



PARISH OF ST JAMES

*serving the communities of Christleton,
Cotton Abbots, Cotton Edmunds, Littleton
and Rowton*

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Churchwardens' Update



The period of vacancy is drawing to a close with the appointment of a new Rector following interviews on 1st June.

We are pleased to announce that Revd Dr Stefan Collier, currently Rector in Esher Parish in the Diocese of Guildford, was offered the incumbency and has accepted. He is married to Deborah and they have two boys aged eleven and eight. The Parish of Christleton is very fortunate to have a full-time incumbent and one Church. Many parishes share an incumbent and have several churches. Some priests are only part-time in a parish. We also have an active and committed PCC (Parochial Church Council) supporting the Churchwardens, who are responsible for the running of the parish during a vacancy. It is interesting that a parish may be without an incumbent but may not be without a churchwarden. Nevertheless Tina and I will be relieved to hand over the reins in September when Stefan arrives.

The induction date is fixed for Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm and we hope that many of you will come to support Stefan and to welcome his family and friends on the occasion. It is undoubtedly an enormous move for Stefan and his family and we pray for them and also for the people of the Parish of Esher who will now have a vacancy to fill.

On June 30th Christleton celebrates its Summer Fete and the Church will be represented as an integral part of the community. The Rose Queen will participate in several Church services during the year e.g. the Flower Service which will take place on Sunday 8th July, outdoors, weather permitting and at the Remembrance Service which this year falls on Sunday 11th November one hundred years after Armistice Day.

On Friday 20th July we are holding a fund-raising barbecue at East Garth 66 Tarvin Road, Littleton a repeat of the successful event last year. Tickets are available from Christine Abrams. The fund-raising is for the Parish Hall refurbishing.

The Christian Aid week raised over £4,000 in cash, not including gift aid. The money donated will help countries struggling to cope with increasing crises and to enable them to cope in a world where the poor and underprivileged face hunger, lack of shelter, security and war. We need your prayers for them in addition to material goods.

We pray for the family of our new Rector and hope they will find a warm welcome, peace and friendship in our community.

Bettie Gilliatt

***Congratulations & very best wishes
from all at St. James to***

Sheila & Dave Roberts who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 1st June

and

Olive & Baz Hammond who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 28th June.

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