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Harvest Festival

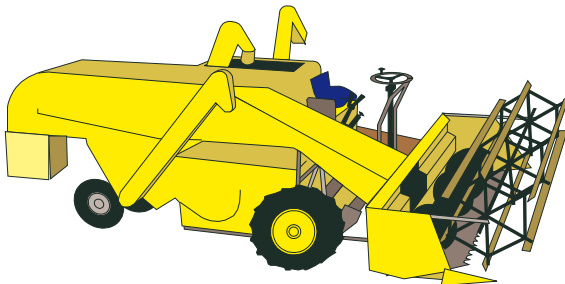
14th October

Occasions in October

Mon	1	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
Wed	3	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.30 pm	'An evening with Adam Partridge' - Parish Hall (see article elsewhere in Magazine)
Thur	4	12 noon	United Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
		7.45 pm	Deanery Eucharist - Plemstall

Sun 7 The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity: Proper 22

		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Evensong - Followed by refreshments
			Prayer Link Road: Rowan Park Neighbourhood Link: Fran Taberner
Mon	8	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union -Parish Hall
Wed	10	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
Fri	12	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
			NB: Last date for any contributions for November Parish Magazine to the Rector (335663). Earlier if possible. You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk
Sat	13		Harvest Supper - Parish Hall



Sun	14		Harvest Festival
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Harvest Family Service. People are invited to bring gifts of Harvest Produce to be given out in the Parish Followed by refreshments
		6.30 pm	United Village Harvest Songs of Praise Prayer Link Road: Rowton Lane and Promised Land Lane Neighbourhood Link: Karen Smalls
Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	18	9.00 am	Holy Communion for ST LUKE
Fri	19	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	21		The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 24
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		6.30 pm	Evensong Prayer Link: Rowton Bridge Road Neighbourhood Link: Angela Haswell
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	26	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	28		The Last Sunday After Trinity - Bible Sunday
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Matins - followed by refreshments
		6.30 pm	Evening Communion - Order 1 Prayer Link Road: Sandrock Road Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Wheeler
Wed	31	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		2.45 pm	Parish Visiting Group - Whitehaven

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Food for Thought

It is quite a record to have two Diamond Weddings in two months! Our congratulations to Jim and Cynthia Siddall and to Jim and Lucy Partington for having such a wonderful occasion to celebrate. Marriage is one of the Sacraments of the Church, and the only one not performed by the Priest! The couple are married by the 'joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of rings' – I'm only there to see fair play! The outward and physical signs are symbol and sacrament of the grace of the God who is love working in, and through, his gift of human love within marriage. Not that God promises an easy time! I often wish I could get couples who have celebrated so many years of marriage to talk to couples about to be married. Very often their marriages have undergone great stresses and difficulties through separation, through years of war, through personal tragedies, crises and so much else. But the sacrament of Marriage can bring the discovery of God's enduring love at the heart of human life, to strengthen and deepen human love in a wonderful way. It does not always work that way and we recognise and feel for those whose marriage, for whatever reason, breaks down. But the sacrament of Marriage can help us to experience the heart of our faith, that God works in and through the human, the physical and the material 'signs' of our life to give sanctity to all of life.

A Diamond Wedding Anniversary is like a Harvest of Marriage: a time to give thanks to God for all his gifts, and that 'all is safely gathered in.' And in the same way that Marriage is a Sacrament of God's love, Harvest Thanksgiving can be a sacrament of God's grace working in, and through, the physical, as sign and symbol that all of life is God's gift and that all of life is holy. Jesus always used nature to teach the deepest truths about the Kingdom of God. He did not say "the seed is like the word of God"; he said "the seed is the word of God." As we come together at our Harvest Festival on 14 October we are doing more than just thanking God for the food we bring and for the beauty and bounty of creation. In offering the symbols of our Harvest at the Altar, we are recognising them as God's love in action working in, and through, nature. As we join in our Village United Songs of Praise for Harvest, our theme of 'One World' recognises that we are stewards of the world and all the gifts God has entrusted to us. It is part of our Theology of the Incarnation (that God became man and dwelt among us) that God's presence is in all of life – all of life is holy. That lays on us not only a desire to say 'thank you' but the duty and responsibility to work with God to transform all of life according to his purposes. Kenneth Leech writes:- "At the very

heart of worship is the reality of change, of the sanctifying power of the Spirit to transform both the material things and the community. A theology which places the transformation of material structures at the heart of its worship is a theology which is open to the need for such transformation in the economic and political life of society.” We come to worship in order to be changed: to offer ourselves to God so he can use us to bring in his Kingdom of justice, righteousness and love. As we take our daily bread it is a promise, a foretaste, of the Kingdom yet to come where there will be hunger and thirst no more, and where none are exploited or forgotten and the structures of our society are equitable and fair and bring fullness of life for all people. Jesus said; “I have come that people may have life, life in all its fullness.” That is the Harvest to which we are committed as his people, and it is the seed of that Harvest we must plant and nurture.

As we give thanks and celebrate both the Harvest of Marriage and the Harvest of our World we also recognise that God gives us food for thought. His presence and gifts give sanctity to all of life and call for our response to worship in Spirit and in truth. So we may be changed and used to transform our society and bring in signs of the Kingdom wherever people are denied the fullness of life Christ came to bring to all his people.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Lee". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

Prayer of the Month:

(Brian Wren: a Eucharistic prayer)

What do you bring to Christ's table?

We bring bread, made by many people's work, from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.

At this table all are fed, and no-one turned away. Thanks be to God

What do you bring to Christ's table?

We bring wine, made by many people's work, from an unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.

*At this table all share the cup of pain and celebration, and no-one is denied.
Thanks be to God*

These gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ. Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice, our hope for a world where God is fully known and every child is fed. Thanks be to God. Amen

People in the News

Congratulations



Jim & Lucy Partington

Congratulations and sincere good wishes from everyone in the Parish as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 22nd October.

Charles Smeatham

Congratulations to Charles Smeatham who will be celebrating his 70th Birthday on 14th October.



Front Cover Illustration

Jim and Cynthia Siddall who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 11th September

Archbishop urges MPs to 'Do Nothing To Change Their Lives'

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has sent every Member of Parliament a copy of the 100-Minute Bible and a guide to slowing down.

The guide, written by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell, and released earlier this year, is entitled 'Do Nothing to Change Your Life'. The book urges its readers to create pauses in daily life to benefit their own, and society's, health and well being. The book argues this fresh perspective of relishing every moment with a greater attentiveness will improve our relationship with God.

'Do Nothing to Change Your Life' is a passionate plea for the nation to ditch endless 'to do' lists, constant streams of emails, and an increasingly '24/7' culture," said the Church of England. The book was published following an international study that showed that the pace of life in our cities has increased by 10 per cent in the last decade.

"The Bishop's warning about the danger of not taking rest and play seriously is a timely one," said the Church of England. The 100 Minute Bible gives a synopsis of every book in the Bible and takes less than two hours to read.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

Saints Windows in the Cloisters

Gregory the Great was the son of Gordianus, a Roman regionarius, and Saint Silvia of Rome and the Nephew of Saint Emiliania and Saint Tarsilla, and great-grandson of Pope Saint Felix III. Educated by the finest teachers in Rome, Prefect of Rome for a year, then he sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedictine Monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome. Upon seeing English children being sold in the Roman Forum, he became a missionary to England.



Elected 64th Pope by unanimous acclamation on 3 September 590, the first monk to be chosen. He sent Saint Augustine of Canterbury and a company of monks to evangelize England, and other missionaries to France, Spain and Africa. Collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are now known as Gregorian Chants.

Born:	c.540 at Rome
Died:	12 March 604 in Rome
Saints Day:	3 September
Patronage:	choir boys, gout, masons, musicians, schoolchildren, singers, Stone masons, teachers.

The Quaker Tapestry Roadshow to Chester Cathedral

The Quaker Tapestry is going “on the road” again, and visiting Chester Cathedral, at the start of 2008. It will be displayed there from 1 – 29 February and we need volunteer stewards to help. You do not need to have previous experience of stewarding. It is a great opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life.

If you work full time or feel that stewarding is not for you – perhaps you have a spare room to accommodate one or two of our visiting stewards who come from all over the UK.

If you are interested in taking up the challenge and are able to stand or sit for a few hours, then please get in touch with Sheila Williams or Bridget Guest at the Quaker Tapestry Exhibition Centre in Kendal.

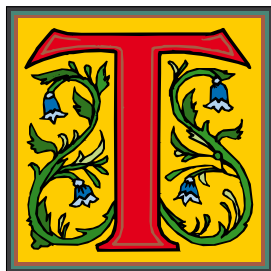
Tel : 01539.722975

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The Cathedral Library

Reopened by his Grace, the Duke of Westminster

Friday 7 September 2007



he medieval monastery of St Werburgh contained a number of volumes, including a universal

history of the world, 'The Polychronicon' (literally 'many stories'), written by one of the monks, Ranulph Higden and translated into English in 1387 by John de Trevisa. However, the library was dispersed at the Dissolution and there are now only 21 manuscripts and 1 printed volume in various libraries around the world.

The Exhibition Library was originally the King's School Library until 1960 when the school moved to its present buildings outside Chester. The King's School designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield was built in 1877 on the site of the old Bishop's Palace.

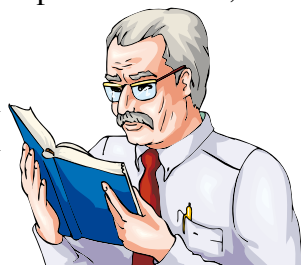
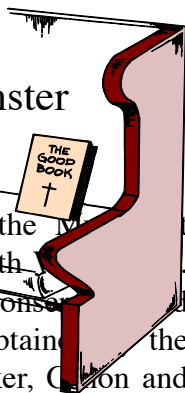
The long run of shelves came from the Chapter House and now contains most of the pre-1700 printed books

that used to be in the Room above the South. They have been conserved and restored by grants obtained from the late Canon Roy Barker, Canon and Cathedral Librarian during the 1980s and 1990s.

The six Arts & Crafts sloping-top cases were made for the Chapter House in 1896-98 and now contain 18th century printed books as well as some 19th and 20th century volumes including the Early Fathers, a Braille-Bible and a collection of early 19th century Sunday-school books.

The bookcase near the entrance contains 18th century books and the invaluable collection of books by clergy connected with Chester from the 17th century, given by Revd. Francis Sanders, Vicar of Hoylake in the 1920s. These include for example, works by Bishop John Wilkins, John Pearson, Francis Gastrell and William Stubbs.

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Rylands Library of Manchester University generously gave the three large exhibition cases in 2003. They now contain some of the Treasures of the Library mentioned by Professor Philip Alexander in his lecture at the informal opening of the Library in February 2007.



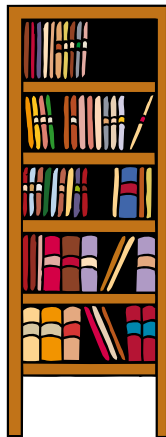
The twelve portraits are of some of the Deans of the Cathedral from 1682 to 2001.

The two medieval rooms above St. Anselm's Chapel (which are not open to the public) contain the 19th and 20th century books as well as many about the history of the City, Cathedral, Diocese and old county of Cheshire. There are also books on permanent loan from the King's School, books by Charles Kingsley from the city Library and the personal library of Bishop William Jacobson (1865 - 84) bequeathed to the See of Chester .

The late Canon Roy Barker as Canon and Cathedral Librarian gathered a group of volunteers to work in the Library, raised grants for conservation and a one-off heritage grant in 2000 to create the Exhibition Library and make a physical connection between the three Library rooms. Completion

was delayed while the Choir used the area until the new Song School was completed.

Cataloguing and conservation has taken some 25 years under the specialist direction of Dr Derek Nuttall, MBE, Curator of Early Printed Books, aided by Mrs Mary Higson and Mrs Shirley Pageter. Dr George Chivers is Cathedral Librarian and Canon Dr Trevor Dennis is Canon Librarian



The Library is available for academic research (at no cost) and Group Visits can be arranged at a small charge. Visits to the Library can be combined with a tour of the Cathedral and for refreshments in the Refectory.

Arrangements to visit and for use books for consultation may be made through Mr Nick Fry at the Cathedral Office 01244500958



Nature Notes



Many of you will have noticed that several of our native species of birds have arrived back in our gardens after their partial migration over the summer. There is still an enormous amount of natural food in the countryside and in the hedgerows, more than ever after our wet summer, so they still have plenty to eat. However some like the robins, wrens, great tits and sparrows have begun to emerge from their “summer holidays”! Migration takes many forms and whilst our swallows and martins prepare to

leave for Africa, other birds are flying south on route to places as far as Australia, New Zealand and the Antarctic. Just a few days ago I saw four beautiful arctic terns flying south over the canal, stopping in flight occasionally to plummet towards the canal, hoping perhaps to catch a fish. They have a very jerky erratic flight, often squawking to each other, as a warning or perhaps as a follow my leader call, These small gull like birds, have black on the top of their heads, sharp red beaks and quite narrow pointed wings.



A lone male wheatear was also a recent passage bird in the area. The six barn owlets mentioned but not illustrated last month, are just some of over 200 born in the area this year, an exceptional number. Last year had been very disappointing, but a huge explosion in the number of mice, voles, and shrews has resulted in the enormous increase in barn owl numbers to make use of this wonderful food supply. These barn owl numbers are almost beyond the wildest dreams of the Barn Owl Conservation Group, whose members build nest boxes and monitor owl populations. The nest boxes are usually placed on top of former telegraph poles, a really good example of recycling!. I saw a young barn owl at dusk just a few days ago, almost basking in the sun, but probably I guess waiting for the vole & shrew take away to open.

David Cummings

A comment on old age:

*My deafness I endure
To dentures I'm resigned
Bifocals I can manage
But God, how I miss my mind.*

anon

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All Hallows Eve

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged. When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'. For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future

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Places to Visit

Boscabel House & King Charles in the Oak Tree

Boscabel is situated just off the A5, about fifty minutes drive from Christleton along the A41, turning onto the A5 near Weston Park. Boscabel is a delightful modest property, set in its own grounds and surrounded by farms and farm buildings. It was built by

at Scone in Scotland, came south, and was heavily defeated by Oliver Cromwell at The Battle of Worcester. He left Worcester hurriedly on the 3rd September and headed north with a number of officers and a body of Scottish Cavalry, although his intention was always to get to



the Giffard Family in 1630, and given the name Boscabel, derived from the Italian Bosco Bello, “seated in the midst of fair woods”. The house was made famous in 1651, when Charles II having been self proclaimed King of Great Britain France and Ireland

France. With daylight gone his loyal guides needed to find him a hiding place, and they headed for Boscabel, where they arrived just before dawn. At this point, he disguised himself as a countryman, had his hair cut and blackened his face with soot. Hiding

in a house likely to be searched was not an option. So accompanied by Richard Penderel they sought refuge in a huge oak tree. They took with them a small blanket, bread, cheese and a small beer. It seems that after two days the immediate danger of being discovered had passed, and he was taken into the house. During the night he was given a pallet to sleep on in a small “Priest Hole”, one of two secret hiding places under the floor at Boscabel. Another sign that he was welcome at Boscabel are three false windows painted on the chimney of the house, representing the Catholic symbols for father, son

and holy ghost. Later he made his escape dressed as a servant, riding with Jane Lane and her brother via Moseley Old Hall and Bristol to Brighton. There on the 15th October he boarded a coal brig to take him across the channel to France where he remained until 1660.

Sadly the original oak was cut up by souvenir hunters and lost, and the replacement tree damaged by storms and lightning strikes, but

there is still an oak to be seen. However, the legend of The King in the Oak remains, and the house although extensively restored has a wonderful atmosphere and special history. You are guided by extremely knowledgeable and humorous guides making your visit more enjoyable. Its charm is in its simplicity, a compact site with unique history.



A restoration board commemorating of the return of Charles II can be found on the north aisle at St James Church, painted by the King's Herald, Randle Holme in 1665. It signifies the return of the monarchy to a country and village, which had been under the rule of Cromwell and Parliament

between 1646 -1660. The Battle of Rowton Moor in 1645 had been the last occasion when Charles I had been able to raise an army strong enough to challenge the Parliament, and Christleton Village particularly The Old Hall & St James Church, had been the advance base of Brereton's Parliamentary soldiers.

Village Flower Festival

Financial Report

It is unusual for a treasurer to report the whole of the income and expenditure for an event - but it is a sign of the success of the Village Flower Festival that I am unable to follow a precedent!

The prime purpose of the Festival was never financial, yet during the three days of the event, a total of £4,272.80p was received in donations and in payment for programmes and refreshments - at St. James's Church the receipts were £2,798.30p, and at the Methodist Church £1,474.50p.

In accordance with the leaflets displayed during the event the whole of that income has been given to charities and village organisations - £1,400 to Christian Aid, £1,000 to Africa Food for Thought, and £1,175 to village organisations. with £700 returned to St. James's to pay for new storage to protect the delicate fabrics of altar frontals etc. Both churches have agreed that the community involvement in the Festival should continue with the donations to village organisations being allocated and distributed by the Fete Committee.

Many people and organisations contributed to the Festival's finances, but many people, from within the community and beyond, also donated their time and practical resources.

I do not know the extent of those donations, nor is there any reason why I should but the result has been that all the claimed expenses have been reimbursed from the funds contributed before the Festival began - in fact there was a surplus of £382.78p.

No planned provision was made for the distribution of any surplus funds, but as most donations to cover expenses came from people associated with St. James's, the surplus has been returned to Church funds. At the suggestion of members of the Design Committee, which planned the Festival flower arrangements, part of the surplus has been placed in the Flower Fund which contributes from time to time to the cost of the Church flowers, particularly for special services.

Eric Kenyon
Secretary

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by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

RICHES IN ROMANIA

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THE CITY OF SIBIU

The first thing to say about Sibiu is that although only the size of Chester it is the current European Capital of Culture, to be followed of course by Liverpool in 2008. While I was there a bubbly festival atmosphere prevailed with extra musical and dramatic productions and street-theatre. Home-grown events complemented those from abroad and there was a mood of well-deserved local pride.

In such an idyllic setting, and with such kind and friendly hospitality, it was hard to believe that 300 meters from my guesthouse was a large house pitted with bullet holes from President Ceausescu's soldiers shooting repeatedly at policemen opposed to his regime, killing 30 of them, less than 20 years ago. Passers-by still pause in silence, as I did.

Sibiu is the natural centre of south-eastern Transylvania. Whilst the population is mainly Romanian, German is still quite widely spoken or understood. This is especially true

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among those who live in villages towards Hungary and the areas of the former Austrian or German occupations. Romanian as well as children of German origin attend the excellent German-speaking Gymnasium (grammar school) opposite the Protestant German Evangelisch Church where I worshipped twice and attended three concerts.

Indeed, were Churches Together looking for a European headquarters, they could do worse than choose Sibiu! The Romanian Orthodox tradition is strong and the grand Orthodox Church is magnificent. There are churches representing the Greek Catholic and Austro-Hungarian Protestant and Catholic faiths. In his time President Ceausescu effectively forced Romanians who wished to attend church only to worship at Romanian Orthodox establishments, and so to pursue a special pride

in the traditions of the State of Romania. Once his realm ended, many (including Roman Catholics) returned to their original places of worship.

Sibiu's German name of Hermannstadt is still used by some and the mainly Baroque buildings around the two main squares would grace any Austrian or German city. They have been stunningly restored and street cafés prosper. It is easy to criticise awards such as those for Sibiu and Liverpool as glossy and trivial, but if it brings such workmanship and enterprise as that displayed in Sibiu it is hard to be critical. The whole process has clearly brought much self-belief and happiness to the population of the city and to the rural areas around it. Regeneration has been both helpful and tasteful.

Indeed, once you leave the main city centre, walk down the steep steps to the large fruit, flower and vegetable market; it could still be the 1930's. Pan-tiled rooves with interlocking curves and elevations adorn buildings strongly erected and outwardly unspoilt. Further out, a circular no-entry sign at the entrance to the Orthodox Cemetery prohibits horses and carts.

Yet Sibiu has innovative pedestrian crossings with a fourth traffic light above the usual three, counting down the seconds for vehicles and pedestrians respectively to pass. People appear to eat healthily and much of the food is locally produced; there is virtually no obesity among young people. Street behaviour is good and families and children feel secure.

If I needed a final reminder of picture-book Romania, a family day at Grandma's smallholding 20 miles out of Sibiu amongst the bees, the hens, the vegetables and the carpets of wild-flowers took me back to my rural childhood. A rich perspective.

John Carruthers

October

*I've brought you nuts and hops;
And when the leaf drops, why, the walnut
drops.
Crack your first nut and light your first fire,
Roast your first chestnut crisp on the bar;
Makes the logs sparkle, stir the blaze
higher,
.....Logs are as cheery as sun or as star,
.....Logs we can find wherever we are.
Spring one soft day will open the leaves,
Spring one bright day will lure back the
flowers;
.....Never fancy my whistling wind
grieves.
.....Never fancy I've tears in my showers;
Dance, night and days! And dance on, my
hours!*

Christina Rossetti

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LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from
10.45 am – 12.00 noon each Sunday
during term-time, except when Family
Service is held at St James. For further
details please contact Berenice Hogg,
336779.

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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

CHRISTLETON METHODISTS

Warmly invite you for
Coffee & Homemade Biscuits
on Saturday 3d November

10.00am - 12.00noon

Charity Christmas Cards
Cake & produce Stall, White Elephant
Raffle

Admission £1

Proceeds to Fund for World Mission

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the
month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall
Next meeting on September 12th
Just Desserts

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish
Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the
month at 1.30pm. Details of any events
can be obtained from the Secretary,
Mrs Edna Ellis telephone
Chester 346497

CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last
Wednesday of the month at 2pm.
All welcome.

CHRISTLETON GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting is
8 October
Herbaceous Borders
Mrs. Nicki Reynolds

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The November magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday
28th October 2007.

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CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP Charity Christmas Card Sale & Coffee Morning

on

Saturday 13th October
Christleton Parish Hall
10.00am – 12.00 noon

Admission 80p, includes coffee / tea
& biscuits.

*Come and buy
all your Christmas cards
direct from local & national
charities at the same!
Homemade cakes & Jam together
with a toy stall also available*

Christleton Wednesday Group

QUIZ EVENING

on

Saturday 17 November,
Christleton Parish Hall,
7.00 for 7.30pm.

Tickets £8, from members,
(includes glass of wine & finger
buffet).

*In aid of the Children's Chronic
Arthritis Association.*

St James (Tuesday) Walking Group.

NorthWales; The Alyn Valley &
Moel Famau

8 3/4 miles Moderate +

Depart. Church Car Park 8.00am

Packed lunch needed.

Further details from David

Cummings on 332410



Registered charity 1020854

Do you have a child aged between 0-3
years? Stuck for something to do on a

Tuesday morning between

10 - 11.30a.m? Why not come along

and meet the **Christleton Toddler**

Group in the Parish Hall. We meet

every week during term time. £2.00 per
session, which includes refreshments

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the **November** edition
are sent to the Rector, as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday**
12 October or you can e-mail this to

christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

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AUTUMN SAINTS

Saturday 13 October 2007 7.30p.m
St Werburgh's Church, Chester

Chester Bach Singers
Conductor Martin Bussey

Durufle: Requiem
Motets by Harris, Tavener, Victoria,
Dering, Walton and Palestrina

Tickets £10(concessions available)
From CBS tickets 0151 677 3137
Or Chester Tourist Information
Office (by Town Hall)
www.chesterbachsingers.org.uk

CHESTER LECTURE SOCIETY

Grosvenor Museum

Thursdays at 7.30 pm

11 October

David Woolf – Chile con Cornet

18 October

Catherine Hopper – A European Pilgrimage. She travelled through Europe by train; a WWI battlefield, concentration camps, Colditz Castle.

25 October

Dr David Bostwick

Mock castles and naked ladies – courtly culture 1580-1640.

Secretary: Margaret Croston (335955)

Treasurer: Anne Large (336108)

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Christleton Local History Group

Wednesday October 17th.

7.30pm

Christleton County Primary School
in Quarry Lane.

Speaker

Roger Stephens

Old Postcards of Chester.

Roger is a Chester City Guide. An Illustrator, Author of Chester; An A to Z of Local History and "The Boom of the Bitterbump" He is also a Wildlife Historian

Admission £2. Includes a glass of wine/soft drink/nibbles.

Everyone welcome.

Winter Charity Talk.

David Cummings

Presents

Colourful Christleton

Views & Events of the Village from
1960-2007

At 7.00pm In the Parish Hall

Saturday 27th October 2007

Tickets £6

Light Supper & Wine/Soft Drinks
Proceeds to Great Ormond Street
Hospital & Christleton Village
Show

LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

Christleton Parochial Church Council



Invite you to an Evening with

Adam Partridge

Auctioneer & Valuer

(from TV's Bargain Hunt & Flog It)

on Wednesday 3 October at

7.30 pm

in the Parish Hall, Christleton

Raffle - Refreshments

Tickets £6 obtainable from

David Bowden - Tel 335705 Janet

Milton - Tel: 335469

Those of you who watch 'Bargain Hunt and/or Flog It' on BBC television will have seen Adam Partridge as one of the expert valuers.

He has kindly agreed to come to Christleton to talk about his experiences on the above TV programmes and also invites you, the public, to bring along 1, 2 or more items of interest for him to talk about and maybe even value. It could be a picture, a book, a piece of porcelain – anything of interest from days gone by. So, have a look in the back of the cupboard or in the attic & see what you can find!



All the money raised will go to the three Christmas Fair Charities.

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Everywhere

*Everywhere God's face I see,
A blade of grass, a leaf a tree,
A bubbling stream or mighty river,
Are all reflections of my giver.*

*The sunny glades, the mountain slopes,
All rise to the summits like my hopes
From whence all life and light descends,
Who knows us all. and has no ends.*

*That bright celestial fire of light,
Which leads us through the blackest night,
And though our lives be torn to shreds,
He'll mend our souls with golden threads.*

By Neville Williams

**JOHN SELLERS
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION,
CHRISTLETON**

This ancient trust was founded on 23 December 1779 for the education of poor children in Christleton and Littleton. It was originally to provide instruction in reading, English, writing, arithmetic and for spinning, sewing and knitting.

The primary source of income is from the rent of a field in Plough lane. It is the intention of the present trustees (comprising the Rector, Clerk, a County Council representative, two Parish Councillors) to try and increase the capital and use the interest to provide the grants. Further donations or legacies, which could be used to increase the level of grants paid out, would be very much appreciated.

This year money has been given to the Primary School and to the High School, but applications are encouraged from individuals in exceptional circumstances who would like to apply in confidence.

Any individual or group wishing to be considered for a grant should apply to the Clerk, in writing, before November.

M Croston (Clerk) tel 335955

**Save our Stute!!
The Fight Goes
on....**

The Institute or (Stute) has been an important part of village life since the days of Canon Garnett, and been a place of entertainment for hundreds of village people, The current building was given by Mr & Mrs Edward Porritt, in memory of their son Radcliffe, killed in the first world war, replacing an older building on the same site, which had housed the Village Band and provided changing rooms for all the village sports teams. Current members have been very anxious about the “Stutes” future, and are urging more villagers to support them. They would like to secure the institute for future generations, and although there have been encouraging signs of increased receipts, and membership, more needs to be done.

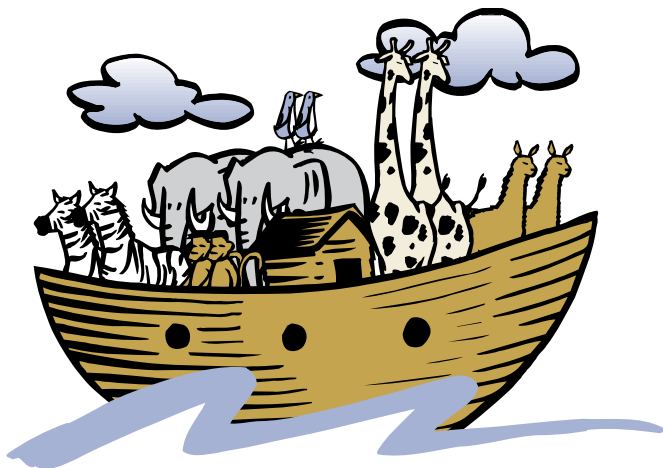
If you feel you can help in any way, or would like to join, please contact any member, call in or telephone 335619. The committee also urgently needs local people with business, accountancy and legal backgrounds who are willing to offer advice and guidance on constructing a business plan for the next ten years. If you can help please contact 01244 332932

Noah and the Ark - 2007 style

In the year 2007, Noah was living in England when the Lord came unto him and said, "Once again, the earth has become too wicked to continue. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing. You have six months before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights." Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his garden, but no Ark. "Noah", He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me Lord", begged Noah "but things have been difficult. I needed Building Regulations approval because the Ark was over 30 square metres. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is a development of the site even though in my opinion it is a temporary structure, but the roof is too high." The Local Area Access Group com-

plained that my ramp was going to be too steep and the inside of the Ark wasn't fully accessible. Getting the wood has been another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to preserve the Spotted Owl. I tried to convince them that I



needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

"When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA sued me for intending to confine wild animals without the proper paperwork. The County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority have ruled that I can't build the Ark until they've conducted an Environmental Impact Study on your proposed flood. The Trade Unions insist that I can't use my sons to build the Ark; I can only employ members of the Shipbuild-

ing and Allied Trades union. Finally, Customs and Excise have seized all my assets, claiming I am going to attempt to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

“So, forgive me Lord, but it will take me at least another ten years to finish this Ark.”

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine and a rainbow stretched across the sky. “No need for me to destroy the world after all,” observed God. “The government’s beaten me to it.”

Christleton Parish Hall



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

The Hall has wheelchair access and specially adapted facilities.

Please contact the Booking Secretary,

David Mercer 336155

**Please telephone between
10.00am and 8.00pm
Monday to Saturday**

October 2007

2nd Christleton Guides County Camp 2007

After a year of hard fundraising we were all looking forward to the Guide County Camp, Surf '07. The bad weather in July meant our original location at Manley Mere was too waterlogged and we were worried the camp would have to be cancelled. We were all relived when, at the last moment the camp was relocated to the Cheshire Show Ground near Knutsford and the weather stayed bright and sunny all week.

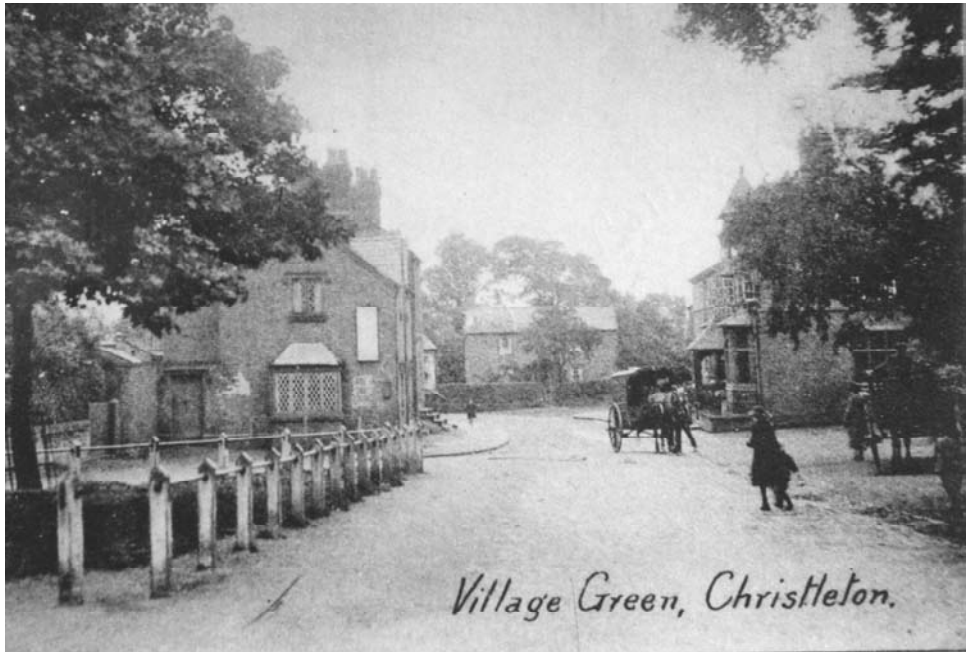
The camp had 600 Guides from across the County as well as Guides from Russia. Our sub camp hosted Guides from the Isle of Man. The Guides had a fantastic time windsurfing, canoeing and building rafts as well as taking part in t shirt printing and making musical instruments. Each evening there were activities including a barn dance and a mini gig hosted by Dee 106.3.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising activities over the past year.

As some of you may know the field in Bruera where Christleton Guides have camped for the past 20 years is no longer available. We are therefore looking for another suitable location. If you know of a farmer who would be willing to have us to camp for about four days, usually over the Whit weekend, and who has a field with access to clean drinking water please contact Jenny Brown.

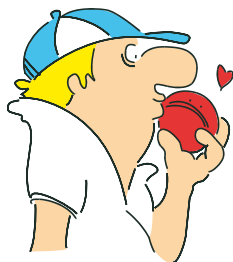
2nd Christleton Guides

One hundred years ago



This picture of the Village Green in 1907 was probably taken by Reg Morgan, but was one of a set of photographs of the village sold as postcards by Thomas Butler of Christleton Mill. The picture shows Doris Morgan's bread cart outside the Red Lion (now the Ring O Bells) and almost adjacent to Joe Mosford's Butchers delivery wagon. The building to the left of "The Village Green" also known as Phoenix Park in those days, has a white notice board, said to have been a Police Information Board, but the Police House was actually the house in the background between the Red Lion and The Institute. Notice that the whole of the area around the butchers shop and the road itself is still cobbled. The tree on The Green and on the left of the picture, is the one planted for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887.

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CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

Christleton Cricket Club are experiencing mixed fortunes this year. The 1st team has been unable to recover from a poor start to the season. The loss of Maroof Khan (moving to London), Alex Barr (ill health) and Simon Radcliffe (work commitment) has weakened the side. Despite some good performances the team have not gained enough points and relegation is a distinct possibility. However the team spirit is high and it may be necessary to rebuild for 2008.

In contrast the 2nd team have only lost one game all season and are currently in line for promotion. A win at Bramhall will almost certainly guarantee Premier league status next season. Several players have gained experience and will be ready for 1st team standard next year.

The 3rd team have been hampered by wet weather all season, but are in a healthy mid table position.

The Under 15's have reached the final of the league knockout and entertain Boughton Hall on Sunday 9th September.

The ground has been a blaze of colour all season with hanging baskets and flower beds. Local gardening expert, Alison Hollindale, has judged the best display, awarding the trophy to Jim Partington for his marigold extravaganza, closely followed by Gareth Davies and Brian Ruks. Jim refuses to divulge the source of the fertilizer he has been using, but rumour has it there is a strong smell emanating from an oil drum at the bottom of his garden.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for August/September:

Christleton Village show, Jason & Jill Lea, Alan Parry, Morgan-Jones family, Sissons family (Leukaemia charities) and Simon Watt-Smith.

Further information from Brian
332326

LEPROSY MISSION

Stamp out leprosy!

Please donate your used stamps so that money can be raised for Leprosy Mission. Stamps should be trimmed to quarter inch border around the stamp, and can be left at the back of Church.

PLEASE TELL US...

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

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Christleton Under Fives is an established pre school playgroup attracting children from a wide area. It enjoys good and well founded links with Christleton Primary School. Children from the age of 2 1/2 years

until school age are accepted. Please contact the Supervisor, Carole Penny, on 336586 for further details.

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If you find God, you find life; if you miss God you miss the whole point of living. Kenneth Pillar

Every man is guilty of all the good he didn't do. Voltaire

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than we have to consume wealth without producing it. George Bernard Shaw

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Parish Registers for August 2007

Holy Baptism

The Wedding Service

12th David Russell Scott Pollock & Vanessa Thompson
41 Greenfield Lane, Hoole Chester

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

The Funeral Service

10th Beryl Joyce Lyon 79 Shelly Road, Blacon.

15th Laurence Shone 18 Sandrock Road, Christleton.

16th Margaret Edwina Lunn Crabwall Hall Nursing Home

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

August	Cash	CSE	2007	2006
5th	401-50	528-75	930-25	792-30
12th	131-84	584-84	716-68	914-50
19th	80-24	455-50	535-74	683-51
26th	124-90	586-60	711-50	573-74
Totals			£2,894-17	£2,964.05

“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
WEDNESDAYS	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
SAINT'S DAYS	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

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