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... at the Fete



... at the Show

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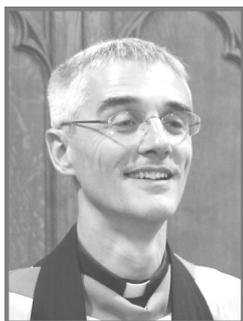
Thank you for reading our magazine. We hope you enjoy it. Feedback is always welcome so please let the editor know what you think about the magazine.

Do also look at our church website for back copies of this magazine and more information including a 'live' calendar.

EDITORIAL: I've no idea when there was last an 'editorial' in the magazine. We're getting some good feedback about the magazine, and mostly it is praising the interesting and varied content we have. So thank you to all who contribute, and keep it coming. Thank you to all who subscribe or buy copies from church. Also to our paying advertisers. Over the year our magazine income exceeds our costs and this means that some months we can have extra pages, and sometimes even a bit of colour. DevaPrint in Guilden Sutton print the copies to a higher standard than we could do it ourselves, and have given us this good service since about June 2018.

The current style of A4 magazine began in March 2018. I became editor and compiler for the February 2019 edition, initially in a temporary capacity, but of course I'm now a more permanent fixture! There is no-one else who edits and produces the magazine so when I'm away the magazine stops. Hence no September magazine, and this double August issue. We have been producing the magazine using MS Word software, but this has been proved rather tricky at times, so this issue uses MS Publisher and it looks to be a bit easier. The PCC Marketing & Communication Group, which among many other activities manages the magazine, would love to hear from people willing to assist with producing this magazine, or indeed other aspects of communications—eg: web, social media, mailshots, etc. Please contact me (see above) to find out more. Thank you. (*Brian Inall*)

RESTING



As we move into August, many families will enjoy a period of rest together. Of course, tragically many others will not, and come under increased pressures, not least, financial. Thankfully, many churches and other organisations seek to relieve these pressures,

ourselves among them through our support of, for example, our local food bank. Thank you for your continued support of it.

This whole idea of rest is, as you will know, an important biblical theme. A theme built into the fabric of our created order. We may read in Genesis, how for six days God created, and on the seventh day he rested. At a basic level then, we are created to regularly rest; not just for a week or two in a summer period or whenever else it might be. But regularly rest and pause. To reflect on our values and priorities, and to experience the liberating freedom which rest gifts.

I imagine we know something of how challenging this practice of rest is today. The general melee of busyness, materialism, and technology just some of the factors that might work to destroy it. I am also acutely aware of how church communities are not immune from said challenges, often mimicking or taking on the identity of the cultures they are embedded within.

..... I went off and rested at this point of the article with another

I returned a day later, and couldn't remember where I was going with this article! But I was carrying words that had been shared with me. Words of prayer by Teilhard de Chardin called Patient Trust.

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

I notice how in my resting, I had been blessed by another, for which I am deeply thankful. I had had a little time to reflect on my values and priorities, and to experience the liberating freedom which rest gifts.

I should like to share my gift with you. I pray as you rest, and practice the discipline of rest into this summer and beyond, you too may be blessed, and become more aware of what God's spirit is forming in you and us as a community; that as tempting as it is for us to become impatient with ourselves and each other, we may trust in the slow work of God.

With my love and prayers,

Stefan, Rector.

TREASURER'S ARTICLE:

After a gap of financial information, I am now able to provide 6 months data for your perusal in absolute minutiae, comparable to last year. However, I am really still in holiday mode so will only give you a few key points!!



The good news is that the contactless terminal is now working properly and donations are appearing in the account. We are in good company as I read in the newspaper that York Minster has a contactless collection plate! The less good news is that the total collected is only £113 over the 3 months we have had it but it has been non functional for a high proportion of that time. So please encourage its use for visitors, especially at wedding and funerals and raise the profile.

I have been very encouraged by the accounts until recently, especially by the increase in some of the regular giving, bearing in mind our increase in parish share.

However, we are at a time of church development and change, so it will be important to keep a close watch on our position as we reach out into the community. Although we have been up till now in the black on a monthly basis, we have had significant expenses this year and especially recently.

Donations:

£5,291 (2018); £1,729 (2019)

Planned Giving (standing orders+ envelopes)

£19,323 (2018) £22,085 (2019)

Parish hall net income:

£9,053 (2018) £5,125 (2019)

Parish Magazine net income:

£1,928 (2018) £1,519 (2019)

Funeral/weddings net income:

£9,208 (2018) £7,561 (2019)

Overall deficit after 6 months:

£3,788 (2018) £7,322 (2019)

A few explanatory points:

Our stewardship campaign last spring resulted in considerable extra donations apart from the effect on regular giving. Income from standing orders is much higher, that from envelopes and collections being static. We employed a cleaner for the parish hall thus increasing expenditure but lost club rocks regular income, so less profit despite increasing the rate for hire.

We are now printing the magazine commercially.

Although we have had a lot of funerals, we have reduced our fees to accord with good practice. Our spending has used some restricted money to mitigate against the effect on the general fund. We have bought new hymnbooks, all the AV equipment, had the new blinds fitted in the parish hall, also the emergency lighting.

I did once hear that information was power but I have to say having all this information and a great deal more only makes me feel powerless!!!!

The question is, how do we control our spending while taking on a programme of church development? I think the answer is that we plan it as carefully as possible.

You will understand that I thought of you a great deal while cruising up the Rhine gorge towards Switzerland – in particular when we came upon a beautiful building where the pub doubles up as the church! (See pic.) This is yet another idea for our outreach team to investigate..... Ring O' Bells, here we come!



Thank you all so very much for your regular and irregular donations which make it all possible!

Liz McClure

TIME AND TIDE WAIT FOR NONE:

Easter Sunday last, Jan and I attended the service of Holy Communion in the tiny church of All Saints on Bryher, the smallest of the Isles of Scilly (population approximately 70). The church is right by the seashore. There are within it four glorious modern stained glass windows designed by Oriel Hicks and made in the Phoenix studio on St Marys island. They depict scenes of animals on the seashore, sea birds and the fish and creatures that live in the sea.

We had met the vicar a couple of days before busy decorating St Nicholas Church on the island of Tresco. Although still awaiting her helpers she explained that the compensation was being able to use the beautiful flowers and foliage from the world renowned subtropical Abbey Gardens close by. The church looked beautiful. It contains a number of Charles Kempe windows and a brightly coloured window in the North transept by Tower, a pupil of Kempe.

On Sunday morning the church was filled by young families waiting to witness the baptism of the newest arrival on the island. Everyone was dressed in their

Sunday best. What a misnomer that has become, but not in this case! Perhaps some of the families had come from Tresco where the primary school is, but otherwise every family on the Island must have been represented. We sang three hymns, baptised the baby and received communion. All the right content but not necessarily in the right order - as the vicar confessed, all in forty-five minutes!

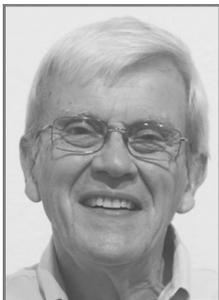
The reason for the need for haste became obvious when immediately upon the conclusion of the service the vicar was transported by a buggy, sat on the luggage rack where the golf clubs should have been. She disappeared driven at speed along the beach in a cloud of sand and spray, clerical robes flying in the slip stream. The need for hurry? It was imperative to catch the last ferry before the island was cut off by low tide, and on to her next service on Tresco.

Who says going to church is dull!

David Bowden

THE TIMES ARE A-CHANGING:

An affliction common among the elderly is a tendency to reminisce. I confess to being a sufferer but only in the broadest sense because my reminiscences lack detail. I therefore needed the prompting of a report on an article by the former Pope Benedict - of which more later - to get me started.



I have worked out that during the 1960s I got married, had two children, had six addresses in different parts of the country, changed employers three times and was a member of five churches in succession. Whilst I was absorbed in this family, career and church saga, British society was changing because this was the decade of the Swinging Sixties. Pope Benedict has focussed on this period because he sees it as a time of moral collapse in society triggered by the sexual revolution.

The binding standards of the previous years had collapsed and this prompted a deterioration that had affected the life of the church and was responsible in part for the various sex scandals. No doubt the Pope

was thinking primarily about the Roman Catholic tradition but all Christian denominations were affected. Needless to say this analysis of cause and effect (here much simplified) has been challenged by theologians and secular commentators. The sharpest criticism was reserved for what was regarded as an attempt to excuse the church from responsibility for what happened and lack of concern for the victims, building on the failure at the time to report the crimes to the secular authorities.

Although I may have only been dimly aware of it, history tells that the Swinging Sixties was a time of major upheaval in our society and culture. We were still recovering from the legacy of the second world war. Women had experienced a new independence as wage earners. The availability of the contraceptive pill on the NHS added to this change of status whereby, as one commentator has said, "the wages of sin was no longer a baby". Society, particularly the young, was ready for a new openness and fun-loving hedonism. So along came the mini skirt, the mini car, the musical "Hair" with its nude scene, hippies with their recreational drugs and "peace and freedom" logos and much more. The trial for obscenity of the publishers of the book "Lady Chatterley's Lover" collapsed suggesting society's changing values whilst the "Profumo Affair" undermined public trust in the establishment.

As a teenager and student in 1950s' London, I was aware of a certain dourness. There were subjects that were only alluded to in "saucy" seaside postcards. My family still joked about babies as "coming from under the gooseberry bush". It was time to get real. The result, warts and all, was the Swinging Sixties. One commentator described London as "changing from black and white to technicolour".

Christian teaching still had an element of "the wages of sin is death" and whilst the gospel of the forgiveness of sins was preached, it appeared that any aspect of sex in its many forms outside of marriage was an exception, causing much distress and damage to those who fell foul.

Pope Benedict's conclusion that developments in society have corrupted some aspects of Christian values and behaviour must be true but I suggest that there have also been some positives. In particular I suggest that the celebration of God's gift of life, that reached a high point in the 1960s, has resulted in a more generous approach to "sinners" based on love and reconciliation.

In 1963 Bob Dylan was singing:

"Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again.....
For the loser now
Will be later to win
For the times they are a-changing."

Well the chance has come again and I rejoice to see the present Pope Francis leading the way.

Jim Hawkes

HARVEST FESTIVAL

is scheduled for
SUNDAY 13th
OCTOBER
(subject to
confirmation)



Ride & Stride is an Annual Event which raises funds for both the Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust and for St James' Church. Get yourself sponsored for visiting a number of churches and money raised is split 50/50.

Cycling is one of the easiest and cleanest modes of transport, but any method is allowed.

Walking, running, cycling, car, horse riding, skateboard, bus, you name it!

From 10am Saturday 14th Sept

Details in church.

GROW WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED:

Our Pick and Mix society means that even Christians shop around to find the church that suits them best.

We are fortunate that in living in Christleton we have easy access to all sorts and flavours of churches very close at hand. When we came here six years ago we visited many of the churches round about to get to know them and to meet people. I am of 'no fixed abode' when it comes to churchmanship so I can feel equally at home in informal evangelical churches and the Cathedral.



But I was reminded of something that happened a long time ago. I have been a frequent visitor to Lee Abbey in North Devon which is a Christian holiday, retreat and conference centre. At one time they had a gardener who grew plants to sell and on one of my visits there I bought some young plants. The logo on the bag said 'Grow where you are planted' and I don't think they were simply referring to the plants.

I have thought about that many times over the years and think perhaps we need to ask ourselves why has God 'planted' me here? Why has God 'planted' you here? Just imagine what a powerful witness it would be if all the Christians in our village came together to worship on a Sunday rather than disperse in different directions to suit personal preferences. I so frequently hear Christians say that they go to the church which suits them best, which feeds and nurtures them best.

That's all very well but as Christians what we prayerfully have to ask ourselves is not 'which church serves me best' but 'How can I best serve God and his church'; 'How can I best help to further the work of the Kingdom in this place?', and even 'Why has God put me here at this time?' and 'What gifts do I have to offer which would help to build up the Body of Christ right here where I live.'

Grow where you are planted. Think about it.

Elizabeth Inall

Box Opening 2019 will soon be here!

We hope to be able to arrange for a guest speaker during September for our Children's Society Box Opening Service. The date of the service will be available shortly and will be advised in the weekly Pew Sheets as well as a notice in St James.

Our contributions are essential in supporting the work of The Children's Society as they address the problems facing many children and young people in our country today. The Society has a vision of a country where children are free from disadvantage, and its mission involves a willingness to tell hard truths as it fights for change, supporting disadvantaged children to have better lives.

Lesley Morgan

The
Children's
Society

Christleton Primary School is currently seeking a number of people to join its Governing Board. If you, or someone you know, would be interested then please get in touch!

The role of the Governing Board is to help shape the overall direction of the school, monitor progress and standards, review and approve the budget, appoint and support the Headteacher and Senior Staff, review policies and procedures and ensure the school fulfils its statutory duties. Of particular interest would be those individuals with a background or skill set that includes finance, buildings (maintenance, planning, health and safety) and legal experience.

For further information please contact either the school admin@christletonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk, or Emma Binns, Chair of Governors ebinns@christletonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you—Emma Binns

RECIPE FOR MEDITERRANEAN PORK

Following on from last month's recipe from Janet, we have a recipe from Joce that she used at Luncheon Club in July.

2 lb diced shoulder of pork
2 tbs olive oil
1 rounded tbs plain flour
2 onions, sliced
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tsp dried basil
1 tin chopped tomatoes
6 fl oz red wine (175 ml)
1 pepper, deseeded and chopped
50 g Spanish olives
Seasoning

Fry pork in oil in flameproof casserole (or frying pan) in small quantities. Remove to a plate when browned. Then add onions to casserole/pan and brown for a few minutes before sprinkling in flour.

Stir, return meat to pan and add tomatoes, wine, garlic, basil and seasoning. Bring to simmering point then cover with tight fitting lid and transfer to oven heated to 160 / gas mark 3 for 1½ hours.

Add chopped pepper and olives and cook for further 30 minutes.

Serve with potatoes or rice. Enjoy!

This quantity serves 4-6 people but freezes well so cook up a batch and freeze in portions.

Joce Platel



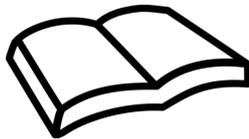
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FROM THE REGISTERS:



In past years we have had 'From the Registers' included in our Magazine. This hasn't happened since January 2018 and a number of people wish to see it re-instated. So here it is with thanks to Ann White:

Weddings:

6 April 2019: Ian Edward Cook
& Naomi Victoria Mace
11 May 2019: Mathew William Chard
& Lorna Elizabeth Starkie

Baptisms:

12 May 2019: Aria Sheel

Funerals:

3 May 2019: Ian Matthias
10 May 2019: Eileen Roberts
30 May 2019: Betty Ellis
3 June 2019: Christine Davies
7 June 2019: George Foster
14 June 2019: Eric White
1 July 2019: Richard Miller
17 July 2019: Nigel Bromage

Note: All these were at St James' Church unless otherwise indicated.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Cynthia Siddall on her 95th Birthday on 7th July.

Peter & Marjorie Jackson from Toll Bar Road, on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary 8th August 2019. They ran the stores and post office in Christleton from May 1976 to 2009.

Christleton High School Commemorating 60 years of Education in Christleton with a commemorative dinner on Saturday 13th July 2019.

PEOPLE WE REMEMBER:

RIP - Nigel Bromage (86) - Died 1/7/2019



Luncheon Club

The next lunch is at
12noon (for 12.30) in the Parish Hall
on **Monday 19th August 2019**

No charge but donations welcome.

A tasty hot meal. All welcome, but please book a place if you haven't already by calling:

Liz: 409414; Janet: 325529;
or Christine: 335562

Future dates: 16th Sept; 21st Oct.



CHRISTLETON WI

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month.
7.15pm in the Parish Hall

New members welcome.

Details from Elizabeth Inall (Tel: 336500)

Next meetings:

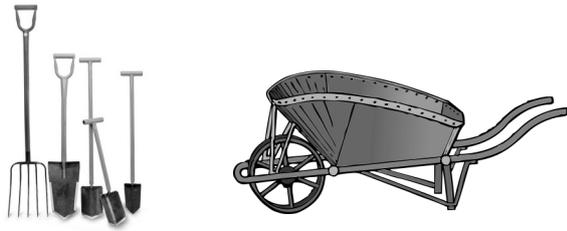
Wed 11th Sept

"Woodlands Skills Centre"

Wed 9th Oct

"Chester: A trading city"

(No meeting in August)



Churchyard Maintenance

**Next:
Saturday 10th August**

Once a month at 10.30am we hold a working party to help maintain our church yard. If you would like to join us just come along in old clothes with gloves and basic gardening tools (not essential). For further information please contact:

Mike Lightfoot - Tel: 07787 421357



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Meetings, Parties, Functions, etc.
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For bookings please contact the
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Janet Milton

Tel: 01244 325529 (before 8.00pm)
email: christletonhall@gmail.com



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IN CHRISTLETON**

CHRISTLETON SUMMER TEAS IN THE METHODIST CHURCH SCHOOLROOM

**EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON
now until 29th SEPT 2019**

**2.30 pm to 4.30 pm
EVERYONE WELCOME**



**PROCEEDS TO THE HOSPICE OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**



Messy Church

Please note there will be no meeting
in August.

Messy Church re-starts on
15th September
at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

St James' Church Calendar

August, September and October 2019

Every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Friday**: 9am: Morning Prayer
 (Note: As the Rector is away during some of August please check that Morning Prayer is running)

AUGUST:

- Sunday 4th:** 8.15am: Breakfast in the Parish Hall.
 (*Trinity 7*) 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.
 10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.
 4.00pm: Young Person's Service.
- Wednesday 7th: 10.45am: United Holy Communion (Churches Together). Refreshments.
 Saturday 10th: 10.30am: Churchyard Working Party.
- Sunday 11th:** 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.
 (*Trinity 8*) 10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.
 4.00pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).
- Wednesday 14th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
- Sunday 18th:** 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments and Produce Sale.
 (*Trinity 9*) 10.45am: Morning Worship with Communion. Refreshments.
 4.00pm: (no service - Messy Church on holiday).
- Monday 19th: 12.30pm: Luncheon Club in the Parish Hall.
 Wednesday 21st: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
- Sunday 25th:** 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.
 (*Trinity 10*) 10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.
 4.00pm: Contemplative Communion Service.
- Wednesday 28th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.

THE NEW REGULAR SERVICE PATTERN:

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
9:00am	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
10:45am	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Morning Worship
4:00pm	Young Person's Service	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Messy Church in Parish Hall. (Term time only)	Contemplative Communion	Taizé Service

The above table in the July magazine wasn't quite right! Can you spot the difference?

SEPTEMBER:

Every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Friday**: 9am: Morning Prayer

- Sunday 1st:** 8.15am: Breakfast in the Parish Hall.
(Trinity 11) 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.
10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.
4.00pm: Young Person's Service.
- Tuesday 3rd: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group—restarts after summer break.
Venue to be advised. More details from Chris (332466) or Elizabeth (336500)
- Wednesday 4th: 10.45am: United Holy Communion (Churches Together). Refreshments.
- Sunday 8th:** 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.
(Trinity 12) 10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.
4.00pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).
- Tuesday 10th: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group. Venue to be advised.
- Wednesday 11th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
- Saturday 14th: 10.00am: Ride & Stride. Sponsored church visiting to raise funds. See page 6.
10.30am: Churchyard Working Party—date to be confirmed. Check notices.
- Sunday 15th:** 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments and Produce Sale.
(Trinity 13) 10.45am: Morning Worship with Communion. Refreshments.
4.00pm: Messy Church in the Parish Hall.
- Monday 16th: 12.30pm: Luncheon Club in the Parish Hall.
- Tuesday 17th: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group. Venue to be advised.
- Wednesday 18th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
- Sunday 22nd:** 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.
(Trinity 14) 10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.
4.00pm: Contemplative Communion Service.
- Tuesday 24th: 10.30am: “Coffee Morning with Extra Ingredients” at Grange House. Have coffee and donate some Christmas baking ingredients for a Produce Sale nearer Christmas for church funds. See ad page 13. More details from Elizabeth (336500)
7.30pm: Home Discussion Group. Venue to be advised.
- Wednesday 25th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments
7.30pm: PCC Meeting.
- Sunday 29th:** 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.
(Trinity 15) 10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.
4.00pm: Taizé. (A contemplative service using the Taizé style of worship)

OCTOBER:

Every **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday** and **Friday**: 9am: Morning Prayer

Tuesday 1st: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group. Venue to be advised.

Wednesday 2nd: 10.45am: United Holy Communion (Churches Together). Refreshments.

Sunday 6th: 8.15am: Breakfast in the Parish Hall.

(Trinity 16) 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.

10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.

4.00pm: Young Person's Service. (Note: This could be the annual Allotment Service. TBC.)

Monday 7th: 10.30am: Fundraising Bridge Drive at Deva Bridge Club. Ticket only.

Tuesday 8th: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group—restarts after summer break. Venue to be advised.

Wednesday 9th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.

Saturday 12th: 10.30am: Churchyard Working Party. Date to be confirmed. Check notices

7.00pm: Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall. See notices for ticket details nearer the time.

Sunday 13th: HARVEST FESTIVAL (To be confirmed)

(Trinity 17) 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.

10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.

4.00pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).

Tuesday 15th: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group. Venue to be advised.

Wednesday 16th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.

Sunday 20th: 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments and Produce Sale.

(Trinity 18) 10.45am: Morning Worship with Communion. Refreshments.

4.00pm: Messy Church in the Parish Hall.

Monday 21st: 12.30pm: Luncheon Club in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 22nd: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group. Venue to be advised.

Wednesday 23rd: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.

Sunday 27th: CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR TO GMT

(Trinity 19) 9.00am: Holy Communion. Refreshments after in Parish Hall.

10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments.

4.00pm: Contemplative Communion Service.

Tuesday 29th: 7.30pm: Home Discussion Group. Venue to be advised.

Wednesday 30th: 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.

Thursday 31st: B**X*T Will we, or won't we? A cause for prayer for the common good.

BCP means: A service following THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER. (Traditional older style language.)

Other services generally follow COMMON WORSHIP with modern language, except where indicated otherwise.

All Calendar entries subject to correction or change. Check also the "What's On" calendar on the church website as this may show more up-to-date information.

Until the end of September there will be Summer Teas at the Methodist Church every Sunday at 2.30pm - see ad in this magazine.

CHRISTLETON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

We held village meetings at the high school to update villagers on the findings of traffic surveys done by the council. We presented some options for reducing traffic speed and easing congestion, and we took details from people wanting to be more involved. From these volunteers, we formed the Traffic Working Group (TWG).

The TWG have had two meetings since our last article and with group members being allocated their various roles. The group is looking at traffic calming measures, developing solutions for congestion, parking and pollution monitoring, and ways of changing driver attitudes.



The group is working with an officer from Cheshire West & Chester (CWAC) Highways on a proposal for parking restrictions through the S bends, so progress is being made in this area and testing for this will take place towards the end of September when the schools have returned.

The TWG has requested CWAC Highways to provide indicative costs to extend and possibly deepen the existing toast rack parking on Village Road and provide costs for toast rack type parking at two locations on Quarry Lane.

Again, this year we are experiencing anti-social behaviour and unauthorised fishing at The Pit. Fishing permits are only issued to children under the age of 16 and they are only allowed to fish from the designated fishing platforms on the Bricky Lane side of the Pit in the open season. Application forms for permits can be obtained from the Village Stores or the Ring O'Bells

and the permits are issued by the Bank Warden.

Anyone observing any anti-social behaviour or illegal activities at The Pit can contact our PCSO Jack Makin by ringing the non-emergency 101 number or by email: jack.makin@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

A change to the format for the Parish Council Meeting has now taken place, it has been agreed to incorporate the King George's Field Trust meeting into the main Parish Council Meeting – this will give residents who are not aware of the role of the King George's Field Trust the opportunity of engaging and familiarising themselves with the work of the Trust.

There is no meeting of the Parish Council in August and the date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 3rd September 2019 in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm.

(Cllr - Kate Sinclair)

COFFEE MORNING WITH EXTRA INGREDIENTS

When? Tues 24th September
Time? 10.30am
Where? Grange House, Village Road
Why? Apart from coffee and good fellowship, we are collecting donations of Christmas Baking Ingredients. Dried Fruit, flour, brandy, suet, etc. These will be made & baked by our gallant team into Christmas Produce (eg: Mincemeat; Christmas puddings; Cakes) for sale for church funds during December.

(More info from Elizabeth Inall - Tel: 336500)

**It's nearly
Christmas !**



HARVEST SUPPER

*A Harvest Supper is being planned for
SAT 12th OCTOBER
7pm in the Parish Hall. Save that date in your
diary. More details later.*

THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTLETON VILLAGE SHOW. (Part 1)

The first village show was held on The Rectory Fields now the site of Christleton High School in 1871. We're not sure what events constituted this occasion, but we have evidence from 1872 that it was primarily a Fruit & Flower Show. In 1876 a Rose Show was held to provide funds for the new church building. It took place on Sunday afternoon July 25th following a St James' Day Festival service, "and was attended by a very large aristocratic congregation" The Show was deemed a great success, indeed the judges were perfectly astonished with symmetry and general healthiness of the exhibits" In class 1 the competition was open to all and cash prizes of £1, 15/- and 10/- were awarded. In Class 2 the competition open to all local cottagers paying less than £10 per annum in rent, with much smaller cash prizes to the winners. Class 3 was an open class for Roses, and in Class 4 the prize for the best bouquet was won by Mrs Lucy Ann Ince who also won the class of the Epergne dressed with flowers (a display for the centre of a dining table). The Band of the Cheshire Militia, whose Commanding officer was her husband Colonel Townsend Ince, played for dancing until dusk'. The tea tent was well patronised and great credit for the overall organisation given to Sam Earlam and the Rev & Mrs Lionel Garnett.

Grand Fete.

There was also a Grand Fete that year on Bank Holiday Monday August 7th, and events included a fancy fair, athletic sports, pigeon shooting, rifle gallery, cross bows and dart guns, archery, skittles, aunt Sally and quoits. The Band of the 1st Royal Cheshire Militia also played for this event, which was held to raise funds for the rebuilding of St James' Church.

Rose Shows

The shows in July of 1881 & 1882 for which we have programmes, were Rose Shows and Sales of Work, specifically to raise the remaining funds for the completion of the church building. Entrance to the Rose Show was 1/-, and tea and refreshments were provided at a further cost of 1 shilling. The show was followed by dancing on the Village Green. Transport to the Show was organised by a Mrs Barnes who ran the Favourite Omnibus and Brakes from the Bars in Chester to Christleton every hour beginning at 2.00 o'clock. The fare was 4d each way. Incidentally this was the same company who in 1911 advertised a service to Christleton to listen to the nightingales on the Woodfields, price 6d.

In August 1901 a Grand Bazaar & Garden Party was held at The Rectory, in aid of the schools, and was opened at 2.30pm by the Countess Grosvenor. This was totally organised by a Ladies Committee and was highly successful. The attractions included a Dairy Stall, Fancy Stall, Pottery, Baskets, Flowers and Herbaceous Plants, An Ideal Tea Stall, Fancy Stall 2 and Needlework. There were Menagerie Races, a Shooting Gallery, Sunlight Washing Competitions, Hat trimming competitions for men, Bran Pies etc. The event was

sponsored by Lever Bros. of Port Sunlight, Wirral, and they provided the following prizes for the Ladies Sunlight Soap Washing Competition.

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Band & Dancing. Admission 1s, till 5.00pm, then 6d.

Afternoon tea cost 2/6d, which seems an extraordinary amount for those days. Waggonettes ran to Christleton through the day, from "The Bars" at Boughton.

Next Month. Christleton Agricultural Shows.

NATURE NOTES JULY 2019

June was the wettest month of the year so far, with unseasonal rainfall causing the Gowy to burst its banks twice. At one stage the water from the Gowy was entering the Hockenhull reserve from the south and when it reached the far end of the wet meadow completely flooded the meadow and nearby field and then rushed into the main stream again with such force that it flowed into the new lake, forcing the fence to bend with the weight of floating vegetation. Walk Mill lake was also completely flooded by water from the Gowy and the footpaths around it were flooded to a great depth for several weeks.

During the rain lots of damage was done to some of the dragon and damselfly eggs and larvae, and numbers seen in the following days were minimal. However when the hot sun re-appeared a number of these insects seem to have had a successful breeding season. Amongst the best were common blue damselflies, and southern hawker dragonflies. There are fewer banded agrion damselflies than usual, but they bring real colour to the riverbank. Amongst the butterflies, brimstone, red admiral, comma, gatekeeper, small skipper were the most common, but the surprise of the season in this area, is the regular appearance of the ringlet. These dark brown/black butterflies appear at the margins of the lake and river and have distinctive brown rings on their upper wing, but even more pronounced on the underside.

Another surprise visitor to the village has been the Painted Lady butterfly. This is an extraordinary migratory butterfly, which depends on conditions being right to make one of the longest journeys a butterfly will make to the UK. We saw the first this year on one of my wildlife walks on a path in "Woodfields" and subsequently they have appeared all over the Parish. These colourful insects breed in Morocco in the autumn, and after emergence fly across the straits of Gibraltar, then across Spain and France, to possibly breed again before the next hatchings emerge and fly across the channel to the UK. They don't appear every year, but sometimes come in extraordinary numbers, and in 2009 it

was estimated that 31 million crossed the channel, but what was equally surprising was that 11 million flew back across the channel. This was just one of the most amazing facts to emerge from new ways of recording the flights of these tiny insects. It is a strong flying butterfly, but is a really beautiful butterfly to watch as it nectars in our gardens. The sad thing is that it is not able to survive our winters. One interesting fact is that it is a relatively easy butterfly to hatch, and many people will have purchased "butterfly kits" from the Natural History Museum and children are able to watch these insects grow and fly. Amelie our granddaughter managed to help 5 painted ladies emerge and released them into her garden.

The other surprise fact about this extraordinary wet and warm spell of weather is that we have seen the tallest growth of vegetation I can ever remember, so much so that I have been unable to get onto the reserve at Hockenhull and walk about without chest waders, and that fungi have appeared in greater numbers and size far earlier than would be expected. Field mushrooms the size of a dinner plate, have been seen along the Littleton- Christleton footpath, and several more clusters have been found along the hedgerows. I'm also pleased to report that the red Valerian, a wild plant that appears in the village and churchyard throughout the summer, is now in full flower and looking magnificent, as is the pink amphibious bistort growing on the water at The Pit.

I'm also pleased to report that the Walk Mill swans continue to grow, and the five healthy cygnets looked really well last time I saw them.

David Cummings

2019 CHRISTLETON FETE:

The 2019 Fete took place on a wonderful warm summer day, with the colourful Parade leaving the Village Green headed by the Wirral Pipe Band, led by Pipe Major Chris Eyre. Our new Rose Queen, Emily Bolton, was accompanied by her retinue, Sofia, Ruby Lou, Elsa, Tara, Evelyn, Cara and Autumn. The retiring 2018 Rose Queen Jessica Mills followed with her team, who have accomplished their duties extremely well this year. The Fete compere was David Cummings who welcomed everyone to the Primary School field, and invited the Rector, Rev. Dr Stefan Collier to crown Emily as the 2019 Christleton Rose Queen. Emily gave an excellent speech in reply during which she thanked the organisers and everyone involved, and declared the "2019 Fete Open".

Judging of the fancy dress followed, with Alf Croston again winning the first prize, this time dressed as an "Old Rocker", with children from the Pre School winning the Junior Prize. The theme of the Fete was Christleton, on the 50th Anniversary of the original Festival at "Woodstock" when it is estimated that over 500,000

people turned out for what became a free festival expressing the movement of "Popular Music" and "the original summer of love". We didn't see that many people in Christleton, but there were lots of stalls around the perimeter of the field, and the arena had some excellent musical acts to entertain the visitors.

The first entertainment in the arena came from the Wirral Pipe Band who performed their skills of piping & drumming with great aplomb. They were followed by guitarist Jonny Daniel making a welcome return this year, and accompanied by Katie for some delightful items during his set. This item was followed by a group of energetic young dancers from Buckley, known as the Flash Mob and led by their teacher Anna Wooding.

The Prize draw followed with superb prizes of 1 Amazon Alexa, 2 Fitbit Blaze, 3 a family ticket to the Grosvenor Park Outdoor Theatre.

Fetes such as ours at Christleton need a great deal of financial support to enable the overall aim of providing generous donations to help the running of Village Organisations. This year the main sponsors were; CNS Business IT Support Services, The Ring O Bells, The Shutter Shed, Clay & Rock, Flight Graphics, Thomas Estate Agents, Spitting Feathers Brewery, Abbey Gate Collage, Osprey windows, The Cheshire Cat & Christleton Primary School & School Association.

The final act of the afternoon on stage was Music from the Radi8tors a very popular rock band from Wirral. They have been together for 10 years and play the length & breadth of the country, including at the recent Spitting Feathers Beer Festival where they proved a great hit. The group, Mike Hughes, Peter Cunningham, Steve Newbiggin and Josh Roberts were extremely lively and provided some excellent music for the audience to listen to, and for "rock & roll" enthusiasts.

The Fete depends on so many people to enable it to continue and a special thanks to Dawn Sturgess and her team for continuing to provide the organisation, and the infrastructure again this year. Thanks also to all the stall holders and those who provide games and attractions, and of course to all who attended. I would like to say a special thank you to the Rose Queens and their retinue's because they are the ones who will keep this tradition going in the future, being very much part of our village heritage, an event that has gone on since at least 1875, together with the Village show which pre dates it held first in 1871.

David Cummings

NOTE FROM DAWN STURGESS:

Dawn supports the words from David about this year's Fete (see previous page), but adds:

"We are looking for extra committee members to help in the Fete organisation."

Please contact Dawn for more information:

dawn@sturgessfamily.com

DEANERY SYNOD:

There have been two Deanery Synods recently, one on 22nd May and the second on 9th July.

In May the meeting was in St. Luke's Church, Huntington which is linked to St. Pauls's, Boughton and now closed. The Hall next door is still open – one of its sessions is for homeless people who may go there for help.

St Luke's is a "Church in the Suburbs" where there are many children and children's ministry is very important. The Church is involved in some assemblies and "Open the Book". There is a schools' worker who is involved with the five schools in the parish – Bishops' High School is in the parish. There is a Community Café which is important as there is only housing in the area and there is nowhere for people to meet.

There are plans to seek grants so that St Paul's can be adapted for other uses. The Church is a listed building - it needs a new roof and rewiring.

The speaker for the evening was the Revd Canon Jeremy Dussek, Canon Residentiary at Chester Cathedral, who gave us an interesting talk on what takes place at the Cathedral apart from the regular services each week. During the talk he distributed "post-it" notes marked with either a tick or a cross. In groups we then discussed what the Cathedral is and what it is not.

What the Cathedral is: It is a spiritual place. It is the main Christian Church and place for different traditions and faiths. It is the centre for Mission. It is a place of hospitality.

What the Cathedral is not: It is not a concert hall. It is not for representing the Diocese. It is not just a tourist attraction.

Jeremy told us that some 360 people volunteer at the Cathedral and there is a constant flow of daily visitors. Many kinds of services are held in the course of the year – 27,000 attended services during Advent.

An action plan is in preparation as the Cathedral looks to the future under the heading "Chester Cathedral will follow Christ through discovery, encounter and faith.

It costs £5,000 a day to run.

The second meeting was held in St. Mark's Church, Lache cum Saltney where the Rural Dean, Rev'd Hennie Johnston introduced the Church and parish.

The parish serves a population of around 19,000 and is active in many spheres of life. There is a busy Messy Church held at Lache Community Centre, a Community Café, regular puppet shows which are Gospel related, a ministry for patients with dementia, cancer support group, cinema club and regular assemblies are held in local schools.

The speaker was Dr. Alan Downen, from the Chester Deanery Synod who spoke on Deanery Synods their purpose and achievements following the National Deaneries Conference.

Questions he posed:

- what is the purpose of Deanery Synods?
- what are they trying to achieve?
- why are we actually here?

Deanery Synods were established in 1874 and comprise a network of churches in an Archdeanery – there are two Archdeaneries in the diocese of Chester, Chester and Macclesfield. They comprise lay members and clergy; they enable mission, act as a link between people in the Parishes, the Diocese and the Church of England nationally. A leadership team works with the Bishop and Archdeacon. Parishes in the Deanery, in our case, Chester Deanery, elect members according to the numbers on their Electoral Rolls. The Deanery Synod consists of a house of clergy led by the Rural Dean and a house of laity led by a lay chair elected by the lay members. They meet regularly during the year. Members elect representatives to the Diocesan Synod and the diocesan representatives to the General Synod.

Alan believes that they should be outward-looking imaginative and be "bottom up" and it is necessary to have a function and purpose.

The great question now is – what should we do next? How should we change? There is no decision-making function – are we just a talking-shop? Can we learn from Churches Together?

There is yet much thinking and work to be done.

St. James' Church elects lay representatives for a 3 year period. They are: Bettie Gilliatt and Joce Platel. Rev'd Gill Hibbert (not elected) is in the House of Clergy.

CHRISTLETON VILLAGE SHOW - SAT 13TH JULY 2019

ALLOCATION OF TROPHIES:

As well as individual entries gaining 'prizes' within their categories (1st, 2nd, 3rd), points are accumulated to win trophies. For 2019 the winners of trophies are:

1. Best exhibitor	Lyn Malkin	18. Best hanging basket	Edward Elliott
2. Best Exhibit	Jessica Mills	19. Best Group Baskets	Beryl Cummings
3. Rose Bowl	Andy Newport	20. Best commercial premises.	The Plough Inn
4. Wine / Drink	Anne Parfremont	21. Theme Shield	Jack Smith
5. Produce Award	Janet Brown	22. Millennium Trophy	June Pearson
6. Baking Award	Louise White	23. Best Newcomer	Ann Barclay
7. Fruit & Vegetable	Jim Ferns	24. Chairman's Jubilee Award.	Abigail Bridge
9. Best Plant in Show	Edward Elliott	25. Jim Siddall Award	Kathryn Hall
10. Floral Art	Angela Haswell	26. Junior Vegetable Grower	no entries
11. Art Local Scene.	no entries	27. Best Group Young Growers	no entries
12. Children's overall	Christina Mills		
13. Most successful flowers	Edward Elliott		
14. Craft Award.	Wendy Lewis		
15. Best 3 exhibits	Luke Sturgess		
16. Best Photo in Show	Roger Croston		
17. Best exhibit by a child	Max Smith		

Children's Section Winners

- A. Kanchi, Alana, Athena, Tara, Loula, Max
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C. Christina

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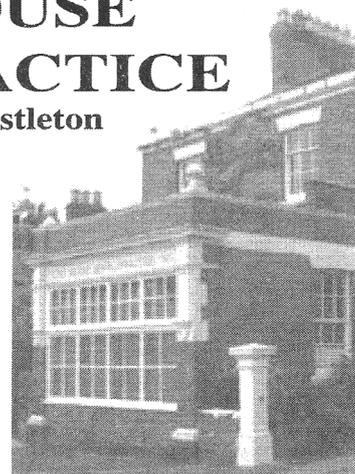
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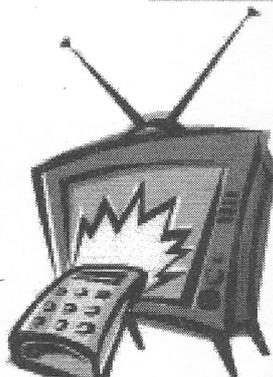
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