



St. James' Christleton

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NOVEMBER DIARY

Wed	2	10.45 am	United Holy Communion (BCP) - Followed by refreshments
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur	3	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch, Methodist Church
Sun	6	Feast of All Saints	
		All Saints Sunday/All Souls	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by Breakfast in Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) - followed by refreshments
		06.30 pm	All Souls Service
Mon	7	10.30 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.00 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		02.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Tues	8	03.00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting -Rectory
Wed	9	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri	11	NB: Last date for contribution to DECEMBER Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (325529). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@gmail.com	
Sun	13	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
			With 2 minutes silence followed by wreath laying ceremony at War Memorial

06.30 pm United Deanery Eucharist at
St Mary's Handbridge with Bishop
Libby Lane preaching.

NO EVENING SERVICE AT ST JAMES

Wed	16	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	20	Christ the King	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) - followed by refreshments
		04.00 pm	Messy Church - Parish Hall
		06.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Mon	21	12 noon - 12.30 pm	Luncheon Club - Parish Hall
Wed	23	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	27	Advent Sunday	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer (CW) - followed by refreshments
		06.30 pm	Advent Carol Service
Mon	28	07.30 pm	PCC Meeting - St James
Wed	30	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice

Message from our Rector



On Wednesday 12 October, St James church was full of friends who gathered to say farewell to Rev Canon Peris Williams a true friend of so many people who had lived a life dedicated to the Service of God, and for over fifty years a priest in the Diocese of Chester.

Two of his friends, Rev Rex Buckley and Rev Peter Lee spoke warmly of him and some of the incidents shared with us, allowed us to engage with our own memories of this very special man. His fun and humour, even at times when he didn't realise. We were also blessed to hear of his very special ministry, to so many people, and members of each community at which Peris served were represented.

Peris was respected amongst fellow clergy and the parishioners whom he had faithfully served during his ministry. We heard details of the incidents and anecdotes which made up this very special human life.

I was told of the time during his ministry at Northwich, when he came out of the vicarage one Sunday morning, and a white blanket of snow covered the ground. Immediately recognising the opportunity of taking some spectacular photographs, Peris, went back inside to fetch his camera, and could be seen snapping away.

Sometime later, he was asked how the photograph's had turned out, only for Peris to confess, there was no film in his camera.

And in recent times, of Peris taking a fibre optic Father Christmas on the bus to Chester for repair.....in summer time

Here at St James, we were truly blessed to have him serve in the Indian Summer of his retirement (Quote Rev P. Lee). His thoughtful and challenging preaching, and his presidency at the Eucharist enabled

everyone to embrace him and feel comfortable. No one was ever sure how he managed to weave his love for Chester City Football Club into every sermon or school assembly, but he did..... seamlessly.

Peris was of course a wonderful family man, He and Sheila celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary just a couple of years ago, and Andrew, Ruth and all the family will have so many wonderful memories of such a wonderful man.

However, it was a Golden Wedding anniversary which lasted two years, as Peris had miscounted the years.

We shall all miss Peris, his wit, his sense of fun, but also his quiet calm presence and Spirituality which gave each of us an awareness that we were in the presence of a man of great faith and a wonderful priest, and the formal recognition of the same when in 2002 he was appointed Canon at Chester Cathedral.

Peris was ordained priest on 29 September 53 years ago, and died on 29 September 2016

Thank you Peris, for all that you have given to us, your love, your guidance, your ministry, your very self.

You will forever be as priest in the order of Melchizedek.

May you rest in peace and rise in glory

Your faithful Servant,
Malcolm



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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 Club Secretary - 01745 856126.



MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

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

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the December edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 11th November** or you can e-mail them to christletonmag@gmail.com

MONTHLY LUNCHEON CLUB

Meets in the Parish Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start. There is no charge but donations are welcome. For further details contact Janet Milton (325529) or Christine Abrams (335562)

RSPB CHESTER GROUP

Meetings are held from September to April in Christleton Parish Hall, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Occasional field trips. Details from Norman on 01244 335670 or www.rspb.org.uk/groups/chester



**Book by calling: Liz: 409414,
Janet: 325529, Christine: 335562,
or sign a list in Church.**



THE PARISH OF ST JAMES, CHRISTLETON

New Hymn Books

The new Mission Praise hymn books are now in use in St James' Church.

You are invited to dedicate a book in memory of a loved one or in celebration and thanksgiving for an event such as a special wedding anniversary, birth of a child, etc.

Bookplates have been placed in over seventy books so far but there is still the opportunity for more books to be dedicated in this way. A donation of £10.00 per book is suggested. Or you may wish simply to give a donation.

Please fill in a form with your details and give it in with your donation to Elizabeth Inall, Grange House, Village Road

Tel: 336500:

email: Elizabeth@Inall.co.uk

(or give it to a warden)



The History File

In August 2016, Rector Revd. Malcolm Cowan was approached by Historic England, with an invitation for the Parish to apply for the Christleton War Memorial to be included on the National List for England. In order to make a case for our inclusion I spent some time researching the history of our War Memorial with fascinating results as detailed in this article.

Christleton Village War Memorial

In April 1919, a committee was set up to discuss what memorial would be appropriate to commemorate the fallen in WWI. The following list of suggestions was considered;

“A Parish nurse, A bed at the Infirmary, A Playing Field or recreation ground, A Parish Hall, The purchase and conversion of the Institute, A Memorial Arch or Lych Gate, A Column or monument to be placed near the Pump House, and consequently commanding the four roads into the village.” Various opinions were expressed, and there was general disagreement as to what should be done. However during the months that followed villagers eventually agreed that it should be a monument, and Mr Sidebottom elected as Treasurer to receive donations.

In September 1919 the Rector reported that there were now problems over where the memorial should be sited. £200 had been donated, but the chosen site near the Pump House is not available, as there would be difficulty in removing the Pump House. The Village Green was considered but the committee decided that they didn't want to remove the commemorative trees, which were planted to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden & Diamond Jubilees'.

It was also reported that a new Institute would be purchased and presented to the Parish to commemorate a gallant soldier". (Edward Radcliff Porritt). The arguments went on, and it was March 1920 before

a decision was finally made to place the Sandstone Memorial on the Church Green near the Lych Gate. "Panel 1 would state "In memory of soldiers of Christleton who gave their lives for their country." Panel 2 "This stone is erected in honour of their sacrifice and a thanksgiving for those who returned. The other 6 panels then listed the soldiers in groups in no particular order, other than where possible, men of the same or similar regiments are grouped together".

Once the decision was made, the Village worked quickly to erect the monument, and the Dedication Service was held on April 25th 1920. An opening text on the service sheet says "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"

Order of Service

Hymn. " Let Saints on earth in Concert sing."

Prayer

Lesson- Revelations VII 9

Hymn. "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, The Strife is o'er the battle done"

Prayers

Act of Dedication

Hymn "Praise my soul the King of Heaven"

The Blessing

Last Post.

Everything was now set for the village to, both remember those dreadful events of 1914-18, commemorate the fallen and those who had returned, and enable some kind of normality to set in. In October 1920 Rector GMV Hickey writes "On November 11th Armistice Day, the church bells will be rung at 5 minutes to eleven in the morning to remind Parishioners of the Act of Silent Recollection in which all are asked to join at eleven o clock." All went well until November 23rd 1928 when we learn of a catastrophic event that took place in the village from a Christleton War Memorial Restoration Fund leaflet that I have acquired. "A great misfortune befell our War Memorial on November 23rd 1928. The violent gale broke its shaft, which in its fall damaged the church yard wall. A representative Committee was formed to

consider the best steps to be taken for the repairing the damage. (Legal opinion showed that no claim could be made upon the firm originally employed). The committee invited Mr H Beswick, as their architect to prepare alternative designs for the restoration, and at a General Meeting of Subscribers, the design depicted on the cover of this leaflet was accepted, with the estimate for its erection by Messrs. Clegg, of Chester.

This design not only provided for the Restoration on simpler lines, and at a slightly lower elevation than the original, but also provided a direct approach, which will make it easy of access to the village. About £200 will be required, and it is felt that the most satisfactory way to meet the cost is by voluntary subscription, and you are earnestly invited to help in the same spirit which prompted the erection of the original memorial.



All Subscriptions will be gratefully received by the authorised collectors, and by Mr Edward Porritt, and will be acknowledged in the Parish Magazine. It is hoped that the work will be completed by St James Day July 25th 1929, and dedicated on the following Sunday”.

References

- 1) A bound edition of Parish Magazines 1911-21 Cheshire Archives & Local studies
- 2) Dedication service leaflet commemorating the restoration of Christleton War Memorial
- 3) David Cummings

Tea Afternoon success

Thank you for putting my poster in the parish mag last month. The afternoon was very successful and I would also like to thank everyone who attended and the sum of £276 was raised on the day.

Sophie Brown

Christleton Wednesday Group

Fun Quiz

**At Christleton Parish Hall on
on Saturday 12th November
7 for 7.30pm**

Ticket price £9

**(includes finger supper and first drink)
available from members or phone 01244 336644**

In aid of Claire House Hospice

Christleton Local History Group

Wednesday 23rd November

Christleton Primary School at 7.30pm

The Art of Heraldry

Speaker Jane Chilton

We welcome a return visit from Genealogist Jane Chilton for a new talk about “The Art of Heraldry”. The talk will include the origins of heraldry, its development, its symbolic language and how to “read” a coat of arms. Jane will endeavour to include examples of heraldry specific to Christleton. Members will remember the previous talk Jane gave the group as we prepared to research stories from WWI for the Christleton Great War Voices book.

Cover Pictures

Cover

Remembrance Day at Christleton

Back cover

The Crew Harvest Service 2016 at the allotments in Boughton.

Christleton Methodists

Invite you for

**Coffee &
Home-made Biscuits**

on

Saturday 5th Nov., 10 am – 12 noon

Charity Christmas Cards

Cake Stall, White Elephant

Raffle

Proceeds to world mission fund

ALL WELCOME

Advent Season

The Advent season this year commences on Sunday 27 November. We can often jump straight in the Christmas season and miss Advent altogether. To enable us to fully focus on the importance and significance of Advent, we will have an Advent programme on each Thursday evening of Advent. Please sign the form at the back of Church if you are able to attend.

We shall read a recommended Advent book, and come together each week to reflect on the set reading and conclude each session with Compline.

A ‘Thank You’ from Alison Abercromby

Dear All,

This is to tell you how much you have been in my thoughts in the last 12 months during which time I have been unable to make the journey to church. I want to thank you for all the kind messages, cards and prayers that I received, and to let you know how very much they were and are appreciated.

In difficult times I would think of St James and the altar with the figure of Christ in the window above, and would think of your messages and prayers, whilst everyone around me was muttering that I was probably a ‘goner’. And then I would find new strength and hope which kept me going.

Thank you all so very much. In case I don’t see you before Christmas I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017. May God be with you always.
Alison.

RSPB Chester Group

November Events



Wed 16th November 7.30pm Talk:

“Jewels of The Gambia”

Ashley Grove will show some of his photos of The Gambia, one of the best bird-watching destinations, with nearly 600 species of birds, most of which are colourful and approachable.

Visitors welcome. £2 for group members, £4 for visitors (refreshments included).

Christleton Parish Hall, Village Rd, Christleton CH3 7AS. Overflow parking on road or at church.

Sun 20th November 15.00: Field trip to Chester Meadows

A dusk hunt for owls silently skimming through the meadows. Meet at Bottoms Lane CH4 7AP

Trip leader: Julie Rose c/o Roger 01829 782237

It is vital to call the trip leader a few days before each trip, to book and check final details. Stout footwear and sensible clothing are essential.

Water and a packed lunch are advisable. Car sharing is encouraged.

Newcomers and beginners welcome.

For earlier information or more details, phone 01244 335670

Or see our website www.rspb.org.uk/groups/chester

Or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RSPBChester

HELP PLEASE

Does anyone have a couple of hours to spare to help a very small team to keep the inside of St James church clean on a Thursday morning?

The more people we have in the ‘team’ the quicker we get the job done & have some fun at the same time. There would even be time for a cup of tea & a chocolate biscuit. If you are interested please contact Valmai Griffiths 335884 or John Milton 325529

Crew Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Plot 18 Allotment

Once again the Crew youth group hosted a harvest thanksgiving service on Mike and Tina's allotment.

The short service of thanksgiving was led by Malcolm helped by members of the Crew who led the scripture readings. The theme was seeds and during the service members of the congregation were invited to identify different seeds.



The music group provided accompaniment.

Following the service, folk were invited to share in the harvest and also share in homemade soup, bread and cheese. The weather was glorious; we were truly blessed. Many thanks to all who attended.

Donations totalled £153 and were in aid of the local foodbank.
(photo courtesy of David Cummings)

FRIENDS DAY OUT

On a brilliant sunny morning on 5 October we joined Friends of Chester Cathedral for a very interesting day out in Liverpool.

Our first stop was to visit the Princes Road Synagogue which is a Grade 1 Listed Building. We squashed into a small room for tea and biscuits before entering the synagogue. Gentlemen were requested to cover their heads, and if they didn't have a cap or hat, skull caps were provided. The first impression was of space and colour – deep reds and greens and bright light from many candles. We sat in three rows of

pews and our man of the moment (I called him Mr SO as his favourite word seemed to be “so” which he repeated many times). He gave us the history of the Jewish community in Liverpool and of the building and showed us many scrolls (Torah), candle holders, bread (chola plaited rolls) and other items relating to the ceremonies and services. We drew our breath at the magnificence of the silver etc. when he drew back curtains and wooden doors at the west end of the building. There was a small museum charting the 230 year history of the congregation and the wider Liverpool community.

On the coach then to have lunch at the Leasowe Castle Hotel at Moreton. This again is a grade 11 listed historic hotel overlooking the Wirral coastline and Leasowe golf course.

As a complete contrast, we then visited the Catholic church of St Peter, Paul and St Philomena “The Dome of House” in New Brighton. It got its nickname by merchant seamen returning in their convoys across the Atlantic. Once they spotted the Dome they knew they were safe from the ever present threat of U-boat attack. The church is now established as a shrine Church – does not have geographical boundaries and all services are in Latin – the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.

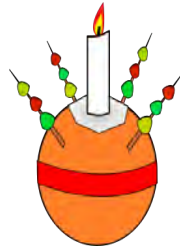
It is a very plain building for a Catholic Church and is open daily from 8 am to 8 pm for anyone wishing to escape the modern rat race. It is staffed by a young clergy, the oldest of three is 38 years old and we were entertained by the two younger priests and helpers, to a grand afternoon tea of sandwiches, cakes and scones.

We thought our day out was complete – but no – we had a surprise journey through the Wirral, ending up in Parkgate for ice cream and a wonderful sunset. Margaret & Alf Croston

APOLOGY

To Annie Young who was 99 yrs old on 2 October and not 92 as printed in the October magazine.

Celebrate Advent Christingle with us!



*Please join us for a special candlelit celebration
On Sunday 4th December at 4:00pm St.James' Church,
Christleton*

Help us to be there for vulnerable children in this country.

Charity Registration No. 221124

CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP

Festive Lunch

Wednesday 7 December
12 noon

Christleton Parish Hall

Tickets £10 each (including glass of wine)
(available from members or from 01244 336644)

In aid of Claire House Children's Hospice

JACK CORNWELL VC

Following on the “Commemoration” article in last month’s Magazine, a few more facts have emerged about the 16 year old. In the “Daily Telegraph” of 22 September, there was a photograph of his great nephew, Alex Saradis, who is holding a new Royal Mint silver £5 coin. Jack was known only to his superiors as a working class boy from Leyton, east London. The physical similarities between Alex and Jack are obvious – both have bushy eyebrows and the same half smile but the boy pictured as Jack is one of his younger brother George as no photographs of Jack are believed to exist.

Saradis is the first member of his family to join the Royal Navy since Cornwell. It was only after the War that Jack’s remains were exhumed from a pauper’s grave and re-buried with a public funeral: the grave is now at Manor Park Cemetery in east London.

The Jack Cornwell £5 coin, part of a six coin set commemorating the First World War centenary was issued on 23 September and is available from the Royal Mint. Alf Croston

Hospice of the Good Shepherd

Saturday 12th November 10.00am -4.00pm

Christmas Craft Fair, Waverton Village Hall
Lots of gift ideas- handmade cards, foods, Teddy Bears,
chocolates, jewellery, soaps etc

Raffle & knitted bobble hat competition!
Come for a coffee, lunch or afternoon tea.

Enquiries 01244 332053/335515

2nd Christleton Guides

Jumble **Sale**

2pm

Saturday 12th
November 2016

Christleton Scout Hut

(on the A41 opposite the Trooper Pub)

Admission 50p

Children 10p

Refreshments available

Box Opening time is here

Sunday 20th November 10 45 am

The Children's Society	
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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.

A prayer by Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford for The Children's Society

Almighty God, source of all human love, grant us your overflow of love for children who are frightened, who have lost their capacity to trust; whose self-belief has been eroded. Help us to be such clear channels of your unchanging love and instruments of your peace and joy, that they would be able to look at their future with hope, and fulfil the potential you have placed inside them.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Lesley Morgan

Stop Press War Memorial

A message has just been received from Historic England that the Christleton Parish War Memorial has been given Grade II listed status, and is now recognised nationally as an important memorial.

Best Kept Village Award

We have also received news that the Parish has won the Best Kept Village Competition for a village of its size, and The Methodist Chapel has won a special "Little Gem" award for its Porch & Garden area. Congratulations to all involved. We hope to be able to print further details of these awards next month. DC

Shore Road Pumping Station and River Tunnels

I have toured the country seeking out Pumping stations. From Cornish Tin mines to Edwardian sewage works. One I had hoped to introduce you to and one of the best presented is at Shore Road some 500 yards from Hamilton Street railway Station Birkenhead. Sadly it was closed to the public in 2014 due I believe to financial problems, it had an audio visual presentation of the Mersey Rail tunnel

The Mersey rail tunnel opened in 1886 at that time the longest under water rail tunnel in the World and the first in Europe. At Shore Road two Giant Grasshopper Beam Pumps were installed to drain water seepage from the brick lining. Most Beam Pumps are like a see-saw with a steam cylinder at one end and a pump at the other with a Grasshopper the beam is pivoted one end and the pump and cylinder at the other. They were replaced by electric pumps and only one of the beam pumps was preserved.

Marc Brunel when he was designing Liverpool Docks had suggested building both road and rail tunnels under the Mersey and no doubt the tunnel was built using the system of tunnel building he invented after studying the Teredo ship worm and is the method still in use today. The worm, its actually a mollusc, eats its way into the wood and simultaneously creates a calcareous lining to the tunnel it makes to stop it being crushed.

Marc Kingdom Brunel [Kingdom was his English wife's maiden name] was a brilliant French Engineer who as a Royalist had fled to America to escape the revolution. He came to Britain to sell to the Admiralty designs for machinery to mass produce pulley blocks. All parts were interchangeable whereas hand made blocks were not, it made a significant improvement to the fitting out of Naval Vessels. He had many other inventions but he is probably most famous for building the Thames Tunnel. When it opened in 1843 the Thames Tunnel was described as the Eighth Wonder of the World, it was the first underwater tunnel ever built. He had many, many problems and used

compressed air to hold back water. Many miners became ill from compression sickness and some died [decompression was unknown at that time] Brunel himself became ill and the tunnel was finished by his 19 year old son Isambard. When opened thousands of people paid a penny to walk through it.

We have walked through the Greenwich Foot Tunnel which opened in 1904 several times also the Wallasey and Conway tunnels when they were first opened . The Thames Tunnel was built to take horse drawn carriages, they were lowered to the tunnel entrance by a lift , sadly it was not a success and was bought by The East London Railway company in 1865 it is still in use today as part of London's underground system and achieving Brunel's aim to carry people under the Thames.

The story of how the Thames Tunnel was built is fascinating and too long to be related here, anyone interested should read about it.

Ben Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sheila and the family wish to thank everyone for all of the calls, cards and messages of sympathy they have received over the past few weeks. The friendship, care and support are greatly appreciated at this sad time for us.

We would like to thank all who helped in so many ways to make the service such a lovely "Send off" for Peris.

It was very moving to be able to share such a wonderful service with so many friends. Sheila Williams

Scare it

A man had the courage - but not always the skills - to tackle any home-repair project. For example, his garage was littered with the pieces of a lawn mower he had tried to fix. One day his wife found him in the living room, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "I can't get this thing to cooperate!" he exclaimed. His wife replied, "Why don't you just drag it out to the garage and show it what happened to the lawn mower?"

Remembrance – 100 years after the Somme

Remembrance Day this year will have a special significance. Almost exactly a century after the Battle of the Somme finally came to its inconclusive end (18th November) we shall once again be remembering all those who have lost their lives in war, or had their lives blighted by its consequences.

The unbelievable slaughter of the Somme – more than a million men were killed or wounded – made it perhaps the bloodiest battle of human history. The incessant bombardment of heavy artillery, the suicidal waves of attack by unprotected soldiers, the introduction, a few months from its close, of the first tanks in battle all contributed to the vast number of casualties, but so did the pointless efforts of both sides to break what was in fact a five month stalemate. This was a battle nobody won but a million men lost.

This year we shall once again make our prayers for peace and our reflective remembrance against a back-drop of a world that is stubbornly inclined to think that problems can be solved by fighting over them. In the Middle East and in parts of Africa there are still too many who believe that guns and bombs can solve things, when all the evidence of history is that they can't.

Today, a hundred years after the Battle of the Somme, historians still can't decide what the Great War was actually about. And the arrival of the Second World War in 1939 tells us that whatever anyone thought it was, five years of sickening killing had not settled it.

'We will remember them', we say. Surely the finest remembrance would be a world without violence. It still seems a long way off. Remembrance Day this year is especially significant...by David Winter

Experience is a good teacher, but her fees are very high. - W R Inge

High Days & Holy Days for Nov16

- 1) All Saints' Day – the feast day of all the redeemed
- 1)The first martyrs – the 'seed' of the Christian Church
- 2) All Souls' Day – a time of reckoning with the past
- 3) Hubert and the stag
- 4) Charles Borromeo - the un-ordained archbishop
- 5) The Kea to toothache?
- 6) Illtud – patron saint of NGOs?
- 6) The Martyrs of Vietnam d. 1745 - 1862
- *7) Willibrord of York – apostle of Frisia (658 - 739)
- 8) Four Crowned Martyrs
- 10) Leo the Great (d 461) – Pope who rescued the doctrine of the Incarnation
- 10) Justus – leading the Church in troubled times
- 11) Martin of Tours (316 – 397) – pioneer of western monasticism
- 13) Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) – first saint of New York City
- 17) Gregory of Tours (539 – 94) - charity and compassion in dangerous times
- 25) Catherine of Alexandria – patron saint of young girls and nurses
- 30) Andrew (d. c.60) – patron saint of Scotland
- 30) Andrew - first disciple of Jesus

Untimely answered prayer

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?" Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

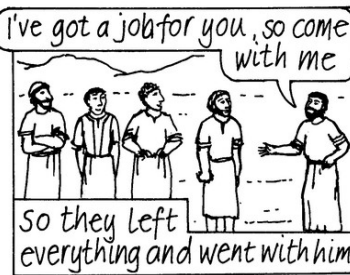
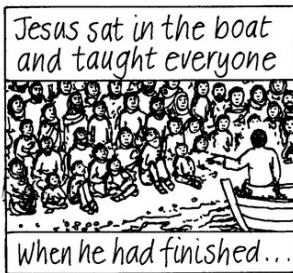
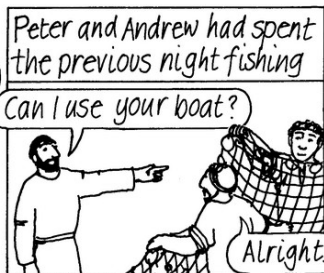
Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair.
GK Chesterton

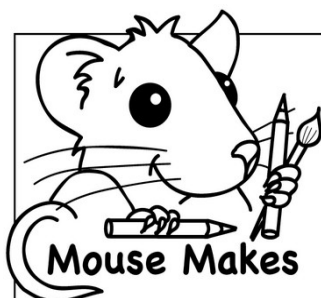
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Lk 5:1-11, Mt. 4:18-22, Mk 1:16-20

On the shore of Lake Galilee, Jesus was trying to teach people but there were so many that he couldn't be heard.





Jesus is coming, ADVENT is here!



Advent is the time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, who is God's Son and our Saviour. In Advent we remember



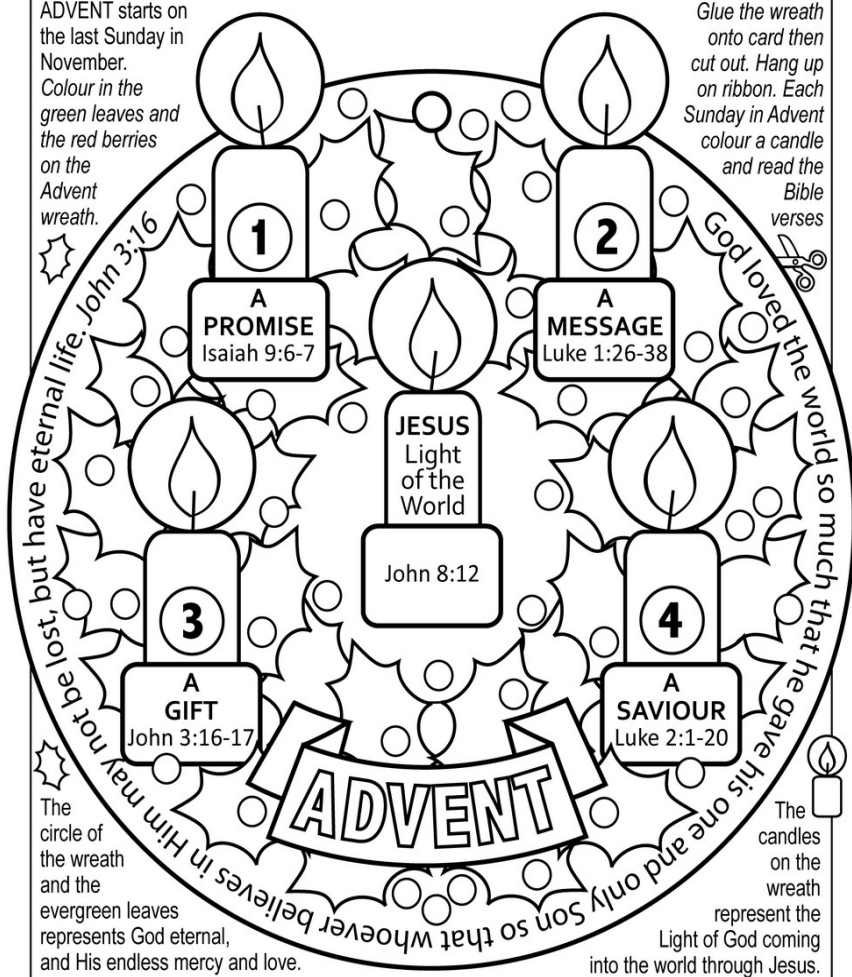
God's promise to the world,
God's message to Mary,
God's gift to us and



God's promise come true in Jesus.

ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November. Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Glue the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses



The circle of the wreath and the evergreen leaves represents God eternal, and His endless mercy and love.

The candles on the wreath represent the Light of God coming into the world through Jesus.

Funerals

12 October

Rev Canon Peris Llewelyn Williams

14 October

Stanley Jones

Holy Baptisms

18 September

Philip James Taylor

Emma Laura Taylor

Leah Rebecca Taylor

Ava May Taylor

Friendship lowers the pain

Never underestimate the power of friendship – now it seems that friendships can even help keep pain at bay. A recent study has found that an active social life can actually lead to you having a higher tolerance for physical pain.

The study, which appeared in the journal Scientific Reports, investigated the effect of endorphins. As one medical expert explained: “Endorphins are part of our pain and pleasure circuitry. They’re our bodies’ natural painkillers, and also give us feelings of pleasure... One theory suggests that social interactions trigger positive emotions when endorphin binds to opiod centres in the brain. This gives us that ‘feelgood’ factor that we get from seeing our friends.”

The Word of God became flesh; the Son of Man became Man; the Lord of all became a Servant... - Anon

The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us. - Anon

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES, CHRISTLETON

REGULAR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS:	8.00am:	Holy Communion
	10.45am:	Holy Communion (1st & 3rd & 5th Sun days)
		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)
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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.

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.

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The Crew Harvest Service 2016 at the
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Wanted

A lady was advertising for a travelling companion, and ended with these words:

‘Christian wanted, cheerful if possible.’

November 2016 @ St. James, Church Christleton