



St. James'

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Journal for October

Wed	2	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Thur	3	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch at Methodist Church
Fri	4	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	6	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
			The Crew - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship (CW)
Mon	7	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
Wed	9	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshment
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
		12.30 pm	Community Harvest Lunch - Parish Hall
Fri	11	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

NB: Last date for any contributions for November Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (335469). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

Sat	12	9.30 am	Decoration of Church for Harvest help needed please
Sun	13	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Harvest Family Service You are invited to bring a gift of Harvest. Produce to be given out in the Parish
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion and Healing

Mon	14	2.00 pm	Mothers Union
Wed	16	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	18	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	20	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship
Wed	23	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	25	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	27	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion

HARVEST GIFTS

Last year our harvest gifts, donated by our church family and the primary school, were given to Chester Aid to the Homeless and to Save the Family, where they were gratefully received. We also took flowers and chocolates to the local nursing homes.

Thanks to all for your generosity.

This year we would like to do this again and hope that you will all help to contribute by bringing either perishable or non-perishable goods to our **Harvest Festival** on **13 October.**

Message from our Rector



Sometimes we can take too much for granted, perhaps without intending to. We use “Churchy” words and expect everyone will know what we are talking about. How can they ?

I heard recently of a Minister who waxed lyrical about Harvest Festival, and ended the service with that wonderful Harvest hymn, “We plough the fields and scatter”.

Nothing wrong with that you may think, except that he was at Primary School assembly for children aged between five and eleven.....who lived in a large urban area in Manchester.

Ploughing the fields and scattering the seed, is not something which children in inner city Manchester do very often !!!! and Harvest is not a time of year of any great significance to these children, whose parents shop at the local Supermarket.

However, simply because Harvest seems an irrelevance in their lives doesn’t mean it is an irrelevance and more than that, how we explain to, and educate children is of major relevance.

Harvest Festival is much more than singing hymns of practices we little understand. First and foremost it’s about giving thanks to God for all the good gifts he provides to us. Our food, our families and friends, indeed our very lives. It’s about recognising one another as brothers

and sisters, caring and sharing all we have been graciously provided with, and knowing that as we serve one another in Christ's name, so we are serving Him, from whom all good gifts come.

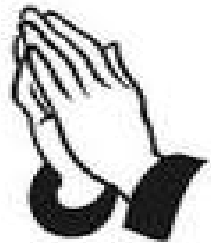
In just a few weeks, we will begin that build up to Advent and Christmas (I know it's only September, but the shops are already gearing up for the busiest time of their year.....and no doubt that Minister in Manchester will lead a School assembly on the "Incarnation" when the Word became flesh (difficult even for many adult).

However, as you will no doubt know, children, are not prepared to accept what adults tell them without question.....and so the questions began, "What does this Harvest thing mean" asked one child, and was told, "It's about giving thanks to God, because he provides the Sun and the rain, he makes the seeds grow into corn and wheat and vegetables.....and for all that, we decorate our Church with lots of these vegetables and fruitand we give thanks to God.

Wonderful I thought, that's a really good answer.....to which one child asked....."Why do you only need to do it once a year.....I say thanks to my Mum every time she gives me something

Out of the mouths of babes.....

Your Faithful Servant,
Malcolm



HALL KITCHEN

Some of you will by now have seen the new kitchen in the Parish Hall and we hope you will agree that it's certainly a BIG improvement on its predecessor!!

A great deal of thought and time by the Working Party went into planning the new kitchen together with Keith Harding of the Harwood Partnership who installed it.

It is totally compliant with Health & Safety regulations and we hope that everyone using it in future will enjoy doing so. It's not totally finished as we have yet to do a little painting to tidy up the walls and woodwork but when complete, we hope to have an 'official re-opening' event of some kind, so watch this space.



If anyone would like to hold a fund raising event to help towards the approx £18,000 cost of the new kitchen, we would be extremely grateful. The kitchen was used for the first time officially when coffee was served after the New Age Service on Sunday 8 September as the photograph shows.

Kitchen Working Group - Mark, Janet, Liz, Christine

Bible Verse

Psalms 90 : 17 "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it".

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

SUNDAY CLUB

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

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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

CHRISTLETON W. I.

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



CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

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

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the September edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 11thOctober** or you can e-mail this to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **October** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 29th September**.

SUNDAY CLUB DATES – AUTUMN TERM

As a general rule, after the Club term ends, we do not meet until the Sunday previous to the new term starting. The dates for this term are listed below.

The session begins at 10.45 am and finishes between 11.45 am and 12.00 noon

06 October	Sunday Club
13 October	HARVEST SERVICE
20 October	HALF TERM - NO SUNDAY CLUB
27 October	Sunday Club
03 November	Sunday Club
10 November	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
17 November	Sunday Club
24 November	NO SUNDAY CLUB
01 December	Sunday Club
08 December	TOY SERVICE
15 December	Sunday Club
22 December	Sunday Club
24 December	Christmas Eve Crib Service – to be confirmed

People in the News

Rev. David Fisher

Congratulations to Rev. David, a former pupil of both Christleton Primary & High Schools, member of the church choir and Captain of the Bellringers at St James,' on his appointment as Canon Precentor of Bangor Cathedral.

What exactly is a Canon Precentor? David writes that he is the member of the Chapter responsible for directing the liturgy, having overall responsibility for all liturgical and musical matters on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter. He is also usually the one who sings (or "chants") the Office of Choral Evensong during the week and has responsibility for the organists and choirs as well as having pastoral oversight for the various musicians and their families. The Precentor takes responsibility for liaising with visiting groups and organisations wishing to hold services in the Cathedral. At Bangor he will be the only member of the Chapter who will be full-time at the Cathedral, as all of the others including the Dean, have other responsibilities in parishes or elsewhere.

His installation service is to be held on Sunday 22nd September and we hope to have a full report in the next issue. We send very best wishes to David, Gill, Ceridwen and Owain as they move to their new home next to the Cathedral at The Canonry, Cathedral Close, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 1LH in N. Wales.

Vera Wood

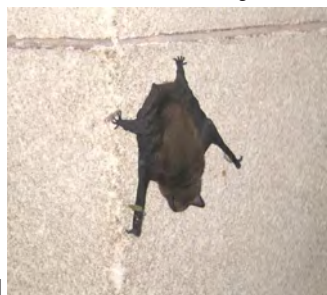
Vera Wood has moved from Chester to Bristol. For anybody wishing to make contact with her, her address is as below.

**Abbots Leigh, Manor Nursing Home, Manor Road,
Abbots Leigh, Bristol, B58 3RP.**

Nature Notes

A great surprise recently was the visit of a tiny Pipistrelle bat to the south aisles at St James Church. It was spotted clinging to a sandstone column just before morning service and after deciding that it was asleep, and to try moving it then might have been distressing for both bat and congregation, it was left to enjoy the service. It stayed perfectly still until I was able to place it in a bag and take it to a safe place within the bell chamber of the Tower. Bats are regularly seen around the church, and indeed there might be a colony in the tower, or in nearby tree holes or crevices. Common Pipistrelles feed in a wide variety of habitats including woodland, hedgerows, grassland, farmland as well as in urban areas.

They appear fast & jerky in flight as they feed on tiny insects, midges, flies, mosquitoes etc. which they catch on the wing, often consuming as many as 3,000 per night. These bats are tiny weighing only between 3 and 8grams, and are medium to dark brown in colour. They generally emerge from their roosts after sunset and fly between 2 and 10m above ground level as they hunt. The sound



they make is above the range of human hearing, and you are most likely to see them flying around the churchyard or village. There are at least two bigger species of bats at Hockenhull Platts, but further research needs to be done to identify these.

The common Pipistrelle has a similar lookalike cousin, the soprano Pipistrelle, but as the church choir weren't singing that day, it is believed that our little bat

was a common Pipistrelle, and hadn't come to join the ranks of our soprano's !! The Swan Study Group found the Christleton cygnets most uncooperative this autumn and caught only one cygnet. The bird was a female and ringed as CDV1. It weighed 9.2Kg. which means that it already weighs more than the pen, and that after just 4months. Thank goodness children don't grow at that rate!! We hope to ring the remaining two cygnets later in the autumn.

The latest count of swans in the area is very disturbing. Numbers have dwindled again this year, and there are only four breeding pairs in the district. The Tattenhall Marina pair had eight cygnets, with six surviving to 1st September. Christleton's initial five cygnets are down to three, but are strong healthy birds, and there are two cygnets at the Groves, born to a pair from somewhere up river.

The Chester Straight Mile pair raised two tiny cygnets, one of which survives, but it is so small it might struggle to survive through the winter. It appears that mother (VCF) was killed in a territorial battle and the cob badly injured. No one is certain what is happening to the numbers of swans in this area, but there are healthier flocks in other parts of the county.

I hope to have better news next year. With that in view, the old swan platform has now been secured firmly in place at the Pit, and we hope that the pair, if they return* will use it again next spring. It will give them a much more secure nest site, and make their task of incubating their eggs much easier. *The reason for my concern is that we think that the Christleton cob is now 24yrs old, which is extremely old in mute swan terms.

DC

Ref. Bat Conservation Trust Leaflet on Pipistrelle Bats.



St James Christleton

Harvest Community Faith Lunch

Wednesday 9th October
in the Parish Hall
12 for 12.30.

All welcome, please bring families, friends, children and anyone you feel you would like to share in this.

Menu (provisional)

Soup of the season
Stew/cottage pie/vegetarian option
Fruit pie and cream.

To be really spoiled and to join in this celebration, please
contact

Janet Milton (01244 325529)

Liz McClure (01244 409414)

Christine Abrams (01244 335562)

Offers of help for this and our planned more frequent occasions, please get in touch as we need to build up a good number of helpers.

To attend, either contact us or sign the list at the back of Church.

Donations of money will be used to fund the lunch, surplus on this occasion going to fund the kitchen development and to Alzheimers Society.

Any donations of appropriate food and veg also gratefully accepted.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Noelle & David Fielding on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 15 October.

Best wishes from all their family and friends.



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History File

Church Stones cont

In the first two articles in this series I've written about two fine examples of early English churches, from the Roman and Saxon periods. This month I'm looking at the Norman period between 1066-1200 when the building of strong stone churches, built from locally sourced stones were constructed. Features include recessed arched doorways, sometimes highly decorated, with strong rounded pillars along the nave, surrounded by layers of small arched windows in the walls & towers to provide light.

My favourite buildings from this era include Hereford & Gloucester Cathedrals, Tewkesbury Abbey and Wenlock Priory. St John's Church in Chester is also a good example. Originally built as a Saxon Church by King Ethelred, it was rebuilt and developed as a Cathedral when Peter the Norman Bishop moved his seat from Lichfield to Chester. This lasted only twenty years before the seat was moved to be part of the Coventry Diocese.

Often this new surge of building was connected with the establishment of religious orders such as the Benedictines, as was the case in Chester when Hugh Lupus the first Norman Earl brought a company of Benedictines from Normandy to Chester and founded an Abbey in 1093. This building was on the present Cathedral site, and more of this later in the series.



The new Church at St John's was built on a very ambitious scale and typifies the "Norman Style" with semi circular arches and strong sandstone-faced pillars. The key

man in these early constructions was the skilled stonemason, who had the ability to cut and carve the stone to precise sizes. They could earn good sums of money, and would be employed as teams, going around to various projects as and when they were needed. They left their marks on their work, and the movement of men across the country can be seen by the marks they left behind.

The solidity and strength of the pillars enabled huge roofs to be constructed above them. In the early buildings these were of timber, but such roofs were very vulnerable to fire, and were replaced by stone vaulting. This caused further stresses and strains on the whole structure and buttresses were added to the outside of such buildings to support the weight of the roofs.



Towers were mostly square, and under-vaults were barrel roofed, but the general impression of the Norman style is solidity. Through the succeeding centuries, erosion and decay caused many of the buildings to need substantial repairs, and so many of the fine Norman buildings have completely different styles of building on the exterior, as at Gloucester where the overwhelming style is from the Perpendicular period. DC

Bible Verse

Isaiah 41 : 10 “ Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee, yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness”.

JOHN SELLERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION CHRISTLETON

This ancient Trust was set up on 23 December 1779 by John Sellers and local worthies for the education of poor children in Christleton and Littleton. It was originally to provide instruction in reading, English, arithmetic, and for spinning, sewing and/or other manual work.

In 1805 it was extended by deed to include the children of Rowton. The original minute book is still in use.

The main source of income is from the rent of a field in Plough Lane. The present trustees comprise the Rector, Clerk, a representative from Cheshire West and Chester and two Christleton Parish Councillors.

It is their intention to try and increase the capital and use any interest to provide grants. Further donations or legacies which could be used to increase the level of grants paid out, would be very much appreciated.

The Primary and High School have been given money to provide books for their libraries but applications are encouraged from individuals in exceptional circumstances who would like to apply in confidence.

Applications from individuals or groups wishing to be considered should apply in writing BEFORE NOVEMBER to:

The Clerk, Mrs M Croston, 5 Bridge Drive, Christleton,
Chester CH3 6AW

Historic Churches 2013

Ron, Liz and Kelty McClure much enjoyed their church visits and perambulation round Chester.

We took fright after the rain and avoided the rural Hockenhull route planned lest Ron fell in the mud and got stuck forever.

The city route proved pretty challenging with awful pavements, steep kerbs and traffic.

Leaving Vicars Cross, we went down Hoole Lane and Canadian Avenue to All Saints, Hoole. It was open, but only for workmen! Not disheartened we went along Newton Lane and Wealstone, meeting a friend by chance who not only sponsored us but pushed Ron for a little to Holy Ascension, Upton. It was also closed, and we abstemiously passed Morrisons, went down the Deva Link, up Parkgate Road. The churches came thick and fast – University Chapel, St Oswalds/St Thomas's, Northgate and on to the Cathedral., where unusually the West door was open for a view down the nave.



Phew, it was time for lunch in the Cathedral garden. The dog was re-energised by several of our sausages by then, and we did pop along to St Peters, but we were still shattered, so (being ecumenical) stopped at Wesley for some fantastic coffee cake, tea and coffee.

St John's was beautiful and we had our picture taken by the frescoed pillar and Norman arches and met the rector! Only St Johns and the Cathedral were open but no sign of

Historic churches event anywhere. Out along Boughton to St Pauls, noting (for ecumenism) St Werbergh's on the way by.

On the homeward straight now, we chose to come along the canal. It was so very beautiful, Ron felt on holiday, Keltly chased the ducks and Liz didn't want to go home!

We then played hookey and continued up to Christleton, some kind passers by helping around the steep bits by the locks. What a gorgeous evening to sit by the pit, for our 5th picnic of the day.

Thus refuelled, we nearly ran home by Pipers Ash, with Ron even walking some short spells.

Thanks to friends, good Samaritan helpers, and lovely weather, we made it, more than 10 churches, more than 10 miles with wheelchair – it must have been the 1 dog-power that did it!

And guess what, it's not too late to sponsor us retrospectively.

Liz McClure 409414, 135 Queens Road, Vicars Cross, Chester CH3 5HF



Cover Picture

A traditional harvest loaf at the altar of St James' Christleton c1980's. The picture is from the Christleton History Group collection of Village images.

FETE COMMITTEE GRANT AWARDS

The following are the grant awards that were made by the Fete committee.

Christleton Scout Group £350
Christleton Primary School PTA £250
Christleton Primary School £100
Christleton Guides £300
2nd Christleton Brownies £150
Christleton Pre School £150
Christleton Toddlers Group £50
Christleton Cricket Club (Junior Section) £150
Christleton Institute (for old folks xmas party) £100
1st Christleton Rainbows £50
The Pit Group £250
Waverton Wasps Football Club £100

Please accrue £100 for the village xmas lights but don't do a cheque yet

Girlguiding NWE £50 (to help Sophie Hurst represent the Guides and our Country in Armenia)

A cheque for £100 with no addressee made out - to be given to Nicky Bolton for her work with cheetahs and other wild animals.

Christleton Wednesday Group

Fun Quiz Evening on Saturday 26 October,
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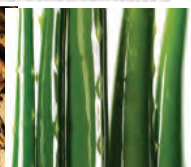
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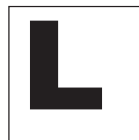
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High Days and Holy Days for October

Theresa of Lisieux (1873-97)

Theresa of Lisieux should be the patron saint of teenage girls and young women who want to make the most of their lives, despite being constricted by family and school or work.

Theresa grew up in a strict, devout Roman Catholic middle-class family in France, one of four sisters. Her father was a watch-maker. Like her sisters, she entered a Carmelite convent at 15, and stayed there. She was never able to go anywhere, do anything extraordinary, or hold any responsibility. She died at the age of 24 of tuberculosis. Yet this quiet young Carmelite nun became so nationally popular that she was declared patroness of France 50 years after her death. Not bad for someone who didn't get out much!

So how did Theresa do it? By not intending to do it at all. Theresa never set out to become famous: instead, she quietly determined in her spirit to seek God, and, having found him, to honour him in her life, to live as closely as she could to the teaching in the gospels.

The result was a life so spiritually radiant that her convent asked her to write a short spiritual autobiography of her pilgrimage. Theresa obliged with *L'Histoire d'une Ame*, which soon became so popular that it was translated into most European languages and several Asiatic ones. Theresa also prayed for people who were ill, and there are many reports of miraculous healings that took place in answer. After Theresa died in 1897, her book just went on selling. People found the artless sweet simplicity of her observations on her pilgrimage as a Christian compelling. Theresa

reminded people of what Christianity was really all about: simple but utter devotion to Christ, not endless outward observance of religion. Theresa helped many in the Roman Catholic Church in France to remember the first principles of their faith.

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226)

St Francis is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not

Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Sami-ano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life.

Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him.

Thank you, Dr Luke!

By David Winter

‘Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on’ - my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day – 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a ‘physician’ - an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, ‘only Luke is with me’.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark’s Gospel may have more drama, Matthew’s more prophetic background and John’s a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise - indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions (‘your son, this brother of yours’), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling’s al-

leged reformation, the ‘prodigal’ himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father’s mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son’s return.

There are more women in Luke’s Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more ‘sinners’ and tax-collectors, more ‘outsiders’ who are shown to be ‘inside’ the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

Looking at God

Whole Life Discipleship: ‘Growing Up Normal’

I like the cartoon caption that says: ‘Even if I grow old, I’ll never grow up!’ Even though we know that this isn’t ‘normal life’, when it comes to our spiritual lives this is how it often works out! Our Christian experience has not changed a lot from when we were much younger or first became a Christian. Yet growth should be a normal part of our Christian life and God intends us to be mature whole-life disciples.

As Paul writes: ‘So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.’ (Colossians 2: 6,7). Just as plants need healthy roots and buildings firm foundations, so we need the right basis or conditions to encourage growth. Paul shows that spiritual growth is not automatic; we have to make a daily choice to grow! The

numbers 1 and 2 are significant in helping us to understanding how this can take place in our lives:

‘1’ reminds us that, as individual disciples, we need to take responsibility for our growth. We cannot live off second hand Christian experience or simply turn up at church and expect it to all happen! We need to exercise the spiritual disciplines personally on a regular basis, especially personal Bible reading, prayer and listening to God.

‘2’ tells us how important it is to have somebody (a friend or mentor) who we see regularly and to whom we can be accountable for how our spiritual journey is going. It’s like having a ‘running partner’ who helps us to train for running a marathon! We give them permission to ask the difficult questions about our Christian life eg What do you think God is doing in your life right now?; Is there a particular area that you need to focus on?; and What is the one thing that you will intentionally do this week to allow God to grow you in this area?

In what ways can we ensure that we are taking these things seriously in our lives? In the film Groundhog Day, TV weatherman Phil Connors (played by Bill Murray) finds himself living the same day over and over again. As somebody asks him in the film: ‘What did you do today?’ Phil replies: ‘Oh, same-old, same-old.’ Let’s make sure this is not true of our own whole life discipleship!!

Bible Verse

KJV Pro Ch 16 : 19 “Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud”.

KJV Pro Ch 17 : 28 “Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding”.

Faith Life

D.L Moody said about faith: "I prayed for faith and thought that some day it would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith didn't seem to come. One day I read in Romans that "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

I had, up to this time, closed my Bible and prayed for faith. Now I opened my Bible and began to study ---and faith has been growing ever since."Biblical Faith is a relationship with a personal God through worship, walking with God, Working for God and Waiting on God.

Christleton Local History Group

The Group meets monthly at 7.30pm on Wednesdays at the Primary School in Quarry Lane

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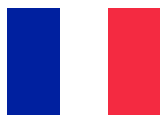
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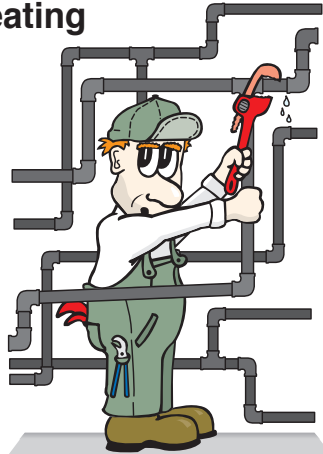
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