A white swan is swimming in a pond. The water is brownish-green. In the background, there are trees and a house with a brick chimney. The scene is framed by a blue border.

# St. James' Christleton

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# Occasions in October

Thur	1	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch at Methodist Church
Sun	4	<b>Eighteenth after Trinity</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by Breakfast in the Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) with Baptism Mia Elizabeth Mackarel Followed by refreshments in Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		12.00 noon	Baptism - Riley Arthus Holloway
		4.00 pm	Crew Harvest on Tina & Mikes allotment
Mon	5	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in Parish Hall
Wed	7	10.45 am	United Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
Fri	9		
<b>NB: Last date for any contributions for November Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (325529). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: <a href="mailto:christletonmag@gmail.com">christletonmag@gmail.com</a></b>			
Sat	10	9.30 am	Decoration of Church for Harvest help needed please
Sun	11	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Morning Worship for Harvest You are invited to bring a gift of Harvest produce which will be distributed locally
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)

Wed	14	10.45 am	Holy Communion - (BCP) followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge
Thur	15	10.00 am - 4.00 pm	Deanery Quiet Day
Sun	18	<b>Twentieth after Trinity</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) - followed by Refreshments in Parish Hall
		4.00 pm - 6.00pm	Messy Church - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)
Mon	19	12.00 - 12.30	Luncheon Club - Parish Hall
Wed	21	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Sun	25	<b>Last after Trinity</b>	
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)
Wed	28	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

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**Bible Verses:**

Jer 17 : 7 “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is”.

Jer 17 : 10 “ I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins even to give every man according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.”

Zech 4 : 7 “ Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.”

# Message from our Rector



I find the whole concept of reality television to be awful. The thought of “celebrities” sitting round all day doing nothing, is hardly my idea of entertainment, particularly “Big Brother”.

However, behind the gloss of the programme, is an important message for us all.

The celebrities, as we are used to seeing them, are bright, bubbly, usually on best behaviour, particularly so if they think they are being observed. Yet in this environment of reality television, the mask slips, and we are able to witness their behaviour live on television.

If we are honest with ourselves, we would have to admit that most of us act in a similar manner. We may not act exactly like them, but most of us, who drive cars, will at some time, knowingly driven at speed, only to brake as we see a speed camera in the distance, or complain bitterly about someone behind their back, only to be sweetness and light to their face.

It’s that side of us that we don’t like to reveal publicly, we would much rather have people witness our public behaviour than witness our private behaviour.

Yet as Christians, we are aware that everything we do is public, and is being observed, further, it’s not only what we do, but also what we think. God knows our innermost thoughts.

When God called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light, it not only allowed us to see the light of Christ and to walk in that light, it also allowed others to witness us, to watch us in this light, rather like the spotlight in a theatre, following the leading actor round, each step, each gesture visible to the whole audience. As Christians, this is both the privilege and the responsibility we have, the privilege of walking in God’s marvellous light and yet the responsibility of being God’s people, encouraging others by our words and deeds.

God calls us not to conform to the standards of this world, but rather

to a higher standard. It can be difficult at times, which is why God sent the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts and minds, to support and encourage us each step of the way.

So remember that as with the contestants on the reality television programmes, all we do and all we think, is constantly being observed by our Father who is in Heaven.

Your faithful servant,  
Malcolm



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## **Christleton Wednesday Group**

### **Fun Quiz Night**

At Christleton Parish Hall on  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
From 7.30p.m. to 10.30p.m.  
Doors open at 7.p.m.

Ticket price £9 available from  
members or phone 01244 336644  
(includes glass of wine and food tray)

**In aid of LIVE! at New Scene Youth  
Centre**

# WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

## SUNDAY CLUB

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.45 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James.

For further details please contact Berenice Kirwan, 336779.

## CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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

## CHRISTLETON W. I.

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



## CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Lilian Hopley. Telephone: 07803964548.

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the **November** edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** or you can e-mail this to [christletonmag@gmail.com](mailto:christletonmag@gmail.com)

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

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

## CREW HARVEST

4th Oct 4.00 pm Crew Harvest Thanksgiving Service (see Crew article) Pg 8

# **MAGAZINE CHANGE OF ADDRESS!**

With immediate effect the new address for all contributions to St James' magazine will be :-

**“christletonmag@gmail.com”**

(our previous address is over 8 years old and has attracted spam).

As before if you do not have e mail please give your contributions to Janet Milton

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## **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

**BOX OPENING 2015  
WILL SOON BE HERE!**

Dear Box holders,

Please check next month's Parish Magazine for details of our annual Offertory Service.

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity that is so valuable in enabling The Children's Society to reach out to young disadvantaged people.

Lesley Morgan

## **CREW HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

To be held on 4th October 2015 at 4pm on Mike and Tina's allotment  
(plot 18 Boughton Heath Allotments behind park and ride)

For the last few years, St James' Crew Youth Group have held a harvest thanksgiving service on the allotments at the back of the park and ride.

Several members of the congregation have joined us where we have held a short service of thanksgiving followed by refreshments.

Last year it was decided to cancel the evening service to allow more members of the congregation to attend. Crew members led the service and refreshments in the form of home grown/ homemade vegetable soup, freshly baked bread and courgette cake were enjoyed by over 30 members of the St James' congregation. The collection went to the church urban fund.

We are holding the thanksgiving service again this year and hope that as many people as possible can attend. It is a most wonderful act of witness in amongst the allotments.

This year, we will be joined by the music group so our singing will be greatly enhanced

If you are able to come, please let Mike or Tina Lightfoot know (simply to aid in planning the catering)

We will be serving soup so bring a mug along with you. If wet, brollies and wellies may also be helpful

Looking forward to seeing you at plot 18

## **Christleton Wednesday Group**

Christleton Wednesday Group (CWG) held a celebration dinner for past and present members on September 11th at Cheshire View. The celebration was two-fold : CWG wanted to mark the occasion of the 63 year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, and also the 50th anniversary of the formation of the CWG. We were very privileged to have one of the founder members present at the dinner – Beryl, who is still active in the group. During the 50 years, CWG has raised over £200,000 for local charities – most with local connections. Although this celebration evening was not a fund raising event, CWG nevertheless raised over £200 with a raffle.

This money will be donated to our local charity this year – LIVE! - a charity based in Newton supporting young people with disabilities. During the evening we were splendidly entertained by a young local saxophonist, Ben, and by a magician, Steve. A loyal toast to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was given at the end of the evening. *Pat Powell*

# **Time and Talents**

**As part of our moving forward as a worshipping community, we are always seeking to encourage everyone to play their part in worship.**

**We are looking for new choir members, male and female, adult and junior, to work with our new organist.**

**We are also seeking musicians (especially keyboard players) to play at some of our services and at our Messy Church (on the third Sunday of each month), playing as part of our music group**

**We are also seeking new members to our bell ringing team. who ring the bells each Sunday and also at many of our weddings.**

**If you would like more information please speak with Rev Malcolm Cowan (01244 335663).**

**Guidance and encouragement as well as instruction, is always available.**

# HM Queen Elizabeth II

To commemorate the Queen becoming the longest serving monarch in British History, a Choral Evensong at Chester Cathedral was held on Wednesday 9 September at 5.30 p.m. The cathedral bell ringers rang a full peal from 2.30 p.m. to mark this occasion. The large congregation stood to welcome The Lord Mayor of Chester, the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of Cheshire and The Bishop of Birkenhead.

They remained standing to sing the first hymn but nothing happened - so everyone sat down again. After a few minutes of silence a bell rang and we were off again to sing "O Praise ye the Lord". Canon Jeremy Dussek welcomed everyone from across the county of Cheshire, the City of Chester and the Metropolitan Boroughs of Wirral and Greater Manchester.

The first lesson was read by Bill Holroyd, the High Sheriff and the second by David Briggs, the Lord Lieutenant. Wonderful choral music was sung by the choir, including the well-known Handel's Zadok the priest. The sermon outlining the life of the Queen was given by Canon Ian Davenport, Chaplain to HM the Queen and Rector of Malpas, Threapwood and Bickerton.

The Lord Mayor had invited local school children to take part in an Art or Poetry Competition. Well over 100 entries had been received and the winners read their poems. The artwork was displayed around the Cathedral.

A Litany of Prayer and Thanksgiving was led by Mrs Diana McConnell, Chair of Cathedral Council, and Mr Nick Fry Heritage and Visitors Manager of the Cathedral. The offertory hymn "Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided" was followed by the Blessing by the Bishop of Birkenhead and all sang The National Anthem. At the end of the service, all remained standing as the procession left, the congregation leaving by the West Door. The organ was played by the Assistant Director of Music, Benjamin Chewter, who gave an organ voluntary, William Walton's Coronation March: *Crown Imperial*. (Margret Croston)

# A GRAND DAY OUT

On Tuesday 2 June, a Garden Party was held at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Centenary of the Women's Institute, hosted by their Royal Highness's the Duchess of Cornwall, Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, and Princess Alexandra. There were 6,000 WI members present, with each branch represented by one member selected by random draw. I was the member to have the honour to represent Christleton WI, and although somewhat apprehensive of what to expect, the preparations soon began of choosing the dress, the hat, and of course, comfortable shoes.

The day commenced at 7.00 am boarding the coach at Chester station and then picking up members at Tarvin, Tarporley and Nantwich. We stopped at two motorway service areas, and there were many bemused looks from the other travellers, as dozens of ladies in their best dresses and hats, all trooped off to the toilets!

Driving on through the rain, we eventually arrived on The Mall just before 2.00 pm, where we joined a very long queue to walk through the Palace and then on into the garden, where we were greeted by brilliant sunshine.

After catching a quick glimpse of the Royal party as they made their way into the garden, we were ushered to join another queue for the much anticipated afternoon tea. It was delicious, tiny morsels of sandwiches, pastries and cakes, but it was not quite the leisurely occasion we had expected, but there were some 6,000 to feed!

We then had the opportunity to wander around the beautifully kept garden, and listen to the two military bands, and at the same time trying to spot some famous faces. I was especially pleased to see the Yorkshire WI ladies who posed for the famous WI calendar, but today there were all looking very elegant in their black dresses, with a corsage of yellow sunflowers.

All too soon it was time to leave the Palace and to hurry along The Mall to find our coach, which had been told to leave by 4.45 pm at the latest. We eventually arrived home at 11.00 pm, having had rather a slow journey out of London in the middle of the rush hour. It really was a Grand Day Out and one that I will remember for a long time. *Judy McGarva*

## **WHY DOES THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SING 'JERUSALEM'**

I did not know much about the WI before I joined Christleton WI. I have recently retired from the nursing profession after 50 years as a nurse and midwife, plus occupational health. I thought that it would be full of old women and be boring but a friend talked me into coming along, so I did and have made new friends and am now a committee member. Now I think that the WI is a great thing.

'Jerusalem' was composed by Hubert Parry in 1916 as an anthem 'to brace the spirit of the nation' in the depths of the First World War. When Millicent Fawcett heard it, she asked Parry if the women's suffrage movement might appropriate it. 'Jerusalem' was more modern than the slightly dreary 'Shoulder to Shoulder' and less strident than Ethel Smythe's terrifying 'March of the Women'. Parry agreed and 'Jerusalem' was first sung by massed women at the Royal Albert Hall at a suffrage rally in 1918.

Grace Hadow was one of the founders of the Women's Institute; she was also a suffragette and a keen musician. After holding a nationwide competition for a WI anthem in the early 1920s, the results of which made her weep with despair, she hit upon the idea of transferring 'Jerusalem' from the suffrage movement to that other great women's movement, the Women's Institute. Both organisations were about empowering women, their members were bracing (as Parry had hoped) and inspirational. So it is that from 1924 'Jerusalem' and the WI have been inextricably

linked. That is not all that the WI inherited from the women's suffrage movement. Historically they share the same signature colours of green, white and violet and both were inspired by the suffragettes like Grace Hadow and Edith Rigby, who fought for women's freedom of expression with conviction and lasting success.

*Sheila Pimbley*

## **Reminiscing**

Following Evensong on Sunday 30 August which took the form of a Taizé service, those who were present paid tribute to Sheila Davies on her retirement from long service in St James's Choir and as Assistant Organist. Although living in Malpas, she was always on time when needed for church services, weddings and funerals. Having been presented on an earlier occasion with a bouquet of flowers from the choir, her service was further recognised by gifts of a flowering plant and a bottle of champagne.

The months of August and September have been times of Commemoration, particularly for the older generation. Firstly, 7 August was the 70th Anniversary of when the war, after six years, finally came to an end with the defeat of Japan, following on from that of Germany in the preceding May. After a bitter struggle 8,000 miles away, the "Forgotten Army" together with the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, would at last be able to return home.

August 15 was the 75th Anniversary of the recognised culmination of the Battle of Britain when the German Air Force suffered such heavy losses that plans for the invasion of this country were abandoned. As Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few". September 3rd commemorated the declaration of war in 1939 – 76 years ago – and the traumatic times that followed that affected all our lives.

On a much happier note, 9 September was the day that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second became the longest serv-

ing monarch in our history with a life devoted to the service not only for this country but also the Commonwealth. A unifying presence in a much troubled world. Alf Croston

## HYMN

The story behind ... O God, our help in ages past  
Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the ‘Father of English hymnody’. Certainly before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English.

(At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: ‘There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!’) Watts’ literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, ‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past’, which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to ‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’, and the Christmas carol ‘Joy to the World’. *From Parish Pump*

# **Bible stories: Adam and Eve**

We look at the story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 1-3), reflecting on God's question to Adam: 'Where are you?' (Genesis 3:9). These chapters remind us that God is our creator. He created Adam and Eve in his image (1:27), to steward the earth and enjoy an intimate relationship with each other and Himself. This remains God's purpose for our lives, despite living in a fallen world, where things have gone wrong.

We also see that God calls us to obey His commands. Adam and Eve were told not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:15-17). This command was for their benefit and protection, so that they could continue to enjoy fellowship of God. The story shows that disobeying this command and eating the fruit brought separation and death. When God questioned Adam and Eve they were hiding in the garden from their loving Father. God asks us all 'Where are you?', for we all share Adam and Eve's story. The universal condition of humanity is that we have all sinned and are separated from God's love and life. Yet this story points to a second Adam, Jesus Christ, who came to bring us back into relationship with the Father. His death and resurrection enables each of us to know God personally in our lives. *Paul Hardingham*

## **Bible Sunday – 25 October**

As this year's Bible Sunday approaches, the Bible Society is encouraging churches throughout the UK to celebrate the joy of encountering Jesus through the Scriptures and sharing that experience.

Did you know that, in the UK, nine out of ten adults have NO regular engagement with the Bible? That 45% of children NEVER read or hear Bible stories? Yet the value of the Bible lies in its use. We must use it or lose it. Let's keep the message of the Bible alive for future generations. Let's join others throughout the country in celebrating the Bible and having the freedom to pass on its message. *Parish Pump*

# The Twenty and the Five

A well-worn five pound note and a similarly distressed twenty-pound note arrived at the Bank of England to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-pound note reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life. I've been to Las Vegas and Monte Carlo, the finest restaurants in Paris, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the five-pound note, "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The five pound note replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, and the Anglican Church." The twenty-pound note interrupts, "What's a church?"

## HOLY DAYS in OCTOBER

**8th Demetrius of Sirmium** - taking a stand, and suffering for it. Demetrius of Sirmium (4th century) should be the patron saint of anyone who takes a stand for the right, despite knowing they will suffer for it. Demetrius was a soldier from Serbia in the fourth century. He fought for the Roman Emperor, and that took courage. Then Demetrius converted to Christianity – and took his stand with the Christians. That took more courage – for Demetrius was then tortured and martyred under the emperor Maxmian. His bravery was not forgotten, and in the years to come he became immensely popular in the Church, where he was called 'The Great Martyr'. Christians thought of his example of faith and devotion to Jesus when they themselves were in trouble, and when they were facing attack from evil spirits and evil people. Leontius, prefect of Illyricum, built two churches in honour of Demetrius in the early 5th century, one at Sirmium and one at Thessalonica.

During the Crusades, Demetrius was 'adopted' by the western soldiers. Over 200 churches in the Balkans are dedicated to him, and he is today the patron of Belgrade. Demetrius' fearless stand against evil makes him a good saint to be remembered in October, with Halloween coming.

**18th St Luke the Evangelist** – linking the sacred and the profane To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote. Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown.

A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome. Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

**22nd Donatus** - and the danger of exploring an unfamiliar church When you are out and about on the road far from home, ever feel tempted to pop in and explore an unfamiliar church? If so, think of Donatus as your patron saint – and beware. You don't know what you may be letting yourself in for....In 829 Donatus, an Irish monk, had completed a prayerful pilgrimage to Rome, and thought his adventures were over.

Now there only remained the long road home to Ireland. He had got as far as the beautiful little town of Fiesole, which sits high above Florence in Tuscany, when he saw a lot of people milling about the cathedral. Curious, he decided to look in... as he entered the cathedral, the bells rang, the lamps were lit and wham! Without any diocesan paperwork at all, he was acclaimed to be the new bishop the people had been praying for. Donatus was very surprised, but accepted that this turn of events must be God's will for his life. So he became bishop, in a time when bishops did even more dangerous things than they do nowadays. Instead of verbal forays into the national press, Donatus was given the job of leading Pope Louis the Pious' troops against the Saracens.

Safely back in Fiesole, Donatus settled down as a scholar and teacher of his new flock. But he never forgot his native Ireland, and so did the 9th century equivalent of 'twinning' his diocese, for he opened a little hospice where any Irish pilgrims passing through Tuscany could stay in safety. He died in 876, and 12 centuries later, his relics lie in the present cathedral of Fiesole.

## **DAVID CUMMINGS**

Some of you may know that David has not been too well recently & all his friends in the Village send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Bible Verse:** Jer 12 : 1 "Righteous art thou, O Lord, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgements:"  
Jer 17 : 14 "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise".

## **Jokes**

In an office: Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

In an office: After the tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

## RECALL NOTICE

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been identified as “Sub sequential Internal Non- morality,” more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction -
2. Foul vocal emissions -
3. Amnesia of origin -
4. Lack of peace and joy -
5. Selfish or violent behavior -
6. Depression or confusion -
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry -
9. Rebellion.

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory- authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, JESUS, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, JESUS will replace it with:

1. Love -
2. Joy -
3. Peace -
4. Patience -
5. Kindness -
6. Goodness -
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness -
9. Self-control

Please see the operating manual, the B.I.B.L.E.(BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes. WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on JESUS.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention! GOD  
P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'! BECAUSE HE LIVES! Working for God on earth doesn't pay much...but His retirement plan is out of this world!  
*Christine Abrams*

## **Advent Sleepout Challenge 2015**

This Advent the Church Urban Fund (CUF) is asking people in churches around the country to give up a night of comfort and organise their own sponsored sleepouts with friends, families, churches and community groups. The Advent Sleepout Challenge is a new annual fundraising event organised by CUF and the money raised will help the charity with its work, empowering some of the poorest and most marginalised people in England to transform their lives.

Paul Hackwood Executive Chair of CUF said: More than 2000 years ago, Mary and Joseph were forced to sleep in a stable and we want as many people as possible to take this as inspiration to create their own Advent 'stable'. This could be in churches, community halls, scout huts, local schools or even garden sheds. How they transform the space is up to them, but most importantly, we want them to come together, have fun sharing the experience and of course, raise as much sponsorship money as possible."

### **Breakable**

There was a very gracious lady who was posting an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country... "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.



We are pleased to bring to you

# Côr Merched y Rhos

(Rhos Ladies' Choir)



Who will sing a varied programme for our pleasure on

## Thursday 19th November 2015

At 7.30pm in St James' Church, Christleton.



**Adult tickets £7.50 (includes cheese & wine)**

Tickets for children under 14 free.

Seating is limited, so book early.

**To book please call: 01244 335562**

All profits will be shared between Côr Merched y Rhos, St James' Church and the Starlight Children's Charity.

*(+ Raffle)*



*(Surprise items)*



THE MONTHLY  
CHRISTLETON

# LUNCHEON CLUB

From 12 noon for 12.30 serving:

IN PARISH HALL

## Monday 19th October



FREE lunch  
(donations  
welcome)

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

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



# A Spotlight on

A member of St James' congregation

Name: *Betty Dunning*



Live: Greystones

Nationality: Welsh

Originally from: Born in Wrexham and then the family moved to Birkenhead



Occupation: Worked in the office at Bradleys' Clothing firm in Chester

Family: Widow of Herbert. 4 Children (3 Sons and a Daughter)

Interests: Jigsaw puzzles, Reading and Listening to

Frank Sinatra



Things that may surprise the

reader:

Classical Music especially Andre Rieu

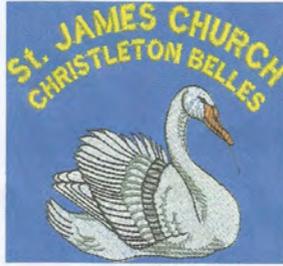
Enjoyed Ballroom Dancing



Fan of Soap Operas



CHRISTLETON



*On a Thursday morning a group of us meet up to keep St James Church Clean. We would be delighted to welcome a few more volunteers to share the load.*

*Please have a word with **Valmai** if you think you could*

***Spare an hour** of your time **once a fortnight.***

*My contact numbers are:-*

***01244335884 or 07971107101***

## The Lion Salt Works

We recently made our third visit to the Lion Salt Works at Marsdon. Until it closed down in 1986 it was the last working open pan salt works in the country. Salt has been produced this way for centuries and there are complete Roman salt pans in Nantwich Museum. It was made by filling a container with brine and lighting a fire under it. The water evaporated leaving behind the salt.

In the late 1980s trade was dropping off and the works opened to the public. We went in 1984 parked on a bit of waste land at the back of the works and directed up a wooden stair to the pan room. Here amid clouds of steam men were raking salt [a bit like slushy snow] to the sides of the pan and packing it into boxes. When it was solid they were turned out and taken to a room above the flues and stacked to dry out. We walked along planks between them. At the back of the works was a steam driven nodding donkey pump originally used for pumping brine from a well. It was working as a demonstration but an electric pump was being used. Our second visit was on an open day in 2012. When the works closed down it was purchased by the Vale Royal Borough Council with the intention of turning it into a working museum. In 1993 a Trust was formed and lottery funding received in 2006. Work started in 2012 We were shown plans and had a talk by an archaeologist.

On the 5th of June this year the salt works opened to the public and we made our third visit a few weeks later. There is now a well laid out car park, a childrens play area and a visitor centre with a small shop and café. The original office is now a museum giving the history of salt and its production. The salt pan is not in use as it had deteriorated too much. Health and safety is now the order of the day. The stairs to the pan room have now been rebuilt with handrails and there is a lift. There are also hand rails round the pan, the steps up to the flue top also has a lift and more handrails. The nodding donkey was still under renovation and not working. It was a very interesting day out. Salt was found in the Northwich area when a shaft was sunk looking

for coal and originally mined until the workings flooded. They then started brine pumping. We have been down the salt mine at Winsford, the oldest in the country discovered in 1844 it is over 600 feet below the surface and stretches over 2 miles.

The salt is extracted on the room and pillar system - the room being 60ft wide and 25ft high. The pillars 200sq ft in area, this creates a long chamber with pillars either side very imposing. There are currently 137 miles of these chambers or tunnels. We were taken to the work face in a mini bus. It is interesting to see how extraction has developed from pick and shovel to modern machinery. One shift extracts the salt and the next shift carts it away. When we were there, which was some time ago, they were using a huge quarry dumper truck. This had been cut into pieces and lowered down the shaft and then reassembled. Old machinery is just abandoned... *Ben Williams*

*"Ye are the salt of the earth but if the salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted?" Mathew Ch5 V13*

## October

What of October? A month that is lost  
Twixt warmth of September, and November frost?  
It's not really winter, and though the leaves fall  
The month of October is nothing at all!  
A month spent regretting the summer now gone?  
A month spent in dreading the winter to come?  
A month spent in labour, in sorrow, not song?  
A month when we're sad at the loss of the sun?  
Yet October's a month with much that can please!  
The gath'ring of fruit and the gold on the trees!  
The dew on the web and the stars up above -  
Yes! Truly October's a month that I love!  
*Nigel Beeton*

**Bible Verse:** 1 Kg 8:61 "Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day."

# Parish Registers (August)

## Holy Baptism

- 02nd Aug Isla Sophia Crosbie daughter of Sarah and David Crosbie 10 Kirkwood Close, Vicars Cross
- 23rd Aug Dylan Matthew Chandler son of Emma and James Chaldler Pine Ridge, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton  
Joseph Lewis Chandler son of Emma and James Chandler Pine Ridge, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton  
Henry Peter Chandler son of Emma and James Chandler Pine Ridge, Birch Heath Lane, Christleton
- 30th Aug Felix Charles Edwards son of Kelly and James Edwards 26 Spunhill Avenue, Gt Sutton Harry James Catherall son of Carly and Alan Catherall 12 Canal Place, Christleton  
Olivia Grave Catherall daughter of Carly and Alan Catherall 12 Canal Place, Christleton

## Holy Matrimony

- 07th Aug Justin Napier and Charlotte Dagnan, 7 Stroma Avenue, Stanney Oaks, Ellesmere Port
- 15th Aug Ryan Thomas Hodgson and Laura Jayne Menkin, 177 St Marks Rd, Lache
- 22nd Aug Daniel Hazell and Emma Louise Carr, Ft1, Tuckers House, Market Place, Deddington, Oxfordshire
- 29th Aug Andrew William Jones and Clare Louise Oldfield, 10 Victoria Avenue, Buckley, Flintshire

## Funerals

- 04th Aug Ethel Holmes, "Timbers" Plough Lane, Christleton (Cremation at Blacon Crematorium)
- 04th Aug Amy Gibson , 46 Chapel Lane, Boughton (Interment of Cremated Remains)
- 16th Aug Enid Mavis Roberts, Hawthorn Road, Christleton (Interment of Cremated Remains)
- 16th Aug William Garnett Roberts, Hawthorn Road, Christleton (Interment of Cremated Remains)

# PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES, CHRISTLETON

## REGULAR WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A Sparrow Hawk.



ANZAC Memorial Norman O'Kell

**Bible Verses:** Matthwe 6 : 24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon”

Romans 12:10 “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;”