



St. James'

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Remember in November

Sun	2		All Saints Day
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	ALL SOUL'S SERVICE - "Commemoration of the faithful Departed"
Mon	3	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
Wed	5	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thur	6	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch, Methodist Church
Fri	7	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

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Sun	9		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Service of Remembrance - with 2 min silence followed by wreath laying ceremony at War Memorial
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Mon	10	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	12	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge
Fri	14	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

Sat	15	12.15 pm	Wedding: Robert Bell/Jacqueline Poole
Sun	16		Second before Advent
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion with Healing
		4.00 pm	Messy Church – Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Children’s Society Service – Speaker from Children Society & return of Children’s Society boxes
Mon	17	12.30 pm	Monthly Luncheon Club – Parish Hall
Tues	18	7.30 pm	Bereavement Visitors Meeting - Rectory
Wed	19	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by Refreshments
		7.30 pm	John Sellers Trustees Meeting - Rectory
Fri	21	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	23		Christ the King
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Mon	24	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting - St James
Wed	26	10.45 am	Holy Communion followed by Refreshments
Fri	28	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	30		Advent Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	‘A Service of hymns and readings for Advent’

Message from our Rector



Do you remember the hymn, “Stand up, stand up for Jesus”, most of us sang it either in Sunday School, or School assemblies, or both.

But did you ever give thought to what we were being asked to stand up against, or even who Jesus might be.

I guess at it’s most simplistic, we are being asked to stand up for the things that Jesus stood up for, to stand up for Truth, to stand up for Goodness, to stand up when sometimes everyone seems to be sitting down.....and who is this Jesus, we are being asked to stand up for.....Jesus is the child born in a manger, the Son of God, who died on a Cross.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus says something which reveals so much more

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

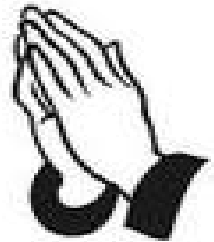
“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

Standing up for Jesus is not just about speaking out in support of Jesus Christ, it is also about recognising the Christ in each and every person, caring for the needs of others, and speaking out against injustices done to them.

It can be difficult, especially when the popularist view is “say nothing and do nothing” but Jesus didn’t say “Only speak up and speak out when you are supported by many others” He was quite clear, that always and at all times, in every situation, meant no half measures.

The Church is not always good at practicing what it preach’s, we are not always good at practicing what we preach. We like to be liked, and speaking out on certain issues can put us at odds with the views and beliefs of many others, and of course, we shouldn’t just speak against others for sake of confrontation or to present a different viewpoint.

We are called to Stand up for what is right, we are called to stand up for what is true.....and we are called to Stand up for Jesus.....wherever we see him, and how-ever he appears.



Your faithful servant,
Malcolm.

All over the world, the spirit is moving
All over the world, as the prophets, said it to us
All over the world, there is a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord as the waters over the sea.

Here now in our hearts, the spirit is moving
Here now in our hearts, as the prophets, said it to us
Here now in our hearts, there is a mighty revelation
Of the glory of the Lord as the waters over the sea.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

SUNDAY CLUB

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

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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

CHRISTLETON W. I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Ida Rogers, Chester 350060.



CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Lilian Hopley. Telephone Chester: 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 7th November** or you can e-mail this to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk OR christletonmag@spraff.net

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **November** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 26th October**.

Memories

November is a month of memories; we remember our loved ones who have died in the moving All Souls service on November 2nd and we remember the centenary of the Great War, World War 1 on Remembrance Sunday 9th November. To me WW1 is irretrievably combined with poetry, particularly that of Wilfred Owen which I first encountered at college. I was immediately hooked.

The previous perceptions of the heroism and gallantry of war, romanticised no doubt, were cruelly shattered by WW1. That is not to say that heroism and gallantry were absent, there are many stories of the bravery and self-sacrifice. But the idealism of 'when a knight won his spurs in the stories of old' was replaced by the cold realism of the numbers of men, on all sides who were slaughtered. Wilfred Owen turned the Latin quotation 'dulce et decorum est pro patria mori' (it is sweet and right to die for your country) so often quoted to inspire at the beginning of the war, into a condemnation of all that war stood for.

The poem tells of the men, 'bent double like old beggars under sacks' trudging back through the trenches, 'many had lost their boots, but limped on, blood-shod', when there was a gas attack. Owen tells of its appalling effect on one soldier. He writes with vivid and harsh description, seeking deliberately to shock, this is what war is he says to the reader and if you had been there

 'you would not tell with such high zest
 To children ardent for some desperate glory,

 The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est, Pro patria mori.'

Another of his poems is 'Futility', deceptive with its gentle opening but this too ends with scathing comment. It tells of a dead soldier's comrades moving him into the sun 'gently its touch awoke him once ... if anything might rouse him now the kind old sun will know.' But the sun cannot help and the poem ends with a cry of despair.

Think how it wakes the seeds,- Woke, once, the clays of a cold star. Are limbs, so dear achieved, are sides, Full nerved -still warm- too hard to stir? Was it for this the clay grew tall? -O what made fatuous sunbeams toil, To break earth's sleep at all?

Unfortunately this despair about war has not changed. As we remember the sacrifice of those who died in WW1 this year, we also remember all those who have died in conflicts since then and those who are killed in continuing conflicts. May it spur us to work and to pray even more for peace.

Many will know Siegfried Sassoon's poem The General written in 1917 after the horrific events of The Battle of the Somme in 1916 when 19000 men were killed and 38,000 wounded. The Allied staff had not allowed for the depth of the German dugouts which they believed had been pulverised by an earlier bombardment to allow for the British Army to take them over. The poem tells of the cheery General smiling at the troops on their way to the line, how two of them, Harry and Jack, thought him a "cheery old card" but it then ends with the chilling line "But he did for them both with his plan of attack"

In love and light,
Barbara.

To be a pilgrim

What do you believe? Has your belief changed over the years? Do you ever take time to discuss your faith with others? Faith is a journey. In scripture and tradition the journey of faith is often described as a pilgrimage and those on the journey are pilgrims.

That is why a new course designed to help us all explore our faith is called 'Pilgrim'. Malcolm is keen that we should try this new course, so Barbara and I are going to run a home group at my house which will begin by looking at the Pilgrim course for six weeks starting at the beginning of January.

This will be suitable for everyone whether you are new to this and wondering what the Christian faith is all about or whether you have been a member of the church for years and would like to explore a little more. No one has all the answers, no one is

expected to know anything, we will explore together. We are thinking at the moment that we will meet either on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning; that will be decided by the group. Each session is expected to last about an hour and a half including time for coffee and a chat!

So, please let me know if you would like to join the group and which morning you would prefer... and do ask me or Barbara if you would like more information. Elizabeth Inall. (Grange House, Village Road, Christleton, Tel: 336500 or email: elizabeth@inall.co.uk) I look forward to hearing from you.

People in the News

We have the sad duty this month to report the peaceful passing of three village centenarians. Enid James 103yrs, Olive Brown 101yrs, and Cliff Bridge 102yrs. We haven't seen Enid or Olive in the village for a while, but Cliff who died on 23rd September was a very recognisable figure in the village every day, still very active and looking after himself. He would walk up to the Village Green or Church, visit the Ring O Bells for a coffee or lunch, take himself off to Sainsburys or Chester on the bus, and always be willing to talk. My last meeting with him was at his home a few days before he died. He had been missing when I called to take him to the Luncheon Club, and despite a long search of the village I couldn't find him.

When I caught up with him a few days later, he didn't know where he had been on the day that he was missing, and was so sorry that we'd been out to look for him. Cliff was found at peace in his chair a day or so later. A full obituary will be printed next month of this extraordinary man who served the village in so many different ways over 50years. DC

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Belated 80th birthday greetings to Alison Kenyon with love from all her friends in the village (16 October).

The History File

Family stories from WWI

Whilst researching the story of WWI in the village, we have been made aware of many moving stories of the fallen and how the village responded to the events of that terrible time. We are also aware that there are stories which tell of that period in a different light. In this edition we are sharing the tale of Donald & Catherine McLeod, a story of an event that nearly didn't happen! We would love to hear from you if you have a family story from the time of the 1914-18 War.

The Marriage of Donald & Catherine McLeod

The early months of 1914 were very exciting ones for Catherine Dicken of Crewe. She was newly engaged to boyfriend Donald, a Railway Clerk and member of the Royal Naval Reserve serving as a medical orderly. Catherine worked as typesetter for Bradshaws who produced the famous Railway Travel Guides and timetables. Catherine's sister Nance, was a ladies maid and dressmaker, and had made a beautiful dress for the special occasion. During the hot summer, Catherine had been planning for their big day on August 5th, and wondering if the wonderful warm weather would hold. She and Donald were aware of the worsening situation in Europe and when the Archduke of Austria was assassinated in Sarajevo, Europe was catapulted into war.

Their world also turned upside down, for on the 4th August 1914 Donald was "called up" for immediate war duty, being told to report to Devonport Dockyard

in the morning, their Wedding Day. Catherine rushed down the road in floods of tears to tell the Minister that the wedding couldn't take place. He took prompt and decisive action. He



would marry them immediately “Go and get Donald and come to the church before 4.30pm” Their wedding celebrations could wait until Donald came home, after all everyone was saying that it would be “All over by Christmas”. The wedding duly took place with just a few witnesses. The wedding dress was still laid out on Catherine’s bed, and the flowers at the florists. Donald left for Devonport that evening to go on active service.

The following morning sister Nance arrived for the wedding, and was distraught to learn that she had missed everything, that her beautiful dress had not be worn, and she wouldn’t now be a bridesmaid. She soon calmed down to comfort her weeping sister.

Donald spent the first part of the war in Devonport, and Catherine gained employment nearby to be with him. However towards the end of the war, he was sent to Smyrna in Turkey and the area around Gallipoli.

He didn’t return to Britain until 1920, only to be greeted by his young daughter Joan who ran behind her mother saying “Send that man away- I don’t like him”

Catherine & Donald had a long happy marriage, but the wedding celebrations they should have had, never took place. Joan their daughter wore the wedding dress at her confirmation. Many years later, Joan’s granddaughter came across the wedding ring in a jewellery box. Gran told the story behind it and she was so moved that she asked if she could have the ring for her wedding. It was melted down and remade for her. Great Grandma Catherine would have been so proud. BC

Bible Verses:

Luke 17:20-21 “And when the Pharisees had demanded of Him when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, “The Kingdom of God cometh not with outward show. 21 Neither shall they say, ‘Lo, it is here!’ or ‘Lo, it is there!’ For behold, the Kingdom of God is within you.”

Prov 2:5 “Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God”.

**Christleton
Wednesday Group**

Fun Quiz Evening
on
Saturday 8 November
at Christleton Parish Hall,
7 for 7.30pm

Tickets £9.00 include
a glass of wine & buffet

(Available from members or
Phone Chester 336644

**In aid of
Macmillan Nursing**

**Christleton
Wednesday Group**

Festive Lunch
on
Wednesday 3 December
in Christleton Parish Hall,
at 12.00 noon

Tickets £10.00 including
a glass of wine

(available from members or
phone Chester 336644)

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Saturday 15th NOVEMBER
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2nd Christleton Guides

Jumble Sale

2pm

Saturday 8th November
2014

Christleton Scout Hut
(on the A41, opposite the
Trooper pub)

Admission 50p

Children 10p

Refreshments available
(Donations of any jumble
gratefully accepted between
10am and 1pm)

The Parish of St James, Christleton

Advent Sunday

November 30th 2014

A service of
Readings and Hymns
for
Advent

6.30pm

*Join us for a reflective service at the beginning of
Advent*

THE MONTHLY
CHRISTLETON

LUNCHEON
CLUB

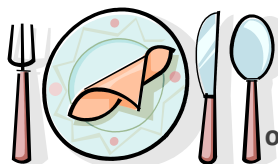
IN PARISH HALL

12 noon for 12.30 serving
No charge, donations welcome

Next Lunch:

Monday
17th November

.... after that: 15th Dec; 19th Jan '15; etc.



All welcome. Book a place by calling:

Liz: 409414, or Janet: 325529,
or Chris: 335562, or sign the list in Church

Christleton Methodists

Invite you to

Coffee & Home-made biscuits

on

Saturday 1 November

10 - 12 noon

Charity Christmas cards,
Cake Stall, White Elephant,
Raffle

Proceeds to World Mission

Fund

All Welcome

Churches Together in Christleton

invite you to a

Service of Remembrance

for Friends and Family
members who have died

**Christleton Methodist
Chapel**

Wednesday

26th November

7.30pm

Cover Picture

Tynecot Cross of Sacrifice at Ypres

The Tynecot Cemetery at Ypres is one of the most poignant places to visit. It is the burial place of 12,000 soldiers of the Great War most of whom are unknown, and of 35,000 names of the missing from battle in this area of Belgium. The Cross of Sacrifice pictured, stands on top of a German bunker which is where it stood on the battlefield. The name of Serjeant George Richards, Kings Liverpool Regiment from the village is commemorated here.

Back cover pictures

The Crew Harvest Service

Two pictures from the memorable Crew Harvest Service held on October 5th on Mike & Tina Lightfoot's allotment at Boughton.

Nature Notes

The highlight for me in this relatively quiet month was the sighting of the elusive water rail at Hockenhull Platts. Whilst searching for signs of an otter along the riverbank we came across this small water bird, a relative of the moorhen and coot. It is a very secretive bird with a distinctive long red bill. Its back appears to be dark brown, streaked with black, and it is slate grey around its head and breast. It has long legs and toes, and short rounded wings. We had heard its call before we saw it, but as it is so rare, didn't immediately recognise it. The more familiar moorhen is similar in size, but has a short red bill with a yellow tip, and its body is almost all black with a distinctive white band along the wing edges and under tail. Its legs are yellow green compared to the orangy colour of the rail. The coot which is the biggest bird of the three has a white frontal shield and bill and an almost all sooty black body.



It also has rather strange long grey-green legs with similar splayed toes, to enable it to negotiate marshy /muddy conditions. Coots and moorhens regularly breed on the Pit, whilst moorhens are the most common on the canal. Moorhens have had the most extraordinary breeding season this year with at least four clutches being born to several pairs. The water rail on the other hand is so secretive, that both it and its young are rarely seen. However it is a great joy to see one locally, and this record is probably only the fourth since records began at Hockenhull in the 1970's. RSPB Inner Marsh Farm or Burton Mere Reserve locally, or the WWT London Wetland Centre, are just three of the best sites where the water rail might be spotted. The other exciting sighting of the month for some villagers was the appearance of a green woodpecker. Although the colourful black white and red greater spotted woodpecker is commonly seen in the area, the yellowy - green woodpecker or "yaffler" as it is called in folklore, is much rarer. The "yaffler" gets its name from its distinctive and rather peculiar loud laugh like call, which is repeated regularly. Green

woodpeckers feed mainly on ants and are sometimes seen in the churchyard at St James in very dry weather. On this occasion it was also seen near the High School field. DC

Christleton Local History Group

Venue: The Primary School in Quarry Lane at 7.30pm
Wednesday 27th November **Speaker Paul Harston**

The 1st Century Roman Fort & Iron Age Farm Project.

Paul Harston who runs Roman Tours in Chester is the Project Leader of this exciting new venture, to transform a former Hanson Sand & Gravel Quarry in Hope, Flintshire into a 1stC AD environment including flora & fauna and associated industries

There will be an ongoing reconstruction of a small Roman Fort, and an iron age farmstead with associated agriculture. Paul will outline his plans for the exciting project, and build on his work with schoolchildren. Last year his outreach team presented history to 30,000 students in schools and museums throughout the country.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

Proceeds from the Village Tea Room this year amounted to £892.47 which through a Christian Aid project, will help transform women's lives in Afghanistan.

Sincere thanks to all who came to enjoy cakes and conversation and to those who made it possible.

Reminder

The Church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, never its tool. - Martin Luther King Jr.

Box Opening time is here again!



I do hope you will join with us on Sunday 16 th November at 6.30 pm when we welcome guest speaker Mr Colin Wilson, a representative from The Children's Society, who will be bringing us up to date with the work and projects of the Society. During the service The Children's Society collection boxes will be brought up to the Altar for a blessing and thanksgiving. Please can all you kind Box Holders make special note of this date. Our contributions are essential in supporting the work of the Children's Society as they address the problems facing many young children in our country today.

Since its beginnings in 1881 the charity has provided help and support where it is needed most. The following item illustrates the work undertaken 100 years ago during the time of World War One.

World War One had an immediate impact on the charity. It was the first time in its history that it took in over 1000 children - at the time, it ran children's homes - an increase that was a direct consequence of the war.

As men, primarily, joined up many children - such as the young boy in the photograph - were left without guardians.

The rise in admissions and the increase in the costs related to maintaining its support for children caused concern but much

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Our Waits and Strays.

OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

The time has come to publish a first instalment—and it is one of which to be proud—of those among our own "Old Boys" who are serving their country during this momentous period of its history. We know that the following list is a most imperfect one, but the very fact of its publication will make the authorities of those Homes who have been hitherto somewhat "slack" in answering the request issued some while ago "hurry up" their returns. There is included in the list those also of whom the Society is justly proud, members of the Head Office staff and masters in charge of Homes, who are setting such an excellent example of loyalty to a younger generation.

Any information which will add to the value and interest of the list will be gratefully received at the Head Office.



good work was done by its war emergency fund. Not only did the charity help children affected by the war at home, the young people also actively contributed to the war effort. Girls at a home in Leeds voted unanimously that money sent to them for treats should instead be spent on making socks for the soldiers. By the end of 1914 the girls had knitted an incredible 13,611 pairs of socks, compared to the 8527 pairs they knitted the previous year.

Meanwhile, at a home in Pyrford the children agreed that 'a little help is worth a peck of pity' and gave up much of their playtime to also knit socks, mufflers and mittens for the troops.

Within five months of the war starting, 500 boys - known as 'old boys' in the newspaper clipping at the beginning of this story - and many staff members had joined the armed forces. Sixteen of the boys are known to have died during the war. The charity was understandably proud of the boys and staff who served and memorial services were held for those who fell. The first of these services, honouring six old boys, was held in December 1914 at St Paul's Cathedral. It had 'been given a most prominent part in meeting the nation's needs' and it was 'no small honour . . . to give shelter to more than a hundred and fifty children, from families whose breadwinner has been called away to serve his country'." *Lesley Morgan*

Carol Singing

When I was 16 I joined Hooton Church Choir. I refused to join as a treble as I didn't want to undergo the inauguration ceremony where the choir boys threw the new boy into a holly bush.

Our first War Waif.

When his only relative, a brother, was called up for Active Service, he was left alone for two days in the room in which his mother had just died.



Sometimes I would ring the bells at Capenhurst Church and then cycle to Hooton, the service times being different.

Every Christmas the choir would go carol singing. The village was much the same as it was before the war; the intense building programme hadn't started. The owners of the few remaining big houses and some of the smaller ones would ask us round; on getting there we would be invited inside and after singing 3 or 4 carols, mince pies would be handed round. The men would be offered sherry and the boys' lemonade. We would probably only visit about 5 houses; most of the time was spent walking between them.

I can remember one, Thornton Hall it was owned by the McMullun family who had bought it and established a nursery in the grounds which they called Burleydam. The house is now a hotel and the nursery is a garden centre. We very soon learnt the words and harmonies off by heart and even to this day I am weary of 'While Shepard's Watched' having sung it so many times. It was originally sung to the hymn tune Cranbrook written in 1805 better known today as the tune for 'On Ilka Moor Bar't-At, which is much more lively; we should try it at the Carol Service?

The story goes that a group of Methodists were on Ilkley Moor when two of their number disappeared behind some bracken, when they emerged their companions made up the first verse of song which they sang to the hymn tune. A good story even if it isn't true. *Ben Williams*

The Road to Geneva

Having been very successful in raising the £3,000 needed to send Antony and his Dad to Geneva to the finals of the World Kick Boxing Championships on 13/14 September Antony had been training very hard in preparation for the competition and was looking forward to competing. The competitors from the North of England who were all part of Team GB met up at Liverpool airport on 11 September for the flight to Geneva in a mixed state of excitement, apprehension & just wanting to get on with it.

On arrival in Geneva the group made their way to the Hotel, which was in an isolated spot outside Geneva and they also located the centre where the competition was to be held. The next day, Friday they all spent some time sightseeing in the city of Geneva and in the evening attended a team dinner in the hotel.

There were competitors there from Poland, Germany, France, Spain, Switzerland, and Austria.

Saturday saw the start of the competition and Antony's Mum, Rebecca, was getting text and e-mail messages from Geneva, which she was passing on to us, on Antony's progress and it was quite late into the afternoon that we got word that Antony had won a bronze medal in light contact continuous sparring with leg kicks against a French opponent. Needless to say we were thrilled for his success and very proud of him. Then we got word that he wasn't very well, some kind of breathing problem and as a result of that he had decided to withdraw from the events of the next day.



The second day of the tournament dawned and Antony was feeling well after a good night's sleep and without breathing problems. His coach, Alan, and his Dad, Graham, had been weighing up the opposition in the event that Antony had pulled out of the previous day and after a long discussion Antony decided that he was OK and would have a 'go' after all. He re-entered the category and won the contest and became World Champion in full contact continuous without leg kicks beating his French opponent. He therefore came home with a bronze medal and a trophy as World Champion and the whole family are so very, very proud of his achievement.

As a result of winning this title he automatically qualifies for the 2015 World Championships which will be held in Germany and he will have to decide next year whether he will enter to attempt to retain his title but 2015 is his GCSE year which is obviously very important, so that's a decision to be made later on.

The other two boys from the Alan Price Academy in Hawarden where they train twice a week also won World Championship titles in their

events so huge congratulations to them and also to Alan Price himself for recognising these talented boys and encouraging them to develop their potential. Congratulations should also go to the parents and families of all these boys for their continued support ie driving them to training twice a week, every week of the year, paying their tuition fees, driving them to tournaments all over the country but probably most importantly, giving them the encouragement and support to continue.

Antony and the other Chester boy, (the third boy Tom, lives in Wales), have been invited to meet the Lord Mayor of Chester for afternoon tea in the Mayor's Parlour in Chester Town Hall so that will be something else for him to remember. What an honour.

When I first wrote about Antony in the July magazine I concluded by saying it would be nice if he comes home with a gold medal little believing that would really happen. O ye of little faith Grandma! But it did happen, and I can't quite believe that this wee babe I held in my arms almost 16 yrs ago, is now a World Champion. Congratulations Antony and very well done CHAMP.

POPPIES AND ALL HALLOWS

We had seen photographs, TV scenes and newspaper articles about the poppies at the Tower of London, so on a recent visit we took ourselves off to the Tower. What a sight met our eyes – the moat and tumbling down one of the walls was a sea of red – thousands of ceramic poppies, each representing the life of one of the fallen in World War 1. About twenty volunteers, all dressed in red T shirts were busy assembling more, and adding to the ones already there. Dozens of people lined the railing to view this most impressive spectacle, bringing to life just how many had perished.

The Church of All Hallows by the Tower, the oldest church in the City of London goes back to 675AD when it was founded by the Saxon Abbey of Barking. It has dealt with numerous beheaded bodies, including Thomas More, John Fisher and Archbishop Laud. In 1666 the Great Fire of London started in Pudding Lane, a few hundred yards from the church. It survived through the efforts of Admiral Penn who, along with his friend Samuel Pepys, watched London burn from the tower of the Church. The Church Council, fearing for the church min-

utes and records, put them in a lead casket which they placed by the Church tower and they were only discovered 200 years later. They can be seen today in the crypt.

William Penn the founder of Pennsylvania, was baptised in the church and educated in the schoolroom (now the Parish Room). The sixth President of the United States, John Quincy Adams, was married there on 26 July 1797. Judge Jeffreys the notorious “hanging judge” was married there in 1667.



In 1940 the church was bombed and only the tower and walls remained, but the late Queen Mother laid a new foundation stone in 1948 and attended the rededication service nine years later. The vicar at the time was the famous “Tubby” Clayton, founder of Toc H. His effigy and body are in the Church. (Alf remembers him from years ago when he attended the corn market nearby every Monday, and Tubby Clayton would appear with a collecting box). The lady on the desk in church was very interested to meet someone who had actually seen Tubby. All Hallows is also regarded as a pilgrim church and a huge scallop shell hangs over the pulpit. There is also a carved wooden statue of St James of Compostella, wearing his pilgrim hat and carrying a staff – carved in 1484. On the day we were there the Livery of the Company of Gardeners had had their Harvest Festival that morning, and large boxes of perfect vegetables were on display. Do pay a visit if you are anywhere near The Tower. There is so much to see – we certainly didn’t see everything.

Margaret & Alf Croston

GRAPE TREADING!

Messy Church met again on 21 September; too late to report in the October magazine unfortunately. Families were able to enjoy relaxing and learning together about the gospel picture which Jesus painted of Himself as the True Vine, with us as the branches that are to bear fruit.

One activity had children treading grapes, although nobody would have recognised the end product as wine! Messy indeed! In Jesus’ day, a vineyard would have been a typical sight and maybe that is why Jesus used it as a visual resource. Today in Britain we would be more

likely to refer to an apple tree no doubt.

Our meeting in October was another of Jesus' "I am ..." sayings; "I am the Good Shepherd", which you can read about in next month's magazine. This month we meet on 16 November when we will have an exciting session on "I am the Light of the World".

Grandparents, if you would like to bring your grandchildren along, it's for you to enjoy too. You will be able to have a cuppa and sit with them whilst having fun watching or taking part.

We always have a time of celebration and finish with a delicious afternoon tea prepared by the Messy Cooks.
Messy Team

POEM BY AN UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

This poem was composed by an unknown soldier in the trenches during the Second World War. He was presumably killed and it was blown by the wind into another trench & was picked up by a soldier and was eventually published in papers in various parts of the world.

I was approximately 9 or 10 at the time and it made such an impression on me that I committed it to memory. To me, it encapsulates the thoughts of every man and woman who fought in the Two World Wars. It is a beautiful poem and as we remember those brave men and women who gave their lives for us, I would like to share it with other readers of the Parish Magazine.

Stay with me God. The night is dark. The night is cold; my little spark
Of courage dims. The night is long. Be with me God and make me
strong.

I love a game; I love a fight. I hate the dark; I love the light.
I love my child; I love my wife. I am no coward. I love life.

Life with its change of mood and shade, I want to live. I'm not afraid.
But me and mine are hard to part. O unknown God lift up my heart.
You stilled the waters at Dunkirk. And you saved Your servants.
All Your work, Is wonderful. Dear God, you strode before us down
that dreadful road.

We were alone and hope had fled. We loved our country and our dead.

And could not shame them: so we stayed – the course and were not much afraid.

Dear God, that nightmare road! And then that sea! We got there – we were men. My eyes were blind, my feet were torn, My soul sang like a bird at dawn!

I knew that death is but a door; I knew what we were fighting for. Peace for the kids, our brothers freed. A kinder world, a cleaner breed.

I'm but the son my mother bore. A simple man, and nothing more. But – God of strength and gentleness be pleased to make me nothing less!

Help me again when death is near. To mock the haggard face of fear. That when I fall, if fall I must, My soul may triumph in the dust!

Sent by Brian Macklin

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Text for the passage: James 3:1-18

When you see the doctor the first thing he checks is the tongue. He can diagnose the illness only by looking at the tongue. (Mt 12:34). How we speak reveal a lot about us – the country where we live, our job, our values, our purpose in life...What does your tongue tells us about you? The Tongue has power to do 3 things:

A. The power to control - v:3-4

Our tongue has the power to control us

Characteristics of a good teacher:-Good teachers control their tongue and is the one who lives by faith

He who controls his tongue is a perfect man.

Perfect means mature Proverbs 15:4

Control of the tongue represent a controlled life.

(Truth - tongue is a manifestation of what's inside) v:3:2, Mat 15:18-19

Examples of small things that control & have an effect from our text.

1. Bridle - makes a horse obey v 3:3

2. Rudder - small but steers a mighty ship v 3:4

3. Spark - can cause a fire that will destroy many resources v:3:5

Practical advice on controlling our tongues. T.H.I.N.K.

Alan Redpath once formed a “mutual encouragement” fellowship at a time of stress in one of his pastorates. The members agreed to apply a simple formula before speaking of any PERSON or SUBJECT that was perhaps controversial using the THINK formula.

T - Is it true?

H - Is it helpful?

I - Is it inspiring?

N - Is it necessary?

K - Is it kind?

B. The power to destroy – v:5-8 “It corrupts the whole person” – such power has the tongue says James. It is compared with the fire. Fire has an immense power and can be used for good i.e. heat but if misused it can destroy homes, forests and cities. All that is needed is just a small spark to create a huge fireball so is the power of the tongue.

The Book of James assert that the tongue is the very world of iniquity. There is no limit to the sins that can be committed by the tongue like: Malice, greed, anger, lust, hurtful lies, wrath, resentment, criticism, jealousy, bitterness--all these vices somehow find their expression through the tongue.

James is saying that if you want to deal with the tongue you must start with the heart Proverbs 16:17. The Lord has to control the inner man. Only fresh sources can produce fresh water, and that corresponds to the life of Jesus Christ within us.

If we want our tongues to be right, then the inner man must be under the control of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.” Whatever fills our heart inevitably comes out.

C. The power to bless v:9-12 – Shows us how to properly use our tongues for only God can control our tongues so that we can bless, encourage, build and give blessing to others through our words..

14 But if ye have bitter envy and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 Such wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envy and strife are, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of those who make peace. *Remain Blessed as you read this passage and may you learn how to curb the tongue. Amen.*

Parish Registers (September)

Baptism Service

- 21st Emily Violet Wilson daughter of Neil & Clare Wilson
15 Hereward Road, Boughton, Chester
- 28th Eleanor Seren Dougherty Graves daughter of Scott Henry
Graves & Helen Ruth Dougherty Graves 10 Kinnerton Way,
Backford, Chester

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

The Marriage Service

- 20th Michael Tucker & Helen Thomas 30 Beaumont Road, Man
chester

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

The Funeral Service

- 10th Joan Fox 8 Coppins Close, Vicars Cross, Chester 76yrs
- 12th Irene Elizabeth Carter 6 Stanney Way, Ellesmere Port 87yrs
- 16th Enid Vivian James Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Christleton 103yrs
- 19th Mair Myfanwy Whitlow 2 Dixons Houses, Christleton 92yrs
- 23rd Michael John Hattersley “Cherrilea” Demage Lane, Backford
82yrs
- 25th Dorothy (Dot) Jones 19 Ramsden Court, Saltney 84yrs
- 25th Elizabeth Olive Brown Highlea, Plough Lane, Christleton
101yrs
- 26th Mildred (Nan) Johnson 17 Haslin Cres, Christleton 84yrs
- 29th Mildred & Gordon Johnson 17 Haslin Cres, Chrstleton
(Burial of Cremated Remains)
- 30th Margaret Ann Bunting Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home,
Christleton 78yrs

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

August	Cash	C.S.E.	2014	2013
7th	131-98	521-50	653-48	593-18
14th	142-00	553-50	695-50	590-97
21st	214-21	266-50	480-71	690-97
28th	160-82	637-90	798-72	781-05 864-81
Totals			£2,628-41	£3,520-99

“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	

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A cross section of attendees at the Crew Harvest Service



Rev'd Cowan leads attendees in a short service at the Crew Harvest Service.

Mark 17

A minister told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17.” The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, “Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.”