



# PARISH OF ST JAMES

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

## MARCH 2018



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### A Message from the Churchwardens

This is the first letter from the Churchwardens on behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Malcolm, as most of you will know, has now left the parish to take up another Ministry. We will miss him and Joyce – they have been in the parish almost seven years. Now they have been called by God to move on and we wish them much happiness and success.

We are now in a period of Vacancy, during which the Parish is run by the laity consisting of the two churchwardens and the PCC

It is quite an undertaking but we have an enthusiastic team which will dedicate its talents to ensuring that everything runs smoothly while we are without an incumbent.

Our main priority is to ensure that all our services are covered. Not only our regular Sunday and mid-week services but also the many special services e.g. those in Holy Week leading up to the great Christian Festival of Easter and Christ's resurrection, Mothering Sunday, Flower service, Harvest thanksgiving, Remembrance Day.

Weddings and baptisms are already booked and there will be funerals to organise. These important events will be handled in the first instance by our Parish Administrator and passed on to a dedicated member of the PCC.

Although the Parish will be laity-run, we will rely on advice from the Rural Dean and the Archdeacon when it is necessary. We are also looking forward to having visiting clergy take many of the services, in addition to those who already help regularly in the Parish.

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### Magazine revamp!

The magazine is being presented in a different format this month and with a wider range of content.

The loose - leaved format is to enable you to pull out the central section that contains the Church Diary and keep it somewhere for you to easily access.

The content is in two sections. The first focuses on Church news and updates, while the second focuses on the wider village. This will give opportunities to spotlight individuals and organisations that are so central to village life. In addition, some months there will be a section on an historical aspect of the village and others a countryside update.

We welcome your feedback – both on what works well and what needs to be improved. You can do this by emailing the Magazine Team on:

**christletonparishchurch@gmail.com**

Enjoy reading!

### Parables of 'The Hidden Treasure' and a 'Valuable Pearl'

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> our Messy families learnt more about God's love and of deepening our knowledge of him.



Everyone was busy making beautiful jewellery boxes, shells and pearls and decorating cakes with jewel like fruits. In our worship session we heard how important it was to seek God's love and to treasure it. Our worship song, 'Give me Joy in my Heart' set us up perfectly to enjoy a superb Sunday tea.

**Take home ideas:** as a family (young or old) talk about the special things each of you treasure, perhaps make a list or draw a picture.

*The Kingdom of God is a treasure more precious than anything in this world.*

#### Lent Messy Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you that here at Messy Church we can find out more about the treasure of knowing you and your love. **Amen.**

# Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter



Technically Passiontide is the two weeks leading up to Easter Day and it begins on Passion Sunday, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. In some parishes there are no meetings during Passiontide other than study and prayer groups, to allow people to prepare for the upcoming events.

Most churches do encourage their members to observe Holy Week and Easter though. This starts on Palm Sunday with 'the Liturgy of the Palms'. The palm crosses are blessed and the Gospel account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is read. This is then followed by the whole of the Gospel account of Jesus arrest, trial and crucifixion in anticipation of the week to come. We then have three short services of meditation and Compline on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Maundy Thursday is marked by an evening Holy Communion Service which includes the themes of humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, and the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane. Maundy Thursday gets its name from mandatum, 'commandment', (John 13.34). The service ends in silence and is followed by the church being stripped of all ornament whilst Psalm 22 is read. There will then be a quiet time of reflection on Christ's arrest and passion – a vigil - in a darkened church, reflecting Christ's words 'Could you not watch with me one hour?'

On Good Friday the church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the whole day, which is a day without liturgy. We will have a devotional service 'The Way of the Cross' from 2 – 3 pm.

On Holy Saturday we begin to look towards Easter Day with the Easter Vigil at 6.00pm which includes renewing our Baptism Promises and lighting the Easter or Paschal Candle from a fire outside the church. This service also includes Holy Communion.

Easter Day of course is the great day of celebration, when the bells ring out to announce 'Alleluia, Christ is Risen'. Our services are joyous and a complete contrast to the pathos of the previous week.

We are encouraged to travel through the whole of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter Day and it is valuable to do so. Experiencing the highs and lows of the liturgy, the pathos, pain and despair and finally the joy perhaps helps our own understanding of the Gospel story which is at the heart of our faith. It is the story of God incarnate whose birth we celebrated at Christmas, who came along side us, suffered died and rose again. Journeying through Holy Week to Easter helps us on our own pilgrimage, on our own journey of faith.

Rev'd Elizabeth Inall

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There are groups engaged in bereavement support, pastoral visiting to the elderly and sick including the three nursing homes in the Parish. These have been operating for many years, often unsung and below the radar. We have the Community Lunch team which provides hospitality and transport once a month, a team which runs Messy Church for young children, a Finance group, Maintenance group, Communications group and Fund-raising group.

Currently one of our chief tasks is to compose a Parish Profile which will be used for guidance in the appointment of a new incumbent. This will take in all aspects of the parish to aid both ourselves and applicants make the best possible choice. In this we will be guided by Bishop Peter our Patron and by much prayer.

We are now in the season of Lent, traditionally a period of abstinence but also of reflection and sacrifice. The Church has released a guide for Lent to concentrate our minds on wastefulness e.g. reducing the amount of plastic we use in our daily lives in areas such as food, everyday products, clothing, travel items. We are asked to commit to making three long-term changes to plastic use beyond Easter to be mindful of the welfare of generations to come.

During this exciting and challenging period we hope to maintain good stewardship in the running of the Parish with the support and prayers of its residents.

Bettie and Tina

## Troubles of a Treasurer, March 2018.

This last month has been extremely busy. Not only have the accounts been presented to the PCC and sent to the independent examiner for inspection, but we have also been embroiled in the Parish Giving Initiative with all the attendant administration.

Perhaps the very best bit of it has been the fellowship between the members of the steering committee, and finally filling the envelopes which included all the parish magazine compiling team so a great time was had by all!

We have finally distributed about 550 envelopes throughout the parish, asking for the offer of Time and Talents to help with the parish work during the vacancy and beyond, in addition to offers of monetary gifts for the work of the church.



The January figures for income and expenses are as follows:

Income		Expenditure	
Collections	396	Church salaries	285
Standing orders	1393	Church utilities	269
Donations	135	Parish share	6385.50
Envelopes	1496	Church insurance	379
Funeral/wedding net	1052		
	4472		7318

As you see the figures do not look too happy.

Our other worry, of which you are well aware, is the heating system in the parish hall. It needs attention, of exactly which type is unclear. It has been hard to establish the exact diagnosis!

Both the hall and the church roofs, however, have now been mended.

We face an uncertain time ahead but the fellowship and commitment within the church family is truly remarkable, and so is the dedication of the fundraising team.

As Treasurer, I personally trust that there will be a good response to the Giving Initiative and that we will be able to continue to look after our beautiful church as a place of worship, peace and refuge.

If by any chance you have not returned your responses, please do not worry, it is not too late to return them to me. I have been very heartened by the responses to me so far, by letter, email, in person and by hand.

The response rate as at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> February, after our thanksgiving Sunday, has been Time and talents 3.63 %, Financial response 5.81 %.

The steering group will be able to produce a more detailed report on this in the next month's magazine when we have had a chance to receive and interpret the information sent to us by so many wonderful members of the church, and indeed also so many more peripherally connected with the church. Despite this response rate being low, much of it is very meaningful. I am also very much aware that many people who have not responded formally are already involved in a huge amount of service to the church. I feel tremendously honoured to have been involved with this, even if it has taken over my life temporarily!

Please do not hesitate to discuss any of the suggestions with myself, one of the wardens or one of the steering group should you require clarification.

With grateful thanks for all your support.  
Liz McClure

## Fundraising News

### **The Big Pancake Party**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Shrove Tuesday, Bettie Gilliatt hosted a 'big pancake party'. It all kicked off at @ 10am making it an excellent breakfast. Many thanks to Chris and Elizabeth who spent the morning making pancakes. We lost count of the number of pancakes made AND eaten but suffice to say, we got through 5 litres of milk! The choice of fillings on offer was overwhelming ranging from hot chocolate sauce and red berry coulis, to lemons, limes and blueberries. There was even Cointreau butter and calvados for the truly dedicated crepe eaters.

It was all in aid of the Church Urban Fund whose vision is to see people and communities all over England flourish and enjoy life in all its fullness. It does this by working through local parish networks and alongside other faith-based and secular organisations to bring about positive change in neighbourhoods building trust and empowering local people.

We raised over £300 for the fund and a great time was had by all. Thank you everyone.

### **Future Fundraising Events**

Wed 7th March: An evening with Joyce Grenfell. Raising funds for the Parish Hall Refurbishment Fund. See advert on page 5.

Sat 28th April: A concert with the Kelsborrow Choir in St James' Church.

## Fabric and Maintenance Update

We hope that by the time this is read, we will have heating in the Parish Hall again.

It has been a very slow process, due mainly to the complicated system in the Hall. Considerable time has been spent in mapping out the pipe-work which would do credit to a cartographer! The leak which has been the cause of the problem has not been detected yet but we hope that can be by-passed when the pipes are replaced.

It has been an uphill struggle to reach this point, not least because we were waiting for quotations – of course this is not just an ordinary plumbing job. We need to pray that this will solve the heating issue at least for a time. The whole system is old and ideally should be replaced; can we say that that is a pipe-dream at the moment?

The Hall roof has now been repaired and again that should tide us over for some time. The dislodged slate on the Church roof has been put back into its rightful place and a quotation received for re-bedding the ridge tiles and clearing out the high gutters. Given the height of the roof, that is not such an easy job.

We conducted a visual inspection of the Tower recently and found no problems which need attention. The trouble with an old building is that one can never be absolutely certain there is nothing to do and there are a number of jobs which have to be done when the weather improves.

The Churchyard wall has not been repaired yet as the lime mortar which must be used, will not carbonize in the cold and the stonemason has inevitably been held up on other jobs.

Paul Forrest  
Bettie Gilliatt

The next

## Luncheon Club

is at 12noon (for 12.30) in the Parish Hall on

**Monday 19th March**

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

Liz: 409414; Janet: 325529;

or Christine: 335562

No charge but donations welcome.

## CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

In the Parish Hall, 12 noon on

**Sunday 15th April**

### The Meeting of the Parishioners

A short meeting to elect Churchwardens

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The main meeting to elect PCC members, appoint sidespeople, receive accounts and reports and generally find out what's happening in your church.

All church members invited. Additionally, parish residents may attend the first meeting.

## The Crew St James' Youth Group

Are you aged between 10-16?

If so, why not come and join us. We meet in the parish hall on the first Sunday of each month between 6pm and 7.15

We cook, eat, make things, play table tennis and badminton and generally chill out - it's a 'parent-free' zone!!

If you are interested and would like to know more contact Tina at

[tina.lightfoot@googlemail.com](mailto:tina.lightfoot@googlemail.com)

tel: 07557352592

## St James' Church Christleton



You are invited to  
come to an  
All Age Service  
to  
celebrate

## Mothering Sunday

Sunday 11th March

at  
10.45 am



Traditional posies will be given out



THE PARISH OF  
ST JAMES,  
CHRISTLETON

All proceeds to the Parish  
Hall Refurbishment Fund

The Fundraising Group invite you to a splendid evening of fun, entertainment and food in the

Parish Hall, 7pm (for 7.30) on

**Wednesday 7th March 2018**

After a welcome drink you will be served a hot two course supper (a veggie option is offered if you prefer) and then you'll be entertained by the talented **Jean Finney** for an

## Evening with Joyce Grenfell

Bring your own additional drinks.

**Tickets £15 per person**

From Christine Abrams (335562)  
or PCC members.

Spaces limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

**Raffle!**





# PARISH OF ST JAMES

## CALENDAR MARCH/APRIL 2018



MARCH 2018	All events are in St James' Church unless otherwise indicated
Thursday 1st	12 noon - 1.30pm: Churches Together (CT) Lent Lunch at Christleton Methodist Church. 1.45pm: St James' Church car park. CT Lent Mini-Pilgrimage to Sisters of Jesus Way, West Kirby. 7.30pm: Lent group, Whitehaven, Church Walks, Christleton.
Friday 2nd	10.30am: Women's World Day of Prayer service at Wesley Methodist Church.
Sunday 4th 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00am: Holy Communion. Followed by 'Breakfast@8' in Parish Hall. 10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: Evening Prayer.
Wednesday 7th	10.45am: United Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments. 7.00pm: "An Evening with Joyce Grenfell" in the Parish Hall.
Thursday 8th	1.45pm: St James' Church car park. CT Lent Mini-Pilgrimage to Saughall Methodist Church. 7.30pm: Lent group, Grange House, Village Rd, Christleton.
Saturday 10th	10.00am: Mothering Sunday posy making with Lesley Morgan, 73 Tarvin Rd, Littleton.
Sunday 11th 4th Sunday of Lent <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday. Refreshments. 6.30pm: Holy Communion.
Wednesday 14th	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
Thursday 15th	1.45pm: St James' Church car park. CT Lent Mini-Pilgrimage to St. Winifred's Well, Holywell. 7.30pm: Lent group, Grange House, Village Rd, Christleton.
Saturday 17th	10.30am: Churchyard Working Party. Lunch provided.
Sunday 18th 5th Sunday of Lent <b>Passion Sunday</b>	8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments in Parish Hall. Produce stall. 4.00pm: Messy Church in Parish Hall. 5.15pm: Worship with Messy Church in Parish Hall. 6.00pm: The Crew Youth Group in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: No service in church.
Monday 19th	12 noon for 12.30pm: Luncheon Club, Parish Hall.
Wednesday 21st	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
Thursday 22nd	1.45pm: St James' Church car park. CT Lent Mini-Pilgrimage to Frodsham Prayer Garden. 7.30pm: Lent group, Grange House, Village Rd, Christleton.
Sunday 25th <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b><u>CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR - SUMMER TIME BEGINS!</u></b> 8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion. Refreshments. 6.30pm: Palm Sunday Evening Service.
Monday 26th	<b>Holy Week:</b> 7.00pm: Meditation & Compline.
Tuesday 27th	<b>Holy Week :</b> 7.00pm: Meditation & Compline.
Wednesday 28th	<b>Holy Week :</b> 10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments in church. 7.00pm: Meditation & Compline.
Thursday 29th	<b>Maundy Thursday:</b> 7.30pm: Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar and Vigil.
Friday 30th	<b>Good Friday:</b> 2.00pm: The Way of the Cross.
Saturday 31st	<b>Holy Saturday:</b> 6.00pm: Holy Communion - Easter Vigil.

<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<b>All events are in St James' Church unless otherwise indicated.</b>
Sunday 1st <b>Easter Day</b>	8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP). 'Breakfast@8' in Parish Hall. 10.45am: All Age Holy Communion for Easter. Refreshments in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: No evening service.
Wednesday 4th	10.45am: United Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
Sunday 8th 2nd Sunday of Easter Low Sunday	8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Morning Worship. Refreshments in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: Holy Communion.
Wednesday 11th	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
Sunday 15th 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments in Parish Hall. Produce stall. 12 noon: <b>Church Annual Meetings</b> : Parish Hall for all church members. 4.00pm: Messy Church in Parish Hall. 5.15pm: Worship with Messy Church in Parish Hall. 6.00pm: The Crew Youth Group in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: No service in church.
Monday 16th	12 noon for 12.30pm: Luncheon Club in Parish Hall.
Wednesday 18th	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
Saturday 21st	10 am to 12 noon Christleton Parish Council Open Morning in the Parish Hall.
Sunday 22nd 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: Evening Prayer (BCP).
Wednesday 25th	10.45am: Holy Communion (BCP). Refreshments.
Saturday 28th	12 noon: Wedding of Sarah and James. 7.30pm: Kelsborrow Choir concert in church.
Sunday 29th 5th Sunday of Easter	8.00am: Holy Communion. 10.45am: Holy Communion. Refreshments in Parish Hall. 6.30pm: Songs of Praise.

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## Churches Together- Lent 2018

As last year, for five Thursday afternoons in Lent we have arranged a series of mini pilgrimages to Houses of Prayer in the area - some Anglican, some Roman Catholic, some Methodist, some non- denominational.

Last year they proved very interesting, thought-provoking - and very enjoyable.

This year the mini pilgrimages will be:

22 February: *Foxhill Conference Centre*  
1 March: *The Sisters of Jesus Way, West Kirby*  
8 March: *Saughall Methodists*  
15 March: *St Winifred's Well, Holywell*  
22 March: *Frodsham Quiet Garden*

Meet either at 1.45pm at St James' Car Park or 2.30 pm at the venue for a quiet time together followed by tea and depart at 4pm

Jan Bowden.

## Churchyard Maintenance

Once a month we hold a working party to help maintain our church yard. Quite often we work alongside the community payback team who then join us for a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese. The working party is made up of church members and the wider village community who enjoy helping us keep our much loved church grounds neat and tidy.

The next working party will be on:

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 10:30 am**

If you would like to join us just come along in old clothes with gloves and basic gardening tools (not essential). For further information please contact:

**Mike Lightfoot - Tel: 07787 421357**

## Lent Groups 2018

We are planning to hold Lent groups each week during Lent using the Church of England material 'Live Lent, let Your Light Shine'

This is intended to be used alongside the daily booklet which is available but it also stands alone if using the daily booklet is not possible for you.

The meetings will be:

22nd February 7.30pm at Grange House Village Road  
1st March 7.30pm at White Haven Church Walks  
8th March 7.30pm at Grange House Village Road  
15th March 7.30pm at Grange House Village Road  
22nd March 7.30pm at Grange House Village Road

There will be a service of Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm on Thursday 29th March

You don't need any course material for the discussion groups, just bring a Bible.

Please sign the list on the table at the back of church if you would like to come along and do ask if you would like more information.

*Elizabeth Inall*  
01244 336500

## Needlework Group

Do you have skills in needlework or embroidery? If so, we're looking for volunteers to help us lovingly restore our Altar Frontals and Pulpit Falls.

If you are interested, please contact Tina at [tina.lightfoot@googlemail.com](mailto:tina.lightfoot@googlemail.com) or Tel: 07557352592



**St James is a collection centre  
for the West Cheshire Foodbank.**

**St James' Church has information on the Christleton Village Website:**

**[www.christleton.org.uk](http://www.christleton.org.uk)**

**St James' Church has a Twitter account. Follow us on:**



**@StJChristleton**



## ***Spotlight on .....***

### **Headteacher at Christleton Primary School**

Many readers will be, or have been, associated with Christleton Primary - others will not. For those of you who do not know the present headteacher he writes:

'I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the head teacher of Christleton Primary School. My name is Oliver Mitchell and I have been the Headteacher for just over a year, appointed in October 2016 and taking up post in January 2017.

Christleton primary school is positioned off Quarry Lane in the heart of the village. It is a one form entry school, meaning that we have seven classes, one per year group. We have 211 children on roll supported by over 20 staff.

Our school prides itself on being a reflection of the community it serves. Our children are well supported, behaved and motivated. We are a successful and inclusive school having a range of social and cultural backgrounds within our school community. This diversity brings a richness of experience to the school which enhances the learning experiences of all and provides the opportunity to develop respect and tolerance within our pupils.

'Be the best you can be' which was derived from the 2012 Olympic Games is the school's motto and lies at the heart of all that we do.

We provide a place of learning where everyone is valued and positively encouraged, a place where children can acquire the knowledge, skills and courage to aspire to their dreams and drive themselves to fulfil their full potential and become a valued member of society.

We view learning as an exciting journey. Our school curriculum is rich, child-centred, interesting and exciting, whilst also aspirational and offering a challenge. We are passionate about the development of the whole child and installing a love of learning which remains with each individual.

Parents are very supportive of the school's aims and play a vital role in their child's development. We have an active PTA which contributes hugely to the experiences the children receive and is a significant and invaluable source of additional finance to support the school.

The school governors are a visible form of accountability and are comprised of a range of individuals who provide both challenge and support. Parental and community representation on the governing body ensures that the school is representative of the local community.

We work hard to contribute to the local community and aim to develop mutually beneficial links with various community groups, churches and individuals. These links play a huge part in the school's curriculum.

In the every changing world our mission will continue to be teaching the children to have creative and active minds, compassion for others, enthusiasm for lifelong learning, and the courage to act on their dreams. The focus of the school will always be on its learners, their families and the Christleton community.

We will strive to be proactive and forward thinking to enable us to continue to provide an excellent education in partnership and engagement with parents and the wider community. As a publicly funded school we take pride in our position at the heart of the village. We will endeavour to encourage our pupils to contribute in a positive and effective way to their community so that Christleton continues to have a school it can be proud of.'

*Further information about the school can be found on the school's website:*

**[www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk)**

## ***Spotlight on.....***

### **The Windows in St James' Church**

Alf Croston wrote to the magazine telling us that his neighbours, Bill and Lyn Malkin, had recently visited the lovely village of Burford in the Cotswolds and brought him back a guide to the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, located by the River Windrush. Reading the guide Alf discovered that there were similarities to St. James' Church here in Christleton. However one of the most significant is that they both contain fine examples of Kempe windows.

David Cummings in his book about St. James' Church writes:

We now believe that there are ten Kempe windows at St. James. Charles E. Kempe was a young artist based in the Cotswolds, who worked at the same time as William Morris during the great revival of English art in the reign of Queen Victoria. Charles had gone to Oxford hoping to be ordained, but an incorrigible stammer made that impractical. So he decided that 'since he could not minister in the sanctuary, he would adorn it'. He designed and made over 4,000 windows during his career, and is recognised as one of the greatest influences in stained glass window design of that period. His trade mark is a sheaf of corn and the use of peacock feathers in his design. However several of the Christleton windows also have a tower on top of the sheaf, a mark which dates from 1907 when the company changed name after his death.'

David's book on St. James is available for sale at the back of the Church. This book has been dedicated to Margaret Croston BEM who contributed so much to the village of Christleton before her death in 2016.

#### ***Discovery trail for all in St. James:***

- *Can you find the 10 Kempe windows?*
- *How many sheaves of corn can you spot?*
- *How many of those have a tower on top of the sheaf?*
- *How many windows have peacock feathers in their design?*



*Answers in next month's addition of the magazine.*

## ***Spotlight on.....***

### **The Christleton Women's Institute ..... more than Jam and Jerusalem!**

The Women's Institute was founded in Ontario, Canada in 1897 with the intention of bringing women from isolated communities together to promote household science as a way of raising health standards. The first British branch was opened in Anglesey, North Wales 1915, encouraging women to grow and preserve food to add to the supply at a time of war. The Christleton branch opened in 1924 and was one of the first in Cheshire.

Over the years the organisation has broadened its aims to provide members not only with educational opportunities and a chance to build new skills but opportunities to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities. It is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK.

This year is an important one for the WI as it marks a 100 years since women won the right to vote. On 8 March we are organising a lunch to celebrate International Women's Day. Later in the year we are hoping to visit the Houses of Parliament. As a group we are keen to find out more about those women who a 100 years ago marched for our rights. We would be very interested to hear from you if you had any family members or friends who were involved.

We meet as a group on the second Wednesday each month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall and have a wide range of speakers chosen to meet the interests of our members. In addition there are days out and opportunities to meet members from other WIs in the area. We very much welcome new members to our WI – the door is always open!

If you are interested in joining us please contact the secretary Sheila Pimbley - email: [sheilapimbley@gmail.com](mailto:sheilapimbley@gmail.com)



The Ring O' Bells is a welcoming Cheshire pub combining high class food with the finest wines and beers. Venue is available for christenings, weddings and funerals.

#### Regular events & offers...

##### Coffee AM

Monday to Saturday from 9am, pop in and enjoy our fabulous coffee or loose leaf tea and some delicious sweet treats or something more substantial from our brunch menu. **2 for 1 Burgers** Every Monday enjoy 2 for 1 Burgers, buy one of our mouth watering burgers and get another one free of charge! **2 for 1 Pizzas** Every Wednesday enjoy 2 for 1 Pizza, buy one of our fabulous home made hand stretched stone baked pizzas & get another one free of charge! **Saturday Breakfast Club** Every Saturday from 9am serving our Breakfast/Brunch menu alongside tea, coffee & cakes.

Tel: 01244 335422 Email: [info@ringobellschester.co.uk](mailto:info@ringobellschester.co.uk)  
Address: Village Rd, Christleton, CH3 7AS



#### Cotton Farm B & B

Down near the Roman bridges is our wonderfully peaceful farm, offering 3 large comfortable en-suite bedrooms located in their own private area of the house. Delicious breakfasts cooked in the Aga.

Ideal for when you have visiting friends or family and it's too much of a squeeze in your own home.

Rated 2nd out of 80 B&Bs in and around Chester on Tripadvisor.

Nigel & Clare Hill  
Cotton Farm, Cotton Edmunds,  
Chester CH3 7PG

01244 336616 [www.cottonfarm.co.uk](http://www.cottonfarm.co.uk)

### Jennie's Catering OF CHRISTLETON

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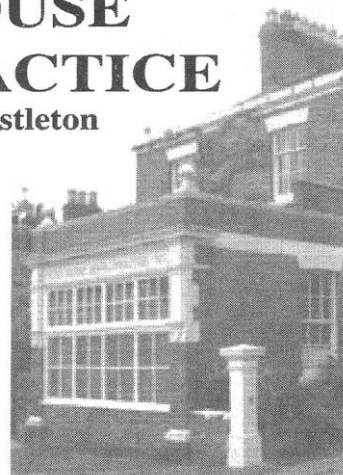
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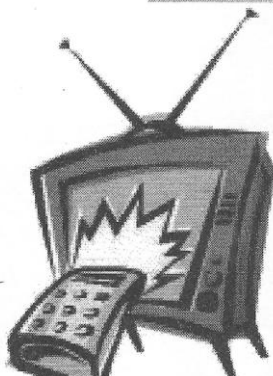
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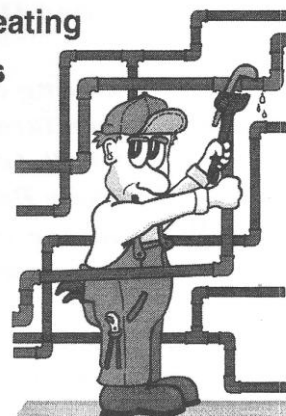
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