

A detailed stained glass window depicting St. James the Greater. The saint is shown from the waist up, wearing a red cloak over a green tunic. He has a beard and a halo. He holds a staff with a silver globe at the top in his right hand and a book in his left. The background is filled with intricate patterns and colors. The text 'St. James' and 'Christleton' is overlaid in a white, stylized font.

St. James'

Christleton

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Occasions in October

Sun	2	Nineteenth after Trinity	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by Breakfast in the Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) - followed by refreshments in Parish Hall
		04.00 pm	Crew Harvest Thanksgiving on Mike & Tina's allotment including Junior Crew. All invited to this Harvest thanksgiving service followed by food & fellowship. Wellies if wet!
			No evening service
Mon	3	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		02.00 pm	Mothers' Union in Parish Hall
Wed	5	10.45 am	United Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		02.00 pm	Worship Group Meeting at Rectory
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	8	09.30 am	Decoration of Church for Harvest help needed please
Sun	9	Harvest Festival	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Morning Worship for Harvest Bring your Harvest gifts & join us as we give thanks and celebrate Harvest. The new Hymn Books will be dedicated at this service - followed by refreshments in Parish Hall
		06.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)

Wed	12	10.45 am	Holy Communion - (BCP) followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Fri	14	Last date for contributions to November Parish Magazine to Janet Milton (325529). You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@gmail.com	
Sun	16	Twentyfirst after Trinity - St Luke	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) - followed by refreshments in Parish Hall
		04.00 pm - 06.00 pm	Messy Church - Parish Hall
		06.30 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Mon	17	12.00 – 12.30 start	Luncheon Club - Parish Hall
Wed	19	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	23	Last after Trinity	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer (CW) - followed by refreshments in Parish Hall
		06.30 pm	Holy Communion (CW)
Wed	26	10.45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - followed by refreshments
		06.00 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	30	Fourth before Advent	
		08.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		10.45 am	Holy Communion (CW) - followed by refreshments in Parish Hall
		06.30 pm	Songs of Praise

Message from our Rector



During a quiet moment a few weeks ago, I sat down to watch the Olympic games, it happened to be a sword fencing event, and whilst sword fencing is not particularly my favourite event, I was fascinated by the skill involved, especially as the scoring system was explained by the commentator.

For some reason, the thought which went through my head was “The pen is mightier than the sword”. These English words “The pen is mightier than the sword” were first written by novelist and playwright Edward Bulwer-Lytton in 1839, in his historical play Cardinal Richelieu.

Richelieu, chief minister to King Louis XIII, discovers a plot to kill him, but as a priest he is unable to take up arms against his enemies. The skill involved in Olympic sword fencing is certainly without question, in much the same way that words of Shakespeare or Tennyson are skilfully crafted, but of course, there is also a dark side.

News reports regularly report on how swords are used in horrific ways and the savagery and brutality of those wielding these weapons. Likewise, we also hear news reports of victims of horrendous attacks by the pen (or more likely these days, the computer keyboard). Such attacks can be equally devastating in their own way and the hurt and damage such attacks can cause can leave long lasting effects on people.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton was of course seeking to ensure the well being of King Louis XIII rather than speed his demise, and we, each one of us, are equally capable of supporting and affirming those we communicate with or about, as we are of causing pain and inflicting great hurt. Many of us may have lost the art of skilful written communication due to us being children of the telephone age, and of course written com-

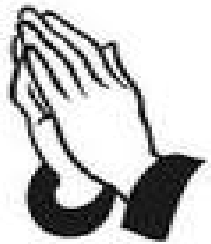
munication contains no inflection, so can be read as we choose, and not necessarily as it was written or intended.

Perhaps in these days of instant communication, when one click of the mouse and the message is sent, we need to regain the art of careful and prayerful communication.

Scripture only has one recorded event of Christ writing, when he wrote in the sand (John 8:6) and this when he refused to condemn a woman accused of adultery.

Whilst we don't know what he wrote, we may imagine the word was "forgiven" in any event, the wind or waves would have quickly erased all traces his writings.

A lesson for each of us, that as our words cannot be erased and there is a real fear of harm or injury to others, we should remember that the pen can indeed be mightier than the sword.



Your faithful Servant,
Malcolm

The Word of God

(Heb 4:12, Isa 55:11, Jn16:33)

Changes, so many changes in a world fragmenting and frightening, where hatred and prejudice destroy and shock even the unshockable. Only the Word of God is constant; living, active and powerful in proclamation. Still able to accomplish everything God desires.

The Word of God; everlasting lamp for our feet and a light for our path that darkness can never dim. The Word of God; unchanging, unchangeable, revealing and revealed in Jesus, who has overcome the world. Take heart! By Daphne Kitching.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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

CHRISTLETON W. I.

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

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Club Secretary - 01745 856126.



MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **November** magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday 30th October

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Please ensure all items for inclusion in the November edition are sent to Janet Milton (325529), as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 14th October** or you can e-mail them to christletonmag@gmail.com

MONTHLY LUNCHEON CLUB

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

RSPB CHESTER GROUP

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





**THE PARISH OF
ST JAMES,
CHRISTLETON**

New Hymn Books

We have now bought new Mission Praise hymn books for St James' Church.

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

A bookplate will be placed in the book indicating the dedication and a donation of £10.00 per book is suggested. Or you may wish simply to give a donation.

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

Tel: 336500:

email: Elizabeth@Inall.co.uk

(or give it to a warden)



The History File

TR(Reg) Morgan

Anyone interested in the history of the Parish will at some time have come across the photographic work of TR(Reg) Morgan. Reg was a superb photographer and lived at the family home in Windmill Lane. His family, The Morgans initially with Thomas Johnson ran the Post Office in the Village at the corner of Windmill Lane & Pepper Street. Their literature states that the family business was established in 1819, and this is illustrated in a photograph of Doris Morgan delivering bread from their cart by The Pit in the late 1900's. In 1908 they moved to a "new" Post Office at Two Gables on Pepper Street opposite the church with the Mayers Family. In the 1920's The Post Office moved again to another premises in Pepper Street now called Morgan's Stores and Post Office (demolished in the 1980's) which was, in effect, the first super-market or even Department Store! in Christleton.

The Morgan brothers Eric & Reg were great entrepreneurs and sold everything from Groceries & provisions, bread & confectionery, Patent medicines, foods and sundries, Books & toys, tobacco, cigarettes and stationery. They also advertised English & Foreign fruits. Seeds, plants & garden tools. Cattle, dog, cat and poultry foods. Cat & dog medicines. Cameras, films and photographic materials. Snapshot Service.

Developing, printing & enlarging. Electric sweepers, fires, kettles, irons etc. Electric lamps, switches, flex & sundries.

Torches, cycle lamps, batteries & bulbs. Wireless H.T. Batteries and accumulators Home Decorating Aids. Hardware, China and Glass. Pyrex. Stockists of "Dulux" "Dulite" "Valspar" Paints etc

Agents for The Royal Insurance Company Ltd

They were also Travel Agents and could offer tours by Crosville, Salopia and Smiths Motor Tours who offered luxury tours in the UK and Foreign Travel to places like Switzerland, The Pyrenees, Rome, The Rhine,

the Black Forest & Austrian Tyrol, Spain and the French Riviera. What an extraordinary facility, situated in what was still a small village, that could offer so many things to village residents. What is even more remarkable is that the upper floor of this building was occupied by the first Methodists to worship in Christleton. It seems that this was provided by Richard Reece, a friend and supporter of John Wesley, who lived opposite at Ivy House. Richard later became President of the Methodist Conference twice in the early 1800's.

Reg, in his spare time was a very keen sportsman, a good batsman, and was Treasurer of the Christleton Cricket Club after the Great War, but we know him most through his wonderful photography. Many of his photographs were printed as postcards for sale in the village, and we have around 50 of these in the History Group Collection. Reg took his camera with him whilst going around the village and captured so many village events for us.

The two featured on our back cover commemorate the village Harvest Services in 1907. We are so fortunate as a village to have such wonderful illustrations of village life over a thirty year period.

Incidentally a full page advertisement for Morgan's Stores & Post Office took up the back page of every Parish Magazine from the mid 1920's until the mid 1960's.

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Cover Picture

St James from the East Window.

This stained glass window was designed by Charles E Kempe in 1903

Back Cover Top

Harvest at St James in 1907

Photograph by TR(Reg)Morgan

Back cover bottom

Harvest at the Methodist Chapel 1907

Photograph by TR(Reg)Morgan

Christleton Local History Group

Wednesday 26th October 7.30pm at Christleton Primary School in Quarry Lane.

A Roman Extravaganza Speaker David Cummings

David will give a talk about recent visits made to important Roman sites at Vindolanda & Bath U.K. – Carnuntum- near Vienna in Austria, Arles - Nimes - Pont du Gard in Provence, South of France. Each of these sites has a special interest for David and we view some amazing structures built almost 2000 years ago, including bath houses, aqueducts and amphitheatres.

Charity Talk at Christleton Parish Hall

Saturday October 15th 7.00pm David Cummings presents “Chester Celebrates”

in aid of Myeloma Cancer UK Talk

This talk looks at many of the exciting events that have taken place in Chester in the last few years. Including; The Chester Mystery Plays, Good Friday Passion Play, Civil war Re enactment, The Lord Mayor’s Procession, Grosvenor Park Theatre, Roman Weekend, Saturnalia, Chester Zoo Islands Project. The WWI Centenary Parade.

Admission £6 including refreshments; coffee/tea/soft drink/Emma’s special cake

Tickets from David 332410 or from back of church.

Quote

He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. Martin Luther King

Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea. Samuel Rutherford

Christleton Wednesday Group

Fun Quiz

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

Ticket price £9

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

In aid of Claire House Hospice

Be like a pumpkin

A lady had recently become a Christian and been baptised. Curious, one of her colleagues at work asked her what it was like to be a Christian. The lady was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer. Then she saw the office 'jack-o'-lantern' on a nearby desk and blurted: "Well, it's like being a pumpkin."

Her colleague asked her to explain that one. And so she said: "Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins.

"Then He cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside you. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

"Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

"It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

Are you something new and bright? Will you be smiling today, and shining with His light?

Christleton Methodists

Invite you for

**Coffee &
Home-made Biscuits**

on

Saturday 5th Nov., 10 am – 12 noon

Charity Christmas Cards

Cake Stall, White Elephant

Raffle

Proceeds to world mission fund

ALL WELCOME

St James' Crew Youth Group

Harvest Thanksgiving

Join us for worship, witness, food and fellowship

Where: plot 18 Boughton Heath Allotments

When: 2nd October 2016

Time: 4.30 pm



RSPB Chester Group

October Events



Wed 19 October 7.30pm Talk: “Birdlife International Italy”

David Lingard will give a photographic talk about his UK work for birds in Italy

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

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

Sun 23 October 09.00am: Field trip to Venus Pool + Ellesmere

Two Shropshire sites with a variety of water birds and a range of other habitats.

Trip leader: Tim Carley, phone 01244 680460

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

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

Newcomers and beginners welcome.

For earlier information or more details, phone 01244 335670

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

Or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RSPBChester

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to Annie Young who turned 92 years of age on the 2nd October. With all good wishes from her friends and family.

Quote

The fruit of the Spirit is not push, drive, climb, grasp or trample.... Life is more than a climb to the top of the heap.

Richard J Foster

Commemoration

A Service of Commemoration to mark the Centenary of the Battles of Jutland and the Somme was held in Chester Cathedral on Sunday 11 September.

Before the service the Cathedral Bell Ringers rang a quarter peal of “Grandsire Caters” to mark the occasion.

Her Majesty’s Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire and the High Sheriff of Cheshire, together with other civic representatives were received at the West Door by the Dean and Chapter. At 3.30 p.m. a bell rang and all stood to sing the hymn Praise my Soul the King of Heaven as colours were brought forward and placed by the altar, covered with a flag flown on HMS Chester during the war.

As well as the battles it was also to mark the Fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in the United States - Members of the Mercian Regiment and HMS Albion described the horror and scale of the battles in 1916.

Chester’s MP Chris Mathieson described the action of Jack Cornwell, Boy Hero of the Battle of Jutland on 30 May 1916 when Jack’s ship came under fire. The ship was hit and all the gun crew were killed or badly wounded. Only he was left standing and although in pain he stayed by his gun - he was the sole survivor at his gun, but he died on 2 June just 16 years old and was awarded the Victoria Cross. The sermon was given by the Rev. Martyn Gough RN, Deputy Chaplain of the Fleet.

A poem by Rudyard Kipling was read by a Lieutenant of HMS Albion. Tributes were paid to the Cheshire Regiment on the Somme and prayers led by Canon Jane Brooke and Dr Claire Chatterton. Throughout the presentations, on a big screen behind the altar, images of scenes of battle were depicted, as well as a portrait of Rudyard Kipling and the congregation were able to view the placing of wreaths in the South Transept after eight bells were sounded. The wreaths were

laid by the Lord Lieutenant, Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Ben Wilde, MBE, Senior Naval Officer Commander Steve Ward RN. Major General Keith Skempton CBE, DL and others. The ceremony ended with the return of the colours and the singing of the National Anthem.

Clergy and Civic guests left by the West Door and the marching troops left by the South Transept to form up outside the Cathedral and led by the military band marched along St Werburgh Street and past the Saluting base in Eastgate.

A memorial to Jack Cornwell and HMS Chester can be seen permanently in the South Transept. MC

THE ROAD TO GOLD

We were blessed once again with wonderful weather for the Coffee Morning we held at 1 Glovers Loom in aid of Antony's fund to take him to Geneva next Spring to defend his world championship title in kick boxing.

It was very well supported by family, friends and neighbours who sat in the garden enjoying the sunshine & chatting to one another.

We had a huge raffle because we'd had so many donations, and I think almost everybody won a prize of one kind or another.

We raised £260 towards the fund and Rebecca has paid this into an account at the bank set up in his name.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported Antony that morning and I will keep you up to date on his activities in the future.
Janet Milton



Fundraising tea and cake afternoon

Sunday 2nd October 3pm-5pm

Christleton Methodist Chapel

£2 drink and cake

I have been selected to represent Girlguiding North West England on a trip to Armenia. We will be taking part in a project to aid development of a program for young girls and help local communities. Please come along and support me if you can, donations of cakes to sell would also be very welcome!

Sophie Brown— Young Leader, 2nd Christleton Guides and 1st Christleton Rainbows

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have any spare time please contact Fiorella (Fi) at
OXFAM - 19 Bridge Street Row East, Chester. CH1 1NW
Telephone – 91244 341939

We are looking for new volunteers who can help in any way.
Thank you for taking the time to read this.

HELP PLEASE

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

The more people we have in the 'team' the quicker we get the job done
& have some fun at the same time. There would even be time for a cup
of tea & a chocolate biscuit.

If you are interested please contact Valmai Griffiths 335884 or John
Milton 325529





**THE PARISH OF
ST JAMES,
CHRISTLETON**

**There will be an
Apple Pressing event
in Christleton
Parish Hall on
Sunday 23rd Oct '16**

At the time of creating this
notice details of time and
arrangements were still being
developed. So look out for
posters and on the Christleton
website for more details, and
save your apples for pressing
into juice!

Put the date in your Diary!

Nehemiah: prayer, planning and preparation

Nehemiah was called by God to rebuild the broken walls of the city of Jerusalem. He was cupbearer to Artaxerxes, the Persian king when he heard the news. We have our own 'broken walls' that need rebuilding, in our workplaces and communities, or among family and friends. What can we learn from Nehemiah's response?

Firstly, he prayed: for guidance, that God would make the king help him. It was a capital offense to be sad in the king's presence, yet he was able to raise the matter with him, when the king asked 'Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill?' (Nehemiah 2:1-2).

Secondly, Nehemiah was someone who planned. He didn't embark on this project without thinking about materials he needed and the tasks of the workers. 'The king said to me, 'What is it you want?' and Nehemiah was able to tell him (Nehemiah 2:4-9).

Finally, he was thoroughly prepared. Before telling the people what God wanted him to do, Nehemiah went out on his own at night and toured the broken walls and burnt gates of the city, to fully understand the size of the task before them (Nehemiah 2:11-16).

Is God is calling us to take on a challenging task: visiting a lonely person, providing support to a lone parent, or taking on a leadership role in our youth group? Or is He leading us to step out in faith in our workplace, or get more involved in our church or neighbourhood? Like Nehemiah, we need to prepare well, taking time to pray about the people and places where God is calling us to serve. And like him, we can ask for the guidance and strength that comes from the 'Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God' (1:5).

Quote

There is a living God. He has spoken in the Bible. He means what He says and will do all He has promised. J Hudson Taylor

Learn to ‘wait well’ for things

‘My future is in Your hands...’

In her helpful book, *When, God, When?* Joyce Meyer writes: “God has taught me to keep living the life I now have, while I am waiting for the things that are in my heart to come to pass. We can become so intent on trying to birth the next things that we neither enjoy nor take care of the things at hand. I had a vision from God ten years before I began to see it fulfilled. During those years, I believe I missed a lot of joy trying to give it birth outside of God’s timing.”

Learn to enjoy where you are, while you’re waiting to get to where you want to be. After all, all your life you will spend more time waiting than you will receiving. And when you receive what you’re waiting for now – you’ll begin waiting for something else. That’s life! If we don’t learn to ‘wait well’, we’ll live with endless frustration.

Waiting well is what will deliver our dream. Listen: “in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Gal. 6:9). “Due season” is when God knows we’re ready, not when we think we are. He has set appointments to accomplish certain things in our life, so we might as well settle down and wait patiently, because that’s when it will happen – and not before.

God knows what you need, He knows when you need it and He knows how to get it to you. All He asks you to do is trust him.
From UCB ‘Word for Today’

Be thankful for grandparents!

Everyone seems to have their ‘special day’ these days, and this month brings us Grandparents Day, on the 2nd October. There are lots of resources you can download for the special day – just go to: <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/grandparents-day>

In the meantime, if your grandchildren are still toddlers, why not keep at your house:

1. A dressing up box – of fairytale clothes, plastic crowns and cardboard swords. These will keep them busy for hours. Charity shops can be a great source of cheap costumes – and also tablecloths/sheets that can be turned into costumes. (Or you can help the church by getting to work on some early nativity costumes!)
2. A craft supply box – egg boxes, old magazines full of pictures, cardboard, cardboard tubes, a bit of glue, bits of ribbon and wool, some paper and scissors can work wonders.
3. Colouring supplies - crayons and any kind of paper – even the back of envelopes – will do fine.

If all else fails, you can always sit down for a rest and let them play ‘musical statues’, where the only rule is that whenever the music stops, they must ‘freeze’ in position.

AGAPE LOVE

(God’s love for man)

There is a love that no man really knows, It’s heaven sent and comes down from above,
To undeserving man it gently flows, This gift of grace is God’s agape love.

They watch in wonder as the child is born, This mystery as God becomes a man -
The angels see Him taking on this form-As God becomes encompassed in a span.

For sinners still Christ pays the awful cost, At Calvary He bears our sin and dies,
Forgiveness ours comes flowing from His cross-And man now free from guilt stands justified.

Such love as this, such wondrous sacrifice, That God Himself descends from heaven above,
To rescue fallen man He pays the price
God knows no other way - for ‘God is Love’ By Megan Carter

Child friendships and ethnic divide

With whom are your children friends? In school, many child friendships cut across the ethnic divide. When Prof Carol Vincent of UCL interviewed primary-aged children inside school, she found that three-quarters said their best friendships crossed ethnic lines, but only a quarter of them crossed class divides.

Outside school, however, friendships are less diverse as parents tend not to encourage friendships with families very different from their own. Would the same be true in churches? The study was reported on in Society Now (Spring 2016 Issue 24, Page 5).

All in the month of OCTOBER

It was:

800 years ago:- on 12th Oct 1216 that England's Crown Jewels were lost when King John's soldiers set out to take them from Bishops Lynn to Newark Castle. They sank in the marshes. King John died of dysentery a few days later.

300 years ago:- on 6th Oct 1716 that George Montagu Dunk, 2nd Earl of Halifax, was born. This 'father of the colonies' helped found Halifax, Nova Scotia.

150 years ago:- on 12th Oct 1866 that Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister (1924, 1929-35) was born. He was Britain's first-ever Labour Prime Minister.

100 years ago:- on 3rd Oct 1916 that James Herriot, veterinary surgeon and writer, was born in Glasgow. He is best known for his semi-autobiographical stories of his experiences in the Yorkshire Dales. (All Creatures Great & Small.)

90 years ago:- on 14th Oct 1926 that the children's book Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne was first published.

80 years ago:- on 5th to 31st Oct 1936 that The Jarrow March took place. 200 men set off from Jarrow in the north-east of England to walk to Westminster to draw attention to the severe unemployment and poverty in their area following the closure of a shipyard.

75 years ago:- on 2nd Oct 1941 (to 7th Jan 1942) that the WWII Battle of Moscow took place. Nazi Germany launched a massive offensive against the Soviet capital. It was one of the largest and most important battles of the war; Germany lost.

70 years ago:- on 15th Oct 1946 that Hermann Goering, Nazi leader, died. He was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg trials, but poisoned himself with cyanide on the eve of his execution.

65 years ago:- on 26th Oct 1951 that Winston Churchill became British Prime Minister for the second time.

60 years ago:- on 29th Oct 1956 (to 7th Nov) that the Suez Crisis took place when Israel invaded Egypt in attempt to regain Western control of the Suez Canal. Britain and France joined the invasion, but were forced to withdraw by the UN, USA and USSR. Prime Minister Anthony Eden resigned, and many commentators consider the crisis the end of Britain's role as a major world power.

50 years ago:- on 10th Oct 1966 that the album Parsley, Sage, Rosemary & Thyme by Simon and Garfunkel was released.

40 years ago:- on 4th Oct 1976 that the InterCity 125 High Speed Train service began operating in the UK.

30 years ago:- on 9th Oct 1986 that Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical The Phantom of the Opera premiered in London.

Also 30 years ago:- on 29th Oct 1986 that the M25 orbital motorway around Greater London was officially opened.

25 years ago:- on 14th Oct 1991 that Myanmar opposition leader Aung

San Suu Kyi was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize.

20 years ago:- on 1st Oct 1996 that Pat McGeown, Northern Irish political figure died. He was best known as a member of the IRA who took part in a 1981 hunger strike while in prison for his role in a bombing in Belfast.

15 years ago:- on 7th Oct 2001 that the first US and British forces arrived in Afghanistan to launch a military offensive following the 9/11 terrorist attack on New York.

10 years ago:- on 31st Oct 2006 that P. W. Botha, Prime Minister of South Africa (1978-84) died. He was the first State President of South Africa (1984-89).

High Days & Holy Days for Oct16

1 Theresa of Lisieux - making the most of life

1 Remigius - praying for ill children

2 Guardian Angels – keeping an eye on us

3 Hewalds the Black and White – martyred because they were different

4 St. Francis of Assisi – love for the Creation

8 Demetrius of Sirmium - taking a stand, and suffering for it

9 Luis Bertran – patron saint of Columbia

9 Denys of Paris – why losing your head is not always a bad thing

13 Edward the Confessor – helping to found Westminster Abbey

14 Donation - North Africa Christian martyr

18 Thank you, Dr Luke!

18 St Luke the Evangelist – linking the sacred and the profane

22 Donatus - and the danger of exploring an unfamiliar church

24 Felix of Thibiuca - the man who would not give up his Bible

*26 Alfred the Great, king of the West Saxons, scholar, d AD 899

27 Odran of Iona - fought over by the spirits

28 Simon and Jude - warning against moral infections

30 Alphonsus Rodriguez – when life takes everything you value

31 All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
John chapter 2 verses 1 to 10

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were
guests at a family wedding in Cana. The bride-
groom was responsible for the food and drink.

The wedding feasts
went on for days



Then the wine ran out...



What a disaster!
The bridegroom and his family would be
shamed for life, and perhaps even sued!

Mary noticed...



Jesus, they've run
out of wine!

So why are you telling
me?



But Mary wasn't put off.

She told the servants



Do whatever he tells you.

Fill those six jars to the top
with water



The water was for the special
washing of hands before meals

and each jar held
about 100 litres



Now take some out and
serve it to the toast-
master



He tried it...



...then he called
to the bridegroom..



Most people serve the best wine
first, then the rest later, but...

...this is the best wine
I've ever tasted!



Impressive!





St FRANCIS

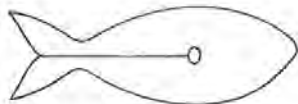
4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. When Francis came to God people thought he had gone mad and even his own father disowned him. But Francis' simple way of life soon attracted others. He and his companions went out to preach two by two. Unlike the preachers and priests that people were used to, they wore sackcloth and went barefoot. They were different in other ways too; they lived a very simple life and celebrated God's creation.

And to Francis all of God's creation was equally important. In one famous story a wolf had been eating people. The town wanted to kill the wolf but Francis talked the wolf into never killing again. And the townspeople made sure that the wolf always had plenty to eat.

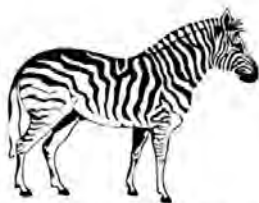
Even blindness did not discourage Francis' spirit when he wrote his beautiful 'Canticle of the Sun' praising God through the miracle of His creation. Francis died aged only 45, worn out with years of poverty and wandering.

SWIM, FISH, SWIM

How do you make a paper fish swim? Cut a fish shape from a sheet of ordinary writing paper. Make it 10-12cm long, and decorate it making sure that the colours won't run when the fish gets wet. In the centre of the fish's body cut a small circle and then a very narrow slit from the tail to the circle.



Now, keeping its surface dry, gently lay the fish on the surface of a bath or large bowl of water and carefully place a few drops of cooking oil into the central hole. The oil will expand through the slit and drive the fish through the water.



What's black and white and goes round and round?

A zebra stuck in a revolving door.

Why did the homeless turtle cross the road?

To get to the Shell station.

Miscellaneous

The fruit of the Spirit is not push, drive, climb, grasp or trample.... Life is more than a climb to the top of the heap. Richard J Foster

Under Christ, as the Head, angels are the guardians of the Church.
John Calvin

In every culture, and apparently throughout history, it has been normal for man to assume that he has some continuance beyond the grave.
Arthur Custance

He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. Martin Luther King

Genuine art was never created for its own sake, it was always a means of worship, an affirmation of belief, an aspiration pointing beyond itself. The beauty of art is reflected beauty. Thomas Molnar

Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea. Samuel Rutherford

No one is so much alone in the universe as a denier of God.
Johann Richter

Beauty is God's handwriting. Ralph Waldo Emerson

There is a living God. He has spoken in the Bible. He means what He says and will do all He has promised. J Hudson Taylor

You can't build a church with stumbling blocks. Fred Beck

Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together. Corrie ten Boom

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES, CHRISTLETON

REGULAR WORSHIP

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

WEDNESDAYS:	10.45am:	Holy Communion (BCP) (United service on 1st Wednesday)
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Special services take place at festivals and at other times, and other variations occur, so please check the diary at the front of this magazine, also the church notices and the Christleton website. A 'United' service is where Churches Together in Christleton congregations come together.

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

Children are welcome at all of our services. Sunday Club, Messy Church and the Crew Youth Group also available for younger members.

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

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Harvest at St James in 1907
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Harvest at the Methodist Chapel 1907
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WEAR OUT

Three MEN were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first man, "that I can wear out any person in a week." "Well," said the second man "I'm so tough, I can wear out any person in a day." "That's nothing," said the third man. "When I contact someone, I can wear them out in just one hour."

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