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Many of us may still be in a 'Lock Down' but all except the shielded and quarantined are permitted, even encouraged, to go out for a bit of fresh air & healthy exercise.

How many new public footpaths have you discovered? But is the way forward clear?

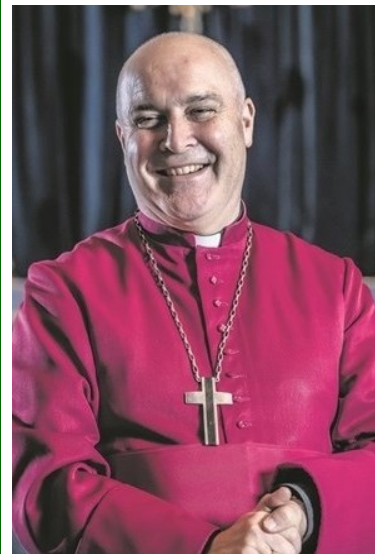


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Thank you for reading our magazine. We hope you enjoy it. Feedback is always welcome so please let the editor know what you think about the magazine. Contributions are welcome and more details about this are available from the editor.

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 difficult times.

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WHAT NEXT?

It's a question often asked in response to our current experiences of a pandemic.

It's a question that reminded me of a similar one the disciples asked Jesus just prior to his Ascension (Acts 1.6-11) – Jesus' taking up into heaven.

His disciples were experiencing a life changing event. Around forty days prior, Jesus had died. Then, Jesus had risen from the dead. The intensity, reality of his physical presence was gone. Replaced with a more transcendental, other worldly presence. The disciples experience of Jesus was the same, but different. They sense things are about to change. They ask Jesus: "Has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our Kingdom?"

Jesus' initial response - "The Father alone has the authority to set these dates and times, and they are not for you to know" - seems less than helpful, even dismissive.

I wonder if this might be telling us something important though. There are questions we ask which sometimes cling to us, evidence our misunderstanding, and allow deep anxiety to take hold of us. Trap us in worry, about what will happen next.

Perhaps Jesus' initial response is seeking to mitigate against this, echoing some of his earlier teaching (Mat 6.31-34), when he says "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'" These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Jesus' further response to his disciples question that day of Ascension makes clear the nature of seeking the Kingdom of God. He tells them what will happen next. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

What happens next, for the disciples, was not about freeing Israel or the church or restoring our Kingdom, it was a far bigger vision than this. What happens next was about blessing all nations through being witnesses to the

reality of the power of Jesus Christ, His Spirit, which was to come upon them.

It seems to me Jesus' answer to his disciples then remains a valid one for us today.

For it means communities and nations will grow in their mutual interdependence.

It means truth will be spoken to power which seeks to trample on justice and mercy.

It means the hungry in our communities will be fed, the sick will be cared for, and the strangers in our midst will be welcomed.

It means communities and nations will live without fear, for God's perfect love revealed in Jesus Christ, casts out all fear.

All we have to do is go on saying yes to the Spirit's witness in our lives. There is great freedom in this.

With my love and prayers,

Stefan



TREASURER'S LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES:

It's hard to believe it is now over 10 weeks since we had a service in church – even longer by the time you read this!!

Despite my relative rest from cash money counting, I have spent a lot of time trying to forecast our income and expenditure over the next few months. The uncertainties ahead for us all mean that it is difficult to be other than cautious about this.

Our income has fallen, in the main, to that from standing orders and bank transfers.

Many of these have been altered and arranged in your own wisdom about our financial situation, or in response to my contacting a large number of our loyal congregation.



This has been a particular pleasure to me to chat to so many people and hear how they are coping with our changed circumstances.

In particular, I have Brian Harris's permission to share this post card (prev page) of a very long ago painting. This is of "The Ringers of Launcells".

It was painted by Frederick Smallfield (1829-1915). Apparently the ringers rang for the Accession of George the Third in 1760 and all of them lived to ring again on his Golden Jubilee in 1810.

Brian insists he is the tallest one on the left but Betty wasn't allowed to have a ring!

For everyone, if I could clarify the financial situation.

We are at present experiencing a monthly decrease in income, if April is compared to the previous 3 months, of 43%

Our monthly expenditure is also reduced, if the same formula is used, only by 9% .

Although you do certainly not wish to see the detailed figures, and of course our expenses from May onwards will be reduced regarding utilities etc, this has resulted in a decision by the PCC to reduce our parish share to 0.5 of a full standard share (we normally pay 1.25). This will only be £2,684 per month, in place of £6,709.

Talking of the parish share, over 80% of the Diocesan income comes from this, and almost the same percentage is spent on clergy stipends, housing, pensions and vocational training

We are fortunate to have a full time member of the clergy and I hope as the months go on we can look at increasing our payments to better support this expenditure.

Is there any action you might wish to take, as the work of the church is, although very different, still continuing?

I can now reassure you that in addition to bank transfers and standing orders, I do have a facility to transfer cheques into our account, also an agreement by the standing committee even to transfer cash into our account.

This is so depressing I think I had better include a few photographs of my 2.6 challenge at home which really cheered me up.

Please get in touch if you have any queries about this, or would wish to make any arrangements.

I am immensely grateful to those who have already responded to my perpetual pleas!!!!!!

Liz McClure

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WHO IS THIS MAN?

The Rt Revd Mark Tanner was named by Downing Street on 12th May as the next (41st) Bishop of Chester, succeeding the Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster who retired last September.



Bishop Mark is currently the suffragan Bishop of Berwick in the Diocese of Newcastle, a post he has had since 2016. He will begin in Chester in the Autumn.

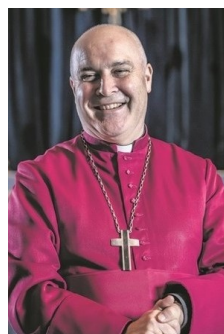
"It will be hard to say goodbye to the North East," he says, "however, Lindsay and I are really excited to return to Chester where I was ordained, and both of our children were born."

Mark says: "It is an honour and a joy to be appointed to the Diocese of Chester at such a key time in the life of our communities, nation, and Church. In Christ, God offers a gift of hope beyond our imagining; there is no greater joy or privilege than enabling others to step into this freedom and life, whether in deeply practical service or beautiful wonder and worship. God is here for all."

We in the Parish of St James welcome Mark and look forward to meeting him. More information can be found on the Chester Diocese website: <https://www.chester.anglican.org/>

... AND WHO IS THIS MAN?

The Rt Rev'd Stephen Cottrell, currently the Bishop of Chelmsford and previously at Reading, will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York at 11am on Thursday 9th July. The service will be broadcast on Zoom, and also it will be available via the Church of England website. As well as the legal bit, a film will be shown and the new Archbishop will give an address. His enthronement will be organised later. He is married to Rebecca and has three sons.



Dr John Sentamu (70) is of course retiring and he will preach at a national service broadcast at 9am on Sunday 7th July - his last day as Archbishop of York. He and his wife Margaret will be moving to Newcastle.

THE CHURCHYARD DURING LOCKDOWN:

It has been a different spring to say the least. The churchyard, like me, is looking windswept and interesting!

The payback team were last with us in early March, just before lockdown and our working parties have had to be suspended.

The churchyard has had a number of visitors, leaving gnomes in masks and plastic flowers placed on headstones, which Stefan and Tina dealt with pretty quickly, pointing out the rules governing C of E burial grounds.

We are steadily moving towards summer and the wild flowers are proliferating which is great to see as it attracts many pollinators. I think we may be moving towards managing our wonderful churchyard in a different way.

Certain areas we may leave untouched, but create paths to access them, leaving nature to take its course, but maintaining other areas such as the front of the church and the recent cremated remains area. But we need help. John Carr came and cut the grass and strimmed last month which was fantastic. Val and the payback team may be back soon.

We can't officially meet as a group, but there is nothing to stop us as individuals from spending time weeding or general tidying over the coming months.

If you have any queries or questions please contact me on 07787421357.

Mike Lightfoot.



There's quite a lot of interest now in helping to keep the churchyard tidy. Speak to Mike so it can be done safely within the latest slightly more relaxed rules.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHRISTLETON:

AGM REPORT 2019/2020

The Churches Together in Christleton committee have met 5 times during the past year to discuss and plan services and events. We represent the main denominations in the village and work to promote the Christian faith and build on the unity between us.

Christian Aid week took place between 12th and 18th May (2019). Chris Platel organised the house to house collection as usual. A fund-raising lunch was held at the Methodist Chapel on 4th April, particularly well attended this year. David Cummings gave a talk at the Parish Hall on March 30th 2019 to raise funds.

On 9th July 2019 Rev Dr Christine Dutton, Rev Dr Stefan Collier and Jan Bowden joined Jon Hosker to present the 'It's Your move' booklets to each child in the Year 6 class at Christleton Primary School. This is an initiative from Scripture Union to prepare children for the transition to High School with various activities, wise advice and the reassurance that God is with them always. As Churches Together in Christleton, we reimburse CSCW for the cost of the booklets. Mrs Shaw, the Year 6 teacher, was appreciative of the presentation, there was role play involving the topic of friendships and the children engaged with the discussion and asked questions. Stefan prayed for each of the children by name.

Our involvement with the Open the Book assemblies at Christleton Primary School continues, on Tuesday mornings now. We thanked Jan with three cheers from the whole school on Tuesday 11th November 2019 when she finished after taking part for eleven years. We were pleased to welcome back John Brown to our team which consists of Jon Hosker, Rev Elizabeth Inall and Judith Edwards. Jo Pinchen, from WEF, joined us in January and led the assemblies when Jon was away, for which we were very grateful. Every week now we include some children in our drama and they are always eager to join in. We have also sung new songs which Jo has sourced from the internet. We are thankful for the continued opportunity to present Bible stories in this way.

On 24th July 2019 we met at Brown Knowl Methodist Church for our Away Day, once again warm enough to sit outside in the shade. We look forward to this time without a set agenda when we can pray, discuss ideas and enjoy a bring and share lunch together.

The beneficiary for our Summer Teas this year was the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. The teas began on 2nd June and continued weekly until 29th Sept 2019. As a committee we are proud of and thankful for the wonderful team behind these teas who work very hard throughout the summer. Not only do they provide an opportunity for people to meet together for refreshments but also raise much-needed funds for charity. The regular customers never want the teas to end so Sheila Roberts and team are planning to continue with them over the winter at the same time on the first Sunday of each month.

We said farewell to Christine in the summer of 2019 as she moved, not very far, to Wesley Methodist Church Centre in the city centre. We have highly valued Christine's involvement in our work since she joined us in September 2014. During these five years we have celebrated with her on the occasion of her ordination and attainment of her Doctorate. This September we were delighted to welcome Rev Joanna Brown to our midst, representing Christleton and Rowton Methodists. Jo also has responsibility for six more churches besides.

October '19 was Bible Month in Chester. Amongst the many and varied events celebrating the Bible which took place in and around Chester, Father Paul gave three talks on Bible Translation at St Werburgh's, along with a display of a collection of Bibles from the 16th Century to present day.

We distributed Christmas cards in December around the village detailing the services taking place in our Churches over Christmas once again. The design this year was by Ann Barclay from Material Girls, a group from the WI in the village who share an interest in crafts. The picture of the infant Jesus in the manger with the star overhead was made from different fabrics and stitches.

A group of us sang carols and other Christmas songs at Oaklands Nursing Home on 12th December and at Birch Heath the next day. We appreciate these opportunities to share the joy of Christmas with our neighbours in the nursing homes. We returned to the Ring O' Bells, by popular demand, to sing carols and distribute our cards on 21st December. Many thanks, once again, to Ian Wade for giving us this opportunity.

We began the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 19th January 2020 with the County-wide United service at Chester Cathedral with Lord Alton of Liverpool as the speaker. We continued our tradition of

meeting at noon in the six churches represented in the two villages of Christleton & Waverton. On Monday we met at WEF, Tuesday St James, Wednesday St Peter's, Thursday Christleton Methodists, Friday Rowton Methodists, and Saturday at St Werburgh's followed by lunch. There were good numbers in attendance each day. The subject of the devotions, prepared by Christians from Malta, was 'Unusual Kindness'. Taken from the passage from Acts 28 in which the predecessors of today's Christians welcomed the Apostle Paul and the other shipwreck survivors with love and hospitality and received God's healing in their midst. We finished the week with a united service at Christleton Methodists continuing with this theme and enjoying fellowship together afterwards.

We decided to continue with our popular visits to places of prayer during Lent. We visited Foxhill Conference Centre on 3rd March 2020 and the Quiet Garden in Frodsham on 10th March. We were looking forward to spending time at the Sisters of Jesus Way, Gladstone's Library and Pantasaph, however, the Covid-19 pandemic prevented us this year. We decided it was wise to cancel our remaining three visits and the national lockdown on March 23rd would have prevented the last two anyway.

Our final event before isolation began was the Lent lunch for Christian Aid on March 11th at the Methodist Chapel. We remember with gratitude that occasion when we were able to meet and we pray for God's grace and mercy to bring us all safely through this time. Obviously, all our plans are on hold at the moment. We look forward to the day when we can join together once more to praise God and serve our community here in Christleton.

Judith Edwards

The Churches Together in Christleton committee is:

From St James: Rev Dr Stefan Collier (chair)
Jan Bowden; Alison Kenyon
Jocelyn Platel (treasurer).

From St Werburgh's: Father Paul Shaw;
Anne Collier; Catherine Haslam.

From Christleton Methodists:
Rev Joanna Brown;
Sheila Roberts; Margaret Bellamy.

Secretary is Judith Edwards
(from Waverton Evangelical Fellowship
(WEF)).

CHRISTLETON PARISH HALL

Closed during this crisis. Enquiries to:
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<https://www.stjameschristleton.org.uk>

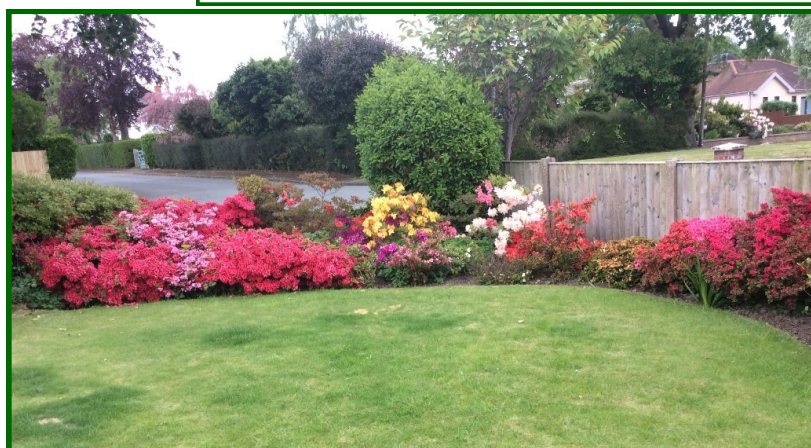
Churchyard Maintenance

**This regular monthly working party is
not currently meeting but we are
looking at ways to re-start it safely. Of
course, take a walk via the churchyard
as part of your exercise.
Be joyous in God's amazing creation.**

**More details from Mike Lightfoot
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(See article on Page 5)

**Ben & Jean Williams' garden is looking great!
You're welcome to take a look if you are
passing down Bridge Drive.**



RELAX, YOU'RE OVER 50!

From an item in Church Times it may appear that older folk (those over 50) who are also extravert in nature can cope best with this crisis. The University of York setup a survey earlier in May and found that this group were less exhausted, calmer, less stressed, and closer to God than the younger group. Also, the outgoing extraverts were better able to deal with the virtual world and have many different contacts, whereas introverts tend to have fewer but deeper relationships.

To me this is of little surprise as the younger group are more likely to be concerned with work and with looking after younger children. Always tiring and stressful at the best of times.

Who knows? We are all different.

This survey is on-going. If you wish to participate go to: tinyurl.com/yqs9fy2 (Ed.)

A BIT OF A TONIC:

Anti-malarial remedies are in the news, are being used, and being trialled* to see if they help with Covid-19.



For generations a popular anti-malarial procedure originating from colonial days in India is to take quinine. It tastes horrid so the solution is:



Cheers! (Ed.)

(* Note: just learned that the WHO has suspended trials of Hydroxychloroquine for safety reasons!)

CELEBRATING VE DAY 75 AT CROFT CLOSE:

Residents of the 45 houses of Croft Close at Rowton celebrated VE Day on May 8th in style, yet keeping to the appropriate distancing caused by the deadly coronavirus pandemic.

The Close looked really colourful with flags and bunting, and of course the weather was superb, really helping the occasion. A two minute silence was held at 11.00am, the signal coming from an amplified radio signal from Big Ben in London. At 2.00pm families began celebrating in their front gardens with tea parties, coming to a halt just before 3.00pm for a peaceful remembrance, and toast for our nation and community. This was signalled by the last post & reveille played beautifully on a trumpet by one of our residents.

With everyone at one end of the Close staying in their gardens, I led lots of families from the other sections of the close in a virtual conga, all keeping safe distances apart, and up the middle of the road. This enabled everyone in the Close to see and greet each other for a brief moment. It worked extremely well, and after a moment of thanks & three cheers, we all went back in the conga to our individual gardens for the rest of the afternoon and evening.

There was a wonderful warm feeling of friendship in the air, but also thanksgiving and remembrance for all those who gave so much for their family and country over 75years ago. It was a complete and welcome change of mood following the hardships and difficulties we have all faced in our lives during these last months. May 8th 2020, the 75th Anniversary of VE Day will certainly go down as a memorable event in the history of Croft Close, a celebration to remember for children and adults alike.

David Cummings



A VIRTUAL CONGA IN CROFT CLOSE:



As well as Croft Close (above) there was another VE day street party at The Park in Christleton which Margaret Bass can tell you all about. It included dressing up, music and singing, but no virtual conga!

VE (Victory in Europe) day will be followed by VJ (Victory over Japan) day on Saturday 15th August. How will we remember that?

VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

Many of us are getting used to Jitsi Meet or Zoom or some other on-line system to meet together. New ways of working. Glitches are being overcome. Some even need two computers at the same time!



When churches start opening again (maybe in July) it will still be necessary to meet online as social distancing rules will severely limit congregation sizes. So this will continue for a while yet!

(Ed.)

ALL MOD CONS:

This photo arrived via social media apparently from an estate agent. It shows the ultimate **Zoom** bedroom. Join a meeting from the comfort of your own bed!



A MARVELLOUSLY POORLY-WRITTEN SENTENCE:

Other evil dictators throughout recent history have been known to use body doubles, including Saddam Hussein and his sons, Hitler and Stalin.

Supplied by Sue Pinner O'Brien

LOADS OF RUBBISH!

Not only a possible 2.5 hour wait (Bumper's Lane), but I think you can only get rid of 'emergency' rubbish, ie: rubbish that you can't safely keep at home.

Note: Things are now relaxing a bit. Thankfully normal green wheelie bin collections resume from 4th June.



QUESTION:

(The answer to this question is the title of a well known Star Wars film.)

Before attempting the answer do give this clue some thought - it's worth it!

The Clue is: -

One of the white coated officials who usually referees cricket matches hits a very famous baroque classical composer.

(supplied by Richard Keech—answer on back page)



(Martin Thompson)

Poster found in a church in France is translated as follows:

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

(Martin Thompson)

PS: Please DON'T use your phone when driving! No matter what the reason.

NATURE NOTES:

The last few weeks has been quite amazing, for wildlife sightings in the parish. Whether it is the lack of traffic, lack of pollutants, good weather, clear skies or just more time for sightings, it has been wonderful.

The first weekend of lockdown brought a cuckoo, seen and heard near the Plough. This was followed the following day by a red kite flying over, and then a kingfisher seen on the canal, making its piping call and flying low over the water. House Martins and swallows are now seen almost every day, and the warblers newly arrived from Africa have been incredible, all many weeks earlier than usual. We've had blackcaps calling their loud territorial call in the village and especially on the hedgerows alongside the towpath. Chiff chaff and nuthatches can be heard almost anywhere in the parish.

The most excitement however has been down at the Roman Bridges, where migrant arrivals have included, reed, sedge, willow, and grasshopper warblers, common whitethroats, blackcaps, reed buntings, and chiff chaff. When all these birds are singing, together with the resident pairs of cettis warblers, the sound is just brilliant, and I can't ever remember there being any other comparable time in 48 years of studying the wildlife at Hockenhull.

We've had the most extraordinary collection of baby birds born in our hawthorn hedge, with three baby blackbirds running their parents ragged at the moment with their demands for food. We also have a baby pigeon, baby robins, dunnocks, house sparrows and currently a pair of wrens are frantically making a nest in the space left by the pigeons. The hedge is only 10m long but backs onto the canal towpath, so there is great protection there and easy access from both sides.

Butterflies have also been early and numerous, and following the sightings of mid March when peacock and small tortoiseshell were seen, so many other species have appeared. Common & holly blues can be seen along the canal hedgerows and in the village near any conifer or holly bushes. Orange tips are really active at present, and I've been delighted to see both male and female brimstone feeding in our garden. As blossom has emerged so have the butterflies, and comma, speckled wood, peacock and small tortoiseshell have been present. I've had the first sighting of the year of a painted lady butterfly reported to me, and a Humming bird hawk moth was seen near Broxton which is a very rare early occurrence for this extraordinary moth.

The flowers in the fields and hedgerows have also been very early with lots of celandine, lady smock, marsh marigold, wild arum spikes, red campion, red valerian etc. all in bloom. The blossom has also been exceptional, maybe it's because of the clear air and lack of pollution. The hawthorn is particularly white, together with Queens Anne's lace and various varieties of hogweed. Wild garlic is flourishing in a copse along the Baker Way, and is in flower alongside clumps of bluebells.

A number of villagers have reported seeing brown hare, foxes and badgers, and we've been watching with interest the removal of winter bedding from badger setts along Birch Heath. The family of badgers there are clearly very active. The otters are still leaving spraints on the stonework of the middle bridge at Hockenhull, but haven't appeared in daytime for a few months. We've walked into the village many times recently, and been pleased to see the coots and moorhens doing well at the Pit. The resident greylag goose has been joined recently by a single Canada goose, and the water level is still high to give added protection to the water birds breeding there. Lots of baby mallards can be seen along the canal with family parties of 12 or more being common.

Although this period of corona-virus has a great many downsides, the bonus of having plenty of time to observe has been a wonderful bonus. I hope you enjoy the pictures.

David Cummings



COOT

THE BEATING OF THE BOUNDS:

Unfortunately the 2020 Beating of the Bounds Ceremony due to have taken place on 17th May had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus disease affecting all our lives. We hope that it will be possible to celebrate this ancient tradition in 2021.

Meanwhile I'm re-printing for your interest a Parish Magazine article from 2010 which commemorates the first modern ceremony in 1953. This event was also part of the Parish's Celebration of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The original document telling the story of the 1953 perambulation and scribed on calf skin by the late Cliff Boddy, is now on permanent display in the Lady Chapel at St James'. I think this is his finest work, an example of superb calligraphy, and a great memorial to a wonderful servant of the Parish. Cliff served as choir boy, one of the first boy scouts, chorister, calligrapher, verger, and adult chorister for 79 years. He was also initially an ARP Warden, then served as a Grenadier Guardsman during WWII.

David Cummings

The Beating of the Bounds Ceremony 1953 Parish of Christleton

A solemn Perambulation of the Boundaries of the Ancient parish of Christleton, to mark the Dedication to Almighty God and the service of her people prior to the Coronation, of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the second, was held on Rogation Sunday, the tenth of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty three.



RED KITE



CUCKOO

The Dignitaries.

Rev Alyn Arthur Guest Williams, Rev. G Alexander Maquiban, Dr Arnold Brown, William Griffiths, John Day, John Welsby, Dennis Roberts, William Weekes, Frank Poston, John Kirk, Robert Hinde, Ann Bateman, Mary Partington, Richard Morgan, Frederick Clabrough, Gordon Mc Clellan, Cyril West, Kenneth Walley, Marion Kershaw, John Swinnerton, Thomas Solloway, William Astle, Charles Cullimore, Joy Cullimore, Hugh Granger, Frank Chapman, Nellie Day, Joseph Jones, Clifford Boddy.

The **Perambulation** commenced at The Glass House Boundary Stone at 11.48am and proceeded by way of the Caldý Brook (12.18pm) Ridges Lane (12.45pm) Waverton Station (1.30pm) Rubber Works (2.00pm) Brown Heath Road (Break) Cotton Abbots Farm (2.40pm) Hockenhull Platts (3.20pm) Stamford Bridge (Break) Vicars Cross Golf Gourse 9.50-pm) Littleton Boundary Stone (5.15pm) returning to the Glass House at 5.50pm where refreshments were generously provided by Ames & Elisabeth Hellicar.

Prayers and Scripture readings were offered at a point in each of the five townships. Christleton, Rowton, Cotton Abbots, Cotton Edmunds and Littleton. In accordance with tradition, Beatings and bumpings were inflicted on the younger participants- the better to impress on their memories the location of the boundary- at Ridges Lane, Waverton Station, Rowton- Waverton Boundary stone and at the Littleton- Great Boughton Boundary stone.

Transport across the canal was provided by Sydney & John Dean. At the final crossing the better to establish the boundary, four participants- Frank Poston, J Myles Wilson, Kenneth Walley and Gordon McClellan swam the canal.

The following completed the Perambulation in its entirety;

William Astle, Ann Bateman, Ruth Bateman, Lester Bennett, Roger Bennett, Clifford R Boddy, Michael Brackenbury, Michael Brammall, Gordon Brown, David Carter, Frederick Clabrough, Patricia Cotgreave, Alfred Crewe, Ethel Crewe, Roger Croom, Arthur Davenport, Audrey Davenport, John Day, John Dean Snr., John Dean, John Eaton, Christine Evans, Robert Garside, Bert Gordon, Brian Griffiths, William Griffiths, Ames Hellicar, Elisabeth Hellicar, Donald Hinde, Robert Hinde, Sydney Horne, Tony Jones, Reginald Jones,

Marion Kershaw, Eileen Kidd, John Kirk, Dennis Lawrence, Beryl McQuiban, Gordon McQuiban, Geoffrey Martin, Mary Martin, Richard Martin, Ellen Mayers, Annette McLellan, Gordon McLellan, Joseph Mellor, Richard Morgan, David Morris, Gillian Morris, Edward Moseley, Jean Moseley, Eric Owen, Allan Parry, William Partington, Frank Poston, Allan Pridding, Kenneth Robert, Beryl Reeves, Dennis Roberts, Tony Roberts, Pamela Roden, James Scott, Barbara Ollerenshaw, Colin Smith, Alice Stephens, Elma Steventon, John Swinnerton, Maurice Thomas, Martin Thomas, Reginald Thomas, Peter Thompson, Ivy Walley, Kenneth Walley, Andrew Watson, William Weekes, John Welsby, Cyril West, Sandra Wheeler, Richard Guest Williams, Raymond Williams, Elizabeth Wilson, Myles Wilson, Kenneth Woolam, Philip Wynne.

Scribed by Cliff Boddy.



CLIFF BODDY



Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

Supplied by Liz McClure

St James' Church Calendar

JUNE - JULY 2020:

There are no church services in the church, no church gatherings, and no Parish Hall activities for the foreseeable future until the Covid-19 crisis restrictions are relaxed. There is no calendar therefore.

THE CHURCH and PARISH HALL are CLOSED: The buildings are locked. Any questions regarding this to Stefan or the Churchwardens. The government may allow church buildings to re-open, in a limited and controlled manner, during July but we'll have to wait and see.

MORNING PRAYER: This takes place on-line using the 'Jitsi Meet' video conferencing application at 9am each weekday (Mon—Fri). You are all welcome to join in this short act of worship to start the day. For joining instructions please see the church website, or contact Stefan or Tina.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: This is also on-line using Jitsi Meet at 10am. Ask Stefan or the Churchwardens for details.

BIBLE STUDY: This church is running an on-line Bible Study course. Started 12th May and runs every Tuesday at 7.30pm until the first week of July. Details on the church website.

CHURCHYARD WORKING GROUP:

This is no longer an organised event during the crisis. Inevitably the churchyard has become overgrown and although an improved haven for wildlife and wild flowers there's a need to re-establish some control. If you wish to help tidy the churchyard safely and within the latest rules, then please talk to Mike Lightfoot. See Mike's article on page 5.

THE REGULAR PATTERN OF SERVICES:

Prior to the current crisis, the regular pattern of services was:

Sundays:

9.00am: Holy Communion (with choir)

10.45am: Morning Worship, and on 3rd Sunday in month it also includes communion .

Also at 10.45am the Lighthouse group for 5 to 14 year olds. In Parish Hall. Starts and ends in church.

Also various services at 4.00pm. Refer to church calendar & publicity.

Mon—Fri:

9am: The office of Morning Prayer said in church. All welcome.

Wednesdays:

Holy Communion at 10.45am on Wednesdays. United with Churches Together on 1st Wednesday in month.

Fridays:

The Ark every Friday 9am to 11am in term time in the Parish Hall. Play & Praise Toddler Group. Finding out about Jesus through play, stories and songs. Grandparents and carers also welcomed. Helpers welcomed. Refreshments.

HOWEVER—during this Covid-19 crisis **all this is suspended**. When possible this pattern will be re-introduced, no doubt gradually and with caution, but also with overwhelming joy and relief and a fanfare of praise!

PUZZLE SECTION:

My answers to the 6 puzzles last month:

Puzzle 1:

Attila the Hen is twice as old as Talking Turkey was when Attila the Hen was as old as Talking Turkey is now. Their combined ages are 84. How old are they each now? [All ages in whole numbers, please...]

A = Attila's age now. T = Turkey's age now.
We know that $A + T = 84$. Their age difference is $A - T$.

When Attila was T, Turkey was $T - (A - T)$, or $2T - A$.
Attila (aged A) is twice as old as Turkey was then.
 $A = 2 \times (2T - A)$ or $A = 4T - 2A$ or $3A = 4T$
but substituting $A = 84 - T$ then: $3 \times (84 - T) = 4T$
or $252 - 3T = 4T$ or $T = 36$
Therefore Turkey is 36, and Attila is 48. Didn't know that hens and turkeys lived that long. Bit of a fowl question I thought.

Puzzle 2:

If a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will 3 hens lay in a week? What is the smallest whole number of hens you need to ensure a whole number of dozens will be produced in a week?

So 3 hens will lay 3 eggs in a day and a half, or more easily, 3 hens lay 2 eggs in a day. Therefore in a week 3 hens will lay 14 eggs. (Assuming they are very reliable and regular hens!) To get to exact and whole dozen(s) of eggs in a week with a whole number of hens (fractional hens are not good layers) you need 18 hens laying 84 eggs (7 dozen), but that seems a lot so I'd be tempted to stick with 3 hens and just keep 2 eggs back at the end of the week as spares in case of breakages, or for my breakfast!

Puzzle 3:

If a clock strikes N bongs at N o'clock where N is, of course, a whole number, then a 12-hour clock will strike a total of 156 bongs in the course of a single 24-hour day. How many bongs will a 24-hour clock strike in the course of a 24-hour day?

In a 12 hour period bongs add up to: $1+2+3 \dots$ etc to $+12 = 78$.
So in 24 hours it does indeed bong $2 \times 78 = 156$ times.

For a 24 hour clock the second set of 78 bongs is increased by 12 bongs more for each of the 12 hours, ie: an extra 144 bongs. $156 + 144 = 300$ bongs altogether. Whilst I've seen 24 hour clocks, I've not heard a version that bongs!

Puzzle 4:

What did the teddy bear say when offered more cake after bableves, goulash, duck liver and dobos torta?

This is anyone's guess, but those foods are all classic Hungarian dishes, the last being cake.

Perhaps Teddy said: "Oh no! No more Hungary!" or (s)he could have said simply "I'm stuffed!" Any other ideas?

Puzzle 5:

What are the missing three digits?

1 * 1 4 1 9 1 8 1 9 * 9 1 9 * 5

Have you been struggling to discover a mathematical pattern? These are the years for the start & end of WW1 and WW2. ie: 1914, 1918 and 1939, 1945.

So the missing numbers are: 9, 3 and 4.

Puzzle 6:

"Which is larger: the square root of 3 or the cube root of 5?"

This is a nice little problem to tack onto the end! Hopefully you didn't get your scientific calculators out! These two numbers are very close in value and so rough estimation here will not help. Instead, a logical approach will serve best. Let us make a guess and set up an inequality expressing our guess. If we perform a number of valid operations that preserve the inequality until we reach an obviously true statement then our original inequality must have been true!

guess: $\sqrt{3} > \sqrt[3]{5}$

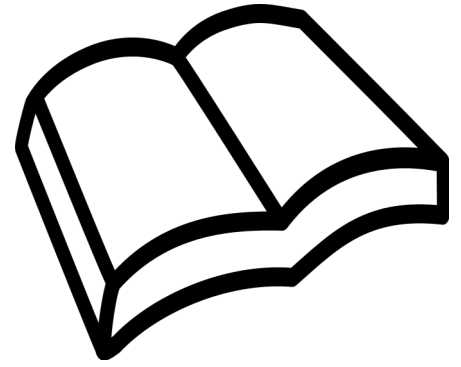
cube each side: $3\sqrt{3} > 5$

square each side: $27 > 25$

We can see easily now that the square root of 3 is the larger of the two!

Hope you enjoyed these puzzles.
See picture quiz back page. (Ed.)

FROM THE REGISTERS:



No Baptisms or Weddings at the current time.

Funerals:

Mr Oliver Young. Died: 21st April 2020, age: 97
Burial: 4th May 2020 at St James' Church.

Mr Thomas Leslie Harding. Died: 11th April 2020, age: 96
Crematorium: 11th May 2020
Burial of Ashes: 22nd May 2020 at St James' Church.

Note: The current rules specify a limit to the number attending funerals, and all social distancing requirements will apply. As rules are slowly being relaxed this may change.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To all those who have birthdays and anniversaries at this time we send you congratulations and hope that you have been / will be able to celebrate despite the crisis!

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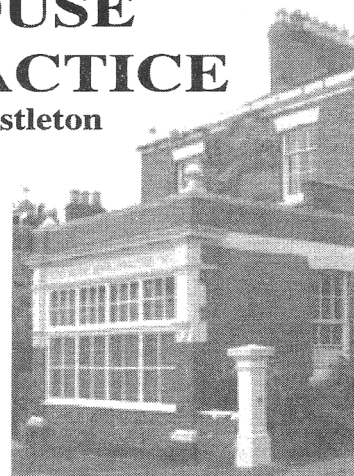
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**To be found in and around
Christleton, where are they?**

(answers from the editor, or in July issue)



1: Always there, larger than life.



2: Not for the faint hearted!



3: A bit on the edge!

The answer to the question on page 10

.....and the clue translates as:
"The umpire strikes Back" !!

"The Empire Strikes Back."

The Foodbank is still operating and needs your contributions now more than ever, but of course the collection point in church is closed as the church building is closed.

As usual there are still collection points available in all the big supermarkets:

Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Asda, Morrisons, Tesco

- they have collection boxes . 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 - regular or one-off - and again details are on their website. They will be happy with anything non-perishable but UHT juice is always most welcome and preferably not dried pasta. Thank you for your help.

Chris Alderton

