

St. James' Christleton



Harvest Festival - 8th October



**Parish Magazine
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Occasions in October

Sun	1		The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 21
	8.00 am		Holy Communion - Order 2
	10.30 am		Sunday School - Parish Hall
	10.45 am		Parish Communion - Order 1
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm		Evensong - followed by refreshments
			Prayer Link: Grove Gardens
			Neighbourhood Link: John Carruthers
Mon	2	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		2.00 pm	Churches Together in Christleton Committee - Methodist Church
Wed	4	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	6	10.30 am	Primary School Harvest Service
		6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	7		Harvest Supper & Skittles - Bickerton Poacher
Sun	8		HARVEST FESTIVAL
	8.00 am		Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.45 am		Harvest Family Service - followed by refreshments
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm		Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Haslin Crescent
			Neighbourhood Link: Ann Smith
Mon	9	9.00 am	Preparation & distribution of Harvest Parcels
		2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	11	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home
		2.30 pm	Parish Visiting Group - White Haven
		7.45 pm	Pastoral and Outreach Committee - Lady Chapel
Fri	13	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
			NB: Last date for any contributions for November
			Parish Magazine to David Bull (332234). Earlier if possible.
			You can attach your Word document and e-mail to:
			christletonmag@hotmail.co.uk
Sat	14		PCC Away Day Bala

Sun	15		The Eighteenth After Sunday after Trinity - Proper 23
	8.00 am		Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.30 am		Sunday School - Parish Hall
	10.45 am		Parish Communion - Order 1
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm		Evensong
			Prayer Link Road: Hawthorne Road Neighbourhood Link: Jayne Roscoe
Wed	18	10.45 am	Holy Communion for St Luke - followed by refreshments
Fri	19		Parish Weekend - Grasmere
		6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	22		The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity - Proper 24
	8.00 am		Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.30 am		Sunday School - Parish Hall
	10.45 am		Matins - followed by refreshments
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Club - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm		Evening Communion - Order 1
			Prayer Link: Home Close Neighbourhood Link: Gertrude Wright
Tues	24	7.30 am	Tuesday Walking Group leave car park for Anglesey
Wed	25	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	27	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	29		Last Sunday After Trinity - Proper 25 – Bible Sunday
	8.00 am		Holy Communion - Order 1
	10.45 am		Matins
	6.00 pm		The Crew Youth Group - Parish Hall
	6.30 pm		Evening Worship
			Prayer Link: Those worshipping at St James' who live outside the Parish
			Neighbourhood Link Co-ordinator: Janet Bowden

The Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

SOWING AND REAPING

“Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked.
A man reaps what he sows.” Galatians 6:7

Last week we went back to Frankby for the funeral of a friend. Len was a Churchwarden while I was Vicar there, and he had helped to run the Youth Club at St Mary's, Birkenhead, when my father was Vicar there in the late 1940's. Len's faith shaped his life. Over his 90 years he had experienced very difficult times, but had always walked faithfully with his friend and Saviour. Although a sad occasion, his funeral was also a celebration and a sort of harvest of the soul. It reminded me of how many of the Harvest hymns refer to death, our death, as Harvest time:- “For we know that thou wilt come, and wilt take thy people home ...” “.. may we, the angel-reaping o'er, stand at the last accepted ..”

The harvest of nature and the harvest of the Spirit are inextricably linked as a lesson for us all. The harvest of crops and produce, which we celebrate this year on 8 October, depends on the planning and endeavour of farmers: what seed should be planted in order to produce the required harvest, and what work is required. The same is true in our own personal lives. In those words of St Paul from Galatians:- “Do not be deceived. God is not to be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” He goes on to point out that if we just plant to satisfy our selfish desires we shall self-destruct. If, however, we plant seeds of the Spirit that will bring the harvest of eternal life. It is not difficult to look around and see the harvest of the arid wastelands of secular materialism, where the ‘bubble has burst’ and people are left without hope and often with ruined lives. But, as St Paul also wrote:- “the Harvest of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22f).

What is true at a personal level is also true in how we live as a community. Is global warming the harvest we reap in the world as a result of planting seeds of exploitation and self-centred materialism? Is depletion of the ozone layer the harvest we reap for planting pollution and failing to be good stewards of God's creation? There are those who claim the harvest of self-destruction is now irreversible. On the fifth anniversary of 9/11 what does that tell us about sowing and reaping? We may certainly claim that the harvest of death and destruction is the result of planting seeds of hatred and fanaticism. But how do we respond? Yes, we need to face the threat of terrorism and anarchy, but what seeds are most likely to produce a harvest of peace and reconciliation? It is one

thing, for example, to remove the evils of Saddam Hussein's regime, but surely now the emphasis must be on planting seeds of development, opportunity, freedom and mutual respect.

And what of us as a Parish? It was good to share in our Annual Rededication service in September. This month the PCC will share in an 'Away Day' to pray and plan for the future. What are the seeds we should be planting now in order to encourage a harvest of spiritual growth? What is required of each of us to play our part in the ministry and mission entrusted to us as Christ's church?

Harvest brings a pause in the agricultural year. A time to look back in thanksgiving for all that is 'safely gathered in', but also to plan for the coming year. May that be a parable and pointer for us to give thanks for our harvest of Spiritual blessings and encouragement to plan and plant seeds of the Spirit, and pray that God may bless that harvest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Lee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

Prayer of the Month:

John Kingsnorth

*Your kingdom, O God, is among us as a seed growing secretly.
Let it burst into flower in our generation.*

*Where the poor are raised up, there is your kingdom;
where justice flows down like the mountain streams,
there is your kingdom;*

*where men and women yield their lives to Christ and to the doing of his will, there is the
hidden treasure of your kingdom.*

*Help us, O God, to read the signs of the times,
to discern the kingdom's presence,
and to make it known in prophetic words and committed lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**People in the news.
Christleton
Raiders take Nantwich
Show by Storm!!.**

Congratulations to

Christleton residents Janet Brown, Edward Elliott, Gillian Brackenbury and Ben Williams who all exhibited at the Nantwich Show in July and came away with several first prizes and trophies. Janet won the Ackerman Trophy for the Best Points score in the Produce Section for the second year running, as well as trophies for Best Exhibit in The Produce Section, and Best in Show Class. Edward & Gillian won first prizes in both Vegetables and Plants classes, and also won Best Plant in Show. Ben won the Cup for Best Exhibit in the Handicraft Section with a superbly crafted wooden chair.
An excellent result for them all.

DC

CATHEDRAL LINK

A year or two ago I went to a Cathedral Workshop. The Lecturer gave us, amongst other tips, some good hints on reading lessons, which may be worth repeating for those of us who perform this task at St James.

Get hold of the piece to be read and read it well in advance. Understand it. If you don't understand it no-one else will. Beforehand read to yourself the bit that comes before and the bit after the piece you are reading. Look for the most important word and stress that.

Make sure you know what is going to be on the Lectern. It is no use relying on someone else to have turned to the correct page. If it is easier to make a copy of what you are going to read, lay it on the Lectern whilst you read it.

Use enough strength of voice, suitable to the microphone. **SPEAK SLOWLY.** Try to look up at some point – it provides a link – you are trying to communicate. Emphasise the beginning and the end of the piece. People like

to know when you are coming to the end. This is apart from the concluding "This is the Word of the Lord".

If you should make a mistake don't blunder your way through it. Stop. Don't say sorry. Set off again. So – the two essentials are Relaxation and Preparation.

Margaret Croston

Saints' Windows in the Cloisters

St Giles, also known as Aegidius; Egidio, was born a wealthy noble in Greece. When his parents died, he used his fortune to help the poor. He went to France where he lived as a hermit in a cave in the diocese of Nimes. One day after he had lived there for several years in meditation, a royal hunting party chased the hind into Giles' cave. One hunter shot an arrow into the thorn bush, hoping to hit the door, but hit Giles in the leg instead, crippling him. The king sent doctors to care for the saint's wound, and though Giles begged to be left alone, the king came often to see him.

He became famous as a sage
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and miracle worker, and would-be followers gathered near the cave. The French king, because of his admiration, built the monastery of Saint Gilles du Gard for these followers, and Giles became its first abbot, establishing his own discipline there. A small town grew up around the monastery. Upon Giles' death, his grave became a shrine and place of pilgrimage. The monastery later became a Benedictine house.

In Spain, shepherds consider Giles the protector of rams. It was formerly the custom to wash the rams and colour their wool a bright shade on Giles' feast day, tie lighted candles to their horns, and bring the animals down the mountain paths to the chapels and churches to have them blessed.

Congratulations

Mrs. Margaret Bishop resident at Birch Heath Lodge Nursing Home celebrates her 90th Birthday on 23rd October. Mrs. Bishop formally lived at The Square and Roadside.

Divorced and looking for a new start

If you've been divorced for a while, chances are you're one of thousands of divorcees who don't want to stay single forever. You probably want to find another special friend or even a soul mate. But you've probably already found out it's not easy as before.

David Robertson – a divorced Anglican vicar who met his second wife through a UK Christian friendship agency has written a guidebook for divorcees looking for love. In the book David writes with honesty, humour, directness and encouragement, as he tackles past pain, present commitments and future hopes.

David said: "If you're divorced then you probably know that most advice about dating after divorces is pretty gung-ho. Those who give it seem to be confident people with sorted out lives and generally up-beat about the whole process. But for many of us, dating after divorce is like jumping into a swimming pool at night – with no idea whether it's the deep or

shallow end we're leaping into. The truth is that dating at any age can be scary, and dating after divorce is in a league of its own".

The 80 page book is divided into three parts: the first looking at bereavement, leaving the past and dealing with the past. Part 2 concentrates on the nitty gritty issues every divorcee faces when looking for love again. David talks openly and honestly about making the first contact, falling in love again, getting physical, going public, building relationships and contemplating marriage. Finally, in part three, there's the tricky issues of divorce, dating and remarriage from a child's perspective, and then the hugely controversial area of money!

The book comes highly recommended by the Bishop of Hereford and Bedford and can be ordered from Christian bookshops, Amazon.com or direct from the Publishers: friendsfirst on 0121 427 1286. It is priced at £7.99.

BEFORE I WAS A MUM

*Before I was a Mum I never tripped over toys or forgot words to a lullaby
I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous
I never thought about immunizations
Before I was a Mum – I had never been puked on, pooped on, chewed on, peed on
I had complete control of my mind and my thoughts
I slept all night
Before I was a Mum I never held down a screaming child so doctors could do tests
I never looked into teary eyes and cried
I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin
I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep
Before I was a Mum I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put it down
I never felt my heart break into a million pieces when I couldn't stop the hurt
I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much
I never knew that I could love someone so much
I never knew I would love being a Mum
Before I was a Mum – I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body
I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby
I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child
I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important and happy
Before I was a Mum – I never got up in the middle of the night every 10 minutes to make sure all was OK
I had never known the warmth, the joy, the love, the heartache, the wonderment or the satisfaction of being a Mum
I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much before I was a Mum.*

And, before I was a Grandma, I didn't know that all those “Mum” feelings more than doubled when you see that little bundle being held by “your baby”

And remember that behind every successful mother is a basket of dirty laundry.

Anon

History File



This month I'm going to take a look at some aspects of heraldry and symbols used by families and the Church. I've always been fascinated by the wooden sculpture on the wall as you enter the St James'.

It comes from the reredos that was behind the altar in the 1737 Georgian style building, that was demolished in 1876 when the present building was rebuilt to the design of William Butterfield. Figures like this, a pelican caring for its young, are believed to symbolise mother church caring for all its people.

It's always been my contention that the local craftsman who made this had probably never seen a pelican, and therefore created it as a large white bird, e.g. a swan which he would have known, feeding cygnets. I was reminded of this during a recent visit to St Cuthbert's

Church on Inner Farne, in the memorial window to Grace Darling the heroine of a dramatic and famous sea rescue off the Farnes during Victorian Times.



This window also depicts a large white bird looking very like a swan feeding its young. The Rev Arthur Alyn Guest Williams once famously suggested that Christleton School could not have a swan as an emblem on its shield as the swan wasn't used in heraldic designs. However he did eventually agree to Phil Hodges using it in 1958 when the badge was designed. Since then many village organisations have used the swan as a symbol on their badges, but I believe the tradition possibly started at least as far back as 1737, when the order for the



new church in that year is sealed by the names of each churchwarden alongside a wax seal of a swan.

By co incidence the family shield used by the Rev. AA Guest Williams when he lived at the Old Hall , has a swan on top of a crown above and four swans



A. A. GUEST-WILLIAMS, F.S.A.
Christleton Old Hall

on parts of the shield on his own family crest. The words “Tangnefedd Ir TY” means “Bless this House”. The old Rectory now” The Grange” in Village Road, built by Rev Lionel Garnett, has the inscription “Nissi Dominus” which literally means the same in Latin.

Matthew Bridson a student at Christleton High School recently noticed an unusual symbol at Castle Rushen on the Isle of Man. He saw the picture of an eagle and child used as a symbol by the Stanley family who later became the Earls of Derby. This symbol used by the family after their union with the Lathom family in 1385, is depicted above a fire place, and represents the legend of old Sir

Thomas Lathom, who being childless, finds a baby which has been carried by an eagle to its nest and adopts it as his own son. He remembered seeing something about “the eagle and a child” symbol in the “Christleton 2000 years History Book and kindly brought it to my attention. The co incidence is that this oval symbol is also used over the



fireplace at the Old Hall in Christleton, and was written about by the old Rector AA Guest Williams. Perhaps there was a connection between the Stanley Family and the owners of the Old Hall, possibly Robert Townsend, Recorder of Chester, or it might have be from an even earlier period when owned by the Egerton Family. The Stanley family of course had a house in Chester, Stanley Palace in Watergate Street. This magnificent black & white timber framed house originally “Derby House” was built for Sir Peter Warburton a Chester Lawyer and MP for the City, then passed down as his daughters dowry, to the Stanley’s.

David Cummings

Holydays in October

2 Your Guardian Angel

The teaching of Jesus encourages us to believe that we each have our own guardian angel. He once said, 'See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.' (Matthew 18.10)

The existence of angels was suggested in various Old Testament texts, Jesus mentioned them explicitly, and the early Christians accepted their existence and work (Acts 12.15).

In England, devotion to the angels, both in Anglo-Saxon times and later, was strong. In modern times, the great American evangelist Billy Graham, has written an entire book on the existence and work of angels.

Alcuin described them as intercessors (in the 11th century Leofric Missal); Herbert of Losinga, bishop of Norwich (d 1119) specially praised them, and his contemporary, Reginald of Canterbury, wrote prayers in their honour.

Honorius Augustodunensis (d 1151) clarified the existing belief of the time by asserting that each human soul, when infused into the body, is

entrusted to the particular care of a single angel, who protects both body and soul and offers prayers to God.

For many centuries Christendom was satisfied with the feast of St Michael (and all Angels), but the special feast of the Guardian Angels was introduced in Austria, Spain and Portugal in the 15th – 16th centuries. Guardian Angels were there seen as guardians of particular towns or regions, or of each individual. Pope Clement X made the feast day universal in 1607, fixing its date to 2 October.

4 St. Francis of Assisi

St Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day

a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused, in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Samiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He
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went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life.

Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him.

31 All Hallows Eve



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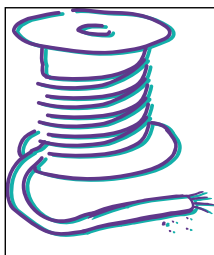
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ALL HALLOWS EVE

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before

became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Nature Notes



The most significant feature of the month, is seeing the huge quantities of fruits, berries and seeds in the countryside. I don't think I ever remember seeing such a rich bounty, and this combined with the warm sun has brought out huge numbers of insects, bees, wasps, butter & dragonflies. A rare visitor to our garden has been a humming bird hawk moth, a creature not much bigger than a large bee, but with the wings and habit of a humming bird. They are occasional visitors to Britain, and hundreds have now turned up in the North West this year. Beryl & I also saw a Golden ringed dragonfly at Ness Gardens, which is also a very rare sighting in the county. The success of the flowers, fruits and insects is equalled by the numbers of birds still out feeding. Swallows and house martins are having third broods, and I've seen the very rare sight of a flock of hundreds of goldfinches feeding on seeds on fields alongside the Shropshire

Union Canal. Buzzards continue to soar around the village skies, with many young in evidence, and our Christleton cygnets continue to grow, and must almost be ready for flying practice. I've also been astounded by the number of foxes about, seeing one around the village on most days, and this week saw three on one night time journey. Last month in the magazine I complained about the lack of rainfall for Christleton Pit. I'm sure most people didn't want rain in August, but the 5 _ that fell on the village was the highest monthly total for some time, and continued the trend that August is always the wettest month of the year in the village!. My consolation on rainy days is always, "Well at least it's filling the Pit".

DC

Do your days rush by at a hectic pace?

Have you ever stopped to think that your mobile phone and emails have not given you more time? Just more things to do in the same amount of time. We leave our messages in one place while we take our bodies elsewhere. Instead of doing one thing after another, we shoot out a varieties of tasks, and then swoop down on them later, needing to deal with them all at once.

In a four minute clip from a street scene from an old Orson Welles film and a similar clip from a more recent film, you will see an amazing difference. In the early film, the camera records 'real time' – people get out of their cars, walk across streets, wait for lights, speak to other people, enter a bank. In the more recent film, a similar sequence was reduced to a half a dozen quick cuts. Transition time was eliminated.

Modern life teaches us that 'down time' is wasted. Time is money. So mobile phones, emails, etc, enable us to 'waste' less time. The tempo of cultural life picks up, the heartbeat of daily life races, and our own body rhythms respond with adrenaline, cramped muscles and heart attacks.

To take out for daily prayer, for a quiet walk that is not to the next meeting, for daydreaming or for Bible study becomes a cross-cultural act. Following Christ, waiting on him, is a countercultural act.

One lovely biblical phrase is 'in the fullness of time, it came to pass'. This suggests four things: that time crests like a wave; that there is a right moment for things to happen; that it's not ours to plan that moment, but to recognise it; and that we are not the primary agents of what happens in the world.

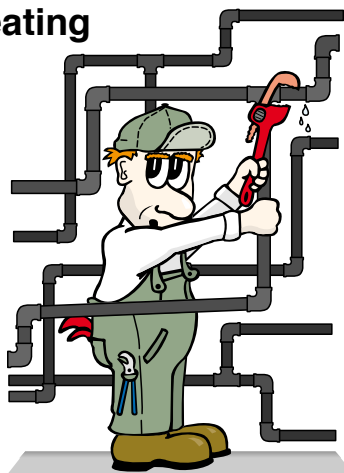
So feel free to accept God's offer of rest when you are weary; receive each moment of your life as a gift from God's hand; pray to discern what each new encounter you make requires of you, and freely entrust everything else to God's care.

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Held in the Parish Hall from 10.30 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James. For further details please contact Berenice Hogg, 336779.

CHRISTLETON LADIES GUILD

Held at the Christleton Methodist Church, commencing at 2pm, on the first Tuesday of each month, £1 admission includes refreshments. For further information contact Joan Webb, 335518.

All very welcome.

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

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
11 October – Nine Lives

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.

CHRISTLETON W.I. MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE

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

MOTHERS UNION

Mothers Union met on Monday 11 September after their summer break.

They meet again on Monday 9 October at 2.0 pm when June Hargraves is coming to give a talk on South Africa, post apartheid.

Janet Brown

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The November magazine will be available for collection from Church
on Sunday 29th October

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CHRISTLETON RAMBLING GROUPS



St James' (Tuesday)

Walking Group.

Tuesday October 24th
Anglesey. Moelfre 10 miles
(Grade easy).

Visiting stone age burial chamber/hut circles & ancient village
at Din Lligwy,
& the coast at Lligwy Bay.
Picnic needed.

HARVEST SUPPER

at

The Bickerton Poacher

Saturday 7 October 2006
at 7.00pm
Carvery Meal & Skittles
£8.75

Please put names on the list at
the back of Church or phone
Janet Brown on 335785.

PAMPER NIGHT

Friday 3 November

Methodist Church Hall – 7.30 pm

£5 admission

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Christleton

Local History Group

Meetings at the Primary School
in Quarry Lane.

All welcome Entrance fee £2
per meeting which includes a
glass of wine/fruit juice/snacks.

****Thursday October 19th.**

7.30pm

Villages & buildings of the Cots-
wolds & Shakespeare Country.

Speaker; David Cummings.

Wednesday

November 22nd 7.30pm

Recent developments in archaeology
in Chester, with special reference
to the current Roman amphitheatre
excavations.

Speaker; Simon Ward
Senior Archaeologist
Chester City Council.

For Sale

Copies of "In their Own Words"
a social history of village life as
seen through the eyes of the
Rectors at St James,' between
1869 – 2000. Written by Judy
Smith. Now priced £2.50, with
all the proceeds going to the
Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

Christleton Pit

Conservation Group. Celebratory Evening in The Parish Hall.

7.00pm

Saturday 14th October 2006

A buffet supper, with an illustrated talk
about

"The Pit Project" in the first half, with the
story of Christleton swans after the interval.

Tickets are £6.00, with all the proceeds
going towards the

future management of "The Pit"

Tickets will be available from The Post
Office, David Cummings 332410 or Pit
Group members.

Christleton Methodists

Warmly invite you for

Coffee/Tea & Homemade Biscuits

On Saturday 28 October

10,00am – 12 noon

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Admission £1

Proceeds to Funds for World Mission.

Christleton Methodist Church

Presents

"Music for an Autumn Evening"

A programme of light classical music with

Brian & Claire Heald

And

Lionel & Christopher Clarke

On Saturday 14 October at 7.30 pm

Admission £5 including refreshments.

*Proceeds to aid the relief of suffering in
Albania*

LOCAL EVENTS DIARY

"The 2006 Chester Literature Festival

Runs from 2nd to 27th October.

Guest speakers and entertainers include Willy Russell, Ian McMillan, U A Fanthorpe, Judith Flanders, Marina Lewycka, Anne Fine, Professor Steve Jones, Joan Bakewell, Robert Powell & Liza Goddard, A N Wilson, George Monbiot, Professor David Crystal, Stella Rimington, Michael Dobbs, Bill Roache, Michael Pennington, George Galloway, Patricia Duncker and George Alagiah.

Other events are:

the Book Swaps on 23rd and 30th September in the Town Hall Square from 10.30 - 3.00 pm. Bring a book, take a book or buy a book., Chester & Ellesmere Port Schools Poetry Competition,

Schools Poetry Workshop,

'How to Write Fiction for magazines' talk - get the inside information and know how from the Fiction Editor of Woman's Weekly

Chester Poets with Cliff Yates, Cheshire Poet Laureate showcase, Chester Writers

Belle Epoque synaesthesia: words by Baudelaire and paintings by Limouse at the Grosvenor Museum

Cheshire Prize for Literature, and the Chester Lyric Singers.

In addition, the Chester Literature Festival are proud to present the Big Blacon Poetry Day Prior to the official start the Barnsley poet, Radio 3 The Verb presenter, regular on Radio 2 Mark Radcliffe show and sometime poet in residence on the Today programme, Ian McMillan is coming to do a walkabout and workshop in Blacon on Monday 25th September. He will then use some of the material in his 'official' event on Thursday 5th October National Poetry Day when he also presents the winners of the Chester & Ellesmere Port Schools Poetry Competition with their prizes.

See www.chester-literature-festival.org.uk or telephone 01244 674020 for further details. Box office 01244 340 392 (Chester Gateway)"

THE CHESTER LECTURE SOCIETY

Starts up again on 12 October in the Grosvenor Museum at 7.30 pm. Lectures continue every Thursday evening until the middle of March 2007 with the exception of December. There are 18 in all and the Annual Subscription covering them all is £21. Individual lectures are £4, payable on the door. There is an interesting variety of subjects, illustrated with slides. October's lectures are Michael Murphy "Private Palaces and Great Houses of London"; Keith Kimber and Tania Brown "Twice around the World"; and Gordon Yates with "A Celebration of Birds – Scotland, Lancashire and Cheshire Marshes". Hon. Treasurer is Mrs Anne Large (telephone Chester 336109) and Hon. Lecture Secretary Mrs

The Friends Autumn Lecture

**Thursday 2 November
7.30 pm in the Chapter House**

"The Zoo, Past, Present and Future"

by Professor Gordon McGregor Reid, Dir Gen of Chester Zoo

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Christleton Wednesday Group

Wine & Wisdom

Quiz Evening
on

Saturday 18 November,
Christleton Parish Hall,
7.30 for 8.00 pm.

Tickets £7, from members,
(includes glass of wine & light
refreshments).

*In aid of the Adolescent Unit at the
Countess of Chester Hospital*

Christleton Wednesday Group

Charity Christmas Card Sale
& Coffee Morning

on

Saturday 14 October,
Christleton Parish Hall,
10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

Admission 80p

includes coffee / tea & biscuits.

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Christmas cards direct from local
& national charities all at the same
time!

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*The following is from a Parish
Magazine report on a home-
made wine making competition.*

“Winners in the home-made
claret section were
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Mrs XXX (fine colour and full
bodied), and Miss XXX (Slightly
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down)”.

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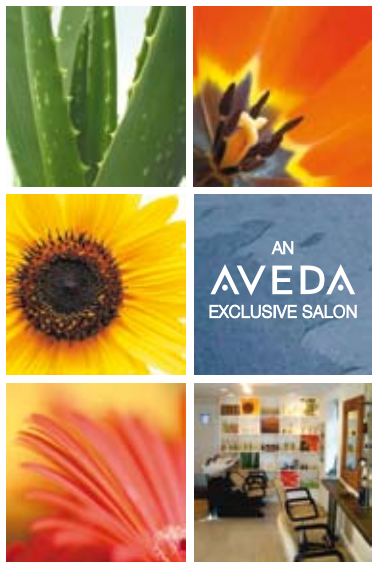
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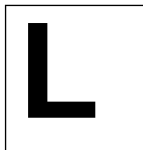
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The Church of England has launched a new area on its website to assist the thousands of people currently trying to trace the branches of their family tree. The Church's dedicated web area brings together links to a range of sources for tracing family histories – including the Lambeth Palace Library – and provides contact points for archives and repositories up and down the land.

“Local clergy are often approached by people seeking access to the church's registers, but in many instances the records that they are looking for have been moved elsewhere. We

hope that the new guidance will enable people to visit a single point for information on how the Church of England can help them research their ancestors' past lives,” says Declan Kelly, Director of Libraries, Archives and Information Services for the Church of England.

The move reflects the huge popularity of research into family history, after more than 829,000 people visited The National Archive's Family Records Centres in London and Kew in the last three years. Visit the new pages at: <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/about/librariesandarchives/familyhistory/index.html>

A link to these pages appears on the Christleton Website Links Page

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*When I say... “I am a Christian”, I’m not shouting “I’m clean livin’.”
I’m whispering “I was lost, now I’m found and forgiven.”*

*When I say... “I am a Christian”, I don’t speak of this with pride.
I’m confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.*

*When I say... “I am a Christian” I’m not trying to be strong .
I’m professing that I’m weak and need his strength to carry on.*

*When I say... “I am a Christian” I’m not bragging of success.
I’m admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.*

*When I say... “I am a Christian” I’m not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible. But, God believes I am worth it.*

*When I say... “I am a Christian” I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches so I call upon his name.*

*When I say... “I am a Christian”, I’m not holier than thou,
I’m just a simple sinner who received God’s good grace, somehow!*

SMILE PLEASE....

My wife and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, “Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.”

She got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of my beer.

The real reason we all get heavier as we get older is because there’s a lot more information in our heads.

Six-year old Angie, and her four-year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. “You’re not supposed to talk out loud in church.” “Why? Who’s going to stop me?” Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, “See those two men standing by the door? They’re hushers.”

Get ready for Operation Christmas Child 2006!

It's time to start filling shoe boxes again – with gifts for desperately needy children who will have no Christmas this year – unless you help.

Since 1990, Operation Christmas Child worldwide has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 47 million boys and girls. Last year Samaritan's Purse in the UK sent out over 1.18 million gifts to children across Eastern Europe and Africa.

Each year this project attracts tens of thousands of people like you across the country. Individuals, schools, churches, businesses, and other organisations work together to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for hurting children around the world.

Last year Operation Christmas Child sent gift-filled shoe boxes to more than 1.18 million children in desperate situations in 13 different countries. They live in orphanages, hospitals, refugee camps, homeless shelters, old railway carriages, in underground

sewers, and in impoverished neighbourhoods.

The gifts are given regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs to children. Nothing is required of them, their families or communities in return.

If you would like to pack and send a shoe box, or even volunteer some time during November or December to work in a warehouse that sorts and send OCC shoe boxes, please visit: www.samaritanspurse.uk.com for further details.

Things you may not know...

The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.

A bad attitude is like a flat tyre: you aren't going to get anywhere in life until you change it.

Better than counting your years is making your years count.

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional

If your treasure is on earth, you are going from it; if it is in heaven, you are going to it.



ST LUKE'S DAY 18TH OCTOBER

St Luke wrote two books in the Bible: the 3rd Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. We know quite a bit about Luke: he came from Antioch and was a doctor who travelled with St Paul on his missionary journeys, was with him in Jerusalem and shared Paul's voyage and shipwreck on the way to Rome. He is the only non-Jewish writer in the New Testament.

Luke dedicated both of his books to the same Roman, Theophilus, and both were written to give an accurate account of the true facts about Jesus. Luke stressed that he had used original eye witness accounts from people who were there and can tell us what Jesus said and did. St Luke's Gospel gives us the fullest life story of Jesus. With a choice of stories that shows Luke's own warm interest in people.

The word 'Gospel' means 'the good news' and that is what Luke wanted the world to know. The good news of Jesus Christ.



SICK AS A...

Early medicine wasn't a case of 'take 2 tablets and have a week off'. Do you know which of these were used as a cure?

1. Isaiah told Hezekiah to put
a) figs b) mustard c) plaster
on his boil. (2 Kings 20)
2. When Saul was ill David
played a) games b) music
c) the fool, to soothe him. (1
Samuel 16)
3. Paul advised Timothy to ease
his stomach with a) wine b)
peppermints c) cucumber (1
Timothy 5)
4. The Good Samaritan
bandaged the man's wounds
with a) water & sand b) oil &
flour c) oil & wine (Luke 10)
5. Naaman's leprosy was cured
when he a) washed 5 times
in milk b) washed 7 times in
a river c) washed 9 times in
wine (2 Kings 5)



**Doctor, doctor, I
feel like a pair of
curtains.**

Be quiet and pull
yourself together.

**Doctor, doctor,
can you cure my
spots?**

I never make rash
promises.



Answers: 1) a cake of figs 2) played music
on the lyre (a kind of harp) 3) a little wine
4) oil and wine 5) washed 7 times in the Jordan.

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The 2nd X1 have had an excellent season and are already guaranteed promotion. The youth and experience of this team has become a formidable outfit, now unbeaten in 18 games.

The 3rd X1 have finished their season in mid table, but must be pleased to have consolidated during their first season in the Premier league.

It has been noted more villagers are attending matches. Chairman, Gareth Davies, would like to thank them for their support.

We wish to express our thanks to the following sponsors for August:

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Club or hiring - contact
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The Wedding Service

12th Jonathan Brendon West 3 Willow Court, Well Lane, Mollington &
Diana Jane Brock Greenfield Cottage, Rowton.

“ Those whom God has joined, let not man divide ”

The Funeral Service.

1st Sheila Mary Patterson 32 Elstree Ave, Vicars Cross, Chester.

2nd Linda Ann Davies 54 Western Grove, Upton by Chester.

4th Charles John Plant 12 The Park, Christleton.

14th Carol Laing 21 Haslin Crescent, Christleton.

24th Jean Mary Dickenson Haslin Crescent, Christleton (Burial only)

25th Bessie Millington Rinehill Nursing Home Sallowbush Road, Huntingdon,
Cambridge
(Burial of Ashes)

“Grant Them eternal rest”

Offertories

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6th	235-70	556-60	792-30	711-09
13th	266-76	647-74	914-50	918-35
20th	148-81	545-50	694-31	667-55
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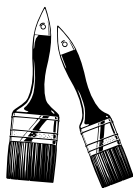
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