

A large field of red poppies in the foreground, with a stone wall and people in the background.

# St. James' Christleton

**We Will Remember Them**  
**PARISH MAGAZINE**

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# REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

Sun	1	<b>All Saints/All Souls Day</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by Breakfast in the Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (with Healing) CW
		6.30 pm	ALL SOULS SERVICE
Mon	2	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
Wed	4	10.45 am	United Holy Communion (BCP) - Followed by Refreshments
		6.00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur	5	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch, Methodist Church
Sat	7	12.30 pm	Wedding : Christopher Hulley/ Laura Hopley
Sun	8	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Service of Remembrance - with 2 min silence followed by wreath laying ceremony at War Memorial
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)
Mon	9	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	11	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge
		6.00 pm	Choir Practice

Fri 13 **NB: Final Deadline for December magazine. Please e mail your contributions to christletonmag@gmail.com. If you do not have access to e mail please give them to Janet Milton (325529)**

Sun	15	<b>Second before Advent</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (with speaker from Children's Society) CW
		4.00 pm-6.00pm	Messy Church - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship (BCP)
Mon	16	12.30 pm	Monthly Luncheon Club - Parish Hall
Wed	18	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by Refreshments
		3.30 pm	Worship Group Meeting - Rectory
		6.00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur	19	7.30 pm	"Côr Merched y Rhos" (Rhos Ladies' Choir) inc Cheese & Wine - St James'
Sun	22	<b>Christ the King</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer (CW)
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		12 noon	Holy Baptism
		6.30 pm	Special Service for Christ the King
Wed	25	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by Refreshments
		6.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	29	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship (CW)
Mon	30	7.30 pm	PCC - St James'

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# 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.

Martin Niemoller the German pastor and scholar (who was imprisoned in a concentration camp) said

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—  
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

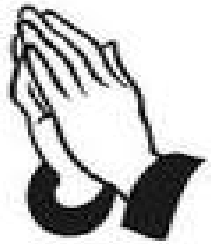
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak  
out—

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left  
to speak for me.

Lest we forget

Your faithful servant,  
Malcolm



## **Christleton - Wednesday Group**

### **FESTIVE LUNCH**

on

Wednesday 2nd December

**In Christleton Parish Hall**

**At 12.00 noon**

Tickets £11 available from  
Members or phone 01244 336644  
(includes a glass of wine)

**In aid of LIVE!**

**At New Scene Youth Centre**

# 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: 07803964548.

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure that all items for inclusion in the **December** edition are sent to **christletonmag@gmail.com** or , if you do not have access to e mail, please give or send them to Janet Milton(325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday November 13th**

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **November** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 25th October**.

# Great War Voices

On 26th September the people of Christleton Parish were invited to attend a presentation and book launch of “Christleton Parish in the Great War 1914 – 18”. The event took place on the actual centenary date of the death at Loos in France, of Lt Col Townsend Logan DSO Christleton’s senior officer, who lived at Christleton Bank on Whitchurch Road.

The presentation, by David Cummings, in Christleton High School Hall was attended by 150 and comprised the culmination of a project researched by the History Group over a period of more than 15 months.

Over 300 men and women went to war from Christleton Parish - a very large proportion of the population in those days. The names on the war memorial are familiar to those who have heard them read out on remembrance Sunday year on year - but as the project progressed, it became clear that a number of names do not appear on the village memorials that should rightly be there. The work, said David, has been like a jig saw puzzle, but one in which new pieces are turning up all the time!

This body of work unearthed many stories that have remained secret for over a century. Many of the soldiers are long lost family relatives of today’s Christletonians. The research team uncovered the stories, as far as records would allow, of each and every name on the war memorial.

David’s talk was an inspiring exposition and was greatly appreciated by the audience. The group are to be congratulated on

their Magnum Opus and the book itself, copies of which will go to local children, will help ensure that at least for another generation “we will remember them”. DCB

Note. For technical reasons the publication of the book has been delayed, but we hope to have news of the new date next month.

## **Half a lifetime's help!**

Your editor has been inundated with queries about the absence of David Cummings' contributions to our magazine, which have had a wide following. David has played a major role in the production of the magazine since the untimely death of the late Rector, Canon Charles Mack, in December 1986. Charles had also been the editor of the old magazine "known as the pink peril", so we were charged with taking over the production of the magazine and revitalising it.

During the past 28 years David has been a king pin in the production of some 335 monthly magazines. In the early days, when the magazine compositing had to be done by glueing type-written articles on boards ready for the litho camera, he hosted the "stick-up team" in the primary school. Over the years he has supplied innumerable items of interest and regular columns with nature notes and history as well as assembling the parish registers. The majority of magazine photographs and covers in recent times also came from David's camera.

On behalf of the magazine team and readership I would like to acknowledge this magnificent achievement and extend our heartfelt thanks. We hope still to receive material from him from time to time. DCB (editor)

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## **BELATED CONGRATULATIONS**

90th Birthday greetings to Alf Croston for 17 October and to Terry Collier also on - 13 October who was 80 on that day.

## **CHRISTLETON GARDENING CLUB**

9 November at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Schoolroom – **'Invasive Plants'** – Speaker is Richard Lucas from the Welsh Dee Trust.



# **St James' Christleton Crew Harvest Festival Sunday 4th October 2015**

On a truly autumnal evening, The Crew Youth Group held their annual harvest thansgiving on Mike and Tina's allotment. The service had the theme of 'Roots' and was led by Malcolm, Tina and members of the crew. As part of the service, the congregation took part in seed confession.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a seed of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit "(John 12)

Malcolm's address was a lesson in itself, we were told where a number of basic vegetables originated, for example, the humble carrot was first found in Afghanistan and was originally purple. Toby Holland was quick to inform us that the Dutch turned them orange!

Music was provided by Will, Huw and Tina. The numbers attending, a superb 47, included a number of young families. Afterwards, many stayed on for refreshments which included an allotment soup, homemade breads, chocolate brownies and courgette cake.

People were encouraged to take with them surplus produce, which included tomatoes, carrots, cabbages, courgettes and lettuce.

Donations from the service came to £85 and have been forwarded to the Child Refugee Crisis Appeal.

See back page for photographs of this event.

# **The Bishop of BANGOR and all things Welsh**

The Rt. Revd. Andrew John was President and Preacher at the service of Eucharist (Trinity 16) on 20 September at Bangor Cathedral. Worship has continued on this site since the founder, Saint Deiniol, arrived in 525 to found his cell.

At the start of the service, the Precentor, Rev Canon David Fisher ("our" David) announced from the Lectern that someone in the congregation had been evacuated from Liverpool to Bangor on the first day of World War II. Yes, it was Alf Croston, He became a probationer in the choir during his stay. He went along to the rehearsal room at the end of the service and said it hadn't change a bit.

The Bishop was resplendent in green robes, a golden mitre lined with red and a silver crook. During the service Bethan Howe was commissioned as Cathedral Children and Youth Work Assistant and Chaplaincy Assistant to the Anglican Chaplaincy. The Cathedral has a close relationship with Bangor University. At the end of the service whilst refreshments were being served, David introduced me to the Bishop saying that we had had a mud bath together near the Dead Sea many years ago. The Bishop remarked that a photograph of that would be worth something!

Another place of worship, the Church of St Catherine in the village of Llanfaes "The Church in the Fields" was interesting and surprisingly the organ was built by Whitely Brothers of Chester in 1878. For upwards of a thousand years there has been a place of Christian worship on or near this site. A friary was endowed in 1237 when the small town was a thriving community.

However, Edward I decided to erase Llanfaes from the landscape and removed the population to Newborough. The friary survived until the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539. Outside is the grave of John Elias, a famous non-conformist preacher known as "the preacher with the pointed finger" and it is said that 10,000 people attended his funeral.

We were staying near the village of Llanfaes and on one evening a Welsh male voice choir gave a concert. To our great surprise they had been tipped off that we were celebrating our Blue Sapphire Wedding and they sang especially for us, and we were showered with gifts of wine and a CD of the choir. It was just as if Christmas had come early! On the way to Penmon, opposite Puffin Island, we couldn't believe our eyes to find a Dovecote built in the 1600s that provided food for a nearby religious settlement. It is immense, built from stone and could accommodate 930 birds! MC

## **What is happening when people come to Messy Church?**



Messy Church has now been meeting for many months and we are so fortunate to have a faithful team from St. James's who are committed and generous with their time and talents.

Many of the families who come to Messy Church may not have any history of, or experience of, traditional church - other than at weddings and funerals.

We therefore have the privilege of taking them on a journey of faith which many of them will never have had. Our hope is that those who come through our doors will have an experience which reveals to them the love of Christ and go away feeling that they have found a spiritual home and are part of a Christian family which is there to offer support and fellowship.

We pray that each one of them will receive God's blessing and through this experience of belonging will learn to believe in and follow Christ.

## HOLY DAYS IN NOVEMBER

**1st The first martyrs** – the ‘seed’ of the Christian Church. The first martyrs of Rome are recorded in the old Roman Martyrology, which states that: ‘At Rome, the birthday is celebrated of very many martyrs, who under the Emperor Nero were falsely charged with the burning of the city and by him were ordered to be slain by various kinds of cruel death; some were covered with the skin of wild beasts, and cast to the dogs to be torn asunder; others were crucified, and then when daylight failed used as torches to illuminate the night. All these were disciples of the apostles and the first fruits of the martyrs whom the Holy Roman Church sent to their Lord before the apostles’ death.’

**2nd All Souls’ Day** – a time of reckoning with the past. The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain ‘the Beatific Vision’ through purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls’ Day should follow the feast of All Saints’ Day. At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London. In bygone centuries All Souls’ Day was certainly uncomfortable for anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life. On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.

**10th Justus** – leading the Church in troubled times  
Does this sound familiar? An Archbishop of Canterbury tries to bring unity and calm to a Church split down the middle over seemingly irreconcilable differences, and all the while to promote the Gospel to the wider non-Christian society, in the face

of widespread ignorance and even hostility towards Christianity. This isn't Justin Welby, though. It was Justus, a 7th century archbishop of Canterbury. Like Justin Welby, he had a passion for mission – he began as one of the Roman missionaries sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great – to reinforce Augustine. Once in England, he was quickly put to work – becoming the first ever Bishop of Rochester, in 604. It was then that he joined with other church leaders to urge the Irish and British (Celtic) Christians to repair the great church divide of the time – to conform their customs to those of Rome. (They were largely ignored.) In 616 things got worse. There was a pagan reaction in Kent and Essex, and without any support from the pagan King Edbald, Justus and Mellitus knew it was time to get out – quick. They escaped to France, and the whole English mission seemed in peril. Then – an unexpected breakthrough occurred – the king was converted. So back came Justus, to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 624. Pope Boniface V had faith in his ability and courage – he bestowed on him both the pallium and the power to consecrate bishops in England. When Justus died in 627, he was buried at St Augustine's monastery. Then, in the 11th century, Justus was moved to a site in Canterbury Cathedral, behind the high altar.

**13th Frances Xavier Cabrini** (1850 – 1917) – first saint of New York City

In the aftermath of the terrorist attack on America 14 years ago this autumn, many Americans were seen to be 'saintly' in their brave attempts to help save lives. But Frances was the first citizen of the United States to be officially canonised as a saint – by Pope Pius XII in 1946. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and worked among orphans, children and the sick of New York.

**30th Andrew** - first disciple of Jesus

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on 30th November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews. In fact, there are so many legends about him all over



Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us - though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland. The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic prophet known to us as John the Baptist.

Many thought that he was the long-promised Messiah, but John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.' So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

All the more strange then (though, on reflection, very true to human nature) that when Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, they were hinting that what they were seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation. If they could come to his lodgings, perhaps their burning questions might be answered. The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation! The results of their response were in this case life-changing - for themselves, and for many other people. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus.

The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'. Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

# The trigger of Remembrance

‘Lest we forget’.... Remembrance Sunday acts as a trigger for so many emotions; gratitude... grief... pride... indignation ... guilt, and questioning. Take the questioning of suffering Job: CAN I BE REMEMBERED? - ‘Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll’ (Job 19:24). Job’s thoughts were in turmoil. He speaks not only for himself, but for all who have suffered the loss of honoured close ones – in the desire that emotive memories shall be ‘engraved in rock for ever.’

Can they be remembered? The last Spitfire pilot, the last soldier who fought at Alamein – the last of a platoon ever to sing with Vera Lynn We’ll meet again.... there’s a desire to hold onto them. But here’s another question: WHOM SHALL I REMEMBER? - Further words from Job – “I know that my Redeemer liveth” have become incorporated into the greatest oratorio ever composed, Handel’s Messiah. From the early days of the human race there was a perception, by this godly man, of a living Redeemer who, as he puts it, would ‘in the end stand upon the earth.’

Thus the comfort Job looked for in all his troubles - the focal point that he wanted to remember – lay not in his three cliché-ridden companions, but in this divine Redeemer, in whom he prophetically discerned the prospect of resurrection. It is an experience that is common to millions – to look out for something.... Someone of permanence whom we can remember and hold onto in an unstable world. A third question:

WILL HE (the Redeemer) REMEMBER ME? - The biblical worldview is altogether solid and trustworthy. If a dying thief from the dregs of society can find it in him to say to the crucified Christ next to him, “Remember me,” then anyone can; be they an unknown warrior – one day to lie in an unmarked grave in Flanders, Vietnam or Iraq; or someone caught in the swirling tides of bereavement. For Job it was a settled conviction! He had reached the point when he was triggered into the personal affirmation that can be anybody’s: “I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth.”

## **The 2015 Real Advent Calendar Launches**

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is hoping to fund a baby clinic in Kenya and support overseas farmers by donating £15,000 from sales of its 2015 Real Advent Calendar. However, it is not just the charitable donation that makes The Real Advent Calendar unique.

This year it includes a 32-page Christmas story/activity booklet illustrated by Sophie Allsopp and designed to be used every day in Advent. The new booklet includes all the traditional nativity characters, gives more detail about the Christmas story and has seven Advent challenges. The calendar also comes with 24 Fairtrade Belgian chocolates and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the foiled windows. David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: "Recent surveys show that knowledge of the Christmas story is fading. The Real Advent Calendar is part of a campaign which hopes to reverse this trend by finding new ways to share the story. By buying this Advent calendar children, parents and Godparents can share the Christmas story throughout December."

How to buy? The Real Advent Calendar costs £3.99 retailers stocking the calendar include larger Tesco stores, Traidcraft, Eden.co.uk, Shared Earth, CLC Bookshops and a number of cathedrals. Details at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)

## **The new minister**

The new minister was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on

the back and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'. Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

## David Suchet reads the Bible

Actor David Suchet has recorded the whole NIV Bible for Torch International. It is for people with sight loss, and is now available on Megavoice and DAISY. David Suchet commented: "In the preparation of my reading my eyes were opened because I couldn't pick the Bible up and just read it, because that would have been immature and wrong. So I had to study each book as to when it was written, who may have written it, what was its purpose, who were they writing for, and putting it into its context before recording one word of each book. So I gave myself a complete Bible course as well as recording it." Contact: [info@torchtrust.org](mailto:info@torchtrust.org)



Christleton Primary School Association

# Christmas Fair

Sat 5th December 2pm - 4.30pm

**Craft Stalls • Games • Grand Draw**  
**Very Special Visit from Father Christmas!**

Admission £1 (Children free) • Refreshments Available

## Madame Curie

Marie Curie was the first woman to be awarded a Noble peace prize and the only woman ever to be awarded two. The first was for physics and the second chemistry.

She opened up the science of radioactivity. She is best known as the discoverer of the radioactive elements polonium and radium. During World War I, Curie realized that X-rays could save soldiers' lives, by helping doctors see bullets, shrapnel, and broken bones. She convinced the government to empower her to set up France's first military radiology centres. Newly named Director of the Red Cross Radiology Service, she wheedled money and cars out of wealthy acquaintances.

She saw a need for field radiological centres near the front lines to assist battlefield surgeons. After a quick study of radiology, anatomy, and automotive mechanics she procured X-ray equipment, vehicles, auxiliary generators, and developed mobile radiography units, which came to be popularly known as *petites Curies* ("Little Curies"). She became the director of the Red Cross Radiology Service and set up France's first military radiology centre, operational by late 1914. On one of our visits to Ypres we went into the museum and found in a section on WW1 one of the mobile x-ray unit set up with dummies representing the doctor, nurse and patient.

During the war my Father was caught in the blast of a shrapnel shell and had 4 or 5 pieces of metal embedded in his chest wall. He was taken to a field station and into an x-ray unit. A doctor with a stick with a bit of rag on the end soaked in ink [my father's words] made a mark on his chest where the metal was. He was then taken to an operating theatre and the metal removed. It was touch and go but he survived, although he had indentations in his chest for the rest of his life. So you could say that, in a roundabout way, I owe my existence to Marie Curie.

On the 4 of July 1934, at the Sancellemoz Sanatorium in Passy, France at the age of 66, Marie Curie died of pernicious anaemia, a condition she developed after years of exposure to radiation through her work. She left two daughters, Irene and Eve. Our society owes Marie Curie a great debt. Ben Williams



## Churches Together in Christleton, Village Teas

At the final session on Sunday Sept 27, we presented a cheque for £2000 to Dr Susie Mitchell, a Cheshire volunteer for Starlight Children's Foundation, this year's chosen charity.

Starlight grants wishes for seriously or terminally ill children, and works with hospitals and hospices also, helping these children forget their often very painful or unpleasant treatment for a while, and giving them a boost to continue to try and fight their illness.

We thank most sincerely all the bakers and helpers who have worked so hard through the summer to make this possible.

Jan Bowden



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# **2nd Christleton Guides**

**Jumble Sale**

**2pm**

**Saturday 7th November 2015**

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)**

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## **The Monday Painters**

**are**

holding an Art Exhibition and sale of paintings,  
prints and cards at Christleton Parish Hall

**on**

**Saturday November 21st from 10a.m until 4p.m.**

**This event is in support of  
The Hospice of the Good Shepherd**

**Entrance: £1.50 which includes refreshments.  
Children under 12 years free.**

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON

INVITE YOU TO

## 'THE STONES CRY OUT'

PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS TELLING THEIR STORY  
FROM  
1948 TO THE PRESENT DAY

A FILM BY YASMINE PERNI

DISCUSSION & REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOV., 7.30 PM

METHODIST SCHOOLROOM

ADMISSIONS £3

ALL WELCOME



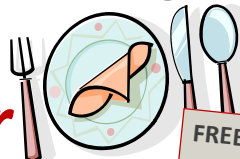
THE MONTHLY  
CHRISTLETON

LUNCHEON  
CLUB

IN PARISH HALL

From 12 noon for 12.30 serving:

**Monday**  
**16th November**



FREE lunch  
(donations  
welcome)

All welcome, but please book a place by calling: Liz: 409414,  
or Janet: 325529, or Christine: 335562, or sign the list in Church.

(It may be possible to arrange transport for those who need it - just ask.)

# A Spotlight on

A member of St James' congregation



Name: **Marie Raynor**

Live: Boughton originally from: Llithfaen near Pwllheli.

Nationality: Welsh



Occupation: Worked in the Finance Department of the Grosvenor Nuffield.

Family: Widow of Geoff. I have 2 daughters, 1 Son and  
5 Grandchildren

Interests: NOT Gardening!

Enjoys Reading and Socialising

Favourite Quote:



Things that may surprise the reader: Enjoys Line Dancing



Rode a BMW 500cc for the first time last month



# Date for your diary!

7 30 pm Saturday 12th December  
at

The Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port

## CHRISTMAS GALA CONCERT

**Bach – Magnificat. Haydn – Little Organ Mass, Vivaldi –  
Gloria & Corelli, Christmas Concerto**

Ellesmere Port Music Society choir with soloists and  
the 18th Century Sinfonia Orchestra  
Conducted by Lloyd Buck

**Tickets £15 from 0151 339 5225**

**or**

**tickets @epmsonline.co.uk  
& some availability at the door**

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## On a tired housewife

Here lies a poor woman who was always tired  
She lived in a house where help wasn't hired:  
Her last words on earth were: "Dear friends, I am going  
To where there's no cooking or washing, or sewing,  
For everything there is exact to my wishes,  
For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes.  
I'll be where loud anthems will always be ringing,  
But having no voice I'll be quit of the singing.  
Don't mourn for me now don't mourn for me never,  
I am going to do nothing for ever and ever" Anon



## **DINE AND LAUGHS GALORE AT RENE'S CAFÉ**

You are invited to dine with Edith Artois, LeClerc, Michelle of the resistance, Lieutenant Gruber and the rest of the cast at Rene Artois' Café at Christleton Parish Hall on Saturday 28 November at 7.30 pm.

Kingsley Players are presenting their hilarious version of BBC Television's Allo-Allo, with profits going to The Samaritans – Chester Branch.

Rather than being a member of the audience, you will be a customer at the famous WWII French Café, so join in the fun and wear something in keeping with the occasion – Onion sellers, French tarts, German officers, resistance workers and so on. All will be very welcome.

Kingsley Players have staged this production all around North Cheshire over the last decade and always get asked to come back. This promises to be a night to remember.

Tickets £15.00 (including supper) Phone 07867978122

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### **Burning Incense**

Sacrifice was at the heart of worship in the Temple at Jerusalem. The sacrificial offering was usually a living animal such as a lamb or a bird, but the fruits of the earth were also offered, including incense. In the Temple there was even an altar specially set aside for the burning of incense. With the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD, however, the "Old Testament" sacrificial worship came to an end. Despite the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ on the cross however, many hold that it is a fundamental human need to offer both thanksgiving and sacrifice to God.

Many of us have mixed feelings about the use of incense but it is of interest because many Christian churches use, or have used incense in worship. All the Eastern Orthodox Churches burn incense at many of their services. In the west, incense is burned by most Roman Catholic Churches. In Britain, the Church used incense throughout its history until, in the mid 1600's, it generally fell into disuse. From that time however it continued to be used in a few churches and, since the mid 19th century, its use again spread and increased somewhat and is encountered today in some Anglican churches.

Incense is made from various aromatic resins and gums taken from trees and other plants. When burned it gives off a scented smoke. In church it is normally burned in a censer or thurible and because it is difficult to burn on its own, it is usually burned together with charcoal.

It is said that "when we burn incense we remind ourselves that our prayers, like the incense, ascend to the throne on God and mingle with the prayers of the saints in heaven". The New Testament justification for incense is drawn from Matthew 2 :11 where we read of the Wise Men bringing Frankincense as a gift to the Christ child - and in the book of Revelation the burning of incense appears to be an important part of the worship of heaven, as in Chapter 5 verse 8 we read of "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the Saints". Incense is also looked upon as a token of the best we have to offer as in Corinthians 2:15 we read "we are indeed the incense offered by Christ to God both for those who are on the way to salvation and for those who are on their way to perdition: to the latter it is a deadly fume that kills, to the former a vital fragrance that brings life.

Edited from a longer article submitted by Ben Williams, originally published in "The Parish Pump"

## **THANKS**

We gratefully acknowledge the kind and generous donation to this magazine from the Christleton Fete committee. DCB

## **Christian Aid launches refugee crisis appeal**

Christian Aid has launched an appeal to support partner agencies in Europe working to alleviate suffering in the present refugee crisis, as well as organisations in the Middle East providing emergency relief to those forced from their homes by the conflicts in Syria and Iraq. Christian Aid's Policy Director Christine Allen said today: "Christian Aid was founded 70 years ago in response to the millions of people displaced after the Second World War. Today the world is witnessing a human crisis of similar proportions. On the situation in Syria and neighbouring countries, Christian Aid's Head of Middle East, Frances Guy, said: "Countries in the region are hosting an overwhelming number of refugees.

Providing succour and support in Iraq and Lebanon is a massive challenge for our partners. "It is the plight of those still trapped in Syria, however, which is the most worrying. In his latest report the UN Secretary-General expressed specific concern about over 422,000 people living in such places.

"A further major worry, both in Europe and the Middle East, is that winter is coming which means cold and illness for those without adequate protection." In Europe, Christian Aid's partners in the Act Alliance, a global coalition of more than 130 churches and church-related organisations that work together in humanitarian assistance, are providing emergency relief in Greece, Serbia and Hungary. Donate link: <https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/refugees>

## **Don't mention it**

As part of his talk at a banquet, our minister told some jokes and a few funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles. Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published."

# Parish Registers (September)

## Holy Baptism

- 04 Oct Mia Elizabeth Mackarel daughter of Thomas and Roxana Mackarel (2 South View, Plough Lane, Christleton)
- 04 Oct Riley Arthur Holloway son of Thomas and Katrina Holloway (46 Quarry Lane, Christleton)

## Funerals

- 23 Sep Stuart Arthur Dawson 2 The Orchard,, Plas New ton Lane, Chester (St James)
- 25 Sep Jane Elizabeth Mallinson (Cremation at Blacon Crematorium)
- 06 Oct George Leonard Shallcross 34 Marina Drive, Upton, Chester (Cremation at Blacon Crematorium)
- 13 Oct Lucy Partington Birch Heath Lodge, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton (St James)

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## The Blessed Dead

They lie at rest, our blessed dead;  
The dews drop cool above their head,  
They knew not when fleet summer fled.  
Together all, yet each alone;  
Each laid at rest beneath his own  
Smooth turf or white allotted stone.  
When shall our slumber sink so deep,  
And eyes that wept and eyes that weep  
Weep not in the sufficient sleep?  
God be with you, our great and small,  
Our loves, our best-beloved of all,  
Our own beyond the salt sea-wall  
By Christina Rossetti 1830 -94

# PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES, CHRISTLETON

## REGULAR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS:	8.00am:	Holy Communion
	10.45am:	Holy Communion (1st & 3rd & 5th Sundays) Morning Worship - a less formal service for all (2nd Sunday) Morning Prayer / Mattins (4th Sunday)
	6.30pm:	Evening Prayer / Evensong (1st Sunday) Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays) Evening Prayer / Evensong (BCP) (3rd Sunday) Evening services on a 5th Sunday vary - see notices.
WEDNESDAYS:	10.45am:	Holy Communion (BCP) (United service on 1st Wednesday)

Special services take place at festivals and at other times, and other variations occur, so please check the diary at the front of this magazine, also the church notices and the Christleton website. A 'United' service is where Churches Together in Christleton congregations come together.

'Book of Common Prayer' (BCP) services use the older traditional language, other services are 'Common Worship' using modern language.

Children are welcome at all of our services. Sunday Club, Messy Church and the Crew Youth Group also available for younger members. There is a good organist at St James and a robed choir sings at many of the services.

Refreshments are generally served after the 10.45am Sunday service in the Parish Hall across the road, and are also served in the church after the 10.45am Wednesday services. Once a month on the 1st Sunday breakfast is served in the Parish Hall from about 8.45am. These give splendid opportunities for fellowship and you are invited to join in.



## **WHO'S WHO & CONTACT NUMBERS**

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### **Anecdote:**

Italian pasta diet that really works - You walka pasta da bakery - You walka pasta da sweet shop - You walka pasta da ice cream shop - You walka pasta da table and fridge - You gonna lose weight!