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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

Whatever Christmas will be like for you this year, may it bring joy, peace and hope in the knowledge of the love of God and the gift of Jesus.

WHAT WAS GOOD IN 2020?

Friendship. Talking more to neighbours. Supporting those who struggled. Clapping the NHS. Carers. Critical workers. Research scientists. Discovering that we could meet and worship online. Hearing more birdsong. Spending more time in the garden. Reduced pollution in the streets. More cycle lanes. No more potholes in Christleton. Hot & sunny spring. Great fruit crops. Good year for British wine. New Bishop of Chester. Rob Croft our new curate. God's love.

2020



2021

WHAT IS GOING TO BE GOOD IN 2021?

Another new spring with new life. A new crop of flowers, veg and fruit. Vaccines and medications. New politics and more attention on climate change. Holidays. Continuing friendships. Rediscovering hugs. Church development plans moving ahead. Meals out. Pubs. Going to sporting events. Attending live music. Weddings. Celebrations. No masks! No steamed up specs. God's love.

NOT ALL GOOD!

Of course, this has been a difficult year. We send our love to those who have suffered with their health, those who have been lonely, those who have been bereaved, those without work, those who have been anxious and pray that 2021 brings relief and healing, better times and God's blessings.

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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. Contributions are welcome and more details about this are available from the editor.

The church website not only carries the current issue but also back copies of this magazine and much more information and news about what is happening at St James' Church in these strange and uncertain times.

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LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD:

‘The Christmas message of hope is needed more than ever in a year that has brought dark days for so many people.’

So wrote the cross-party group of MPs and peers to the Prime Minister, calling for him to guarantee that church services will go ahead this Christmas. Without doubt, we will look back on 2020 as a year of profound disruption, loss and trauma.

In turn, 2021 will be defined by the continuing pandemic and by the responses that we make to our experiences of disruption, loss and trauma. Those responses have included, and will continue to include, many changes for good – changes coming from the new perspectives of disruption, from challenge to the status quo, and from new priorities in the face of huge impacts.

In ten days’ time, Rowan Williams will publish *Candles in the Dark: Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic*. He will point out our new and unwelcome solidarity in uncertainty – a newness especially unwelcome in the lives of our prosperous communities in the West. We have been shaken. As Christians, he suggests that the great question will be: What have we learned?

There could be many things about which we have learned – perhaps about our interdependence, about the reality of risk in our world, or about how we decide the priorities of the common good. Perhaps we have learned about injustice, about white dominance, and about the vulnerabilities of the poorest, the powerless and the marginalised.

There are many people in the church who would help us learn. David Herbert points us to resources for people able to act as ‘shock absorbers’ – people of resilience who help others bear their burdens – [Diocese of Chester | Church House Blog: Shock absorbing resources \(anglican.org\)](#)

Jenny Bridgman offers us her reflections from the parish of Timperley, here about an emerging, strengthening emphasis on the ministry of every person – about discipleship in a post-COVID world – [Resilient Praxis | Out of the Chancel \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Jenny suggests that ‘We are being formed for something new: something radical. And a first step has to be that when we talk about our church life, we don’t imagine what we do on a Sunday morning, but how we live in every other hour of the week.’

In his new book Rowan Williams wonders aloud ‘What if

something of a new world has been seen afresh and has kindled a new force of longing for generous, equitable, joyful living together?’

And if these are two things new, I close with two things old.

First, this week in a Retreat House Chester series called Exploring Contemporary Spirituality, we reflected on St Benedict. In my preparation, I read this:

*For Benedict eating, sleeping, working, praying and studying all flow into one another. But in the middle there is an open space; it is this open, uncluttered, empty space that we need to hold at the centre of our own busy lives, because this empty space is the place where we listen to the voice of God in our hearts.*¹

Second, the year has brought us to reading in Morning Prayer from the book of Isaiah, chapter 40. It is poetry of astonishing power, born out of the intense pain of the exile in Babylon. We hear what it is to have hope, and in whom that hope rests.

Our God goes before us.

Yours in Christ,
Rob

¹ Esther de Waal. (2011). St Benedict. In Kim Nataraja (Ed.), *Journey to the Heart* (p152). Canterbury Press.

PUBLICATION OF REVIEW INTO BISHOP WHITSEY

Hubert Victor Whitsey: 1916 - 1987
former Bishop of Chester: 1974 - 1981

The Church of England, 11 Nov 2020



"A Betrayal of Trust", the independent report into the Church's handling of the allegations concerning the late Hubert Victor Whitsey, former Bishop of Chester, was originally published last month and concluded that Whitsey sexually abused a large number of children and young persons (both male and female) and vulnerable adults. [*The review has been taken down temporarily because a legal issue concerning the report has been raised which needs to be considered carefully.*] The Church is committed to taking very seriously criticisms in the report about how and where it failed to respond.

(The report is 145 pages long and the contents are both disturbing and compelling to read. This comes hard on the heels of the IICSA report of child sexual abuse in the Anglican church in England and Wales. Ed.)

(See also Bishop Mark's article on the next page.)

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP OF CHESTER, MARK TANNER (Ref: Report on Bishop Whitsey)

"There are no words to express my horror and shame as I read this report; and even if there were, words alone are not enough. Our apologies, which are freely and sincerely given, must be backed up by action. I am grateful to all those who have already helped us start to change, to Judge Pearl for this report, and most of all to the incredibly brave survivors who have spoken up and made us listen. It is with them and all victims of abuse that my thoughts and prayers rest today as I commit myself and the Diocese of Chester to respond in word and action to this report."



worst of all, the golf course is closed. It is a nasty thought that I might have to turn to tidying the study indoors....

Talking of which, I have in between times been musing over the Church accounts – having only just had our belated AGM on the 2019 accounts, the year 2020 is racing towards its conclusion and I shall be producing this year's accounts soon after you receive this article.

TREASURER'S CHRISTMAS:

What a title!! After the wonderful gifts that I, or to be more precise, the parish has had over my treasurer years from our parishioners, what will it be this year?!



The contactless terminal of a previous Christmas is doing extremely well this year as cash is of course discouraged in all scenarios at present. I can hardly wait to see.

This year I am hoping that we have all receive the Christmas present we want. I am referring to the vaccine cavalry which we understand is coming over the hill at an unprecedented rate. Would it not be wonderful to be able to go about our business as normal, actually seeing people in person! (How many times have we heard Boris say "unprecedented"?!!)

Never mind, many of us have become much more competent using virtual technology – I personally have seen my grandchildren much more than ever before on a weekly zoom meeting. I attach a picture of my 2 baby pumpkins to give the idea. They were quite delighted to see Granny sitting between them on my virtual background on Zoom – and it made me feel quite part of the story.

My decorating lockdown activities are beginning to lose their attraction as the weather gets a bit worse and

I cannot emphasise enough how delighted I have been by the response of you fantastic parishioners to my pestering, encouraging and trying to enable the move towards on line regular giving. It has been really wonderful and has put the church's finances on a much more predictable footing which helps hugely when the stewardship group is considering budgeting for next year. It does not take a genius to work out what happened to our carefully calculated budgets on the general fund for this year – they disintegrated and were practically discarded as we watched somewhat warily how the cash flow altered over the first lockdown. After a worrying time, when the PCC felt it was only safe to reduce our parish share initially to a level of 2/5ths of our normal, we then increased it up to 3/5ths rather cautiously.

Fortunately we have had by the end of November a total of £18,000 donations over the year and it was even worth revisiting our budget spreadsheets for fun. You will realise that fundraising and the parish hall have been sadly unable to assist in our cash flow due to the pandemic implications, so these donations have been particularly important this year.

Talking of fundraising, it is amazing to think that last Saturday I attended a Ceilidh hosted in Glasgow by the Climate change activists – I danced the Gay Gordons, also St Bernard's Waltz with my toy sheep partner and it is definitely the first time I have crossed my arms on Zoom to join with 40 others in a virtual circle singing Auld Lang Syne!! One chap was dancing with a large Labrador, another girl with her cat. All in the comfort of our own homes!

Hopefully you can see me looking adoringly at my partner....



After much thought and information sharing with the stewardship group, we felt we could reasonably ask the PCC to consider paying something of the shortfall in our this year's parish share to the diocese. I am delighted the PCC has chosen to do this. The end result by the end of the year is that we shall have paid a parish share of over 4/5ths of our usual share, but not the full amount of our allocation. This comes to a share of 1.05, our allocated share being 1.25. The great thing about this is that it is sufficient to support a full time member of the clergy (of which we have been the beneficiaries) and in addition provides a little to help other parishes.

We do hope to be able to continue to pay this level of share initially next year but looking at the finances and budgeting it does look a bit of a leap of faith!! As always, do get in touch if you do feel you would like to alter your method of regular giving, or indeed if you have any queries. Although few are now using envelopes, they will be available in December in church perhaps with new numbers allocated (provided Church re-opens).

Thank you so very much for all your support.

Liz McClure

THANK YOU:

Jan, Katherine and Sally Bowden thank everyone most sincerely for their immense kindness and support during the last difficult months, and for their cards, letters and expressions of sympathy since David's death.

In particular we should like to thank all our many friends who braved the weather to stand outside St James' Church at his funeral. All this has been a great consolation to us.

Donations if desired, in David's memory, may be made at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/davidejbowden

OBITUARY COMPILED BY JAN:

David Bowden 1939 - 2020



David was well known as a Christleton resident and member of the St James' congregation for over 40 years. During this time he contributed much to village life, at St James as Churchwarden, and an active member of their PCC and other committees; helping to organise bonfire and fireworks nights or regularly manning a village fete stall or planning church rambles here or in Grasmere in the 1980s/90s. Many have written describing David as both a true gentleman, and a gentle man; sincerely interested in others and doing his best to offer practical and moral support where needed.

David grew up with his younger siblings Robert and Rosemary in Warrington where their father was a respected GP. As a boy David by all accounts seemed to lead a free, idyllic open-air existence in the company of several other boys who became lifelong friends. Three of them continued their adventures at Liverpool University, enjoying walking, camping and climbing in the Lakes where possible, including a famous time when their tents blew down, and they spent the night in a cave.

David qualified as a dentist in Liverpool in 1963. After Dental House Officer and SHO posts, plus a research post in the Dept. of Medical Genetics in Liverpool, he specialised in Orthodontics in Manchester. In 1972 he was appointed Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Orthodontics at the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff, before in 1979 returning to the North West as Consultant Orthodontist for Merseyside, based in Chester. This was the post he held for 20 years until he retired. Many former young patients, now adults, have remembered him fondly as the kind orthodontist who calmed their fears as he "fixed" their smiles, remaining endlessly patient even when they broke their braces.

Professionally, David had a positive influence on the lives of so many, from the thousands of patients he cared for, the hundreds of students he taught and the dozens of orthodontists whom he trained or whose careers were enhanced by the structures he was instrumental in creating. His colleagues write that he always led by example – a combination of sheer hard work and setting direction, looking for opportunities for his junior colleagues to flourish - and taking pride if they did – right up until his final months.

Alongside his clinical work, David was also extremely active on both local and national committees. He held many senior roles, included Chair of the British Orthodontic Society's Consultant Orthodontists Group and of their Ethics Committee, and Chairing the Orthodontic Specialist Advisory Committee of the Royal College of Surgeons; big roles with huge challenges. He was so well regarded professionally that he was appointed President and an honorary life member of the British Orthodontic Society.

Except for his school years at Malvern and a move to South Wales in the 1970s, David's home was in the North West. This was where he studied and worked and where he belonged. One of his great pleasures towards the end of his life was to tour Anfield stadium, with Jan, a visit arranged by the family to mark his 80th birthday. He was a very keen supporter of Liverpool FC and it was fitting that he was able to watch his team secure the Premiership title this year for the first time in decades.



David's great pride and pleasure was his family. Married to Jan for 52 years, a loving father to Katherine and Sally, David had relished his role as Grandpa to Katy, Elin and James, sharing with them his great sense of fun. Thanks to his influence, the whole family have inherited his passion for hiking and the great outdoors, activities which they love and partake of whenever possible.

David loved sport, playing hockey for Warrington, and later became a keen golfer. He and Jan shared, amongst other things, their Christian faith, a love of their garden, of music and of travel, in particular trips to Italy, a country which he clearly grew to love. Retirement enabled David to enjoy more well-deserved family time, including a once in a lifetime trip to Australia, walking holidays in Switzerland, and time regularly spent in Dorset. More recently, a favourite holiday location was on the Scilly Islands which he and Jan were able to visit for the last time when he was 80 after a lengthy postponement owing to David's deteriorating health.

David suffered horribly in the last few months but remained as patient in suffering as he was patient in temperament. A dedicated professional, a gentle, companionable man, a devoted, supportive, much loved husband, father and grandpa. David will be deeply missed by so many.

At the funeral, on 27 October 2020 at St James', David's colleague Joyce Russell gave a tribute ending with the following words which she felt "capture the essence of someone to whom we owe so much."

*A life well lived is a precious gift
of hope and strength and grace
From someone who has made our world
a brighter, better place.
It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
– with smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
and laughter through the years.
A life well lived is a legacy of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will
treasure.*

(Compiled by Jan from tributes paid at David's funeral and from letters received.)



CHRISTIAN AID
IN A TIME OF A
GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Despite lockdown, fears of illness and death, economic difficulties and bewilderment and loneliness, there still remains the obligation to consider the needs of those who live in third world countries, in poverty, in the midst of strife and with minimal resources to depend on. The effects of climate change have been key in bringing about the severe problems suffered by the poorest nations in Africa, Asia and South America.

This Christmas, Christian Aid is asking churches to support and stand alongside those in the front line of the climate crisis, facing consequences they are not responsible for. We need to chart a path to a world that is more equal in the distribution of its resources, more just, more sustainable and that promotes human flourishing.

Christian Aid believes and many commentators have highlighted that though governments in the global North have claimed that their economic recovery plans for dealing with the fallout of coronavirus will be green and will also help to tackle climate crisis, yet, these plans are mostly insufficient and very much of the North, by the North and for the North. These plans do not address the historic and current responsibility for the climate crisis which lies firmly at the door of rich countries, while low-income countries continue to pay the price.

As we approach the celebration of 'Emmanuel', the incarnation of love, we should remember that love never fails; that love unites; that love brings hope. Christian Aid encourages us to join in prayer, to donate if we can and to take what action we can to make a difference to those who depend upon us throughout the world.

In Matthew 25, Our Lord Jesus made clear that whatever was done to the least of those in the world was done for Him and whatever was not done to the least of those in the world was denied to Him. And he made it clear that there are consequences. So, let us bend our hearts and minds this Christmas to giving what we can, generously, prayerfully and joyfully and to following up in the coming year with action to support Christian Aid's broader work throughout the world.

Visit caid.org.uk/buildhope for actions and resources to support the worldwide work of Christian aid

Chris Platel (Christian Aid organiser Christleton)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS:

Writing this in November, I am wondering what kind of Church Services we will be having at Christmas. They certainly will not be the same as last year, and will they ever be the same again. This takes me back 75 years, the war was recently over and life was getting back to normal. I was 16 and singing tenor in Hooton Church choir. The Choir had some 10 to 12 boys and about 8 men, one of which was my grandfather's brother. When

my father was a boy in the choir, women sang the alto part and sat behind the boys, if any boy misbehaved they got a clip round the ear, times change!

I also rang the bells in Capenhurst Church. When the service started I would get on my bike and cycle to Hooton and sing in the choir, the service starting 30 minutes later. At Christmas the Choir would go out Carol singing, we would visit the big houses in the district of which there were a few left, and as they were spread out we visited only about three spending most of our time walking between them. We would be invited in, sing two or three Carols usually only the first one or two verses and then mince pies would be brought out. The men would be given Sherry and the boys lemonade.

One house I remember was Thornton Hall previously the home of Mr Peter Jones the owner of The Wolverhampton Corrugated Iron works in Ellesmere Port. It had been bought by the McMullan Family who had owned a nursery in Burleydam, a village between Whitchurch and Nantwich. They were turning the grounds of the Hall into a nursery. It has now become a garden Centre and the Hall is a Premier Inn - a better fate than the other houses I remember which have been demolished to make way for housing estates.

The choir gradually shrunk until it almost ceased to exist and I left when I got married and bought a house. I eventually joined Ellesmere Port Music Society Chorus and continued singing there.

Ben Williams

DAISY'S ADVENTURES – PART III

Well, here we are again – another month gone by and another lockdown – not that it makes a lot of difference to me as we go walkies every day because it's good exercise.

It's nice to be out in the fresh air after a particularly stressful time during something called Hallowe'en and then Bonfire night.

I don't know what Hallowe'en means but what I do know is that the humans set off fireworks which go off all night and make very big bangs. I get really frightened when I hear the bangs and I start to tremble and don't know what to do with myself. I hide under my Daddy's chair because I feel kind of safe there and no amount of cuddles help me at all. When it's bed time I don't want to sleep in my bed because I'm still

frightened so my Mummy wraps me in a blanket and I lie in that by her legs on her bed where I feel safe. Then it starts all over again a few days later when Bonfire Night comes round and the bangs start again but this time there are more of them and they seem to be even louder and I'm more frightened than ever! I'm pacing up and down, trembling, hiding and getting very hot so I start panting and Mummy is getting extremely worried about me. The only consolation is that again, at bed time, I sleep on her bed wrapped in a nice warm blanket.

There are lots of humans out this morning exercising their dogs – a massive German Shepherd on the other side of the road who is pulling on his lead to get to me but I ignore him leaving his human to wrestle with the lead. Now it looks like we are going to Christleton today because we turned right at the funny 'burger' roundabout and I had to practice my pavement drill ie 'Stop and wait Daisy' says she who must be obeyed, then Green Man comes up and 'Over Daisy, what a good girl' and we're safely over to the other side. As we pass the Toll Bar Road junction Mummy tells me that she used to live at No 2 but moved about 7 years ago.

I can't believe what I can see coming towards us – a beautiful long haired dachshund and it's a boy – WOW. We stop to say hello to one another and the humans start chatting and exchanging anecdotes about what wonderful creatures we are – well I'm not going to argue with that - and we keep sniffing round one another until it's time to move on which is a shame because I was just getting interested in him & maybe he was thinking the same about me!!!!

We turn on to the footpath running along-side St James church which leads us into a field so I've got lots of country scents to sniff at as well as meeting some more humans exercising their dogs like me. When we reach Pearl Lane I'm kept on a very short lead because there are cars passing us all the time, some going far too fast in my opinion, and no pavement to walk on so it's quite a relief to get onto the footpath along the by-pass and I know then that I'm heading for home and because I've been such a very good girl I expect I'll get a treat – well I hope so anyway.

Daisy

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COFFEE MORNING VIA ZOOM:

So that everyone can keep in touch during this awful lockdown period Liz McClure has started hosting a weekly Coffee Morning via Zoom and the first one took place on 10 November and the second was a week later

on 17 November.

The plan is to keep them going until the end of the year and then see what the Covid-19 restrictions are Details below of dates and how to join.

At the first one there

were about 18 people and I think about 9 came to the second one.

We all sit in front of our PC or tablet or whatever electronic device is preferred with a mug of tea or coffee in our hands and just chat to one another for about an hour and it's really nice to see everyone and some who we haven't seen for months!

A very nice lady called Connie Damon who lives in an area called North Wales near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA joined in and she'd had to get up at 5 am (USA time) to join us at 10.30. She's a friend of Brian and Elizabeth Inall having visited them in Christleton in the past and knows the village well but it was good to hear her talking about all the animals she keeps – dog, cats, 65 chickens, horse, goat and maybe more but I can't remember.

Lesley Morgan had sent some photographs to Liz of wild flowers in her garden and a very unusual type of mushroom growing in her garden and Liz was able to show them to everyone on her screen. Anyone who would like to send a photograph to Liz of their favourite dog or even other subjects please send to Liz via e-mail and she will share them at the next Coffee Morning.

Time: - 10.30 am

Every week on Tuesday until 22 December 2020
ie: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22

To Join Zoom Meeting – click on the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86744829526?pwd=V0lhR2xMWWdRYnZreVNYVDN5NGozdz09>

Meeting ID: 867 4482 9526

Passcode: 768596

So do join us on a Tuesday morning for a relaxed hour or so just chatting about anything and everything – we'll look forward to seeing you.

Janet Milton



Coffee & Chat

THANK YOU:

This is the item I bought with the gardening vouchers presented to me recently from the St James' community.

It's a 6ft wrought iron post from which is hanging a decorative design which whizzes round when the wind blows and it makes pretty patterns a bit like a kaleidoscope.



Thank you again.
Janet Milton



each to anyone interested. Please contact Christine Abrams: 01244 335562.

We also would like to suggest another way of raising some funds for St James' Church:

For the Month of December choose one of the following:

Cup of Tea or Coffee; Glass of wine;
a Mince Pie or piece of Chocolate in some form.

Each time you drink or eat one of your choice put 20p or 50p or any other amount you choose in a jar and after the 31st December contact Christine Abrams to arrange collection of the proceeds.

We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in joining our December lock down fundraising.

Thank you, Christine Abrams

A BEER, WINE AND BANTER EVENING:

On Wednesdays at 8pm - held online via Zoom!

You are invited to a get together to talk about nothing in particular over a glass of beer, wine or whatever takes your fancy.

Hosted by Mike Lightfoot

Meeting ID: 981 1315 2865

Passcode: 111331



HATS FOR SALE:

The church fundraising group have a small selection of hats (see photo) that had been made in anticipation of our sale at the end of the Wreath Making Workshop day.

Because of Covid 19, as you all know, we are unable to hold this event. Unfortunately we have been unable to hold any fundraising activities this year since our Ceilidh at the end of February.

We would be happy to sell any of these hats for £10

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY.

My dog, Hamish, was my constant companion for 16 years. We shared many wonderful walks and cosy fireside evenings, settling at my feet he would look up occasionally to check I am still there, with his loving trusting eyes.

At this time of the year there's too much to do, decisions to make jobs, phone calls, emails, so he would sneak up onto my armchair beside me and be fast asleep like a warm cushion tucked under my elbow".

It's all very well for you I would tell him and stroke his soft fur. I felt the stress and 'busy, busy, busy' slowly fading away as I looked down at my now blind Westy.

These moments of silent connecting are a wonderful exchange of love and trust. He doesn't want anything, he is just letting me know he is glad I'm still there. We can learn a lot from animals as we receive their love and trust.

Gill Hibbert

St James' Church Calendar

DECEMBER 2020 - JANUARY 2021:

The calendar in the November magazine was shot to pieces virtually as we published it when we went into the 2nd lockdown. We now know that when the lockdown ends on 2nd December that worship in church can resume. Things remain very fluid and services and events can change at short notice, so please check the church website or ask the Rector, a Churchwarden or the Parish Administrator if you are unsure.

The church is open for private prayer (when there is no service):
Sundays 11am to 2pm and Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm.

- Monday - Friday:** 9.00am: Morning Prayer - Either online using Zoom, or back in church as soon as we are allowed. Everyone is welcome to this short time of devotion to start the day.
- Tuesdays:** 10.30am: Online Coffee Morning. Join this Zoom meeting, and chat and drink coffee or whatever. More details from Liz McClure.
8.00pm: Online Night Prayers or Compline using Zoom.
More details from Tina Lightfoot.
- Wednesdays:** 10.45am: Nothing during lockdown, but **Holy Communion** services in church will resume on Wednesdays as soon as they are allowed.
8.00pm: Beer, Wine & Banter. An online social Zoom meeting accompanied with a drink of your choice. More details from Mike Lightfoot.

DECEMBER 2020:

- Sun 6th Dec:** (*2nd Sunday in Advent*)
10.00am: Holy Communion in church.
11.30am: Online Morning Worship using Zoom.
- Sat 12th Dec:** 10.30am: Churchyard working. Come as an individual and lend a hand.
- Sun 13th Dec:** (*3rd Sunday in Advent*)
10.00am: Holy Communion in church.
11.30am: Online Morning Worship using Zoom.
- Sun 20th Dec:** (*4th Sunday in Advent*)
10.00am: Holy Communion in church.
11.30am: Online Morning Worship using Zoom.
6.30pm: Service of Readings and Carols for Christmas in church. (* **See BOOKINGS**)

Mon 21st Dec to Christmas Eve. The church is open for private prayer every day.
With prayer stations and the Crib.

- Thur 24th Dec:** (*Christmas Eve*)
4.00pm: Christmas Story Service in church (* **See BOOKINGS**)
6.00pm: Christmas Story Service in church. (* **See BOOKINGS**)
Note: This is a repeat of the 4pm service.
11.30pm: First Communion of Christmas, in church.



Fri 25th Dec: (Christmas Day)

10.00am: Family Holy Communion in church. (* See **BOOKINGS**)

11.30am: Online Morning Worship for Christmas Day using Zoom.

Sun 27th Dec: (1st Sunday of Christmas / St John the Evangelist)

10.00am: Holy Communion in church.

11.30am: Online Morning Worship using Zoom.

JANUARY 2021: The expected Sunday pattern will be:

10.00am: Holy Communion in church.

11.30am: Online Morning Worship using Zoom.

For all services in church you must comply with Government rules and guidance. Masks must be worn, hands must be sanitised on entry and exit, and at all times social distancing (2 metres) must be observed. On arrival you will be shown to your seat, and for communion and also when you leave at the end you will be guided for everyone's safety. Please do not move to another seat. There will be no hymn books or Order of Service booklets. TV screens will show the order of service.



*** BOOKINGS:** For potentially busy services in church a booking system will be in place to ensure we keep to the safe capacity of the church. We regret that if you arrive at the church without a booking you may not be able to get in. To book a place or to enquire about bookings please contact our Parish Administrator, Marj Keech, as follows:

Tel: 07487 642912

Email: office@stjameschristleton.org.uk

TOY SERVICE: There is no Toy Service this year, and toys are not required. Instead, please donate to The Children's Society. This can be done directly via their website or via the St James' Church website. Please ask if you have any questions about this.

CHRISTINGLE: Sadly, there is no Christingle service this year.

For online services and online meetings a Zoom invitation will be needed. They can be found on the St James' Website. See the Zoom guide (Zooming In!) on the next page. If you need help then please ask.

All dates, times and arrangements subject to change

CHRISTLETON PARISH HALL - CLOSED

After re-opening on 14 September, the Parish Hall has had to close again and the intention is to review this again in January. Although there was enthusiasm from a number of regular hirers to return to use the hall, this has been very short lived due to renewed uncertainty around the Covid-19 pandemic. If you wish to enquire about using the hall in the New Year please contact Maria Norbury (below):

Maria Norbury: Tel: 01244 335499.

maria_norbury@btinternet.com (See also the church website.)



zoomING IN !

For many people learning how to use Zoom has opened up a whole new way of communicating. Not just with St James' Church but also with family and friends and other organisations. Zoom is not the only method of having online meetings, but it seems one of the most popular!

You can join a Zoom meeting, and that includes our worship services - everything is called a 'meeting'! You'll need a computer, a tablet or a smartphone connected to the internet. Best on home broadband, but a good mobile data connection can work. If you are using a desktop computer (or some older laptops) you may have to add a microphone and/or camera, even speakers, but all tablets and smartphones and most laptops have these built in. If two of you at home are joining the meeting please share one device/computer otherwise nasty echoes can result.

You can also join a meeting without the internet using a normal phone, but then it is only an audio connection - no pictures. Beware that Zoom phone calls are charged at the standard national rate and if you have a package giving you 'free' calls you may be advised to hang up in under 59 minutes and redial if the meeting is continuing longer to avoid call charges.

So how do you join a Zoom meeting? On some devices you may need the free Zoom app installed. Either go to "Zoom.us" in advance and download the free app, or when you actually try to join a meeting for the first time it may prompt you to download the app. (Another new password to remember!) Don't worry if it doesn't prompt you. Then you need to have the relevant Zoom invitation on your computer screen which includes an "<https://>" link (a Hyperlink that may show as blue text) - just click it and when prompted join the meeting.

The invitation also shows an 11 digit Meeting ID and a 6 digit Passcode which provides an alternative method of joining - just open the free Zoom app and key them in. If joining by phone the invitation gives a choice of UK phone numbers to use and you'll also need to key in the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Sometimes the person who is controlling the meeting (called the Host) will have a 'waiting room' and you'll be in that virtual place until the host notices you and lets you in. Mostly we don't use a waiting room so

you just go straight in. Please join early if you can, say 10 minutes before, to get yourself ready.

So how do I get the invitation? Good question! It's a bit variable at the moment, so I'll break it down as Sunday Worship and Everything else.

Sunday Worship: The Zoom invite will be on the church website. Go to the initial Home page, click on the red Sunday Worship button and when on the Sunday Worship Resources page you'll see links to the following: the Order of Service, the Zoom invitation (a PDF page), hymns to play if you wish and a recording of the homily/sermon. These may not be there until the evening before or the morning of the service. The Homily may be later. Open the Zoom invitation and click the long "<https://>" link in the invitation to join. Note: for Sunday Worship the joining details often vary week by week so don't try using an old version.

Everything else: The Zoom invite information is on the church calendar on the website. (You may find it in other places as well.) Go to "What's On" and find the day of the meeting, click on the meeting to open up a description which should include the invitation details and click on the link. If the long "<https://>" link doesn't work (ie: it isn't a hyperlink) then highlight it and right click (on a PC) to bring up a 'go to' option and select that. Otherwise copy and paste the link into your browser or start the free Zoom app (if you have it) and key in the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Once in the meeting you will need to turn on (unmute) your microphone and check that your video (camera) is on and positioned so that you are nicely in the picture. If you appear very dark, add some light in front of you. Icons on the screen let you turn the microphone and camera on and off. You'll hear and see people already in the meeting so the host or others will be able to talk to you and help you as needed. When not talking it is best to mute your microphone otherwise a noisy babble can occur.

There's more to say, but that's enough for now.

Happy Zooming! (*Brian Inall*)



AN EXAMPLE SUNDAY WORSHIP RESOURCES PAGE FROM THE CHURCH WEBSITE:

Sunday Worship Resources


Sunday 15th November 10:00am Service

[Download the Simple Order of Service here. \(available early Sunday morning\)](#)


The above liturgy will be used for our live service via zoom @ 10.00am.
Please arrive no later than 9.50am for a 10.00am prompt start.

The zoom invite, 2 hymns and homily (post live and online services) in the simple order may be downloaded and played below.


Sunday Service 10:00am Zoom Invite



Christ be in my waking



Be thou my vision



Homily - not yet available

Click to open up a PDF document for the Order of Service, and print it if you wish.

Click to open up a PDF page with the Zoom invitation.

Click play ► to hear the hymn(s)

Click play ► to hear the homily (if available)

AN EXAMPLE ZOOM INVITATION (simplified):

Saint James' is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Online Sunday Worship

Time: Nov 15, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99932630926?pwd=UnhiUDFaVGYvMGVaSWlhYUNKZ2FtUT09>

Meeting ID: 999 3263 0926

Passcode: 461923

Click on link to join the Zoom meeting.

If link not working, copy and paste the whole line into your browser.

OR - start your free Zoom app and key in the Meeting ID and Passcode

Churches Together in Christleton

Christmas Carol Trail

18th December - 4th January

'O Come All Ye Faithful...'
Come, search and listen to carols.

Words and displays at 25 locations
in

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The Park

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Methodist Church
Primary School

Birch Heath Lane
Pepper Street
Little Heath Road
Haslin Crescent



'O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!'

THOMAS WAIN MBE **of Skips Lane, Christleton.**

A month or so ago I was delighted to be sent newspaper cuttings and letters about Thomas Wain MBE a member of the well known Wain Family from Skips Lane, who in 1935 were to create a very successful boat building & hire business on the canal at Christleton. Thomas, who moved here in 1914 was a Coal Factor in Cheshire & North Wales,



selling bulk coal to merchants, and came from a family who were also Managing Directors of Chatterley Whitfield Colliery in Stoke on Trent. Thomas put his knowledge of transport to good use when forming the Transport Branch of the British Red Cross in 1915. He was just one from the many local families who were helping serve their country in some way. In 1914 Christleton women formed a Voluntary Aid Society which met weekly at the Institute making things for the men on the front, or sending food parcels to the troops and prisoners of war. They also served as voluntary nurses in the Red Cross or St John's Ambulance Brigade. Several wealthy local families offered their vehicles to transport injured troops between hospitals or to give them an outing as a treat. Children from the schools were not to be outdone and made garments, collected eggs and fruit, which were also to be distributed to the local hospitals. Although the war seemed a long way away, it was something very close to the hearts of the community. Thomas Wain clearly wanted to serve, and this is his story.

"The Red Cross transport branch was formed by Commandant Thomas Wain in June 1915 and mobilised on 21st July 1916 to deal with the transport of sick and wounded soldiers in Chester district. The area was eventually enlarged when the Chester War Hospital opened to include all the auxiliary hospitals within the radius extending from Chester to Parkgate, Northwich, Nantwich, Malpas and Rossett, also hospitals at Wrexham, Holywell, Llandudno, Llanfairfechan and other convalescent hospitals in North Wales. The detachment during the period of its establishment undertook 25,711 journeys, carried 74,841 patients and staff covering 327,419 miles, and met 119 ambulance trains. It started with two ambulances, but this number quickly increased, and twelve were stationed at the Depot, Thomas-Street

Drill Hall. In addition to these, there were five privately owned stationed in the city, and five in the adjoining districts, which were available at all times for ambulance trains, making a total of 22. The meeting of ambulance trains formed only a small portion of the work, as the patients had to be transferred from the Central Hospital to the various Auxiliary Hospitals and vice-versa. Further all the transport in connection with wounded officers at Eaton and Hawarden was undertaken, and, from May 1918, that in connection with the Military Hospital, Castle Street. Soldiers taken sick within a radius of 25 miles of Chester having to be brought in to Chester War Hospital, In addition, for a considerable period up to Christmas last, arrangements were made every Saturday evening to take home any overseas men on leave who had no train connection, and would otherwise have been stranded at Chester for hours, and in many cases until Monday morning. The transport work increased so much last year that it was necessary to have six ambulance drivers, who voluntarily gave the whole of their time, daily on duty.

Commandant Wain has for the past three years practically devoted the whole of his time to the work, and early in the year the King conferred on him the honour of the order of Member of the British Empire. The whole of the work has been voluntary, and in addition to those who have so loyally devoted the whole of their time to it, and the gentlemen who so kindly and freely lent their private cars to assist in the great work day or night, the drivers of their cars, and all members of the detachment, who ungrudgingly answered the call when required, and frequently in the middle of the night." The letter below shows the great regard the Military at Western Command held of Tom Wain.

"Now that the Chester War Hospital is practically closed, I wish to thank you for the wonderful work your Transport Section has performed. It has been invaluable, and one has never felt anxiety as records transport etc of sick and wounded; all the demands have been promptly met. Mr. Wain has been indefatigable in supervising the arrangements, which have been so eminently satisfactory. I assure you the very valuable assistance your branch has rendered is fully appreciated, and the work of all concerned has been of the highest standard" – A.P. Blenkinsop, Maj.-Gen, D.D.M.S., Western Command

Ref; Chester Chronicle Newspaper Report.
With thanks to Mrs Sarah Swallow, Tom's great grand daughter for sending me this story.

David Cummings

THE POPPY WREATH WAR MEMORIAL ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

Three years ago the Parish Council Commissioned Forge Master Andrew Smith from Tattenhall to create a new Poppy Wreath Sculpture to Commemorate the Centenary of the end of WWI. The aim was also to recognise the 51 men from the Village who fell during the war, or who died of their injuries soon afterwards and are buried in the churchyard in Commonwealth War Graves. The original Village War memorial on the Church Green completed in 1923 has 39 names. Research by the Local History Group for the Christleton Great War Stories Book uncovered 12 more names of men from the village who died.

When the new Poppy Wreath memorial was completed the men's initials were painted onto a poppy, but now Christleton Local History Group has funded two unique metal plaques which give the names and regimental details of all the men who died. This enhances the memorial and the story of the men who fell. Alf Croston placed a fresh flower wreath at the foot of both memorials on Remembrance Day 2020 on behalf of the Community.



David Cummings

RECORDING THE WILDLIFE IN THE CHURCHYARD AT ST JAMES'.

Visitors to the churchyard during the last eight months will have been aware that the churchyard became overgrown very quickly during the first lockdown period, because the Payback team and local volunteers were unable to look after it in the way it has been maintained for the last two years or so. In one respect the lockdown has given us the chance to see what flora and fauna exists there, and the study has proved very interesting.

I have always been interested in the birds and butterflies present and have made notes over the

years, but this year I also looked at the flowers in more detail.

The dominant flower in spring and early summer as it always is, was red valerian, a beautiful tall flowering plant which seeds itself naturally on and around the graves, and is a food source for lots of butterflies. As the season progressed this year bright yellow ragwort appeared just everywhere. This attractive plant thought to be poisonous and harmful to horses, is often cut down by farmers, but it is also a rich food source for moths and butterflies, so in the confined space of the churchyard it is worth leaving. Sadly my searching found little evidence of moths and butterflies using it, but that was also the case in other areas of the parish.

Despite this, my list of butterflies in the churchyard over the season was exciting;

Comma, red admiral, brimstone, peacock, meadow brown, gatekeeper, ringlet, small and large white, common and holly blue and speckled wood.

Dragonflies included brown and southern hawkers and common darter.

The birds list is also extensive;

Mistle thrushes are very common at Christmas time, heard and seen in the tops of the yew trees, together with wintering redwing and fieldfare. Song thrushes and blackbirds breed here and are most commonly seen in early spring. Another winter visitor is the tiny goldcrest, smaller even than the diminutive wren and singing robins are almost ever present. Great, blue and long tailed tits are regular visitors with the occasional sighting high in the trees of a coal tit. Greater spotted woodpeckers are seen regularly with occasional visits by the ant eating colourful green woodpecker.

Starlings and dunnock (hedge sparrow) are present most days, and chaffinches can often be heard singing from the tops of trees. Visitors might also spot both goldfinches and linnets flying at the top of the canopy. Noisy nuthatches often sit in the top of the church roof, and the tiny mouse like treecreepers have been seen crawling up one of the ancient yew trees looking for insects.

Very rare sightings of waxwings and hawfinches bring excited birdwatchers to the churchyard, but this winter the excitement has come from skeins of Icelandic pink footed geese which can be seen and heard daily. I have also recorded gaggles of both Canada and greylag geese there. Jackdaws are almost always present, several with distinctive white wing feathers, with

colourful jays, magpies and crows appearing most days, and even the occasional raven heard “cawking” overhead.

Families of buzzards are often seen drifting on thermals over the top of the tower, or heard calling their plaintive catlike mewing calls especially in spring & summer. Look up sometimes and a sparrowhawk might be circling the church and if you are lucky you might spot a magnificent red kite. In spring and summer, swallows, house martins and swifts will also be seen hunting for insects, although swifts were noticeably absent from the village this summer.

In the evening light you might be lucky to see minute insect eating pipistrelle bats which are known to roost in the bell tower flying across the churchyard. Also at dusk you might spot creamy white barn owls hunting low over the fields beyond the churchyard towards Littleton, or hear the sound of a tawny owl calling to claim their territory, or as they hunt for prey in the grounds of the College of Law and on the Mill mound.

David Cummings



Christleton High School

HEADTEACHER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2020

The school year 2019/20 was certainly an interesting one!

Throughout this tumultuous time, we have made progress towards our key strategic objectives. The action plan we put in place a year ago has resulted in changes that will have a long term effect on the performance and outcomes of our school, (especially our radical redesign of our key stage three curriculum) and it's important that these are not forgotten in the inevitable fallout from the impact of school closures, exam result controversy and furore around the return to school this Autumn.

Regarding exam results, the process for arriving at Centre Assessed Grades was, we believe, a rigorous and challenging one and one which we conducted in line with our values – in that the results we ultimately submitted, were a fair reflection of the ability of the two exam cohorts. Of course, the CAGs themselves were not supposed to be the final grade awarded to students. This should have been achieved through the algorithm that Ofqual had devised – we now know what happened there!

However, the fact that the final results were arrived at in this manner, should never be allowed to detract from the performance of our students. Our predictions were based on a range of factors, target grades, the performance of students in assessments over the two years of their study and our professional judgements as to how we thought they may actually perform, so students should feel proud of their outcomes; they

were well deserved.

On 2nd September, we welcomed 224 new Year 7 students to school and the following day, saw the return of the other Year groups, including 167 new Year 12 students. The work to ensure that we comply with the government regulations has been an enormous undertaking – including a completely re-written timetable to separate Year bubbles as far as possible. This has obviously meant some unpalatable compromises, but we believe we have done what we can to keep everyone safe.

‘The recovery curriculum’ will be implemented over the coming year – there are no quick fixes. The vast majority of our students engaged with home learning and continued to make progress. The wider reopening of school in July, allowed staff an early insight into the needs of Year 11 and Year 13 students. Fifteen school weeks were ultimately lost during lock down – one full term. It is not an insurmountable amount of time to recover, but it will be different for each individual student and our first task was to ascertain the different level of need. This has now been completed and staff are enacting their intervention plans as appropriate. We also now know that the 2021 summer exam schedule will be delayed by three weeks – this is not a huge amount of extra teaching time, given that one week is the half term break, but we are confident that we will complete our recovery plans in plenty of time.

School life does continue, and although we cannot offer our full range of extra-curricular activities, we are trying to make the school day as normal as we can. Recently, we all enjoyed our ‘Come as Yourself Day’ for Children In Need, when a grand total of £4,006.59 was raised for this worthy cause.

The year ahead will be a challenging one and the pressure on students, their families and staff should not be underestimated. We are making extraordinary demands on them and we will closely monitor health and wellbeing. There are many factors that may yet derail our plans – not least the trajectory of the pandemic itself and any future restrictions on our operations. But I do believe we are well placed to respond and with our dedicated staff, generally compliant students and supportive parents, we are prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. On behalf of everyone at Christleton High School, I wish you a very happy Christmas and our sincere hope that 2021 offers brighter prospects for all of us.

Darran Jones, Headteacher

VINTAGE AERIAL PICNICING:

As many of you already know I regularly fly a couple of little old aeroplanes, the younger of the two being 59 and the eldest 73 years old.

Well, earlier this year flying stopped completely due to the general Covid “Lockdown” and following that, when flying did resume, it was limited by rules from the Civil Aviation Authority which permitted flying only within 10 miles of an aircraft’s base to maintain “essential engine health.” (To prevent internal corrosion). By early summer though the flying restrictions were eased, the weather was lovely and yet, for many, things were not the same since cafes, restaurants and pubs were still closed. As one fellow pilot said to me, “It’s all very well being able to fly again, but I need a reason to go somewhere and when all the airfield cafes are closed and I can’t even walk to the local pub for lunch it’s just not the same any more.” To my mind that seemed a disappointing philosophy since I was delighted to be flying again, for no other reason than the sheer joy of it - I mean, the freedom of flight and those stunning views are just wonderful to behold.

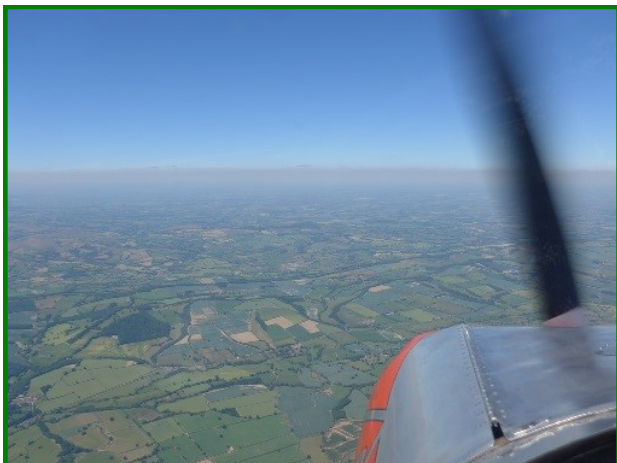


However, if that joy of flight can be combined with some other pleasurable event then so much the better and so, for the Keech household at least, the flying picnic was born since we could fly, not mix with others, but enjoy visiting some deserted grass airstrip, walk Dolly our little flying pooch in the countryside and then return to enjoy a picnic ‘neath the wing. Yes, a surprising number of very rural, privately owned grass airstrips are available for flying visits and a quick phone call to gain the owner’s permission together with a contribution to the grass-cutting fund or a suitable charity are usually the only formalities needed.

Oh, and I should have said, some decent weather helps, but in the late spring and early summer this year we had that a-plenty.



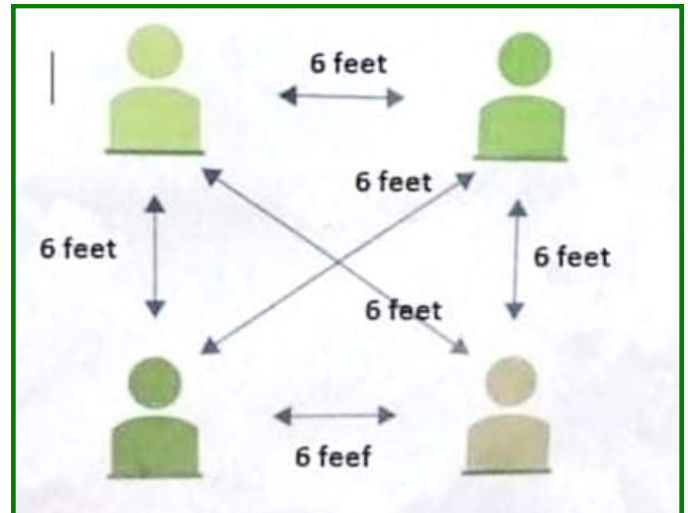
So began a series of flying picnics and our little air-transportable picnic basket has never been so well used. You could say that the Keech "household bubble" regularly floated above the green and pleasant land and came gently to rest in a pretty and secluded spot – that is, if you count chugging along at 100MPH as floating. OK, you may not, but after some of the things I've flown that's certainly the way I see it!



Richard Keech

OH DEAR! PYTHAGORAS WOULD NOT BE PLEASED!

Social Distancing information:



Supplied by Martin Thompson.

A LEXOPHILE:

A Lexophile describes those that have a love for words, such as:

"You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish"

or "To write with a broken pencil is pointless."

The list of examples is enormous but the following are worth a mention:

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.

Supplied by Martin Thompson.

GOOD NEWS

2020 has been a long difficult year with varying restrictions made worse as the days grew shorter and colder.

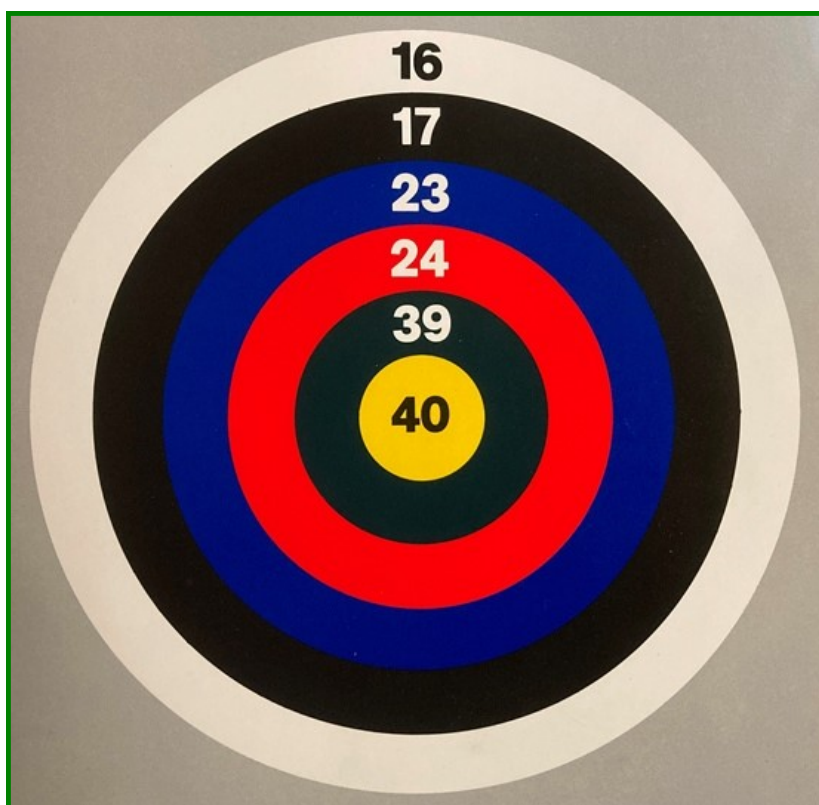
It's not going to get much warmer for a while as typically January and February are the coldest months but there is some good news.

If you are reading this at the beginning of December then in less than 3 weeks we will reach the Winter Solstice. That means from December 21st the days will begin to lengthen again. The hope that Spring and Summer are on their way.

In addition we have heard in the last few days the Good News about three newly developed vaccines, from Pfizer, then Moderna and now in the UK from Oxford/Astra Zeneca. More will be likely.

The Government is planning for arrangements over Christmas that will help families get together. People are desperate to meet up as families - we hope it can be done safely. Good news if it can.

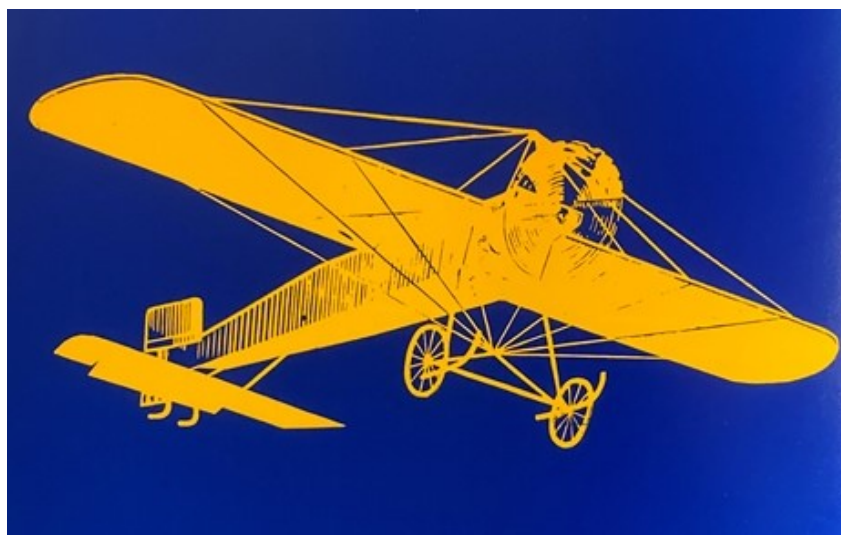
And of course the really Good News of Christ's birth and God's love for everyone remains for all time. (Ed.)



A couple of puzzles to entertain you!
Answers on page 22.

Q1: How many arrows are needed to score exactly one hundred on this target?

Q2: A pilot is setting off for a specific destination, and he offers a stranded traveller a lift, insisting that wherever her destination is it can be no more than a few miles out of his way. Given that they are both flying from Buenos Aires, what is his destination?



MORE GOOD NEWS

A local TV company in the North East, Age UK Teesside, and Middlesbrough Council have been working on a project (funded by Sport England) called Keeping Well at Home which is aimed at older adults who are not technically minded or IT savvy.

The very short TV programmes are being aired 6 times a day, starting today Monday 23rd November and provide a daily dose of health and wellbeing advice for a healthy body and mind.

As far as I can tell they will be available anywhere via the Sky and Virgin TV channels below. (The Freeview channel is just for people in the North East).

The programme times are 6.07am, 7.07am, 8.07am, 13.07pm, 13.37p.m, 18.07pm and 19.07pm, and the channels are:

North East Live (on Freeview Channel 7 in NE only)
Sky Channel 117
Virgin Media Channel 159

Liz McClure

Churchyard Maintenance

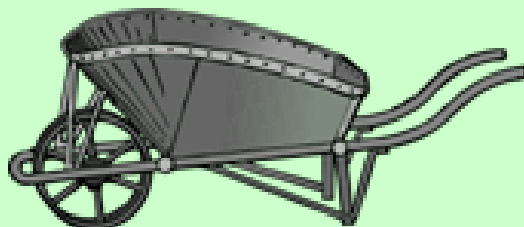
If you wish to help us keep the churchyard tidy then please talk to Mike Lightfoot who knows how this is being done safely at present.
Of course, take a walk via the churchyard as part of your exercise.
Be joyous in God's amazing creation.

Next session:

Sat 12th Dec at 10.30am.

More details from Mike Lightfoot

Tel: 07787 421357



The Foodbank is still operating and needs your contributions more than ever. Now that the church is open for part of the time you may leave Foodbank items at the back of the church, preferably avoiding busy service times, on **Sundays 11am-2pm**, and **Wednesdays 2 -4pm**.

They will be happy with anything non-perishable but long life fruit juice is urgent and always welcome, also tinned meats, tinned potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, instant noodles, tinned custard & puddings, treats/sweets.

They do NOT need pasta, baked beans, tomatoes.

Or you can use the collection points available in all these big supermarkets: **Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Asda, Morrisons, Tesco**, and also the **Royal Mail Sorting Office** on Station Road has a box. Or people can take items directly to the Foodbank ...the address and directions are on their website: **<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk>** . And finally people can make a money donation to the foodbank - regular or one-off - and again details are on their website.

Thank you for your help. (*Chris Alderton*)



FROM THE REGISTERS:

Burial of Ashes:

William King, died: 20/11/2019, aged 89.
18th November 2020 at St James.



**A Merry Christmas
from the Messy Team**



THANK YOU:

The Norbury family would like to thank all their friends in and around the village for the kindness they have received following the very sad death of Anna. The support received both locally and from further afield has been overwhelming. It is remarkable how Anna has touched so many people during her short life.

ANSWERS:

Q1: Target: Six arrows will score exactly 100 by registering: 17,17,17,17,16,16

Q2: Since the pilot must be able to go in any direction from Buenos Aires without going out of his way, he could only be going to the antipodal point, that is, the point opposite Buenos Aires on the globe, ie: Beijing in China.

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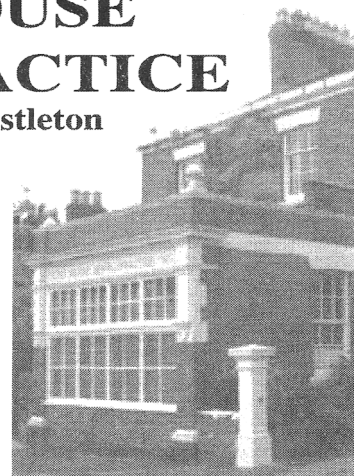
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