

St. James' Christleton



Parish Magazine
July 2006

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JOURNAL FOR JULY

Sun 2

The Third Sunday After Trinity: Proper 8

8.00 am Holy Communion - Common Worship - Order 2
 10.30 am Sunday School - Parish Hall
 10.45 am Parish Communion with Baptisms - Order 1
 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
 6.30 pm Evensong - followed by refreshments
 Prayer Link Road: Brown Heath Road

Mon 3 10.45 am Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
 11.15 am Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
 7.45 pm PCC Meeting - Parish Hall
 Wed 5 10.45 am United Communion - followed by refreshments
 Fri 7 6.30 pm Choir Practice

Sun 9

The Fourth Sunday After Trinity. Proper 9

8.00 am Holy Communion - Order 1
 10.45 am FAMILY FLOWER SERVICE - Followed by Barbecue
 6.00 pm The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
 6.30 pm Evensong
 Prayer Link Road: Bush Road
 Neighbourhood Link: Stan Smith

Mon 10 Churches Together in Christleton Committee Away Day. Brown Knowl
 2.00 pm Mother's Union - Parish Hall
 Wed 12 10.45 am Holy Communion
 11.30 am Holy Communion Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
 Fri 14 6.30 pm Choir Practice

NB: Last day for contributions to August magazine, preferably earlier, to David Bull (332234).

You can attach your Word document and email to:
christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk

Sat 15 THE VILLAGE SHOW - PARISH HALL

Sun 16

8.00 am

10.45 am

2.00 pm

6.00 pm

6.30 pm

The Fifth Sunday of Trinity - Proper 10

Holy Communion - Common Worship Order I

Parish Communion - Order I

Sunday School Outing

Church Ramble Group leave car park for Pretty Bridge

The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall

Evensong

Prayer Link Road: Bythorn Close

Neighbourhood Link: Dot Smith

Wed 19 10.45 am

Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 21 6.30 pm

Choir Practice

Sat 22 9.00 am

Holy Communion for MARY MAGDALENE

Sun 23

8.00 am

10.45 am

6.30 pm

The Sixth Sunday After Trinity - Proper 11

Holy Communion -Common Worship Order I

Matins with Baptisms - followed by refreshments

Evening Communion - Order I

Prayer Link Road: Chapel Close

Neighbourhood Link: Gwen Knight

Tues 25 9.00 am

Holy Communion for ST JAMES

Wed 26 10.45 am

Holy Communion - followed by refreshments

Fri 28

Choir Dinner

Sun 30

8.00 am

10.45 am

The Seventh Sunday After Trinity - Proper 12

Holy Communion - Common Worship - Order I

Matins

FRONT COVER

This year they walked the cygnets aged 6 days old, at 5.00am on May 23rd, arriving at the Ring O Bells in time for an early breakfast, before breaking the world record from the Bells to the Canal in 15 minutes, with support from David Cummings, Colin Williams and Mrs Ruby Wolfendale

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The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Sabbatical

Earlier this year I was visited by the Bishop of Birkenhead, who has, incidentally, recently been appointed as the new Bishop of Birmingham. It was one of the regular visits the Bishops make to clergy to keep in touch. Clergy qualify for 3 months 'sabbatical' every 7 years of ministry, for general reading and renewal. I happened to point out that I have never had a 'sabbatical' in 37 years of Ordained Ministry, so I qualify for 16 months! This seemed a reasonable negotiating ploy, and he suggested that I should have each August 'off'. This has since been agreed with the Diocese and the PCC. For most of the time we shall still be at the Rectory, but it means that I shall be off duty for the whole of August. This will hopefully enable me to begin to catch up on the backlog in my study as well as giving chance for reading, rest and renewal. As I shall not be available, please contact the Churchwardens regarding any parochial matters or concerns during that time. August is a quiet month in Parish life, and I hope you will understand this will help me in my continuing ministry.

In last month's magazine I mentioned the newspaper article I have referring to Archbishop Fisher being flown out to West Africa by my Uncle Lincoln, who pointed out to him that he had ordained my father and other uncle. My father spent the whole of his ministry in the Chester Diocese. I trained at Cuddesdon Theological College, Oxford, and the Principal, who later became Archbishop Robert Runcie, kindly came to Heswall to share in the service when Fiona and I were married. My first Curacy was in the Parish of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire in the Oxford Diocese. The Oxford diocese is the largest in England including at least part of 8 counties, but it has the smallest Cathedral, which is the Chapel of Christ Church College, Oxford, and that is where I was Ordained. St Giles Church in Stoke Poges inspired Thomas Gray to write "Elegy in a Country Churchyard", and his tomb is in the Churchyard. But it was a Parish of contrasts, and we lived part of it which was in Slough, which inspired Betjeman to write:- "Come friendly bomb, and drop on Slough"! After Stoke Poges we moved to Northwich where I was Curate with responsibility for Rudheath Church in the Parish of St Helen, Witton. But we were only there for 18 months before I was Inducted as Vicar of Frankby with Greasby on Wirral. I remember Bishop Victor Whitsey, whom some of you may remember was quite a character, coming over to me in the first hymn, and asking "How are your finances?" He came over again in the second hymn, and said: "You've got 10 years hard graft here, lad." I remember thinking I would give it five, but

in fact we stayed 18 years, which taught me never to be too sure what God has in store for us! For the first 12 years I had no Curate in a large Parish with 2 Churches so it was 'hard graft', but it was a good time and we enjoyed living there.

In December 1991 Bishop Michael Baughen wrote to me to ask if "I would like my hat to go in the ring for Christleton", and the rest, as they say, is history. My father was Rector of Heswall for 28 years, so I shall never impose myself that long on any Parish, but I do believe it is a privilege and a benefit to enjoy an extended ministry in a Parish. I can see the arguments for staying only a few years (you may feel they are compelling arguments in some cases!), but to me it is part of the privilege of Parochial Ministry to build up that pastoral connection with people and families over the years. I also believe there is something to be said for having to live with the mistakes you make!

I look forward to the opportunity for a 'pause' for reflection and renewal in August, and hope you will understand why I shall not be available. Hopefully this will enable me to come back refreshed, to take up duties again in September, and to continue the ministry and mission we share in this Parish.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Prayer of the Month: "Gratitude" by Brian Frost

*For all the years of reveries,
all the decades of memories,
for all the months of living
and every moment of forgiving:
we offer thanks,
adore and praise your holy name.*

*For all the times of outpoured grace,
As in Jesus the Christ we see your face,
for all the days of Spirit power
when love became your generous dower:
we offer thanks,
adore and praise your holy name.*

Amen

MOTHERS UNION

On 10 July we are looking forward to meeting our Link Mothers Union members from New Brighton again when they are coming to us for tea and a tour round our Church.

Thank you to Gwen Knight who very kindly came to talk to us about the lovely Creole People of Reunion where Gwen worked several years ago. At the moment they are struggling with a nasty virus, Chikungunya, which is causing great concern and our thoughts are with them.

We are invited to join Helsby Mothers Union for a trip to Speke Hall in June and several members were able to go.

Janet Brown

THANK YOU

National Osteoporosis Society Chester Branch & District

Please may I give my grateful thanks to all those who attended our Coffee Morning. Thank you to those who donated money, goods, plants and raffle prizes. We had a lovely friendly morning and the weather was perfect. Last but not least 'thank you' to the stalwart workers who made it all possible. The final amount was £420 which has gone to the Chester Branch. Once more, thank you.

J Maura Jones.

Today Dear Lord I'm 80!

*Today, dear Lord, I'm 80
and there's much I haven't done,
So I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me
live
until I'm 81!
But then, if I haven't finished
all I want to do,
Would you let me stay awhile until
I'm 82?
So many places I want to go,
so very much to see.
Do you think that you could manage
to make it 83?
The world is changing very fast,
There is so much in store,
I'd like it very much to live until I'm
84.
And if by then I'm still alive,
I'd like to stay till 85.
More planes will be up in the air
So I'd really like to stick
and see what happens to the world
when I'm 86.
I know dear Lord, it's much to ask,
(And it must be nice in heaven),
But I would really like to stay until I'm
87.
I know by then I won't be fast
And sometimes will be late,
But it would be so pleasant
to be around at 88.
I will have seen so many things,
and had a wonderful time,
So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave
at 89 –
Maybe!*

From a special friend on the occasion of
my birthday – Olga-Doreen

TELEVISION

The Twenty-third Channel

The TV is my shepherd, I shall not want.

It makes me lie down on the sofa

It leads me away from the faith

It destroys my soul

It leads me in the paths of sex and violence

For the sponsors' sake.

Yea, though I walk in the shadow of my responsibilities

There will be no interruption

For the TV is with me,

Its cable and remote control

They comfort me.

It prepares a commercial before me

In the presence of my worldliness.

It anoints my head with humanism and consumerism.

My covetousness runneth over.

Surely laziness and ignorance

Shall follow me all the days of my life

And I shall dwell in the house

Watching TV forever.

GMH



THANK YOU, especially to the extra helpers who joined our team of faithfuls making it possible for every road in the Parish to be covered by the Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection. It was certainly worth it – we had our best year ever!

My aim this year was for the house-to-house collection (last year £2986.12) to pass the £3,000 mark, and we sailed past achieving a total of £3323.85.

In addition, David Cummings gave a fascinating talk on his recent travels to Australia, donating the gross takings of £350, which was extremely generous. The cash collection from the Family Service in May will also be added to our total giving for Christian Aid Week, and the summary looks like this

House-to-house collection

£3323.85

David Cummings' talk

£350.00

Family Service collection

£181.10

TOTAL £3844.95

A huge thank you to all collectors, counters and contributors for making the week so worthwhile.

Fiona Lee

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Christleton Show 1949 Held at Littleton Old Hall On August Bank Holiday Monday

Thanks to a very kind recent donation of an original programme, we have details of the superb Village Show held in 1949. I had always been aware that since the Show was started by Canon Lionel Garnett in 1870/1 that it has taken on many forms. A Flower Show, a Rose Show, A Produce Show, and at times a Grand Agricultural Show with many attractions, or a combination of all of these. The programme for 1949, indicates that it was a very popular event for people from a wide area, and the days events were a very long and enjoyable one. I'm intrigued to see a special class for cottagers! (presumably anyone who wasn't a farmer or landed gentry!) who live within five miles of the Show Ground, with exhibits to be grown by the exhibitor on their premises. There were cash prizes for every event, and a wide programme of entertainment during the day. In fact a combination of Village Show and Fete. I reproduce below the Times of Events which illustrate what a fine show it was.

Times of Events.

- 10-30a.m. Sowground Opens.
 - Judging of Horticultural Classes
 - Vegetables/Fruit/Flowers/Preserves Honey/Farmers Classes
 - Vegetables Cottage Garden Only for local Cottagers./Flowers/
 - Wild Flowers& Grasses - School Children/ Table Decoration-
 - Prettiest arrangement of Flowers for the Dinner table 4'6" x 3'
- 11-00a.m. Juvenile Hack Classes.
- 12-00noon Open Juvenile Jumping (12.2h)
- 12-30p.m. Juvenile Classes continued
- 1-30p.m. Parade of Morris Dancing Troupes from Christleton Village to Showground with Chester Blue Coat Band.
- 1- 45p.m. The Billy Macs- Aristocrats of Balance-
Britain's Youngest Equilibrists
- 3-.00pm Lezelli- High Staircase Globe Act.

3-15pm	Open Juvenile Jumping (14.2h)
4-15pm	Parade of Wining Troupes of Morris Dancers
4-30pm	Ventriloquist & Novelty Competitions.
4-30p.m.	Sheepdog Demonstration
5-00p.m.	Open Musical Chairs (Horse Event)
5-30p.m.	Lezelli- Ground Act on the Globe and Competition Open to the public.
6-00p.m.	All the fun of the Circus Ring 2
6-00p.m.	Tractor Obstacle Race.
6-30p.m.	Open Jumping Competition
7-00p.m.	Grade C Jumping.
7.30p.m.	Pitching the Sheaf.
7.45p.m.	Tug of War between teams entered by local Licensed House.
8.45p.m.	Committee Bicycle Obstacle Race.

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15 July St Swithun (or Swithin) - saint for a rainy day

St Swithun is apparently the saint to blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15 July, it will then rain for forty days after that. It all began when he was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England. During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door. If he has been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral. That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation, and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

News from Ian & Claire Grayand their work in Ghana

April / May 2006

After the extreme heat of the north of Ghana, which is so bare at this time of the year, it was lovely to come home to Northern Ireland to enjoy the colourful daffodils and tulips and once more feel a cool breeze on our faces. In Tamale the mains water flows into our house for only 5 hours a week, and you have to be up at 4 a.m. every Sunday morning to frantically fill your tanks. If you miss it, it means bringing in the water truck to do the job for you at considerable expense! It's wonderful to come back home to constantly flowing water.

Cow and Goat Project

This is proving to be an enormous success. The many families who work with us are now the proud owners of animals for the first time and are very grateful for your generosity, which allows them to earn money through this project. A good female cow in Ghana now costs £100 and a good female goat costs £20. Tampulma Children, who are Suffering from Cataracts We are hoping that an eye surgeon from N. Ireland will be able to visit Ghana to assess the needs of those with eye problems. We are

delighted that 3 of the Tampulma teenagers, Hannah, Holy and Martin, who had their operations 10 years ago, are now able to read the Tampulma Bible for themselves. Claire: Literacy Programme This has developed so quickly that I've had to ask for someone to help me to cope with 16 supervisors and 40 voluntary helpers in 320 churches, arranging the printing and distribution of Scripture Guides in 16 languages and being involved in a series of Teacher Training Workshops. I now have the help of Nelson, a family man from the Bimoba language group, who has been a head master of a primary and junior secondary school. He has had extra training in Kenya in literacy and development where he gained a distinction on his course. He is absolutely ideal, because he has such a lovely way with the many people we work with every day.

Translation Project in the Gonja Language

The Old Testament books of Exodus, Joshua and Proverbs are now ready for checking by Ian. The Gonja New Testament is now ready to be recorded and will take our friend, Dan, who is in Tamale, 5 weeks

in total. Once Dan has completed the recording he will send it to N. Ireland to be downloaded onto a chip rather than on tape. This chip will then be put into a 'Megavoice', which is a hand-held device no bigger than a mobile phone and costing about £20. This will mean that the people who cannot read will have the opportunity to listen to the Bible in their own language, on a solar-powered 'Megavoice', either as an individual, or more likely in a group through a loudspeaker system in the open air. We intend to take back as many as we can when we return to Ghana in September. The running time for the whole Bible is approximately 35 hours.

Ian's Checking Programme

From early January I have been working on Genesis and Joshua in the Gonja language and Psalms in Lelemi. The books of Esther and Malachi in Vagla and Judges in Deg were also cleared for printing. Now that I am back home, I am continuing my work on a display of the book of Isaiah. This will make the checking process in September go more quickly and be less tiring. Thank you all at Saint James for your kind gifts and your loving concern for our work.

Ian & Claire Gray



World Cup Final Flower Service July 9th

This year's flower service will have a World Cup theme! We hope to be preparing to watch England in the afternoon, but before that we will have some fun. Ideas welcome. Floral displays in team colours, flags, games and a Barbecue are planned. Plenty of seating for those who prefer to watch! Put the date in you diary now. Further details to follow. Suggestions to the Rector or David Bowden Tel 335705.



Nature Notes

Yet again we've seen the annual parade from the Pit to the Canal by our resident pair of swans. This year they walked the cygnets aged 6 days old, at 5.00am on May 23rd, arriving at the Ring O Bells in time for an early breakfast, before breaking the world record from the Bells to the Canal in 15 minutes, with support from Colin Williams, Mrs Ruby Wolfendale and myself. Paul Jackson had been very kind in delaying his wake up call until 7.10am, but as we were preparing for a Tuesday ramble starting at 7.30am it was quite convenient in some ways, but still annoying that they leave the Pit looking so empty. Contrary to some reports, I can assure you that there are 7 cygnets and they are all healthy on the canal at the time of writing 8th June. There is considerable wildlife on the canal, with lots of mallard, coot and moorhen. Herons are very active looking for fish, whilst I have seen several wild mink in the vicinity of nest sites near Waverton. Visitors to The Pit have been amazed on observing frenzied activity and thrashing about in the

water, by huge golden carp, among the rafts of amphibious bistort. I can only guess that these rituals are some form of mating display. However from the amount of activity



witnessed, there seems to be a very healthy population of carp present. In our garden the recent warm weather seems to have brought out a wonderful display of young birds, baby blackbirds, dunnocks, robins, starlings, sparrows and blue tits have all been seen

within the last two weeks. Although the swifts arrived in the village a week later than their average date (7th May) , there seem to be good numbers around, and there are certainly more house martins and swallows than for many years, with excellent numbers at breeding sites all around the village. The Pit is a good place to see all three



species as they dive for food, collecting insects as they swoop, and then drops of water as they appear to just touch the surface of the Pit itself, seemingly all in one quick movement. Swifts live in attics and don't need to build nests, but both house martins and swallows, use droplets of mud and pieces of straw/grass to build their nests under eaves of houses/barns etc, often returning to the same site for many years. When you think that these tiny creatures have the ability to do this after flying across land, mountains and seas, and cover distances of over 7,000miles on their return journeys, you can only wonder at the creator who made them. DC





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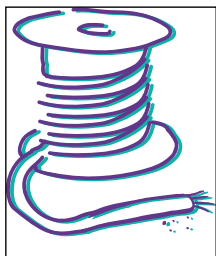
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The wisdom of the not-so-young-anymore

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together; but now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
5. If all is not lost, where is it?
6. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
7. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
8. Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
9. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would have put them on my knees.
10. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter... I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm here after!

Cathedrals continue to reach upwards

Attendance levels at regular weekly services in Church of England cathedrals have risen by a total of 21 per cent since the turn of the millennium. That is a rate of almost four per cent each year. Encouraging figures released recently show that at Sunday services alone, 15,800 adults and 2,500 children and young people are usually present in the country's cathedrals, while over the whole week the figures rise to 24,300 and 6,600 respectively. Cathedrals are key places of daily Christian worship outside Sundays, attracting a further 50 per cent of adult attendees and more than doubling the number of children over the whole week.

In the evening

Now that the sun has set,
I sit and rest, and think of you.
Give my weary body peace.
Let my legs and arms stop aching,
Let my nose stop sneezing,
Let my head stop thinking.
Let me sleep in your arms.

A prayer of the Dinka people, of southern Sudan

ALTERNATIVE NATURE NOTES

In this article about Australia I would like to tell you about the importance of the Tropical Rain Forest. These forests have the richest bounty of life on our planet. Shaded environments, with towering trees growing up to 45m(160') They have both heavy rainfall [4metres] 150+ inches a year, and wonderfully vibrant colours. The air in the forest is humid, and temperatures remain fairly even throughout the year. There are two seasons, wet and dry!, but these places can be described as

the earth's lungs. They supply huge amounts of oxygen and use up a vast amount of carbon dioxide. A large proportion of the world's medicines, food plants such as fruit and nuts, and many

beautiful flowers (e.g. orchids) can be obtained from the trees. 2/3rds of all Australia's ferns, bats and butterflies live in the rain forest. _ of their bird & plant species live there,

as well as most reptiles, frogs and freshwater fish. There is also a huge diversity of insects and flowering plants. The rainforests often grow on infertile soil, sometimes on sand as in the case of Frazer Island. Fast recycling of dead material is an essential part of a tight nutrient situation. Decomposers like fungi and small soil animals have the job of making nutrients from wood and dead leaves available for plants to use again in their growth. The Daintree Forest which we visited is



a tiny area compared with the land mass of the Australian Continent, but it is a vital part, and the fact that the Great Barrier Reef is joined to it, makes it even more unique. We stayed at Coconut Beach

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Resort an eco lodge at the edge of the forest and near to Cape Tribulation where Captain Cook landed sometime in the 1770's. This is now a world heritage site,

shrubs which have developed unique systems enabling them to flourish in saltwater conditions close to the sea. They form a complex but important eco system upon which



and a place where you can share in the exploration of this unique environment, guided by experts in their field. These forests were formed perhaps tens of millions of years ago, when Australia broke away from the Antarctic and other continents that made up Gondwanaland. Remnant forests remain all along the east coast and there are clear links to the creatures and plants of Asia and New Guinea. They are almost living museum, with a wide variety of forest creatures, many of which are nocturnal, and a number of species native to Australia, eg the marsupials. Another vital part of the chain of life in this area, are the mangrove swamps, a dense community of plants, mostly woody trees and
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some other environments partly depend. They have air roots which in themselves are spectacular, but also a system of absorbing salt from the sea, filtering and storing it in yellowing leaves, which then drop off, returning the salt to the sea. Once this land was occupied by English settlers and later gold and mineral miners were responsible for both the growth of townships and the destruction of the forests. Logging removed centuries old giant trees, and the habitat for hundreds of creatures. Thankfully logging is no longer permitted, and any development is carefully monitored.

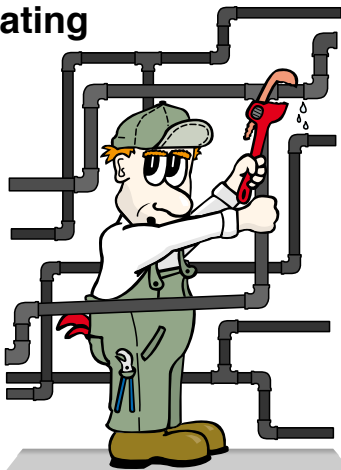
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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CHRISTLETON LADIES GUILD

Held at the Christleton Methodist Church, commencing at 2pm, Tuesdays fortnightly, £1 admission includes refreshments. For further information contact Joan Webb, 335518.
All very welcome.

CHRISTLETON GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will take place on **10th July** with a visit to Mount Pleasant Kelsall.

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We meet for Informal Prayers and a Simple Lunch on the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon. All welcome. There is no charge for the lunch but a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

CHRISTLETON W.I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall.
The next meeting will be on 12th July – Villages of the Dee Estuary by Gavin Hunter.

CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

Meet in the Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. All welcome

CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Edna Ellis telephone Chester 346497.

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The **August** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 30 July**.

LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

CHRISTLETON RAMBLING GROUPS



Parish Rambling (Tuesday) Group Tuesday 25th July Snowdonia.

Betwys y Coed. Crafnant & Greigiau Gleison. {Lakes & forests}
7 _ miles [moderate]. Picnic needed.
Depart Church Car Park at 7.30am.

Pretty bridge, Backford and Upton Ramble Sunday July 16th

A 4 mile fairly flat circuit partly on the canal towpath. Should be a fair number of boats at that time for interest. This is an easy walk.

Meet at the church car park at 2.0pm
further info – Liz McClure, 01244 - 409414

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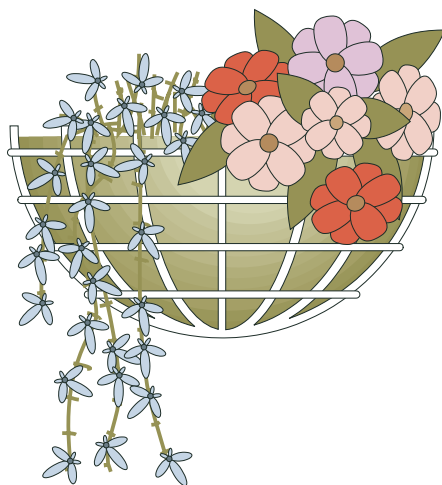
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Its this month!!

Christleton Village Show 2006

**Saturday 17th July
In Christleton Parish Hall**

It's nearly here and there is still time to prepare for the occasion in the village when the skills and interests of our village talent can be seen. Your Hanging Baskets should be well on the way to their annual splendour and adding to the overall beauty of our village, anyone in Christleton can join in, and you don't need to be an expert. Schedules are still available from Paul Jackson at the Post



Office so get two (one for your neighbour), choose some categories and start sewing, painting etc. etc or giving much TLC to your plants and flowers - whatever is your thing. It doesn't cost much, is great fun and you could win a trophy – there are lots of them. If you have any queries or if you would like to help on the day (PLEASE) ring any of the committee below.

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Sue Rees; Christine Abrahams; Iris Foster.

"Dear Vicar...

- I know God loves everybody but then He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.
- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.
- My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, age 11.
- I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10.
- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.
- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.
- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9.
- I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12.
- Please pray for all the airline pilots on Sunday. I am flying to California on Monday. Laurie. Age 10.
- I hope to go to heaven some day but later than sooner. Love, Ellen, age 9. Athens
- Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new goalkeeper. Thank you. Alexander. Age 10.
- My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua. Age 10.
- Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. Carla. Age 10.
- I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11
- How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie. Age 9.
- Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9.



Christleton Pit Group

The Group will be having two working sessions on the Pit on Saturdays 1st and 8th July from 9.30 to 12.30. Recent work has involved the surveying and measuring the depth of water and silt where possible in preparation for future work, and the realigning of sandstone rocks to absorb wave energy, and prevent erosion of the bank. All welcome.

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did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied. It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is



at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground - it may be a smoke signal that has been sent by the grace of God.

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All-clear on pipe organs

The Church of England has welcomed a government commitment to “put an end to all this nonsense” that pipe organs should be subject to new regulations governing the disposal of hazardous substances. Speaking in Parliament last month, Minister for Energy, Malcolm Wicks, said the government’s view was that pipe organs do not fall within the scope of the EU Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive. The Minister said: “Our clear view is that pipe organs do not fall within the scope of the directive and that view is widely accepted in the European Commission.”

St James the Apostle

James and his brother John were sons of Zebedee and fishermen from Galilee - the ‘sons of thunder’, as the gospel writers describe their impetuous characters and fiery tempers.

James stands out on three accounts: he was one of the three disciples who witnessed the Transfiguration of Christ. Jesus took him, along with Peter and John, to ‘watch’ with him in the garden of Gethsemane. Finally, he went on to be the first apostle to die for the Christian faith, when in AD 44 King Herod Agrippa put him to the sword in Jerusalem at Passover time.

In the centuries following his death, James became associated with the evangelising of Spain, and as a powerful defender of Christianity against the Moors. The heyday of the cult of Santiago de Compostela was from the 12th to the 15th century, and the pilgrimage to Compostela became one of the most important of medieval Christendom. This in time transformed the iconography of James, and his emblems became the pilgrim’s hat and the scallop-shell of Compostela. Over 400 English churches have been dedicated to James.

**Someday, when the
kids are grown...
“... children are God’s
best gift.” (Psalm 27.3)**

Someday, when the kids are grown, things are going to be a lot different. The garage won't be full of bikes or electric train tracks on chipboard and I'll actually be able to park both cars neatly in just the right places. Someday, when the kids are grown, the sink won't be choked up with elastic bands or paper cups and the mixer won't stand for six hours coated with the remains of a midnight chocolate milk shake. Someday, when the kids are grown, the telephone won't look as if it's growing out of a teenager's ear. It will simply hang there, silently, amazingly valuable, free of lipstick, human saliva and mayonnaise. Someday, when the kids are grown, I won't have to answer 'Daddy is it a sin that you're doing 42 in a 30 miles zone?' or promise to kiss a rabbit goodnight, or wait forever until they get home from dates. Someday, when the kids are gone, the place will begin to take on a touch of elegance. The clink of china and silver will be heard on occasion and echo through the hallway. The telephone will be strangely silent, the house will be quiet, calm, always clean.... and we'll spend our time not looking forward

to someday, but looking back to yesterday - and thinking, "Maybe we could baby-sit the grandchildren and get some life back into this place!" Enjoy your family today, they're God's gift to you. From UCB daily notes, The Word for Today, free from 01782 642000.

**Thomas
(John 20: 19-31)**

How could I
Be in the right place for so long,
And then miss the moment that
matters?
It's unfair and unbearable.
It cannot be true,
And I will not
I will not believe it.
I will not
I will not believe second-hand.
My eyes need to see for them-
selves.
The faces of joy, the peace
And the knowing, separate us.
And I want what they have,
Oh, I want what they have.
But the doors are locked.
I turn and look up through my sad-
ness,
And He is here.
He is here for me.
He is here because I need him
And he knows.
My Lord and my God.

Daphne Kitching

CHRISTLETON CRICKET CLUB



After a disappointing result against Oulton Park, the 1st X1 bounced back with a good win against Widnes and Bramhall. Maroof Khan has returned from holiday and is regularly taking wickets and a big innings is imminent. Darron Cruikshank is performing well with both bat and ball. The 2nd X1 are having a good season and are top of the league after 8 games. The 3rd X1 are finding it tough in the top division, but expect to strengthen the side now that school exams have finished and students return from university. Large numbers of boys and girls from Christleton and the surrounding villages attend coaching sessions on Monday & Friday evenings. Junior matches are played on Sunday mornings. New members welcome. One of the features of the season is the number of runs being scored on the Little Heath ground by all teams. All teams visiting the club comment on the excellent wickets and surroundings, which will be enhanced by the annual planting of flower beds featuring, amongst others,

displays by President Jim Partington and Chairman Gareth Davies. Christleton CC would like to thank the following sponsors for June matches: Mike Jacobs, Phil Morrey, Brian Davies, David & Joyce Gray, Owain Davies, Croston Engineering. Any further information please contact Brian - 332326

Planning your life

A useless life is only an early death. - Johannes Von Goethe

What makes life dreary is absence of motive. What makes life complicated is multiplicity of motive. What makes life victorious is singleness of motive. - George Eliot

Make sure the thing you are living for is worth dying for. - Charles Mayes
What gives people trouble is itching for what they want instead of scratching for it. Life's evening will take its character from the day that has preceded it. anon
The evening of a well-spent life brings its lamps with it. - Joseph Joubert

The last ten years of life are the best, because we are freest from illusions and fullest of experience. - Benjamin Jowett

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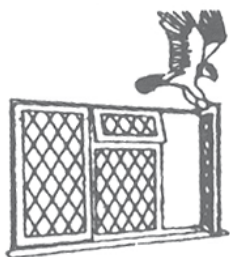


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ST PETER

One of the first disciples called to follow Jesus was Simon, who together with his brother Andrew was a fisherman when he first met Jesus beside the Sea of Galilee. He was called away from his nets to become a fisher of people for Jesus.

The name 'Peter' is the Greek word for 'rock' (petra) which translates into Aramaic as the nickname Cephas. Jesus called Simon his 'rock' and so we know him as Peter. The Bible shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus. We know that his mother-in-law was cured by Jesus and he was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

Peter wasn't perfect – he walked on the water in faith, but sank in doubt (Matthew, chapter 14). He swore at the Last Supper that he would never deny Jesus, and then told servant girl that he never knew the man (Luke, chapter 22). But Jesus said to him "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church".

FISHY PUZZLE

All the answers to this Bible quiz are about fish...

1. How many days was Jonah in the belly of the giant fish? (Jonah , chapter 1)
2. How many fish were there to go with the 5 loaves to feed the 5,000? (Mark, chapter 6)
3. Who lit the fire to cook fish and bread for breakfast by the Sea of Tiberias? (John, chapter 21)
4. In the story of creation, on what day were the fish made? (Genesis, chapter 1)
5. What was in the mouth of the fish that Jesus told Peter to go and catch? (Matthew, chapter 17)



What fish only swims at night?

A starfish.

What's the best way to get in touch with a fish?

Drop it a line.



What's the difference between a fish and a piano?

You can't tuna fish.



Answers: 1.three days 2.two fishes 3.Jesus 4.fifth day 5.a coin

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- 6th Mark Dodds Greenfield Lane, Rowton
& Tian Shuang 6-2 502 16 Yauld Beixia Ojte Dongch Engqu Beijing

"Those who God has joined, let not man divide"

The Funeral Service

- 5th Charles Arthur Walley 29 Grange Rd, Chester
- 9th Annie Price Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home Christleton
- 15th Humphrey Broad Davies Netherwood, Whitchurch Road, Christleton
- 17th Marie Celine Davies 6 Church Walks, Christleton. (Burial of Ashes)
- 17th Elizabeth Yvonne Hemsworth Hellicar The Old Glass House, Whitchurch Road, Christleton (Burial of Ashes)
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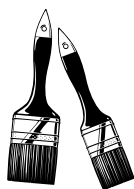
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