

Parish Magazine



September 2007

# St. James'

## Christleton

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# REDEDICATION

Annual Communion and Rededication Service on Sunday 9 September at 10.45

# Starting in September

<b>Sun</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 17</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 2
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - with Baptisms
		6.30 pm	Evensong - followed by refreshments
			Prayer Link Road: Pepper Street and Windmill Lane
			Neighbourhood Link - Pat Hodges
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3</b>	10.45 am	Holy Communion - Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.15 am	Holy Communion - Oaklands Nursing Home
		7.45 pm	PCC Standing Committee - The Rectory
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5</b>	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
		7.45 pm	Stewardship Committee - Lady Chapel
<b>Thur</b>	<b>6</b>	12 noon	United Prayer Lunch followed by Churches Together in Christleton Committee - Methodist Church
		7.15 pm	Faith and Worship Committee - The Rectory
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7</b>	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

<b>Sun</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 18</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.45 am	Annual Family Rededication Communion
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Plough Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Margaret Renner, Joc Platel & Janet Brown
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10</b>	2.00 pm	Mothers Union - Parish Hall
		7.45 pm	Pastoral and Outreach Committee - Bridge Drive
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12</b>	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
<b>Fri</b>	<b>14</b>	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
			NB Last date for any contributions for October Parish Magazine to the Rector (335663). Earlier if possible please.
			You can attach your Word document and e-mail to: christletonmag@hotmail.co.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>15</b>	6.30 pm	Licensing of Mrs Berenice Hogg as Pastoral Worker - Cathedral

<b>Sun</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 19</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.30 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Parish Communion - Order 1
		12 noon	Baptisms
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Quarry Lane and Faulkner's Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Alison Kenyon
Wed	19	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	21	9.00 am	Holy Communion for ST MATTHEW
		6.30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity - Proper 20</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.30 am	Sunday School - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Matins
		6.00 pm	The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	Healing Eucharist
			Prayer Link: Rake Lane and Stamford Lane
			Neighbourhood Link: Julie Carr
	26	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	28	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	29	9.00 am	Holy Communion for ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity: Proper 21</b>
		8.00 am	Holy Communion - Order 1
		10.30 am	Sunday School Open Day - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Matins with Baptisms
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship
			Prayer Link: Those worshipping at St James from outside the Parish
			Neighbourhood Link Area Secretary: Jean Smeatham

# The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

## Web Master

There is a story of a spider who lowered himself downwards on a thread from the top of the barn in which he lived. He came to a cross beam and began to spin a web. It was a good place to live, and he increasingly spread his intricate web. He grew fat and sleek, and became the king of his domain. One day, as he surveyed his kingdom, he noticed an untidy thread from his web disappearing into the darkness above and decided it was old and unnecessary. He had forgotten that this was the thread he had come down on, having first secured it tightly to the structure of the barn. He snapped the thread and his whole kingdom collapsed!

The story and its moral may have a childlike simplicity, but I suggest its relevance is applicable to us all as individuals and as a society. It is not enough for me, however, to bemoan the changing patterns of society and the loss of our communal memory of our Christian heritage. I do not even wish to return to 'how things used to be' – that would be a contradiction of the Easter faith of finding new life through death. I do, however, want us all to share in discovering new expressions of that faith, which are relevant and attractive to the world in which we live. I invite us all to join in that adventure as we build a new web of worship and witness which gives true expression to our current concerns and life styles. At the same time, this is centred on our recognition of God in Christ as our web master, and on our dependence on the thread which anchors us to the foundations of our faith.

We have our Annual Communion and Rededication Service on Sunday 9 September at 10.45 am followed by a Finger Buffet in the Parish Hall. At this service we renew the vows we made when I was Inducted as Rector of Christleton 15 years ago. The vows are the same, but the expression is fresh each year. We rededicate ourselves to new life in God's family; to growth in God's family; and to worship in God's family. I hope and pray that is something to which we can all 'sign up'.

In the service Berenice Hogg will make the necessary assent before being licensed in the Cathedral the following Saturday as a Pastoral Worker in this Parish. Berenice will continue to lead our Sunday

School, but will have a wider role in encouraging young families to find those new expressions of faith as God's family. As we thank Berenice for all her commitment and work, which has led up to this moment, I hope we can all support and encourage her as she undertakes this new expression of ministry.

We are still praying and looking for new help in the leadership of the Crew Youth Group at St James. We have made enquiries through the Diocese and university, but I would be pleased to hear from anyone of suggestions to take us forward in supporting our young people. It seems everyone agrees that encouraging our young people should be a priority for us as a Church, but we do need to find practical ways of expressing this.

The first question put at our Rededication Service is:- "The Church is called in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim to all people eternal life in Jesus Christ and fellowship in his Church. People of the Parish of Christleton it is your duty to share with your Parish Priest in spreading the Good News of Christ, to help those received by Baptism to continue in the life of the Church, and to know what a Christian ought to believe and practise. Will you do all in your power to build up the life and fellowship of the Church? And the answer is:- "We will, with the help of God." May God indeed help us in our shared ministry and mission to develop new expressions of faith in his family.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

**Prayer of the Month:**      **"Sing a New Church"** by Dolores Dufner

*Summoned by the God who made us  
rich in our diversity,  
gathered in the name of Jesus,  
richer still in unity,*

*let us bring the gifts that differ and,  
in splendid varied ways,  
sing a new Church, into being,  
one in faith and love and praise. Amen.*

# People in the News

## *Flower Festival Organisers*



Congratulations from everyone to the core team from the village who organised the wonderful Flower Festival at St James' Church. They are pictured here, under the much needed umbrella. From left to right Alison Kenyon, Wendy Lewis, Angela Haswell, Margaret Renner, Olive Hammond, and Pat Dewhurst.

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

## Saints Windows in the Cloisters



**S**t Bartholomew the Apostle was probably a close friend of St Philip; his name is mentioned in the Gospels in connection with him, and it was Philip who brought Bartholomew to Jesus. He may have written a Gospel, now lost; it is mentioned in other writings of the time. He may have preached in Asia Minor, Ethiopia, India and America; someone did, leaving early writings behind and local tradition says it was him.

He died flayed alive in Armenia. Amongst other things he is the patron saint of bookbinders, butchers and cobblers.

### **Tickets for the Aled Jones Concerts**

on Wednesday 13& Thursday 14 November 2007 are on sale from the Chester Racecourse Box Office on 01244-304618

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## **JOHN SELLERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, CHRISTLETON**

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

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

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

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

M Croston (Clerk) tel 335955



# KESWICK CONVENTION

**A**ny excuse to get to Keswick in the Lake District, and we were there in July, coincidentally at the time of the Convention.

It so happened that one of the Convention speakers was at the Village church of St Herbert in Braithwaite when we were there on the Sunday morning.

The theme of the sermon was "Don't Forget God" illustrated by a reading from Joshua who made a covenant for the people, taking up a large stone and setting it up under an oak tree. "See" he said to all the people "This stone will be a witness – it has heard all the words the Lord has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God." As a visual aid Peter the Speaker, had a stone to illustrate his theme.

He also told us that he came from the Midlands and was married to an American, who came from central USA. He told us a tale of his wife's village where, a hundred years or so ago there had been a big snowstorm. Three children were put into a horse-drawn sledge whilst their father went to the stable for five minutes and when he returned he found horse and sledge had disappeared. The children

had not been able to stop the horse which had run off and ended up in a ditch. The older girl managed to get the other two children out of the ditch and lay on top of them to keep them warm. Next day, when discovered, the older girl was frozen to death, but had saved the lives of her siblings. There is a monument to her in the village.

There were no books or leaflets for use during the service but a screen descended from a beam in the roof and the order of service was projected. Apart from us there were several other visitors, including a couple on honeymoon who had been married for a week, and we were all made very welcome.

Braithwaite has existed since the Vikings came to the Lake District and give it the name "broad clearing." It lies at the foot of Whinlatter Pass, surrounded by many fine hills and is an ideal starting point for walkers. The Colledale Beck runs through the middle of the village with two hump-backed bridges across. It is still a community with school, church, working farms, village shop, village hall and friendly pubs.

*Margaret Croston*



# *One hundred years ago*



**T**his picture is one of the classic Reg Morgan shots of the village. It depicts St James' decorated for the Harvest Festival in October 1907. Harvest was always a great celebration in the life of people of Christleton Parish. It's hard to imagine today how important the farming community was to the village. It almost made the village self contained for the supply of food. There were at least 25 farms in the Christleton township alone, and these would have been mixed farms producing milk, eggs, cheese, butter, chicken, pork, beef, grain for flour and other cereal crops, fruit & vegetables etc. Growing flowers was also very popular as can be seen in the schedules of that period for Christleton Show, and I'm sure most villagers would have all had very productive gardens. So Harvest was a great time of celebration, and the scene within St James' in the photograph shows the whole church decorated with flowers, harvest loaves and the produce of the surrounding countryside. DC

# Nature Notes



Six of our seven cygnets have now been ringed, with green darvic rings in the sequence CT 73-78 and weighed in at around 8.0 kilos( 18 lbs) There were three males & three females in this group and were part of a round up of 20 swans ringed in the Chester area on August 6th. The Christleton cygnets will stay on the canal now until ready to fly, when the adult swans come out of their moult stage which will be at the beginning of September. I'm pleased to report that the kingfisher is about again, but cannot guarantee that it will be seen by everyone who looks. It is an elusive bird, but does exist, contrary to reports about me

having one on a string. Look out for song thrushes and blackbirds in your gardens, still actively feeding their young, probably a second clutch. However the highlight for me in the last few days has been the emergence of good numbers of dragonflies. These beautiful creatures can be seen hawking and feeding around the Pit, in the churchyard, and along the canal. They include the large blue & green coloured Southern Hawker, [Aeshna Cyanea] and similar sized Brown Hawker [Aeshna Grandis] dragonflies, as well as the smaller red darter dragonfly and common blue, blue tailed and banded aragon damselflies. The best place to see



the banded aragon damselfly is on the Goway at Hockenhull Platts, where they fly like miniature helicopters up and down the stream before alighting on floating vegetation

near the middle bridge. Dragonflies have always featured as almost mystical creatures, and were regarded as rather frightening by earlier generations. They were given names such as “Horse Stingers” and “Devils Darning Needles” from their sometimes ferocious appearance, size, and array of stripes and spots. Most dragonflies keep well away from humans but the Southern Hawker, the dragonfly you are most likely to see around the village will often fly around and inspect you, to within a distance of about three feet. It is believed that dragonflies appeared on earth some 250 million years ago. Today there are some 5,300 species in the world, most of them living in the tropics, with about 120 species in Europe, of which 38 can be seen in Britain. They all belong to the insect order “Odonata” which relates to serrations on the mouthparts

and literally means “toothed jaw” Dragonflies are carnivores, eating anything from midges to butterflies, so do a good job keeping the midges and mosquitoes around the village at bay. Several roost in the churchyard, and can often be seen nestling against the branches of both yews and conifers.

*David Cummings*

PS Thanks to Mrs Sue Cain for the picture of the six barn owlets, that I mentioned in last month’s magazine.



# Places to Visit

## Wroxeter Roman City near Shrewsbury.

In July members of the Local History Group visited this unique site. It is a most interesting place to visit, as it was the site of a city of about 5,000 people, and major excavations have taken place to reveal the outline of part



of this fascinating town. Wroxeter or Viroconium Cornoviorum once the



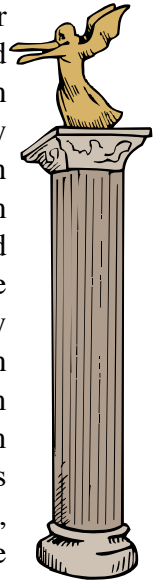
fourth largest town in Roman Britain, was begun in AD47 and was situated around a fortress built by the twentieth legion Valeria Victrix, who later moved

to Deva or Chester in AD90. The fortress was destroyed and the local tribe the Cornovii occupied and later

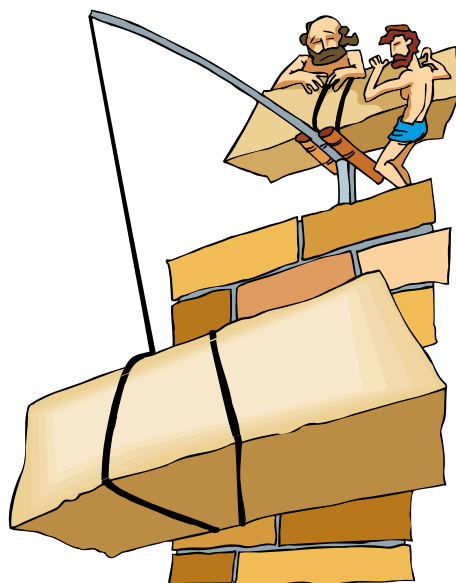
developed the site as their town. Wroxeter survived longer than most Roman towns, and was only abandoned in the 7th Century. The town then reverted to plough land and pasture, and has come down to us today largely untouched.

Roman remains in Chester can usually only be seen when current buildings are being demolished, but at Wroxeter a large part of the old town is laid out before you. The outline of the huge baths complex, the market and forum shopping areas are clear to see, as is an outer wall of the main Basilica. There is also an excellent museum where many important artefacts found on the site can be seen, as well as details of everyday life in a Roman town.

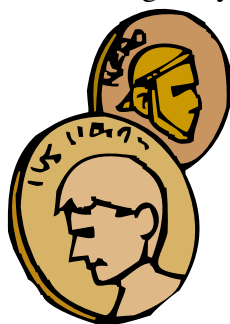
Bathing in Roman times was an important part of everyday life, and was more like a modern leisure centre, than just a place to get clean. The baths were similar in style to that of a modern Turkish bath. Instead of just washing, bathers



covered themselves in oil, sweated out the dirt, and removed the oil with a “strigil”, a curved metal blade. They then moved through a series of rooms becoming progressively hotter, before immersing themselves quickly in cold water. To be efficient the baths were used all day by as many people as possible. There was no mixed bathing, with women allowed from dawn to mid day, and men in the afternoon & evening. The fees were minimal, so social classes could mix freely. The Baths complex at Wroxeter is huge, and the large reconstruction pictures on site, give an excellent view of how the complex worked. Evidence of the Market Hall complete with its shops and counters are clear to see, and the site of the Forum is also very interesting, being



situated on the opposite side of the old A5, after it had crossed the River Severn, which was the main reason for the settlement being built there. The city can be found just beyond Atcham, a village about 4 miles south of the Shrewsbury by pass, on the B4380. The site is managed by English Heritage, and visitors can use a mobile handset to listen to a commentary about the points of interest seen during a visit.



DC

Further Reading.

Wroxeter Roman City; Roger White  
Pub.English Heritage.



## Flower Festival at St James'

**A**s summer fades into autumn, I look back at the Flower Festival in July with a sense of wonder.

To have witnessed our church being 'dressed overall' in beautiful floral arrangements was a dream come true and, long after their beauty and perfume have faded, the images stay crisp and clear in my memory.

Many talented and skilful ladies spent days (often on their knees!) putting it all together, guided and encouraged by Angela, whose ability to remain unflappable, no matter what crises arose, deserved a medal.

So, to all the flower arrangers...

"Thank You for giving such pleasure to so many people."

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to the many people who worked tirelessly, to make the Flower Festival such a great success. I wish I could thank you individually, but the list would be endless, because so many of you worked quietly, behind the scenes, 'getting on' with what you had to do.

Refreshments in the Methodist Hall, over the three days, were gratefully received by the visitors (especially by those who braved the elements) and it was also a haven for the weary helpers. Thank you so much.

All in all, my personal memory is of a week of joy and good humour and a real sense of the 'coming together' of strangers becoming friends, in a common desire to reflect the love of God for 'Our World', through the beauty of flowers.

*Margaret Renner*



# RICHES IN ROMANIA

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### EVOLUTION TOWARDS THE PRESENT DAY

**W**hether in the busy streets of Bucharest or along the bumpy lanes of Transylvania, one recognises today a rich and stimulating diversity. People of all ages are amazing products of a period of history since 1914 as tortuous as anything before in Romania. I found a quality of family life, a respect for the elderly, an ethic of sheer hard work, a rich culture of art, music and dance, and continuing Christian worship. All quite staggering when one considers the traumas of the previous 90 years.

The infrastructure of Romania sometimes appears decadent, crumbling pavements and poorly maintained buildings reflect a much poorer economy than ours. Yet whatever the apparent surroundings, people just seem to get on with life with a contentment one can only admire. Indeed, would that contentment-with-less return to



Britain. It has a true Christian quality.

Why 1914 as a starting point? As in England there are Romanians still alive who recall the fateful uncertainty of the 1930's, years themselves the sad sequel to the First World War. And even quite young people can recall today the revolution of Christmas 1989 when President Ceausescu was overthrown and executed.

It is perhaps a reflection of Romania's proud independence that the country changed sides during both World Wars. In 1914 Romania started the war neutral, despite a technical alliance with Austria-Hungary, but two years later declared war on



Austria-Hungary mainly to seize Transylvania and to exact some revenge on Hungarians living in that province.

In the Second World War, Romania first fought with Nazi Germany, then in August 1944 changed sides and drove out all the Hungarian and German forces from Transylvania with the help of the Soviet army. Romania did thence become a loyal member of the Soviet bloc for a short while. Russian troops left the country as early as 1958 and Romania's own communist leaders promoted a patriotic nationalism culminating in 24 years of rule by the powerful dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

A man of strange contrasts, at difference times Ceausescu attracted large sums of American aid, exported food while Romanians allegedly starved, and knocked down a large area of beautiful period houses in central Bucharest to erect his gigantic House of the People, at extravagant expense.

It must have been a horrific time for many ordinary Romanian people. How would I feel if after years of repression and restrictions I had in 1989 seen bloodshed and death in the streets of Bucharest, Leipzig or Berlin as the socialist order

crumbled? While in Romania I sometimes pinched myself that such upheavals were less than 20 years ago.

What is the true Romania today? The Amsty, bustling Bucharest with huge digital advertising screens dominating both the wide open squares in the city centre and the dual carriageway out to the airport; the massive new warehouses and factories on the outskirts reflecting some of the 7 billion euros of foreign investment - in Romania in 2006 alone? Or continuing concern about the assimilation of the poorer elements of the Gypsy population? Or the beautiful unspoilt hinterland of small towns and villages, lovely churches, subsistence farming, and wild flowers? An idyll for ever?

Thankfully the city of Sibiu showed me more of the poetic idyll than the debatable advance of the twenty-first century.

*John Carruthers*

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### **Parish Hall - New Windows**

Three new windows have been installed in the annexe and kitchen. The work was carried out by Osprey Windows in less than a day. Thanks to Paul and his team for an excellent job.

*David Mercer*

# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.30 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James. For further details please contact Berenice Hogg, 336779.

## CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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

## MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting will be on Monday, 10th September, and we look forward to welcoming David Cummings as our Speaker.

## CHRISTLETON W.I.

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

## CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

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

## CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

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

## CHRISTLETON GARDEN CLUB

Monday 10 September at 7.30.p.m at Methodist Hall  
“Gardening for Butterflies”  
by Jan Miller  
Plants for Sale

## MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The October magazine will be available for collection from Church on Sunday 30th September 2007.

# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## CHRISTLETON WEDNESDAY GROUP

**Charity Christmas Card Sale  
& Coffee Morning**

on

**Saturday 13th October  
Christleton Parish Hall**

**10.00am – 12.00 noon**

Admission 80p, includes coffee / tea  
& biscuits.

*Come and buy*

*all your Christmas cards  
direct from local & national  
charities at the same!*

*Homemade cakes & Jam together  
with a toy stall also available*

## Support the Christleton Institute.

At the Christleton Institute, Village  
Road

**On Saturday 8th September at  
8.30pm**

Female Vocalist; Kate Gillen

All Welcome

**FREE ADMISSION.**

## CHRISTLETON LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**Wednesday 19th September**

7.30pm at the Primary School in  
Quarry Lane.

Short AGM followed by an  
illustrated talk

Speaker David Cummings.

***Photographic Ramblings on a  
historical theme.***

Admission £2, which includes a  
glass of wine or soft drink and  
nibbles.

***Everyone welcome.***



Registered charity 1020854

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

Tuesday morning between

10 - 11.30a.m? Why not come along

and meet the **Christleton Toddler  
Group** in the Parish Hall. We meet

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

## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

**P**lease ensure all items for inclusion in the **October** edition are  
sent to the Rector, as soon as possible **BEFORE Friday 14  
September** or you can e-mail this to

**christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk**

# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## CHRISTLETON TODDLER GROUP

### Summer meet ups

Time: 10.30am

Day: Tuesday

#### July

- 24th Christleton swings  
31st Cheshire Ice Cream Farm,  
Tattenhall

#### August

- 7th Christleton Swings  
14th Chester Zoo - meet by  
reception  
21st Christleton Swings  
28th Walk in Delamere Forest  
- picnic optional. Meet at  
Linmere Visitor Centre Car  
Park

#### September

- 4th Christleton Swings  
11th Toddler terms commences

## St James (Tuesday) Walking Group

Tuesday 18th September.

A walk in the hills near Church  
Stretton. 6 miles Moderate +  
Pub Meal

Meet at 8.00am in the Church Car  
Park.

Please ring 332410 or e mail  
Davidandberyl@aol.com by  
Sunday 16th if you intend walking.

## NATIONAL CHILDRENS' HOSPICE WEEK

The renowned Welsh Choir  
Cantorion Colin Jones will be  
performing at St. John the Baptist  
Church, Aldford on **Saturday  
29th September 2007** in aid of  
Hope House Children's Hospice to  
commemorate National Childrens'  
Hospice Week commencing 7.00pm  
Tickets £8.00 (including a glass of  
wine) obtainable from Fred Davies  
01244 322912

## National Quaker Week, SEPTEMBER 22 – 30

The several worshippers at St James'  
with Quaker connections past and  
present, will know that the Society  
of Friends (Quakers) tends not to  
make a big fuss about things. So, a  
National Quaker Week is as unusual  
as it is welcome.

Anyone will be most welcome to cel-  
ebrate this event by visiting the Open  
Morning at Chester Quaker Meeting  
House, Frodsham Street, on Satur-  
day 29 September, 9.30 – 12.15.

*J Carruthers.*

# LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

## Christleton Parochial Church Council

*Invite you to an*

**Evening with Adam Partridge - Auctioneer & Valuer  
(from TV's Bargain Hunt & Flog It)**



**on Wednesday 3 October at 7.30 pm  
in the Parish Hall, Christleton**

Raffle - Refreshments

Tickets £6 obtainable from

David Bowden - Tel 335705 Janet Milton - Tel: 335469



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

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

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

## Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust: a local representative

In 2005 I became a member of the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. It's our opportunity, as members of the public and potential or existing patients, to hear about and have a say in the services and developments offered at our local hospital. Three times a year a newsletter is produced and every member receives a copy; there are also opportunities to attend and participate in Foundation Trust meetings – and membership is free!

When the opportunity arose I decided to take a more active role and stood for election as a governor. I was elected to serve on the board as a representative for Chester and Rural Cheshire in October 2006 and soon realised that, like so much in life, the more you put into it the more worthwhile it is! So I joined two of the sub-committees, Communications and Membership, and the Strategy committee, and have surprised myself in

how interesting I'm finding it.

The Countess of Chester Hospital has an excellent reputation for delivering high quality patient care and is nationally accredited at the highest levels in many areas, in particular those relating to clinical outcomes and patient safety. There will always be challenges for the Trust, combining the Government's wish for hospitals to be run more like businesses with the paramount desire to provide first class care for its patients and to be their hospital of choice. It's almost as challenging for me too and very exciting!

Would you like to become a member? I'm a local elected representative and I'd be happy to tell you more about it if you wish. Contact me by e-mail [helen.clifton@coch.nhs.uk](mailto:helen.clifton@coch.nhs.uk) , or phone 01244 365816 for more information.

*Helen Clifton*



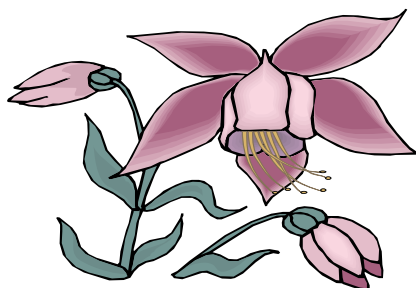
The Reverend Canon K. Peter Lee at St. James' Flower Festival

# CELEBRATIONS



Belated Birthday Congratulations  
to Malcolm Allen of Dixon's Alms  
Houses who celebrated his  
70th Birthday in July.

*Congratulations*  
Congratulations to Jim and  
Cynthia Siddall who celebrate their  
Diamond Wedding  
on 11th September



*Congratulations*  
Congratulations to Christopher and  
Hilary Marsland who celebrate their  
Ruby Wedding Anniversary  
on 30th September

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*You have to smile....*

## Flat

At the side of a road, a young woman looked hopelessly at a flat tyre. A friendly motorist stopped to help her. After the tyre was changed, the woman said: "Please let the jack down gently. My husband is sleeping in the back seat."

## Food

Not long ago a mother and her young son were shopping in a supermarket. The child, trying to be helpful, picked up a package and brought it to her. "Oh no, dear," protested the mother. "Go put it back. You have to cook that."





# “Summer” Weather

No one needs reminding of the amount of rain we've had during June and July, but even the deluges in Christleton over the two months pales into insignificance when you compare the figures for other parts of England. I reported last month that we had 175mm (7inches) of rain in June. This was followed by a further 143mm(5.63 inches in July). However the town of Pershore in Worcestershire had exactly the same amount 143mm(5.63inches) on just one day, July 20th !! This was the prime cause for the floods in the region with terrible consequences for the people of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, and along the corridor of the River Thames towards Oxford & London. We can only imagine what damage those floods must have caused,

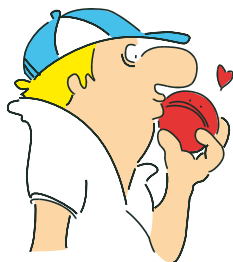
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with so many communities isolated and cut off from basic amenities and everyday needs, running water in the taps as just one example. However the highest recorded rainfall in one day falls to Martinstown, near Dorchester in Dorset when 279mm (11inches of rain) fell in one day, on July 18th 1955!

In the village, members of the Christleton Pit Group have been actively watching the level of water there to ensure that there is no danger of any flooding, and we are pleased that the overflow is working well, to prevent any problem from that source. The water level is as high as it can possibly get, and ensures that this village amenity is as delightful as ever for people to enjoy. Let's hope we get a little more sun in the rest of August.

*DC*



# CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB

**C**hristleton 1st team continue to battle against relegation. Despite 106 not out from Simon Ratcliffe a strong Oulton Park team ran out winners and a draw against Boughton Hall did not produce enough points to climb the league table.

Three wins from the last five games will ensure premiership status next year. Two of the remaining games are against other relegation candidates.

The 2nd team however continue to compete for the league title with six games left. They are in second place, 12 points behind Didsbury who have yet to visit Little Heath. Six top order batsmen have been on holiday for two weeks and batting performances have suffered. Fortunately the team will be back to full strength for the remaining games of the season.

The 3rd team have finally played another match, only the fourth game of the season. A weak team was available which resulted in defeat. Results will improve when players return from holiday.

The Under 15's team continue to progress. They have reached the league knockout final to be played against Boughton Hall 9.30am start on 9th September at Little Heath, Christleton. The team consists of local boys and village support would be appreciated

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

Arthur Broster, Spencer Edwards, Rita & Jack Swift, Rowton Poplars, Harvey's Caterers, Croston Engineering, Derek & Alun Garner

Further information from Brian - 332326

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## Keeping up....

An ambitious young woman who sought to rise on the social ladder made her husband's life miserable trying to get him to rent a more expensive apartment. One evening he came home in a wonderfully good humour. "Good news, my dear," he exclaimed. "We don't have to move after all. The landlord has raised the rent."

## **Back to Church Sunday 30 September - takes off across the country**

**M**ore than 17,000 people are expected to return to church at the end of this month (September) as Back to Church Sunday expands to take in 1700 churches across England.

In all, more than one in 10 of the Church of England's churches are taking part.

With 19 dioceses involved this year, the 1700 churches is a tenfold increase on the 160 churches that took up the venture when it began, in Manchester, in 2004. The dioceses involved are Bath and Wells, Birmingham, Blackburn, Chelmsford, Chester, Coventry, Derby, Ely, Exeter, Guildford, Lichfield, Manchester, Oxford, Peterborough, Ripon and Leeds, Rochester, Southwark, Southwell and Nottingham and Wakefield.

On past records, participating churches welcome back an average of 10 former worshippers each, meaning that 17,000 people could come back to church in one day in September; equivalent to one per cent of the total monthly attendance of the Church of England.

Recent research revealed nearly three million people would consider going to church with 'the right invitation'.

The Bishop of Manchester said: "Inviting people into church is as important as taking the Gospel out to them. With three million ready to consider a personal invitation, the growth of Back to Church Sunday could prove one of the most effective aspects of the Church's witness."

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## **GOING CRAZY YET?**

Did you drive children any distance this summer? Then almost certainly you will have heard the immortal phrase: 'Are we there yet?'

Children ask the question about one hour and 40 minutes into the average car journey, according to a recent survey by the AA. By then they've reached the limit of their boredom threshold.

Sadly, as it may take the driver a great deal longer to reach the desired destination, the AA recommends regular breaks – to prevent adults reaching the limit of their patience threshold.

Just out of interest: next time you drive your children any great distance, make a note of what time you set out – and when the words 'Are we there yet?' are heard from the back seat...

### **LEPROSY MISSION**

#### **Stamp out leprosy!**

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

### **PLEASE TELL US...**

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

### **AVAILABLE AT ST JAMES CHURCH**

"Loop" system, for the hearing impaired  
Large print books for the visually impaired  
& large print weekly notice sheets  
Easy to follow Communion Service  
Books for children  
Access for wheelchairs  
Please ask any of the Churchwardens or Sidesmen if you need assistance in any way.

### **CHRISTLETON UNDER-FIVES COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP Registered Charity 1022817**

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

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

### **MOBILE LIBRARY VAN SERVICE**

The van calls weekly: alternate Thursdays all day and alternate Fridays in Quarry Lane 11.15 am – 12.45 pm. For further details of when the van is next in your area, please telephone Upton Library on 380053.

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*Entry at this years Village Show*

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Attach your Word document and e-mail it to

**christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk**

# Parish Registers for July 2007

## Holy Baptism

- 1st Harry Neil Brookfield son of Neil & Letitia Brookfield  
4 Cambrian Avenue, Vicars Cross
- 29th Hannah Louise Mercer daughter of Alan & Helen Mercer  
38 Daniel Way, Great Boughton
- 29th Charlotte Alice Mercer daughter of Alan & Helen Mercer  
38 Daniel Way, Great Boughton

*"We welcome you into the Lord's family"*

## The Wedding Service

- 21st Steven Partington & Lynn Gibson  
10 Holly Close Connahs Quay Flintshire
- 27th Graham Butt & Jane Gough  
8 Sandrock Road, Christleton

*"Those whom God has joined, let not man divide"*

## The Funeral Service

- 5th Stephen Derreck Andrews 32 Grove Gardens, Littleton (Burial Only)
- 27th Margaret Joan Peacock of Tarporley (Burial Only)
- 30th Elizabeth Emma Wilson Queen Elizabeth Court, Llandudno

*"Grant them eternal rest"*

## Offeratories

July	Cash	CSE	2007	2006
1st	146-34	593-00	739-34	1,018-59
8th	873-89	523-50	1,397-39	1,412-18
15th	193-76	844-00	1,037-76	961-60
22nd	131-85	673-60	805-45	803-29
29th	275-15	495-60	770-75	815-93
<b>Totals</b>			<b>£ 4,515-44</b>	<b>£ 5,011- 59</b>

*"Of your own do we give you"*

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

<b>SUNDAYS</b>	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	
	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion	1st & 3rd Sundays
		Family Service	2nd Sunday
		Mattins	4th & 5th Sundays
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
		Evening Communion	4th Sunday
		Songs of Praise	5th Sunday
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
<b>SAINT'S DAYS</b>	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

## WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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<b>Verger</b>	David Ellis .....	336879
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