 7.45 pm Faith and Worship Committee - The Rectory
Wed	12	10.45 am Holy Communion - followed by refreshments 11.30 am Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Thur	13	2.00 pm Churches Together Committee Meeting - Methodist Church
Fri	14	6.30 pm Choir Practice

NB: Last date for contribution to DECEMBER Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (335469). Earlier if possible please. You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

Sun	16		THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Evensong with Offertory of Children's Society Boxes - followed by refreshments <i>Prayer Link Road: Bythorn Close Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith</i>
Wed	19	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	21	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	23		CHRIST THE KING
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Matins with Baptism - followed by refreshments
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion - Order 1 <i>Prayer Link Road: Capesthorne Road and Sheraton Road</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Norma Tissiman</i>
Mon	24	7.45 pm	Deanery Synod - Newton
Tues	25	9.00 am	Church Walking Group leaves car park
Wed	26	10.45 am	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	PCC Meeting - Parish Hall
Fri	28	3.30 pm	Preparation of Hall for Christmas Fair
		6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	29	10.00 am	CHRISTMAS FAIR (See Posters) - Parish Hall
Sun	30		ADVENT SUNDAY: St Andrews Day
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Matins
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Advent Worship <i>Prayer Link: Those worshipping at St James from outside the Parish Area Secretary: John Carruthers</i>

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

CALLED TO ACCOUNT

We must all be deeply concerned about the implications of the present financial crisis for the future on a world scale, but also nationally, locally and personally. By the time you read this indeed, the situation may already have had further far reaching consequences. We should pray for all those on whom falls the responsibility of finding the safest and most secure way forward. I do not pretend to any financial acumen, but to many of us it does seem that the present situation is the inevitable outcome of a credit culture, symbolised by the credit card, which has encouraged society to live beyond its means. The aggressive selling of impractical mortgages, ill founded loans and consumer greed, took no account of the inevitable reckoning. Now we have all been called to account.

Perhaps the financial credit crunch can lead us to look at the balance sheet for the whole of our life. How we use our money and possessions is just one aspect of our stewardship of the whole of life, which God has entrusted to us. November is a time to remember those who were not found wanting when they were called to account. All Saints Day recalls those who have gone before us in the faith, and whose lives shone with the light and love of Christ. They so lived by his presence, and by the priorities of his Kingdom, that they light the path for us and show us the true treasures to which we should give our hearts. On the evening of Sunday 2 November we have our All Souls Service. This is an opportunity for us to remember those whom we love, but see no longer. The memories we cherish are credit to the lives they lived, and example for our lives. Then on 9 November we have our Remembrance Sunday Service. It was the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in war for freedom and justice, whether long ago, or in recent conflicts, which shows us the true value of our lives, and the priorities by which we should live.

With 'all these witnesses to faith around us like a cloud' we are encouraged to live our lives in credit, so that we shall not be filled with remorse and regret when we are called to account. Our diary for November gives us opportunity to invest for the future. On Sunday 16 November at 6.30 pm we have the Offertory of our Children's Society Boxes and Keith Anderson, the Area Organiser, will be coming to speak about the work of the Children's Society. There are so

many young people in our society who are vulnerable and lacking in love and the security of family life, so this is a privilege and opportunity to share in this important work supporting those who are at risk. On Saturday 29 November we have our Christmas Fair. It is a real blessing that as a Parish each year we are able to give the proceeds of the Christmas Fair to support work being done on our behalf in response to need. This year the PCC has decided to support 'Children in Distress: Need a Lift' internationally. Canon Chris Samuels spoke about this last August while he was helping at St James. He is Chairman of the Trustees of this charity helping in Romania. The specific appeal is to provide a lift for St Margaret's Hospice in Bucharest offering multi-disciplinary therapies to severely disabled children. Nationally, our money will go to the Church Urban Fund. This fund has transformed so many communities in deprived urban areas of this country over the last 20 years. Then, many of you will be familiar with Claire House Children's Hospice and the wonderful support it offers to children and families, and this will be this year's local charity.

Perhaps the present financial crisis can lead us all to take an 'audit' of our lives to see where we stand. If we were 'called to account' for our lives now, how confident would we be of our credit rating? May the example of those who have gone before us, focus our priorities in determining how we invest our time, talents and possessions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Prayer of the Month:

Lord God, we live in a world where things have gone badly wrong, because we have forgotten you, and left you out of our reckonings.

We have worshipped other gods, and have not hallowed your name.

We have adopted the world's standards, and have not served your Kingdom.

We have gone our own way, and have not chosen your will.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord our God.

Forgive our sin and folly and turn us back to yourself, that we may worship you, the Holy one; submit to your kingly rule of love and justice, and order our lives according to your laws.

For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Frank Colquhoun (based on the first part of the Lord's Prayer)

Best Kept Village Competition

Christleton Winners again in 2008

Congratulations to everyone involved in contributing to make Christleton the “Best Kept Village” again this year, in the Cheshire Community Action’s, Community Pride Competition sponsored by Shell UK Councillors Janet Brown and Christine Abrams represented Christleton at the Award Ceremony and received the plaque & certificate in coming 1st in the small village category.



People in the News



Congratulations to Edward Elliot who raised the magnificent total of £700 by cycling over 70 miles and visiting 24 churches from Tarvin in the east to Tushingham in the south to raise funds for the Cheshire Historic Churches Trust. Edward thanks everyone for their help and support.

Photo: Geoff Lawson

Jim Partington Memorial Talk

Thank you very much to everyone who supported Beryl & I at the Parish Hall on Saturday 4th October, when I presented an illustrated talk on Celebrations of Christleton “Fetes & Festivals”, together with a buffet supper. I’m delighted to say that we are able to donate the proceeds of £470 to the Institute in Jim’s memory.

DC

Advance Notice of the 2009 Christleton Show

For all creative people in the village especially those who support and enter the Village Show. The 2009 show will be on Saturday 11th July and the theme will be Our Village, also incorporating the townships of Littleton, Rowton, Cotton Edmunds and Cotton Abbots, We hope people will think of this when planning projects, taking photographs, doing paintings, or making textiles etc. Full details of the categories and the schedule will be published as soon as possible.

DC

The History File

Extracts from Parish Records & Papers 1

A few weeks ago I was asked to provide evidence for the existence of a former village pond at the bottom of Village Road, between Quarry Lane, Rowton Bridge Road, and Plough Lane. Whilst doing so I came across some very interesting records from Parish Council Minutes and School Log Books. Many of the things we talk about today were being talked about 100 years ago, so I thought I would share some of them with you. I particularly like the recycling of tins & bottles in 1918!, the possibility of a Village by pass from The Pit to Whitchurch Road, and speeding through the village and the request to CCC for a speed limit. The Girls School talked about was the Girls & Infants School which closed in 1974, now private housing.

The Pit in Village Road / Quarry Lane & other topical stories.

Extracts from the Parish Council Minute Books as transcribed by Margaret Croston & John Lodge, and published in the book Parish Records The Centenary of Christleton Parish Council 1894-1994.

Also from Parish Magazines & School Log books of the period.

21st January 1895.

Problems with Pit drainage etc near the Girls' School.

19th April 1897.

At the Parish Council meeting held on Monday April 19th, a sub committee consisting of the Rector,



Mr Cullimore & Mr Thomas Mayers were appointed to arrange for the completion of the sewage tank, and levelling of the ground on the site of the pit near the Girls School. When completed this will be an improvement.

8th August 1898

Parish Council objects to Chester RDC Scheme for sewage from

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Christleton & Great Boughton via Caldrey Brook to the Dee. Alternative scheme to convey far the greater part of the sewage to Birch Heath and there treated.

1st Oct 1906.

Parish Council letter to Cheshire CC on proposed new road between the Whitchurch & Tarvin Roads. Objected to on the grounds of insufficient use & creating dangers.

8th April 1918

Following a letter from the Rural District Council on salvage of waste articles, Joe Mosford offered space at his slaughter house for old bottles and tins. Residents & school children to be involved.

20th April 1922

Sanitary Authority to display bills on risks of loose tipping of ashes and household refuse in various places; burn as much as possible; remainder at tip adjacent to Christleton Pit.

June 1922.

The children could not be sent home from morning school, because of the depth of water around the school building. The sewage pit opposite has overflowed into the playground. Afternoon school cancelled as the children's shoes and socks were wet through, and it was impossible for them to walk through the water.

Dec 20th 1922.

Owing to the flood in the roads all round school this morning the

children were dismissed at 11.45am and the school closed for the day as it was impossible for the children



to wade through the depth of water. The closure was on the advice of the Correspondent.

June 2nd 1924

Owing to the floods in the roads all around the school, it was impossible for anybody to get into the school, at all, today.

26th June 1930

Road widening at the Canal Bridge and removal of trees would disfigure village. Parish Council recommended at least a postponement. Proposed new road from Little Heath Pits to Whitchurch Road by Rowton Bridge unnecessary_ the new ring road will be most adequate.

4th September 1939.

Terrible speed of some motor vehicles and motor cycles through the village. County Council asked for a 30mph speed limit.

NATURE NEWS

A real excitement for me in September was visiting my old home



Yet as I drove along the incline where coal was brought from the mine into

the village by wagons or pit ponies, I watched in wonder as a pair of delightful black & white bibbed dippers dived, played and fed in the now shallow clear waters of that once coal black stream. Later in the month I saw two more dippers and the colourful flash of a kingfisher on the River Brathay near Skelwith Bridge in the Lake District.

I've also heard from friends that a kingfisher has been seen again

village in South Wales, and exploring the valley where I grew up. In the 1940's & 50's the coal mines were still very active, with huge spoil tips surrounding the village streets, and coal dust everywhere. The streams were just channels of black mud and there was little sign of any green vegetation on the mountainsides. Today the valley is alive once more, the coal mines have gone and nature is restoring the balance. Trees, plants and other vegetation grow naturally on what were once the sites of those "black diamonds". I don't remember seeing any wildlife in the valley as a child, except on my friend's farm.



on the canal at Christleton. Iris Foster had the delight of seeing five huge

buzzards, circling over her house in the village on both 18/19th September, and I suspect that this pair bred south of the railway line. There have also been regular sightings of a colourful jay and a noisy green woodpecker in The Park. In late September whilst walking along the canal at Rowton I heard the distinctive sound of a male chiffchaff singing from the tree tops, and family parties of long tailed tits seem to be everywhere. I've also discovered recently that a pair of spotted flycatchers built a nest and fledged 5 young in the porch of a house in Littleton. These small greyish brown birds with speckled white breasts were once common in and around the village, and it's pleasing to hear that this pair, have been very successful. If you are fortunate to see flycatchers the easiest identification is from their feeding habit, as they often perch on posts or twigs, flying dramatically out to catch passing insects and returning to the same perch. However you'll have to wait until next year as this family will now be well on the way to Africa for the winter. For many years there were a pair in the churchyard, and on one occasion in the 1980,s during a Flower Service led by Rector David Garnett, one sat on a gravestone whilst the choir & congregation sang "All things Bright & Beautiful"

DC



The Children's Society
MAKING LIVES WORTH LIVING

The annual Offertory Service for The Children's Society will be taking place on Sunday 16th November 6.30pm at St. James' Church. We welcome back, as guest speaker, Mr Keith Anderson, Diocesan President of The Children's Society. Will all you kind Box Holders please take special note of this date! Collection boxes will need to be returned to Church on or before this Sunday in order for them to be offered at the Altar. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Over the years the work of the Children's Society has changed as society itself has changed. What has stayed constant is the founder's Christian and child-centred values and intentions, which informs its work today. Those values are love, justice and forgiveness. I do hope you will be able to join us for this special service and hear from Keith how The Children's Society projects are able to put these principles in to action.

Lesley Morgan

GREEK SAGA

I had my 86th birthday recently, and I was reflecting on the many birthdays I had celebrated during my long and happy life. One particular one came to mind which I found both surprising and rather humbling.

Some years ago, I went on a Saga holiday to the Greek Islands with a gentleman companion (who, no doubt, many of you will recognise, as my story unfolds).

We flew to the island of Rhodes, where we enjoyed a week visiting many places of historical interest, churches and white walled monasteries and walking the narrow streets of the old town.

Then we sailed to the small delightful island of Simi. The harbour was most picturesque, with the background of mountains, dotted with white washed houses over looking the bay, many of which were built in the Roman style of architecture, rather than Greek. Driving through the mountains, in a battered old bus, we saw small villages tucked away in the valleys. Our hotel stood virtually on the shores of a tiny bay. One taverna, a few fishermen's cottages. No shops! It was truly beautiful. From here, each day, we visited tiny churches and convents. We sailed to several small uninhabited islands, where our boatman and his wife set up a barbeque which we enjoyed sitting on fallen logs under

the shade of the olive trees. On one occasion we were visited by a couple of curious donkeys which followed us back to the boat.

Most of our fellow travellers were couples except for 2 ladies travelling separately, one very quiet and frail, and the other lady with horn rimmed glasses, straight hair and most unsuitably dressed for a Greek holiday. She was rather odd looking and my companion had christened her "Odd job". But he himself was not always a very happy bunny! He unfortunately doesn't like mixing with people and finds 'small talk' a waste of time, so unless he can corner some poor chap to discuss politics, religion or higher mathematics, he wasn't interested.

One day after such a tour, late in the afternoon, the coach took us far up into the mountains to a very small village, only a few cottages, where the black clad women were sitting at their doors lace making. Apparently the plan was for us to walk down the mountain track, to a village in the valley. But it was very hot and feeling tired, I said that I would stop in the coach. After everyone had disappeared, I decided to get out of the coach to see the view – but to my horror, when I turned round, I found that the coach was no longer there. Oh dear! What to do now? My sun hat, water bottle and handbag were in the coach. Would they miss me or perhaps not until they had returned to the hotel, and then they wouldn't know where they

had misplaced me? The ladies in black were eyeing me suspiciously. I thought about a taxi back, but then I knew there wouldn't be one in this remote place and I had no money anyway. So, nothing to do but stay put and hope for the best.

After half an hour, I was beginning to get panicky, when up the steep mountain road, trundled the coach with my friend waving furiously from the window. Poor chap, he was in quite a state. He'd discovered that I was missing from the coach and had ordered the courier, in no small terms, to send the coach back. But she ignored this, saying that I might be following slowly behind the others. Apparently, at this (being a retired head master and not used to being disobeyed), he was furious, and called the courier some naughty names; and when I eventually joined them, she was very distressed and said that she was going to report him. But I managed to placate her, saying that he always had a short fuse and naturally he was worried about me.

The rest of the holiday passed off quite calmly. We sailed to the island of Kos the following day. On one of our day tours we visited the mountain village where Hippocrates was born and where he taught the rudiments of medicine to the students there. Later we drove several miles to where the first hospital had been built, many years after Hippocrates death. It was massive, a very well preserved ruin and we were told that doctors from all over the world

visited this almost as a shrine.

It was very hot, and there were many, many steps so a few of us decided to go up and sat in the shade of the olive trees. The two ladies also decided to stay down below and we got into a conversation. Then the stranger of the 2, left us, returning shortly with a handful of corn stalks from the nearby field and on questioning her, she said they were for corn dollies. That morning, at breakfast, I had been given a bottle of champagne, as it was my birthday and as we arrived back at the hotel, I was again speaking with the 2 ladies and I asked them if they would like to join us after dinner, and share my champagne, which they readily agreed.

I was greatly touched when the strange lady appeared, handing me a beautifully made corn dolly – a cornucopia, filled with flowers she had picked from the hotel garden. It still hangs on my bedroom wall. We consumed the champagne and spent a most interesting evening. Even my companion, surprisingly came out of his shell. “Odd job” as he called her, told us many of her adventures visiting unusual and interesting places in many parts of the world. As we were separating to go to our rooms, she said “Do you know you are the only people on this holiday who have spoken with us”. There's a moral somewhere here, but I can't sort out what it is.

Rena Griffiths

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Open all day Sundays

June, July, August and

September 2008

One hundred and sixty-seven people (one hundred and seventeen in 2007) visited St James' Church during the Sunday opening time between morning and evening services. The lowest number recorded was three on an August Sunday. There were only thirty visitors in July and an average of forty-five during the other three months. For the statistically minded this equates to an average of 9.3 visitors each afternoon (6.88 visitors in 2007). Additionally, twelve visitors took the opportunity to enter the Church while it was open for the Historic Churches open day on Saturday, September 13th. How wonderful that there are more and more who wish to share the beauty and peace of our Church.

Many, many thanks to those who volunteered to welcome the visitors. Sixty-two volunteers (sixty-seven

2007) helped to greet our visitors. Approximately twenty-six (twenty-three 2007) did duty two or more times. Betty and Lois once again, led the way doing nine sessions between them. Special thanks to them.

Some of you will have had quiet sessions. Others enjoyed the company of visitors who had come for a variety of different reasons. I am sure they all appreciated your help and attention. By pure chance Jan and I welcomed the largest number in any one session. Among the visitors that session were a family from the other side of Chester enjoying a walk round the village - the wheat sheaves in the Kempe windows were a special hit with the children; a party of walkers and a couple who were tracing

ancestors; another couple bringing their parents back to see a village they once knew well; a lady recently widowed, who came to sit quietly, to remember and to pray and then to talk. Our Church should be open for moments such as these. We should be there to make it possible. Please, will you help next year?

David Bowden



CATHEDRAL NEWS

There are still some places left on the recently advertised Pilgrimage to Turkey. Brochures and booking forms are available from Diane Jackson at The Cathedral Office or tel Chester 500952.

The Cathedral Choir said goodbye to Tim Linsley in July and welcomed Geoffrey Woollatt our new organ scholar in September. He is a former chorister of Southwell Minister and spent his later schooling at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester.

Pilgrim Days took place again this year for the 11th year in succession. In the four days over 700 junior school children came to the Cathedral for a day of hands-on learning and fun. They all had the chance to do a workshop including calligraphy, illuminated letters, poetry, sign language, heraldry, hand bell ringing, tapestry, mosaics, screen printing and clay tile making. Our own Sunday School took part.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CATHEDRAL CLEANER

There are now four cleaners at Chester Cathedral; Paul who looks after the grounds and three sisters Tricia, Michelle, and Kate.

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The day starts at 7.00 am when the toilets are readied for our visitors. The entrances are then vacuumed and the glass doors are polished to give visitors a good first impression. Next the Shop is prepared for the public, and then work proceeds on the rest of the building. Each day is slightly different so that in the course of a week, everywhere is cleaned at least once. For instance, the brasses are cleaned on a Thursday and on Fridays, the flowers are replaced; the Cleaners assist the Flower Teams in clearing up afterwards. However, the cleaners don't just care for the main Cathedral – there is also the Library, Song School, Bell Tower, Office, Cloister Room and Education Room to clean! In addition, any Cathedral properties that become vacant need to be cleaned before they can be occupied again. Sometimes, the nave needs to be tidied up after big services and the cleaners assist the Vergers in straightening it all up again. Work carries on during the day – for instance, the toilets are checked and tidied every 20 minutes.

Sometimes the cleaners are involved in larger scale projects. Old polish and ingrained dirt has recently been removed from the marble plaques in the Quire, revealing the wonderful quality of the carving and tiles. Three of the Chapels in the south

transept have similarly been cleaned and further work will take place over time.

The cleaners perform an invaluable function and one which is essential to the presentation of the building; members of the public often mention how beautifully the Cathedral is maintained and the cleaners are very much part of our cathedral welcome.

Saints' Windows in the Cloisters

Ignatius was a convert from paganism to Christianity. He succeeded Peter as Bishop of Antioch, Syria and served during the persecution of Domitian. During the persecution of Trajan, he was ordered to be taken to Rome to be killed by wild animals. On the way, a journey which took months, he wrote a series of encouraging letters to the churches under his care. He was the first writer to use the term the Catholic Church. His name occurs in the "Nobis quoque peccatoribus" in the Canon of the Mass. Legend says he was the infant that Jesus took into his arms in Mark 9.

Born: c.50 in Syria

Died: thrown to wild animals c.107 at Rome; relics at Saint Peter's Rome

Saints Day: 17 October

Patronage: against throat diseases



WHAT'S

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from
10.45 am – 12.00 noon each Sunday
during term-time, except when Family
Service is held at St James. For further
details please contact
Berenice Hogg, 336779.

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

We meet for Informal Prayers and a
Simple Lunch on the first Thursday of
each month at 12 noon. All welcome.
There is no charge for the lunch but
a donation to cover costs would be
appreciated

ST JAMES (TUESDAY) WALKING GROUP

November 25th 2008

Marbury; Shropshire Union Canal
& South Cheshire Way
Easy; 6 1/2 miles.
Depart. Church Car Park 9.00am
Pub Meal.

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall

Next Meeting - 12th November

AGM

Heraldry

June Hargreaves

All Welcome

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

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The December Magazine will be available
for collection from Church on Sunday 30th
November 2008.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in
the **December** edition are sent to Janet
Milton, as soon as possible

BEFORE Friday 14th November or you
can e-mail this to

christletonmag@hotmail.com

CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP

FESTIVE HOTPOT

on

Wednesday 3rd December
at Christleton Parish Hall

12 Noon

Tickets £9, available from members (includes a glass of wine)

In aid of the

“Friends of the Mulberry Centre”

CHRISTLETON METHODISTS

warmly invite you for

Coffee & Homemade Biscuits

on Saturday 1st November

10.00am - 12noon

Charity Christmas Cards
Cake Stall, White Elephant Stall,
Raffle

Admission £1

(includes refreshments)

Proceeds to

“Fund for World Mission”

CHRISTLETON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday

November 26th 7.30pm

Speaker - John Plummer

Islands & Lifelines

**Exploring the dramatic fringes of
Britain & Ireland**

Geographer & Historian

Based on the adventures told in his
new book

Organiser of Outdoor Education in
Cheshire. Islands and Lifelines.

Ellesmere Port Music Society

Autumn Concert

Saturday 15 November 2008

7.30 pm Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port

KARL JENKINS - Stabat Mater

“first local performance”

FAURÉ - ‘Requiem’ and ‘Pavane’

M D WILLIAMS - Peace on Earth

Wirral Philharmonic Orchestra

Soloists, and

Ellesmere Port Music Society Choir.

Conductor - Michael D Williams

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WHAT'S ON

CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP Quiz Evening on

Saturday 15 November

at Christleton Parish Hall,

7 for 7.30 pm

Tickets £8, (available from members) include a glass of wine &

finger buffet In aid of the

"Friends of The Mulberry Centre"

ADVANCE NOTICE

Carol Singing at Oaklands and Birch Heath Lodge

After last year's very successful and enjoyable afternoons at these two nursing homes, we hope very much to repeat them this year. Dates have yet to be finalised, but I imagine they will be much as last year, probably during the second and third weeks of December - so WATCH THIS SPACE.. I do hope all who joined us last year will be able to come again, as Methodist, Roman Catholic and Anglicans came together for carols and readings and a happy time much appreciated by many.

J.Bowden (335705)

**Christleton High School
50th Anniversary Celebration
A Service of Celebration & Thanksgiving
will be held in
Chester Cathedral
on Friday 21st November 2008
7.00pm to 8.15pm
Tickets are free**



To launch the School's Anniversary celebrations there will be an audio visual presentation, choral and drama pieces by students, readings, prayer and hymns to celebrate the school's first 50 years and will be led by former CHS student Revd. David Fisher.

To apply for tickets, please phone the school on 01244 335843 or e mail: enquiries@christletonhigh.co.uk, leaving your name, telephone number and the number of tickets you require. They will be available for collection from School Reception from the 3rd November.

Saturday 29 November 2008

Christleton Parish Hall



St. James' Annual Christmas Fair

Theme

Aladdin

Opening by
Rose Queen

SARA ROBERTS

10.00 a.m.

start

Entrance 50p
accompanied
children free



*Proceeds to Children in Distress (Romania)
(International; Church Urban Fund (National)
Claire House Children's Hospice (Local)*

Should a Christian go to war?

War is one of the consequences of living in a fallen world in which sinful men and women are unable to settle differences between each other by peaceful means. I believe there are just wars. World War Two, for example, came about when a tyrant sought to take over the world while at the same time eradicating an entire race of people. Only war put a stop to his bloodshed and enslavement of others. We must accept our responsibility as citizens. A man may protest against war and criticise his government for becoming involved in war, but as a citizen accepting the privileges and benefits of his government, he must also accept certain responsibilities. If we are in entire disagreement with our government, we can always elect to take our citizenship elsewhere.

John the Baptist said one time, when soldiers inquired of him concerning their duty: "Extort from no man by violence, neither accuse any one wrongfully; and be content with your wages." But he did not tell them that they must cease being soldiers. A Christian would find it hard to be a loyal citizen in a nation that promoted warfare. We can thank God that we are part of a nation that first seeks to solve problems by peaceful means.

From Answers to Life's Problems by Billy Graham, W Publishing Group.

Quotes

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind. – John F Kennedy

Security is not the absence of danger, but the presence of God, no matter what the danger. - anon.

We used to wonder where war lived, what it was that made it so vile. And now we realise that we know where it lives, that it is inside ourselves. Albert Camus Notebooks, 3 1962

1 is the lonliest number

Being on your own can be a lonely experience however 'busy' you are. God doesn't intend it to be this way but sometimes wants us to do something about it ourselves. Like Abraham sending his servant out to find a wife for Isaac, or Naomi intervening on behalf of Ruth to enable her to marry Boaz, so God answers prayers today using human intervention. If you are on your own, and would rather not be get in touch with **friends** first - the Christian friendship organisation - who, since 1999 have been very successful in bringing people of all ages together for friendship and relationships. For an informal and confidential chat about how membership could help you, ring Katherine Gray on 0161 660 4535 or look at their website www.friends1st.co.uk

BACK TO POLAND



2 The Country Today

Like people, no country can ignore its past. With such a punishing history, Poland's culture and its people can today have a richly deserved pride. How many of us, for example, are aware of the Polish-Soviet War of 1919-20 when the Red Army marched on Warsaw hoping to export Bolshevik ideas on an unwilling Poland? Fast forward to the better known German invasion of 1939 and in Warsaw the Ghetto Uprising of the remaining Jewish settlers wiping them out in 1943, and the Warsaw Uprising of August 1944 so brutally challenged by Hitler that he ordered the total destruction of the city.

Amazingly, those events took place less than 70 years ago. In the period since, Poland resisted the extremes of Soviet socialism and retained a stoic individualism. Whether that is a national trait anyway, whether that character has been fortified by the strong Roman Catholic tradition, or whether it has been a God-given response to torture and hardship, I for one cannot decide. It is probably a combination of all three.

Having the Polish Pope John Paul II, formerly Archbishop of Krakow was an inspiration. His visits to Poland in 1979 and 1983 were timely, the seeds of a modern democracy were already germinating and in 1990 Lech Walesa became President in the first fully free presidential election of modern times.

As before the Christian focus on family was paramount. That is still striking today, long may it last.

The last leg of my journey to Poland in July was on a flight of LOT Polish Airlines, or company  which since its formation in 1929 has been a leader in Central Europe and which displays the determined enterprise of Poland as a country. Despite starting in the depression, the airline's domestic routes expanded rapidly, for a while competing with the railways on price. By 1939 LOT flights reached 14 countries and by the outbreak of war in September 65,000 passengers had been carried that year. What might have been had peace prevailed? All this before the age of jet aircraft.

Post-war, a period of dependence on Soviet aircraft ended in 1993 when western planes took their place in the fleet, a reflection of the changes in Polish industry and commerce.

A North-South motorway is now proposed linking Gdansk, Warsaw and Krakow, but only sections are yet complete and the rapid growth in traffic places great pressure on existing roads.

In the towns socialist high-rise flats jostle for space in the outskirts. Prosperous supermarkets contrast with long-established shops in the town centres; overall a very different retail picture to my first visit in 1959.

If I was a Pole, I would feel an inner happiness that change over the last 30 or 40 years has resolved some awkward political and economic compromise, and generally without blood being shed. The once distant dreams to be able to travel freely and to be part of Western Europe have been realised.

As for Polish people coming to Britain in search of work, I have met some, both in England and in Poland, 3 or 4 who have returned to family life there after generally happy experiences working and integrating in Britain. I am not blind to the economic reasons for 'work migration', but Polish people generally like us and on my recent visit I received great kindness. I commend them to readers.

John Carruthers

November 2008

COMMEMORATION QUEEN AND COUNTRY

The Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool recently hosted a project by war artist Steve McQueen. He won the Turner Prize in 1999 and was awarded an OBE in 2002. In collaboration with 137 families whose loved ones have lost their lives in Iraq, he wanted to find a way to bring these people into our everyday lives as a reminder of our country's participation in the conflict. The project took the form of a series of postage stamp sheets featuring photographic portraits of individual men and women who have lost their lives in the conflict so far. The stamp sheets were displayed in vertical drawers in a large oak cabinet. This is a work-in-progress that will continue until British Forces leave Iraq. The stamps are facsimiles and the artist hopes that an official set of stamps will eventually be issued by Royal Mail. If you wish to sign the official petition log on to www.art-fund.org/queenandcountry. (The Art Fund took Queen and Country to the Liverpool Biennial and is spearheading the campaign that was jointly commissioned by the Imperial War Museum and Manchester International Festival to respond to the conflict in Iraq).

Margaret Croston

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When children tell Bible stories (real-life efforts that didn't quite make it...)

- * St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on Jesus' head.
- * Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.
- * Jesus ruled that "a man doth not live by sweat alone."
- * It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- * The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
- * One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.

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21st Hannah Eleanor Longman daughter of Dominic & Emma Longman
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"We welcome you into the Lord's Family"

The Funeral Service

1st Donald Musto Border Way, Vicars Cross, Chester
9th Lillian Ost 29 Oaklands, Plymyard Avenue, Bromborough, Wirral (Internment only)
11th Ethel Witter Callin Court Nursing Home, Nuns Road, Chester
12th Doreen Eglington Wright Haulfryn Care Nursing Home, Cymau, Wrexham (Burial of Ashes)
15th Gladys Edith Greenwood Rose Cottage, Cotton Edmunds, Christleton
29th Beryl Constance Pridding 6, Daytona Drive, Northop Hall, Mold

"Grant then eternal rest"

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September	Cash	CSE	2008	2007
7th	169-90	852-20	1,022-10	1,167-70
14th	289-96	450-40	740-46	827-34
21st	116-12	668-40	784-52	805-96
28th	337-17	700-50	1,037-75	1,062-31
Totals			£ 3,584-75	£ 3,863-31

"Of your own do we give you"

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	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
WEDNESDAYS	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
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