

St. James' Christleton

PARISH MAGAZINE
November 2013

THE WOMEN OF WORLD WAR II
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Remember in November

Fri	1	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	3		Feast of All Saints
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism
		6.30 pm	ALL SOUL'S SERVICE -
			“A service to remember those whom we love, but see no longer”
Mon	4	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
Wed	6	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thur	7	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch, Methodist Church
Fri	8	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

NB: Last date for contribution to DECEMBER Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (325529). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

Sun	10		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	MORNING WORSHIP FOR REMEM BRANCE SUNDAY - with 2 min silence followed by wreath laying ceremony at War Memorial
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Mon	11	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	13	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge
		7.30 pm	PCC Meeting – Parish Hall
Fri	15	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

Sun	17		2nd Sunday before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion with Healing
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship (BCP)
Wed	20	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Sun	24		Christ the King
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer with Speaker from the Children's Society
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wed	27	10.45 am	Holy Communion followed by Refreshments
Fri	29	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

Magazine Cover for November

The Memorial in Whitehall for “The Women of WWII”
 The 22ft high bronze sculpture by John Mills, depicts the uniforms and working clothes worn by women during the second world war. The Queen unveiled the monument in July 2005, and Military Helicopters flown by all women crews flew past the memorial to mark the occasion.

Former Speaker of the House of Commons Baroness Betty Boothroyd raised a considerable sum herself for the fine sculpture, and in a speech paid special tribute to the contribution made by 7million women during the war.

Bible Verse - Prov Ch 31 : 10 “ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies”

Message from our Rector



November is always a busy time in the Church calendar, especially with the preparations for Christmas which seems to creep up on us each year.

But during November, we have an opportunity to stand silent, shoulder to shoulder and to remember, and as we remember, to give thanks.

We remember those who have died as a result of warfare. We recall not only the sacrifice of all who fought against the forces of evil and tyranny, but also those Christians who have spoken and acted against racism, excessive violence and genocide and in many cases, paid the ultimate price for their bravery.

We remember these people and rightly honour their example, but for Christians there is often unspoken disquiet even a sense of shame. For the vast majority of Christians in Germany during the 1930s or white South Africans during the apartheid era did precisely nothing.

Indeed, some whilst remaining active worshippers, were actually involved in carrying out the very atrocities we now abhor. For them their Christian witness was no doubt a purely private affair.

Yet, what would we have done, can we in all honesty confirm that we would have stood up to the perpetrators of evil and tyranny.

Would our Christian faith have caused us to raise our voices and object to the brutality to which our fellow men and women (and children) were being subjected.

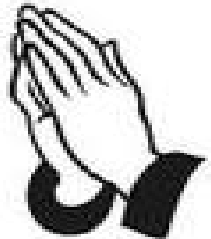
Even today, we see day after day the images on our television screens of chaos and violence in so many parts of the world. God help us if we ever become immune to those images.

God help us if we become so cold to the horrors of warfare that we can simply turn off our television sets and forget. Remembrance Sunday is not just about remembering, it is also about self examination.

It is about being open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in prayer, so that in the dark corners that are in all of us may be exposed and confronted.

We need to ask ourselves, What would Jesus do.....and what should I do, to help make this world a better and safer place to live.

If we really wish to honour the dead this Remembrance Sunday, then we should pray that we always remember the past, acknowledge the present, and look to the future.



Your Faithful Servant,
Malcolm.

Quote: We do not want, as the newspapers say, a church that will move with the world. We want a church that will move the world. *C K Chesterton*

Bible Verse: Phil 4:8 - Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think (dwell) on these things.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

SUNDAY CLUB

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.45 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James. For further details please contact Berenice Kirwan, 336779.

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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

CHRISTLETON W. I.

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



CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Lilian Hopley. Telephone Chester: 676683.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the **December** edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 08th November** or you can e-mail this to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **October** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 27th October**

Opening of the New Kitchen

The Ven. Michael Gilbertson Archdeacon of Chester was the preacher at morning service on Sunday 29th September for the Feast of St Michael and All angels.

Following the service the congregation moved over to the Parish Hall where excellent refreshments had been prepared by Janet Milton & her team. The Archdeacon was then invited to officially open the refurbished kitchen, which has been modernised and brought up to the required hygienic standards. The original kitchen dated from the 1970's, but is now fully equipped for the future, with dishwasher, cooker and modern cupboards & work surfaces. The work was carried out by Keith Harding of Harwood Partnerships, Guilden Sutton.



The picture shows Dr. Liz McClure, Christine Abrams, Janet Milton and the Rector watching Ven. Michael Gilbertson cutting the ribbon to enter the new kitchen.

DC

Request for a Hostess Trolley

If anyone has a Hostess trolley which could be donated to the Hall for use at functions such as Community Lunches we would be pleased to hear from you. Please let Janet Milton 325529 or any of the Parish Hall team know if you can help. Thank you.

People in the News

Special Anniversary Revd. Canon Peris Williams 50th Anniversary of his admission to the Priesthood.

The congregation at the 8.00 O clock Communion Service on Sunday 29th September were delighted to see Canon Peris and his wife Sheila at that service, and to share with them the 50th Anniversary of his ordination into the Priesthood.

Canon Peris conducted the communion service as part of this celebration. At the end of the Service the Rector presented him with a bottle of champagne with a delightfully personalised label, and Sheila with a beautiful orchid on behalf of the congregation at St James,' to mark this very special milestone in their ministry. And our prayer for Revd. Canon and family is that the Lord will continue to prosper them and keep them in good health as their soul prosper. DC



Installation of Revd. Canon David Fisher Revd David Fisher Canon Precentor of Bangor Cathedral

Last month we reported that Revd. David Fisher was to be made Canon Precentor of Bangor Cathedral.

David & Beryl Cummings represented St James' at the Service, which was conducted in both English & Welsh by



the Bishop of Bangor and members of the Dean & Chapter, and the accompanying photographs show Canon Precen-
tor David coming out of the Cathedral in procession and the Fisher Family in front of the High Altar. DC



Eric and Sandra Read write from the Philippines

Organic Farming – We have had surprise visits from the agricultural department to check on how we are doing organic farming. When we expressed our desire to help other farmers around by organising informative meetings they showed interest in working with us. This is a very important link to tap into! Another good piece of news is that the guava trees that we had, which were the wrong variety, have been checked over by the supplier, who has agreed to replace them – 350 in all!

Disappointments and Opportunities – Our concern to be an agent of transformation in the community has been discouraged as meetings with church leaders and training sessions have been postponed from September to January next year. So we have decided that we must start this on-the-go process by ‘doing it ourselves’ rather than just envisioning and training others to do it. So we have started:

“A weekly Bible Study with our workers and neighbours”

“A ‘Reading Corner’ for children – sourced by ideas from Atiyah and some donated books”

Thanks to you all for your prayers and blessings

Nature Notes

The wildlife scene in the Parish has been comparatively quiet this last month, but as the month ends, many more birds are returning to our gardens. Just these last few days, robins have started singing again, dun-nocks, wrens and blackbirds coming to feed on berries in the hedgerows or worms in lawns.



No sign of wintering thrushes yet, but mistle thrushes have appeared in the churchyard, although there seem to be fewer yew berries this year. Long tailed tits have been seen in good numbers along the canal near Boughton and a party of twenty or so at Hockenhull Platts.

Good numbers of blue and great tits have been seen, together with several great spotted woodpeckers. There are just a few very late swallows around, no doubt helped by the number of insects about during the warm September sunshine. This has also helped the later butterflies, and we've had a large number of small tortoisshells and the occasional comma in the garden feeding on asters.



There are also a small number of red admiral and peacock still in flight. Last Sunday afternoon October 6th there were at least ten common darter dragonflies about

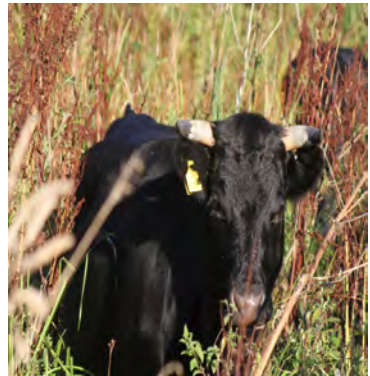
at Hockenhull, and I spotted a newly emerged southern hawker dragonfly at the Pit whilst working with the Pit Group.

A peregrine falcon appeared at Hockenhull a week or so ago, but there have been no sign of migrants like wheatears flying back south on migration to Africa. Following the wet spring and warm summer there are huge numbers of berries in the hedgerows, which will be a good source of food for our winter visitors.

I saw a surprise visitor whilst driving home along Stamford Lane a week or so ago. It was a leveret (a young hare), which stood on the road in front of my headlights.

I paused to watch but it ran off in front of me, and wouldn't move off the road for at least half a mile along the lane. It was quite a rare sighting these days, as hares like hedgehogs are becoming a rarity.

The four remaining Dexter cattle at Hockenhull have now been moved back from the wet meadow to the big meadow, following several attempts by one of their number to escape into the nearby field. However they have done an excellent job in eating vast amounts of vegetation on the wet meadow, getting to places that even mechanical devices couldn't reach.



We hope that this new grazing regime will result in more early purple and common spotted orchids and indeed other flowers having the chance to flourish and grow, now that the reed beds have been thinned by the action of the Dexters. DC

Christleton Local History Group

Wednesday November 27th

Speaker Phil Hirst

Rome's Lost Legion

The intriguing mystery of one of Rome's elite fighting units has baffled historians for centuries.

How and where did the 9th Legion disappear in Britain.

This talk features the recent HISTORY CHANNEL programme by Phil Hirst, and was the subject of the classic story by Rosemary Sutcliffe

"The Eagle of the Ninth"

Phil from Quarry Lane is an old friend of the Local History Group, and is a national figure in the field of historical film, making programmes for many TV Channels.

Request for Help!

Commemoration of WWI

Christleton Local History Group are applying for a grant to the Heritage Lottery Fund to create an archive for the Village about the courageous men and women who fought for their country in Wars.

The first part of this work is to find evidence of those who fought in WWI to celebrate their actions in the National Commemorations, which are to take place over the next four years.

The aim is to prepare written, photographic and possibly oral evidence of events from families within the village. It is intended to involve young and old in this process, including both schools.

Phil Hirst is already involved in several projects about WWI and will help us to gain access to sources that might help.

The aim is to produce a book/booklet/ even film about the activities of the men from Christleton that we just see as names on the War Memorial.

If you can help in any way, with news cuttings, photographs or oral evidence, please contact:
David Cummings on 332410.

Thank you

All Soul's Service

Sunday 3rd November 2013 at 6.30pm

Every year at this time the Bereavement Support team at St James' invites newly bereaved families, and anyone who feels that they may draw strength and solace from this gentle, contemplative and moving service to attend on Sunday 3rd November at 6.30pm.

It is an opportunity to remember loved ones we no longer see, and there will be an opportunity should you wish to light a candle of remembrance. Afterwards, a chance to share with others with light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

St James' BSG Group works quietly behind the scenes as part of the Ministry of St James' within the community, and the All Soul's Service is organised annually to commemorate all loved ones departed. You would be most welcome to join us at that service. DC

Community Lunch.

Congratulations to everyone involved in organising the Community Lunch at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 9th October.

The Hall was full with friends from across the community, the Nursing Homes, Save the Family, the Village and St James' members. Everyone enjoyed both good food and fellowship and it was a very happy occasion.

Many people present asked about the recipe for the Tuscan Beef Stew, and this is reproduced below with special thanks to Liz & Mark Evans from La Cantina Restaurant in Chester.

Stufato – Tuscan Beef Stew – Recipe

Ingredients (serves 6-8)

1 kilo of shin of beef (not braising steak or other)

1 onion

1 carrot

1 stick of celery

4 whole cloves

Fresh rosemary and thyme

Freshly ground black pepper

Sea salt

Plain flour for coating

Olive oil

1 cinnamon stick (or 2 teaspoons of crushed cinnamon)

2 tablespoons tomato puree

Half a bottle of good quality red Italian wine (e.g. sangiovese)

Half a litre of beef stock (knorr jelly cube)

Method

- Cut the shin of beef into large chunks. Dust in flour and fry off for a few mins. in olive oil, then set aside.
 - Cut the vegs. into large chunks. Break the cinnamon stick into 3-4 pieces. Place all the ingredients into a casserole dish(with a lid), including the meat.
 - Pour in the wine and beef stock. Add all seasoning and mix together.
 - Cook slowly in a preheated oven (130 deg. cent) for approx. 3 and a half hours, until meat is tender.
 - Serve with Italian style vegetables and / or side salad.
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THE JOYS OF TRAVEL

The Gremlins were with us again. One year it was a snowstorm in September on the way to Austria. Another was a bomb scare at Manchester Airport. This year our baggage didn't come off the carousel in Munich, eventually appearing after an hour! The concourse had been altered and we got down to the S Bahn underground to discover that there was no longer a ticket machine and Alf had to go all the way back upstairs to buy a ticket.

We got on the train but had to get off again because of work on the line; the following train stopped because of a traffic signal, but with the help of a very nice young German we eventually arrived just before midnight at our destination.

We got up early the next morning to catch the train to Vienna, a four hour journey, that was bang on time and spent a very enjoyable four days – taking a trip on the Ferris wheel (shades of the 3rd Man). We hadn't realised that the wheel was the work of an English engineer, Walter B

Basset. After initial resistance by the respective authorities a building permit, subject to stringent regulations, was issued and construction began in November 1896. The Giant Ferris Wheel was finally opened to the public on 3 July 1897 – 30 cabins with 20 seats. It commemorated the 60 year Crown Jubilee of Queen Victoria of England! We returned to Munich for the Oktoberfest. The big Sunday parade was better than ever, taking two and a half hours to process through the streets.

There is a wonderful Treasury in Munich. We were delighted to see the superb Crown of an English Queen c.1370 – the crown that David Dimbleby in a recent TV series drooled over – and owned by the Plantagenet King Richard II. We drooled over another superb piece, a statuette of St George, dating from 1597, encrusted with precious jewels of every description.

In one church a mass was being held and we sat for a while during the service. People seem to wander in and out at all times.

Happy memories.

Alf and Margaret Croston



Be carried away by tradition.
Riding the wheel of time.

Christleton Primary School Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 2013



2pm till 4pm



Raffle, Hamper, Father Christmas, Craft Stalls, Games and More!
Refreshments available

£1 Admission / Children Free



Faith Life

Biblical Faith through worship, The first Biblical example of a Worshipper is Abel --- the younger brother of Cain. By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did.

By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. Hebrews 11:4
Abel worshipped in obedience and with a sincere heart. His faith pleased God.

Are you drawn to WORSHIP God with all your heart, mind, and soul? When we come together, we worship in songs and scripture reading and sermons.

But the part of our worship that follows the example of Abel is our time of OFFERING. Do you give your tithes and offerings as an act of Worship? Do you give with a sincere heart of gratitude? Is your offering a sacrifice of praise and obedience?

If so, your faith pleases God.

NEW PARISH HALL KITCHEN

When the new kitchen was installed recently the existing floor surface needed some attention in 2 places, to bring it up to the required Health & Safety standard, The Little Carpet Shop stepped in to help us.

They repaired the floor so beautifully that you wouldn't know there had ever been a piece missing and all without charge, so thank you LITTLE CARPET SHOP for your generosity – we are most grateful.

The Kitchen Working Party

LEPROSY MISSION

Stamp out leprosy!

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

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

PLEASE TELL US.....

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

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WEEK 2

Quarry Lane at 11.30 to 12.15 p.m.

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Parish Registers(September)

Holy Baptism

- 22nd Olivia June Haywood daughter of Graham Haywood and Julie Catherine Donaghy, 1 Hawthorne Cottage, Littleton
- 22nd William James Haywood son of Graham Haywood and Julie Catherine Donaghy, 1 Hawthorne Cottage, Littleton

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

The Funeral Service

- 2nd Jenny Muriel Mayers “Laburnum”, Pathfield, Liphook, Hants 99yrs
- 10th Irene Alma Smith 5 The Beeches, Plas Newton Lane, Upton by Chester 84yrs
- 11th Vera Rose Hollis Oaklands Nursing Home, Tarvin Road, Littleton 90yrs
- 12th Raymond Picken 29 Grove Avenue, Vicars Cross, Chester 88yrs
- 30th Raymond Picken 29 Grove Avenue Vicars Cross, Chester 88yrs
(Burial of Cremated Remains)

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

Offertories	Cash	CSE	2013	2012
1st	102-58	490-60	592-18	946-89
8th	101-97	489-00	590-97	728-00
15th	79-47	611-50	690-97	781-77
22nd	141-55	639-50	781-05	558-30
29th	76-86	788-00	864-81	530-37
Totals			£3,591-98	£3,545-33

“Of your own do we give you”

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

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

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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