

# St. James'



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# Remember in November

Fri	4	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	6	8.00 am	<b>Third Sunday before Advent</b>
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		6.00 pm	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
			<b>Evensong - ALL SOUL'S SERVICE -</b>
			"A service to remember those whom we love, but see no longer"
			<i>Prayer Link Road: Badgers Close</i>
			<i>Neighbourhood Link: June Hulmes</i>
Mon	7	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands
			Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court
			Nursing Home
Tue	8	7.30 pm	<b>House Group - 'Restoring Hope: Seizing the Moment'</b>
			Contact Bob & Gwen Knight (tel 336236)
Wed	9	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	11	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>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: <a href="mailto:christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk">christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk</a></b>			
Sun	13	8.00 am	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
			<b>MORNING WORSHIP FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> - with 2 minutes silence and followed by wreath laying ceremony at at War Memorial
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion
			<i>Prayer Link Road: Birch Heath Lane</i>
			<i>Neighbourhood Link: John Eccles</i>
Mon	14	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union
Tue	15	7.30 pm	<b>House Group - 'Restoring Hope: Seizing the Moment'</b>
			Contact Bob & Gwen Knight (tel 336236)

Wed	16	10.45 am 7.30 pm	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments P & O Meeting - Toll Bar Road
Fri	18	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	19	7.30 pm	<b>St James Concert – A Night on Broadway at the High School</b> See Magazine
Sun	20	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	<b>Christ the King</b> Holy Communion Holy Communion followed by refreshments Sunday School - Parish Hall Evensong (BCP) <i>Prayer Link Road: Bridge Drive</i> <i>Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Croston</i>
Wed	23	10.45 am 1.30 pm 7.30 pm	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments Wedding - Simon James Trevor Monk Camilla Diana Graves PCC Meeting - Parish Hall
Fri	25	3.30 pm 6.30 pm	Preparation of Hall for Christmas Fair Choir Practice
Sat	26	10.00 am	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b> (See Full Page Poster in Magazine)
Sun	27	8.00 am 10.45 am 10.45 am 6.30 pm	<b>Advent Sunday</b> Holy Communion Morning Prayer & Holy Communion - Followed by refreshments Sunday School - Parish Hall Evensong - <b>and Offertory of CMS Boxes.</b> <i>Prayer Link Road: Brownheath Road,</i> <i>Greenfield Road &amp; Greenfield Cres</i> <i>Area Secretary: Val Mountcastle</i>

# LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

There are seminal moments in the Christian journey of each of us. On Tuesday October 11th, I was privileged to hear Peter Kurer speak at the Parish Hall.

Dr Kurer is Jewish, born in Austria, who left his homeland just a few years before the outbreak of the Second World War. As he spoke of the horrors and the atrocities of that time, his demeanour was calm, and measured, he spoke softly often smiling. The overall context of his talk was to enlighten us of the work and witness of the Society of Friends, or "Quakers" as they are often referred, a small but not insignificant, denomination who, aware of the dangers faced by the Jewish people of Europe during the 1930s, did all they could including lobbying Parliament to secure the safe passage of many Jewish Children., often putting themselves in danger by travelling on the trains with them to ensure safe passage, and reassurance to frightened and innocent children.

As he spoke, softly, but with great knowledge and authority, I found myself, feeling uncomfortable, here was I part of one of the largest denominations in the world, both then and now, and yet here was a man speaking of the difference made by a much smaller group of Christians. Moreover, I found myself wondering, "How does that make the Jewish nation feel, about us". It was a question I had to ask....."We gather as members of the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Anglican Churches, and yet we did nothing (although I accept many members of these denominations offered themselves, their youth and their lives for our freedom) how did that make Peter Kurer feel, had he ever been angry, and if not why not....." he looked at me, half smiled, and said....."I have never been angry, there is no point, .....we learn.....we move forward....."

After the talk, Peter's wife approached me, and said....."I felt angry.....when I first heard that talk (and she had heard it many times) .....I felt angry" she remarked.....and I understood. We heard from Peter that night, that the Jewish Children had been aided in their escape by a small group of Christian's whilst many others walked by on the other side. However, the Quakers had sown the seeds many years before. At the end of the First World War, the Quakers in Germany, aware of the acute food shortages, set up soup kitchens to feed the poor and destitute, many of those same people now served in the German Army and remembered the kindness show to them by the Quakers.....and Scripture tells us....."By your deeds you will be known"

On 11th November we will remember those who gave their lives, their youth, their health, to ensure we have the freedom we have today.....those who fought for freedom in a world of insanity, we thank them, and honour their bravery and sacrifice....."By their deeds they will be known"

"Blessed are the peacemakers",..... Jesus said....."For they will inherit the Earth"

As we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom - let us honour them by pledging ourselves to their struggle - the struggle for true peace. The peace that does not come with victory or defeat, but with justice throughout the world. Let us pledge ourselves to fight the evils that drive nations and peoples to war: poverty, hunger, racial and religious hatreds and persecutions, ambition, greed, and the oppression of the weak by the powerful. Let us remember today those who made the supreme sacrifice for the sake of true peace.

Your Faithful Servant  
Malcolm



## In the News.

Belated Congratulations to Brian & Julie Roberts who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 8th.

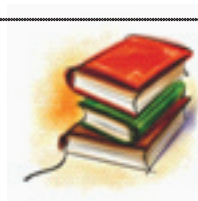
Thank you.

David C wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the generous articles in the magazine, for gifts, cards and celebrations for his recent birthday. He enjoyed the day enormously. Also thanks to everyone for their prayers & good wishes for May at this difficult time for all the family.

St James' Library

A big thank you to Lois Dickinson for her hard work in the Church library: she has kept the books in neat order over the past few years. Now it is my turn to have a go ...

Gwen Knight



### BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

Robyn Barnes of Durban Avenue was 65 years young on 18 October  
Congratulations from all her family & friends.

### LEPROSY MISSION

The sum of £75,382 was raised at auction in 2011 for Leprosy.

Please continue to collect all used stamps and especially  
at Christmas time.

Thank you. Vera Wood

### PARISH HALL BOOKINGS/HALL MANAGER

We are delighted to announce that Clare Holland will be looking after  
the bookings for the Parish Hall in future

She can be contacted as follows :

Phone 332819 ( 9.0 am – 8.0 pm) e-mail [christletonhall@btinternet.com](mailto:christletonhall@btinternet.com)



# St. James' Annual Christmas Fair

Saturday 26th November 2011

Christleton Parish Hall

*Theme:*

## Holly and Ivy



Opening  
by  
Rose Queen  
Emily Freeman

10.00 am - Noon  
Entrance 50p

*Proceeds to*

**International** – Mission Aviation Fellowship   **National** – N.S.P.C.C.

**Local** – Dee Banks Special Needs School

# Nature Notes

The Red Wings are back!. Does this mean a very cold winter?. Local folklore suggests that when there are so many berries in the autumn, it will mean a cold & snowy winter.

I'm not sure if that is true, as the huge numbers of berries in the hedgerows generally means we've had a very good previous spring. Anyhow the redwings, members of the thrush family are back in the village for the winter months. They were first seen in The Park on 8th October, a very early date,



and I've since seen a large flock of 50 or so over the canal. There were reports on the first Autumn Watch programme that some areas have had already had both snow buntings and waxwings, very early arrivals indeed which possibly indicates that conditions are already wintry in their Arctic breeding grounds. Yet in Christleton the weather is abnormally warm for the time of year and some birds like the moorhens on the canal are performing spring mating rituals. I've also noticed that the wagtails are back. The pied wagtail with its lovely call and swishing flicking tail was hopping along the canal towpath before settling on our house roof. The swans and cygnets have just swum past my window as I write, and there are still butterflies on the wing in the garden. I've seen a

red admiral and several tortoiseshells this morning 14th October.



Several people have expressed concern to me over the water level at the Pit. All we can do is to assure them that it will fill again when the





rains return. It is simply that this year is the driest in the village since 1975/6 when the Pit last dried out completely. My rain gauge has measured less than 14 inches of rain in the year to date, and September & October have been much drier than usual. Christleton has had an average of 34 inches of rain a year in the last five years. This year looks like being about 1/3rd of that and that is a com-

mon picture in many parts of the country despite people saying its been a dull wet summer. The statistics don't stack up to show that. The Pit at Little Heath is simply a large hole in the ground that fills with water when it rains. A much fuller explanation of the story will appear shortly on the Christleton website, [www.christleton.org.uk](http://www.christleton.org.uk)

Stop Press. The cygnets are now flying!! DC



Photographs of the pit  
taken in 1976



## The Crew youth group update

The Crew's Autumn term was kicked off with a trip to the Cheshire Oaks bowling alley. We had a great time playing 'glow in the dark' bowling, although it was quickly discovered that the new year 7 members were a lot better at the game than the leaders! It was also good to see some of our older members before they left for university. We wish them all the best this term and hope that they will come back to see us during their Christmas holidays.

If you are in Year 7 or above and are interested in joining the Crew youth group please contact the Rector for more information.



If you do not pray, everything can disappoint you by going wrong. If you do pray, everything can still go wrong, but not in a way that will disappoint you. *Hubert van Zeller*

# Harvest Appeal



Thank you to all who gave harvest gifts! This year, the Visiting Group wanted to respond to the Harvest Appeal on behalf of 'Save the Family', who have just opened a new centre in our parish.

They asked us for non perishable foods. As a group we have often remarked on the good fortune which many of us in Christleton enjoy, and this year as we welcome into our parish a community of new and disadvantaged families, we are reminded of Jesus'

challenge to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned. (Matt.25; 31 – 46)



' Save the Family ' certainly deserved our support we agreed. Likewise, 'Chester Aid to the Homeless' (CATH), we thought would be a worthy recipient of all the perishable goods which we receive. Flowers have been taken to the nursing homes.

If you are someone who has received harvest parcels from us in the past, we hope that you will not feel aggrieved at not receiving one this year. The intention was not to leave anyone feeling 'excluded', rather that we wanted to 'include' the newest and most in need in our community. If you would like a visit, or if you know somebody who needs support in whatever way, please do speak to me or the rector.

Berenice Kirwan  
Pastoral Worker

## World Church – update of our links

Danny and Ary Morrison have been working with the Church in Viña Del Mar and we have been supporting them financially and with prayer over the past few years. They have just sent us news to say that Danny has accepted a post with the Parish of St Matthews, Triangle and All Saints, Ipswich. Danny will be working with the Rector Nick Atkins and the existing leadership team and PCC. There are practical things to be sorted as the family move house, the children continue their education and Danny settles in to his new work.

Ian and Claire Gray returned to Ghana on 5th September to continue with Bible translating and the literacy programme. They ask us to pray for the farmers in the north of Ghana that they will have rain in the wet season so that their crops will grow. Ian heads up a team of translators who have nearly completed the Old Testament in the Nafaarna, Deg and Gonja languages, but there is still a lot of careful checking to be done. Claire and her Ghanaian colleague, Nelson, are very encouraged by the steady growth of the church-based Literacy for Life Programme. There are now 1,018 classes with 14,109 students representing 18 language groups. The Literacy for Life teachers and supervisors are paid by the cow sheep and goat project. They are awarded a female goat or sheep when they start new classes in five churches or they can wait until they have started 20 classes and be awarded a cow. Pastor Abraham is the Literacy for Life Supervisor in his own Dagbani speaking area around Tamale. He is very happy to report, that since he began his work hundreds of his people have completed their courses. They can now read the Bible in their own language and many have found faith in Christ as a result. Ian and Claire are grateful to St James for our continued support for this important work.

Eric and Sandra Read are working in Cagayan de Oro in the Philippines. Eric is busy language learning and settling in to the new programme.

Paul and Sarah Wright are working in Nepal. Paul travels around with colleagues from relief and development organisations to assess

preparedness for earthquakes and floods and to ensure that safety and security measures are in place. There was a recent earthquake while Paul was away on a trip, but he stopped his car and then returned home safely. Sarah and the children were warned by the earthquake alarm and took appropriate shelter. Sarah works with the local Nepali people and after the very successful children's club is planning another event to coincide with Tihar (the festival of lights, similar to Diwali) to help the children have a fun day during the festival and celebrate Jesus, our light. Gwen Knight

## COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION 2011

Christleton has been chosen as the Best Kept Village for 2011, winning not only first prize in our category, but also overall winner from all the villages in Cheshire who entered the competition. We also won a Little Gem award for the Pump House and seating area on the Village Green.

Thank you very much to everyone who has worked so hard and contributed so much towards winning this much sought after prize. A big thank you especially to Derek who keeps the village so beautifully clean and tidy. Also to our Village Shop and pubs for their attractive displays, our much cared for church, chapel, churchyard and parish hall, our residents for their lovely gardens and care throughout the village, our Pit group for their hard work on the Pit, and to our schools for their support.

This year we have won a beautiful painting of the Pit and Little Heath Road by Gordon Wilkinson, and a cheque for £100 from Essar who very kindly sponsor the event.

Janet Brown  
Christleton Parish Council





# **Christleton Parish Hall**

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

**The Hall has wheelchair access  
and specially adapted facilities.**

**For bookings please contact Parish Hall Manager**

**Clare Holland**

**Telephone 332819 (before 8pm please)**

**email [christletonhall@btinternet.com](mailto:christletonhall@btinternet.com)**



Have you returned your copy of the CHRISTLETON SURVEY ?

Christleton Community Survey Forms have been dropping through the doors of all homes in the village during October.

Do please give a few minutes to go through the survey, and let us know your views and thoughts on our village.

This is your opportunity to make your views count, and we would like to hear from everyone.

Will you win £100?

You could win if you enter the PRIZE DRAW\* and return the form by 30 November!

Please drop completed forms in to the box at the 'Christleton Stores' – the village shop

If you can't get to the shop, please call your area contact and they will arrange to collect it (see their phone number on your form).

If you have not received a survey form, or would like extra copies, please contact one of us at the phone numbers below and we will get the survey form to you.

Richard Bennett (336335)     Malcolm Pratt (335810)

Sue Mallows (335527)

Or send request to: [Christletoncommunityplan@gmail.com](mailto:Christletoncommunityplan@gmail.com)

\*Prize Draw: First Prize £100, Second Prize £50.



**Christleton  
Community Plan**

*A vision for the future of our village*

# History File.

## The Village Show Part 4.

In 2012 The Village Show celebrates 20 years since its revival. 1992 the Parish Council revived the Village Show in its present form, and in 1995 the organisation was handed over to a local committee. The Show has grown from strength to strength, through the hard working committee, and the support of the community. The emphasis is given to arts and crafts as well as the display of locally grown flowers, floral displays and produce. A hanging basket/container competition was started by the late John Salter when Chairman, to try to improve the “look” of the village during the summer months, and encourage many more people to display and decorate their houses especially for Millennium Year.

The Show Committee have also organised Village Garden Trails on an irregular basis. Preparations for the following years show takes place in the Autumn. The previous show is analysed and reviewed, and faults and disappointments over some categories noted. The committee then set a theme for the following year. Next year it will probably be “Celebrations” to cover both the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 London Olympics, before looking critically at and rewriting the schedules to fit the theme. Our aim is to involve as many people of every possible age, from pre school to over 90’s. The picture illustrating this article does that. A young lady admiring the entry in “A Collage of memories” of 90yrs+ Peggy Wolf in the 2010 show.

We know that there are many talented crafts people over a whole variety of creative areas living in the village, and the show is designed to showcase that talent, and create an enthusiasm for a whole range of arts and crafts, for photography, for baking & making, for growing & arranging flowers, for growing fruit & vegetables etc. There is so much to enjoy in the show, and we hope that newcomers in particular, but everyone, will look out for the new Schedules which we aim to have in the Village Stores and at Village Events in January.

Another aspect of the Show is that by the generous donations of local sponsors who help with funds for the running of each show, we are able to donate substantial funds to worthy causes from the success of each show. E.g Since 2008 we have donated to the following good causes. £100 MacMillan Nurses. £450 Great Ormond St Hospital. £100 Hope House Hospice. £350 Hospice of the Good Shepherd (Ben & Jean Williams). £600 to Christleton Scout Hut Refurbishment. £200 Alder Hey Children's Hospital. £90 Christleton Cricket Club. £300 Christleton Children's Playground refurbishment.

A wonderful effort thanks to the support of everyone entering and visiting the show. Please do try to enter this next year, or come along and support this very enjoyable Christleton event.

DC

#### Christmas Cards and Christmas Charities

Last year we started the "send a Christmas card to the parish" scheme to raise additional funds for the Christmas charities. The idea behind the scheme is that by giving a card to the church family and perhaps reducing the number of cards we send, there is money left over which might be better spent in charitable giving. Of course, it doesn't prevent sending cards to friends as well!

Once again, a board will be placed in Church at the beginning of December for the purpose of pinning Christmas cards. A gift of cash or a cheque (the latter made out to St James Church, Christleton and placed in an envelope, marked Christmas Charities), should be put in the box provided or if preferred given to the Treasurer or either of the Church Wardens.

Our first effort last year raised enough for the Christmas charities to indicate that the idea was appreciated. We hope more will take part this Christmas time.

Jan and David Bowden on behalf of the PCC

## MONDAY PAINTERS

### Art Exhibition

The Monday Painters are holding an Art Exhibition with paintings for sale at Christleton Parish Hall on Saturday 19 November 10.00 am – 3.30 pm. Entrance is £1 including refreshments. Children under 12 free.

Please come and support this event which is in aid of The Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

Saturday 19th November. 7.30pm

Music at St James.

Presents

A Night on Broadway

A Concert by the Dee & Alyn Gilbert & Sullivan Society  
Soloists & Chorus.

At Christleton High School

Tickets £10 adults £2 Children. (Including a glass of wine & light refreshment)

All proceeds to St James' Church for Refurbishment of the Choir stalls.

## CHRISTLETON METHODISTS

Warmly invite you for

COFFEE & HOMEMADE BISCUITS

On Saturday 12 November

10 am – 12 noon

Charity Christmas Cards

Cake Stall : White Elephant Stall : Raffle

Proceeds to World Mission Funds

**ALL WELCOME**

## Christleton Wednesday Group

### Fun Quiz Evening

on

**Saturday 12 November, at Christleton Parish Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm.**

**Tickets, £8.50, include a glass of wine & finger buffet, and are available from members or phone 01244 336644**

**In aid of Hope House Children's Hospice**

## St James' Library

Members and friends of St James' have kindly donated books to be kept for our use in the Church Library, which is housed in the book cases at the back of Church, by the Children's Play area. They range from children's books to Commentaries and Reference Books.



Although some people may use on-line resources for spiritual help, some may prefer to hold a book in their hands. The Church library has a variety of titles available on topics such as prayer, loss and pain, Christian living and a whole range of biographical, historical and story books. There are many versions of the Bible for your use and both Old and New Testaments are available on tape (Faith Comes by Hearing).

I have dipped in and enjoyed reading Mark Tully's story of Mother Teresa, entitled 'Mother'. Eddie Askew's 'Meditations and Prayers' are always refreshing: I recently chose to read 'Facing the Storm'. Having heard an impressive talk by Allister McGrath on 'The Creeds' in the Cathedral quite recently, I couldn't resist finding out what he had to say in his book 'Why does God allow Suffering?' I agree with the summary: 'there are no easy answers but an honest engagement with biblical faith can bring genuine help and understanding to even the darkest of situations'.

Try it for yourself. Browse or take away - just sign in the book so that we know where the books are.

Gwen Knight

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to former Christletonian, Dr Sacha Bull, whose book "Cardiology", (co-authored by Jeremy Dwight and Tim Betts) was recently awarded first prize by the British Medical Association. The book intends to instruct junior doctors and medical students by reference to a series of 26 clinical studies.

Sacha is presently a senior registrar at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

HOUSE GROUP  
AT

BOB & GWEN KNIGHT'S

TEL 336236

FOR 6 TUESDAYS:

4 OCTOBER –  
15 NOVEMBER (INC)

START 7:0 FOR 7.30 PM

'RESTORING HOPE:  
SEIZING THE MOMENT'

**Christleton Wednesday Group**

***FESTIVE LUNCH***

on

**Wednesday 7 December,  
at Christleton Parish Hall,  
12.00 noon.**

**Tickets, £9,** include a glass of wine  
and are available from members  
or phone 01244 336644

*In aid of  
Hope House Children's Hospice*



## A once-in-a-century Remembrance Day – 11-11-11-11

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011, the nation will pause to remember those who have given their lives in fighting for this country. This year is doubly special: 2011 is The Royal British Legion's 90th anniversary, and also this is a once-in-a-century Remembrance Day. At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 2011 -11-11-11-11 - we will be remembering those who were willing to lay down their lives for their country.



The British Legion is inviting people to be a special part of this unique occasion, by leaving a message to go on a poppy to be planted at Wootton Bassett. That is the town where thousands of people have paid their respects during

repatriations in recent years - you may have seen this on TV. The British Legion explains:

“Many people associate Remembrance Day with heroes of D-Day or the Battle of Britain's Spitfire pilots. Some people think of the deeds of the SAS during the Falklands conflict or, of course, Flanders Fields from World War I, carpeted in poppies growing where so many men lost their lives. But in the last few years it's also been about the nation showing its support for the soldiers returning injured and traumatised from current conflicts.” So if you would like to put your name to a poppy, please visit: <https://donations.britishlegion.org.uk/RBLDonation/>



## HOLIDAY HAZARDS

We have been visiting Munich and Austria for the past ten years but are beginning to wonder whether we should holiday at home. Two years ago on our five hour journey from Munich to Klagenfurt we were obliged to leave the train half way there because of working on the line and were put on a bus for a long drive to another station. Last year, our Diamond Wedding visit to Munich was delayed by a bomb scare at Manchester Airport when our flight was cancelled. We had to return home for the night and set off at 4.30 am next morning.

This year, we set off early in the morning for Manchester. The crowds resembled a football match. Who said anything about Recession? My bag was placed on one side and we thought "what now?" After some delay it appeared that a bar of soap was suspect! We arrived in Munich after a good flight, got down to the underground and due to a misunderstanding boarded the wrong train and had to change stations later with all our luggage.



The first Saturday when the Oktoberfest begins was brilliant and we had a first class position. When the parade ends at noon a rocket is fired, balloons go up and fireworks and the festival begins. There is no possibility of getting into one of the huge beer halls as they are so packed with people all celebrating. However, on our way past one of the entrances the guard on duty let us in. What a spectacle – bands playing, waitresses carrying 10 steins of beer – how do they do it? Singing, dancing and general merriment mainly of young people in their national dress having a very good time. Suddenly we were drawn into it as we were invited to have our photographs taken. We think they must have wondered who these two oldies were and wanted to adopt us as their grandparents.

On Saturday night it began to pour with rain. The Grand Parade next day wasn't called off despite the weather. We could not take up our reserved seats in a stand, as we would have been drenched in no time. Instead we sheltered in an arcade with lots of other people and when the parade was due we ventured out and stood in the roped off road under our umbrellas

for two and a half hours it takes to pass. The poor horses' coats were running with rain, the lovely dirndl dresses of the ladies were getting soaked, but there was still a festive air with the participants smiling and yodelling.

Monday morning we were due to catch our train for the five hour journey to Klagenfurt on the borders of Yugoslavia and Italy and it was still pouring. Several miles into the journey the weather took a turn for the worse and we ran into blizzards!! The train came to a halt and we were ordered off as it could go no further. The heavy snow on the trees, still in leaf, brought them down on the overhead electricity lines. Buses were arranged to continue the journey and we secured the last two separate seats. It was a bit of a nightmare journey through two very long mountain tunnels, along a motorway with snow hurtling past the windows – just like being on a snow plough. There were many accidents because people were taken unawares with the unseasonable snow and cars were not fitted with their winter tyres. Eventually after about one and a half hours we arrived at a station where the weather was a bit better and set off on another train for the last hour and a half.

After arriving safely in Klagenfurt we picked up the hire car and set off for our destination several miles away when the car stalled on a roundabout and we had to enlist the help of a passing lady driver. So far, so good. We reached our hotel by the Lake Worthersee to find a notice in the window that read (in German) CLOSED OUR QUIET DAY. We thought "This can't be real". But it was. Eventually we managed to attract the attention of a cleaner who brought the family who said we were not arriving until "tomorrow". However, there we were and there we intended to stay. They were very good and set up a small table for us in the bar and cooked us a three course meal. We ate in splendid isolation and were the only visitors in the hotel that night.



We're glad to say that things improved considerably after that. The sun shone next day, the lake was calm, temperatures rose and we thoroughly enjoyed the rest of our stay.

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 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.

## CHRISTLETON W. I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall. Wednesday 9th November, Christmas Meeting



## 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.

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the December edition are sent to Janet Milton (335469), as soon as possible BEFORE Friday 11 November or you can e-mail this to [christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk)

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The November magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday 30 October

## **LEPROSY MISSION**

### ***Stamp out leprosy!***

Please donate your used stamps so that money can be raised for Leprosy Mission.

Stamps should be trimmed to quarter inch border around the stamp and can be left at the back of the Church.

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### **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

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### **AVAILABLE AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH**

“Loop” system for the hearing impaired.

Large print books for the visually impaired and large print weekly notice sheets

Easy to follow Communion Service

Books for Children

Access for wheelchairs

Please ask any of the Church wardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in anyway

## **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 01244 336586 for further details.

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# Parish Registers

## Holy Baptism

4th Harrison Stanley Dougherty – Graves  
son of Scott Henry Graves & Helen Ruth Dougherty – Graves  
10 Kinnerton Way, Backford, Chester

18th Fynnley Joseph Davies  
son of Stephanie Caroline Davies  
Mallard Cottage, Capesthorpe Road, Christleton

18th Anya Samantha Betham  
daughter of Graeme Benthams & Naomi Samantha Stanley  
28 Capesthorpe Road, Christleton

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

## The Wedding Service.

9th Jordan James Emery & Katie Jane Rothwell  
33 Ferneyfield Road, Chadderton

16th David John Dance & Aimee Cowell  
9 Bluebell Close, Huntington, Chester

25th Roger David Peacock 7 The Old Fire Station, Harborne, Birmingham  
& Anna Nilssen 99, Rose Road, Harborne, Birmingham

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

## The Funeral Service

26th Edward (Ted) Kirk Oaklands Nursing Home, Tarvin Road, Littleton 86yrs

“Grant them eternal rest”

## Offertories.

September	Cash	CSE	2011
2010			
4th	123-20	743-00	866-20
732-39			
11th	174-20	472-50	646-70
721-43			
18th	201-90	484-20	686-10
668-60			
25th	108-80	417-00	525-80
859-56			
Totals.		£2,724-80	£2,981-98

“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>SAINT'S DAYS</b>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

**WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT**  
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**Birch Heath Lane,**  
**Christleton**  
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**All baptism, weddings and appointments by arrangement with Janet Milton 335469**

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	Alan McAllester	
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