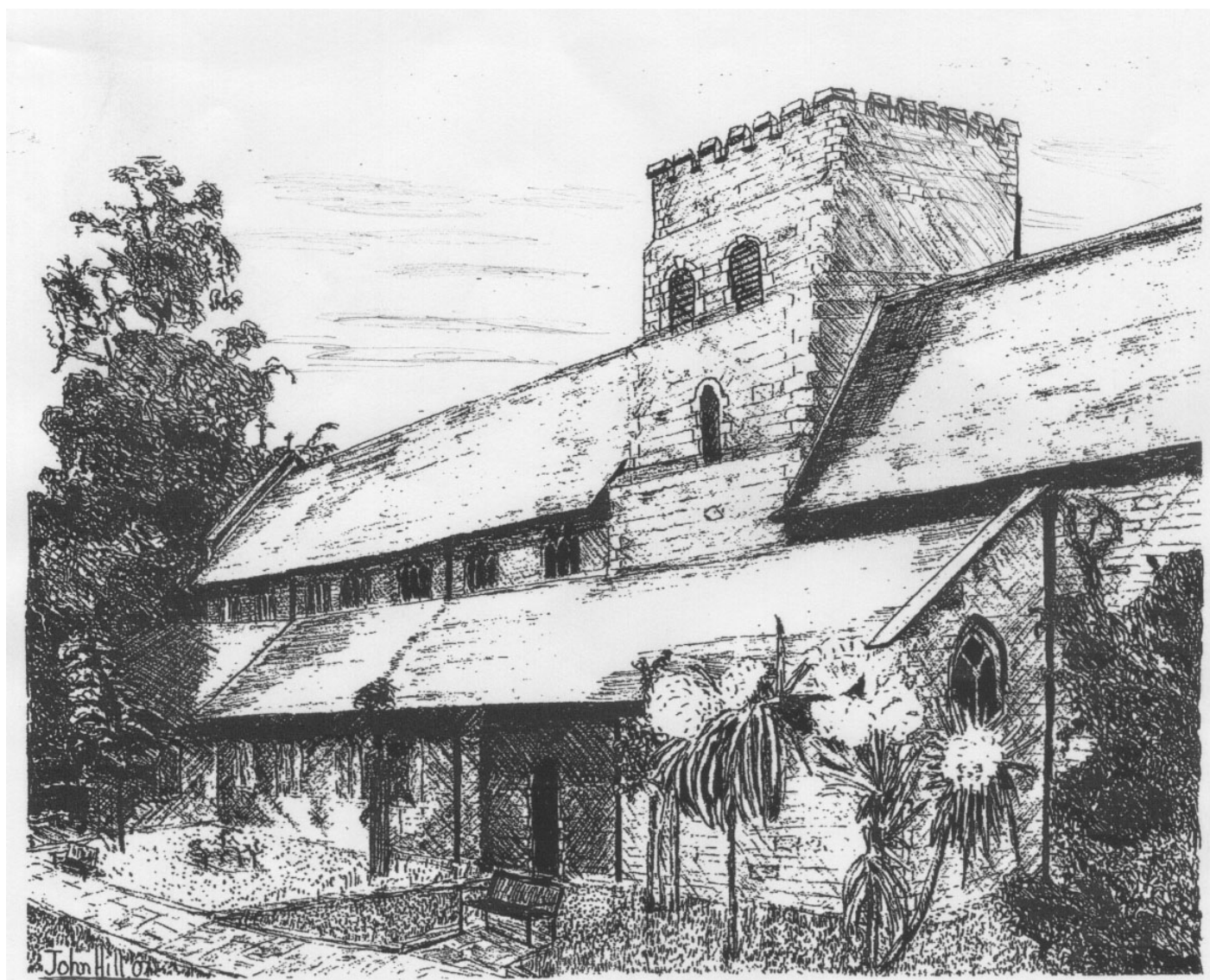


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Harvest Supper
14th September

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28th September 2008

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**Deadline for September magazine: Sunday 21st September .
Put on peg in the vestry, or hand to a Churchwarden,
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is available for hire.
Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett
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**Well equipped. Very
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and children's parties.**

Welcome



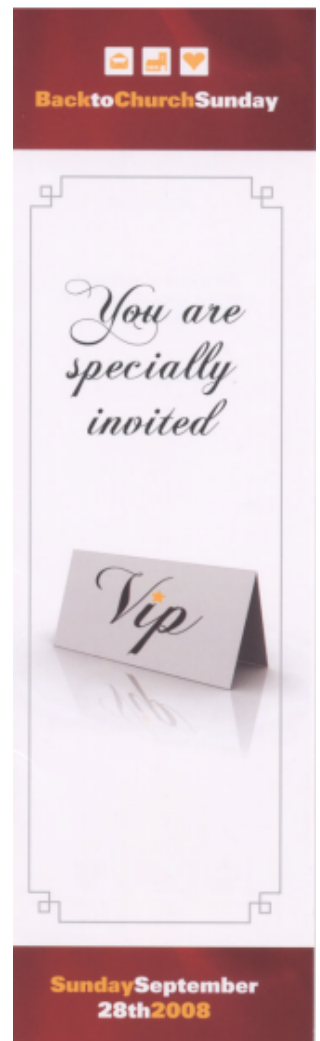
Welcome to the September magazine. With the success at the Olympics fresh in our minds now might be good time to have a go at keeping fit or trying a new sport. Let us know what you try.

If gardening is your way of keeping fit then Adam's tips

for September may be useful.

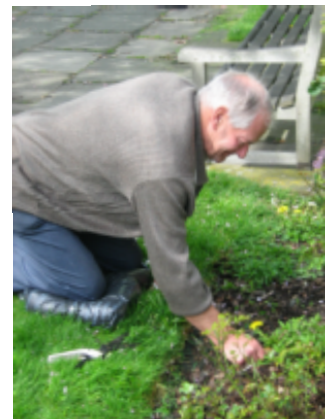
On Sunday 28th September at 10am we celebrate Back to Church Sunday. This will be like an 'Open Day' for Christ Church. The service will follow our usual pattern, but will be easy to follow and not too long! We have chosen some familiar songs and hymns and there will be a friendly welcome and cake after! Plenty going on for the children, too.

Everyone who comes is a VIP. Why not come and check us out?'



Church Garden

The church has now set up a small gardening committee to work alongside our newly appointed church gardeners. Both groups have started their work and their efforts can already be seen. Our



committee have drawn up a number of long term projects the results of which will not be seen for many months and we are open to any suggestions that you may have in helping us to improve the grounds of the church.

We will keep you updated through the church newsletter and this magazine, but in the meantime if you have any suggestions that you wish to bring to our attention then please feel free to contact either John or Anne Thrush, Lesley Harries or one of the church wardens.

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids
On a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain
Slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's
erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the
fading night?

You better slow down.....
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Do you run through each day
On the fly?
When you ask 'How are you?'
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done
Do you lie in your bed
With the next hundred chores
Running through your head?

You'd better slow down....
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

Ever told your child
'We'll do it tomorrow?'
And in your haste
Not seen his sorrow?
Ever lost touch,
Let a good friendship die
'Cause you never had time
To call and say 'Hi'?

You'd better slow down....
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get some-
where
You miss half the fun of getting
there.
When you worry and hurry
through your day
It is like an unopened gift, thrown
away.

Life is not a race.
Do take it slower.
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

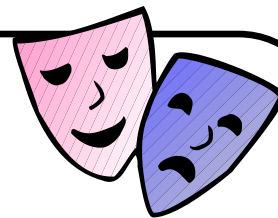
It was apparently written by a terminally ill young girl in
a New York hospital and the poem has been circulated
by one of her doctors, a Dr Dennis Shields.

Anne Thrush

Many thanks to everyone who contributes to the magazine.
It would save time if those of you with email could send your
contributions directly to me at:

ianbbrown@phonecoop.coop

CCADS



Yes it is that time of year again when members of CCADS leap into action and start preparing for their Christmas production.

If you would like to join us in either treading the boards or just generally helping backstage, then why not come along to our first meeting on September 5th at 8pm – we would love to see you.

Meanwhile watch this space for details of our next venture into the world of amateur dramatics!!

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Keith and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary in July and had a wonderful time. It is hard to believe that we have reached this amazing landmark, but when we look at Janet and Judith and their families – it must be true.

We hired MV The Princess Pocahontas for the afternoon and invited family and friends and had a perfect mini cruise. The previous week had been very wet, but Sunday dawned bright and fine. We went as far as Greenwich with an informative commentary by the captain Mr John Potter. We then enjoyed a very good buffet and finished the trip with a disco and I am sure our families could be heard along the Thames.

The following Sunday we had drinks and some of the anniversary cake with the congregation at Christ Church and so extended the celebrations. We still have another treat in store, as our families have booked us a mini break in Venice, which will be in March 2009. More water and boats!

We had asked friends not to give us presents, but if they wanted to give something, to give a donation to the RNLI. I know some of Christ Church heard about this and also gave donations. I would like to say a big thank you, as we able to give £475 to the Gravesend branch of the RNLI.

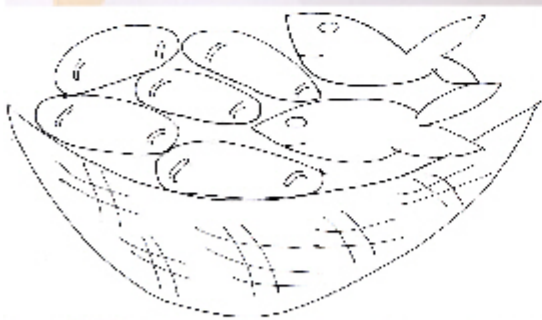
The RNLI crew were very pleased with this gift and have asked us, with some family, to meet the crew at Gravesend.

Thank you to everyone who helped to celebrate our special day.

Sheila Knight.

You are specially invited

Vip 



at 10 o'clock

to Christ Church



Sunday September 28th 2008

After the Summer break, we are back again practising on Thursday evenings.



The music for Harvest Festival is exercising our minds now!

Another occasion requiring plenty of energy and concentration is the DEANERY CHOIRS FESTIVAL which this year will take place at : ST NICHOLAS SOUTHFLEET. We join with other choirs in the Deanery to sing Evensong. The music is chosen by the Church which hosts the event. It would be very nice if more members of the congregation could support our choir, the date is September 28th at 6.30pm.

Next month we will be featuring the first of our special profiles of long serving members of the choir who have received the special Royal School of Church Music medals.

Another date for your diaries is OCTOBER 18TH for the Diocesan Choir Festival which is held in the Cathedral.

In next months Magazine there will be details of the arrangements for the practice for this which will be at St Marys Chalk.

Pam Kilby Sept 08

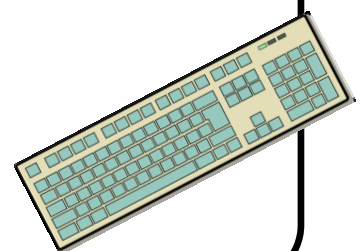
With Harvest rehearsals almost completed, Christmas cards in the shops, and the evenings drawing in, dare I mention that we are busy finding new songs and carols to sing at Christmas! It seems that summer is over before it has even begun! If you would like to join us, particularly if you are a tenor or bass, now would be a good time, so why not talk to Helen or Gill and come along to one of our rehearsals?

Gill Campbell



Please help our Pre-School!

By re-cycling unwanted items. They can use clean corks, old computer keyboards or laptop computers, hairdryers, printed and unused envelopes which arrive in 'junk' mail and which you won't be using, shells, pine cones and new but unwanted diaries and notebooks. Electrical items don't have to be in working order - the electrical cables will be removed. There will be a box at the back of the church for all your donations.





TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

13/08/08



If you go down in the woods today you're sure of a big surprise!!

We decided that our August First Steps service would be an excellent opportunity to spread our net a little wider and invite all the children who have been baptised in Christ Church in the last few years to come with their carers to join us for our service to be followed by a Teddy Bears' picnic. Of course Teddies were invited too.

So the invitations were delivered and many replies received. On Wednesday morning, after the service Julie and I went out to shop for goodies for our picnic. We put smiley Teddy faces around the church for the children to find and count and arranged tables, with teddy pictures and colouring pens and pencils. There were big toys and small toys and a bubble machine for the garden if the rain managed to stay away. We were a bit doubtful as we gazed out watching the dark clouds being blown across the sky by a very strong wind. Still our fingers were firmly crossed!

2.00pm, and the service began with the church filled with lots of happy families and noisy children. Helen played the piano for us and our naughty little sheep put in an appearance. Dear little Tilley, who was rather taken by him, kept picking him up and wandering off but he was very good and he didn't make a fuss. He was looking forward to the picnic afterwards, he told me. All things considered he was remarkably well behaved.

With the service over, the children hunted for and counted the smiling teddies in the church and then made their way into the hall. Blankets were laid about the floor, chairs and tables arranged and everyone made themselves comfortable. We decided that as it wasn't raining we would take our parachute out into the garden for a game. We had great fun being buffeted by the wind and there was danger that we were going to do a Mary Poppins but we managed to stay on our feet. And all the time there was the happy laughter of excited children.

Then it was picnic time at last, much to the Teddies delight. If I'm not mistaken they were first in the queue along with the odd dog and cat. I even saw Tigger bouncing about with excitement! Soon everyone was tucking into the picnic fare with gusto. There was a small prize for all the children who had taken part in the Teddy counting. And soon it was time to go home. All in all a great time had been had by all. The weather was better than expected and the children were able to play in the garden too, which was a bonus.

My grateful thanks to all those who gave their time to give us a hand. We are hoping to do something similar next year so it will be all hands to the pump again! In the meantime I hope that some of those who came along and do not normally come to First Steps will join us for our next service on the 17th September. I have heard a rumour that our naughty little sheep expects to be there too, though he may be hiding which means that we'll have to find him. Oh well!!

Rosemary Austin

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We are hoping to serve cakes with coffee/tea after the

service on Back to Church Sunday. If you could help us out by bringing some cakes on the day can you please sign the form at the back of the Church.

Thank you very much.

Maureen Fittill



Although the weather may tell us different, we are in the middle of summer and the holiday season is in full swing so please remember to bring back a little something from your holiday that we can sell at the bazaar. Betty Martin and Gill Campbell will be pleased to receive any contributions. Thank you.

CHILDREN AND SPIRITUALITY

We are privileged to have the Rev'd Ronni Lamont, coming to Christ Church on Saturday 13th September between 10am and 2.30pm to lead a workshop about children's spirituality.

Ronni is an excellent speaker and author and she has established a thriving children's ministry while she was Vicar of St John's Bexley. She will also demonstrate the use of 'Godly Play' in children's work. God's Gang helpers are planning to be present – but others concerned with children and their spirituality may like to join us for the day. Teacher's, 1st Step leaders, crèche helpers, mums and grandmas or other interested parties – all are welcome.

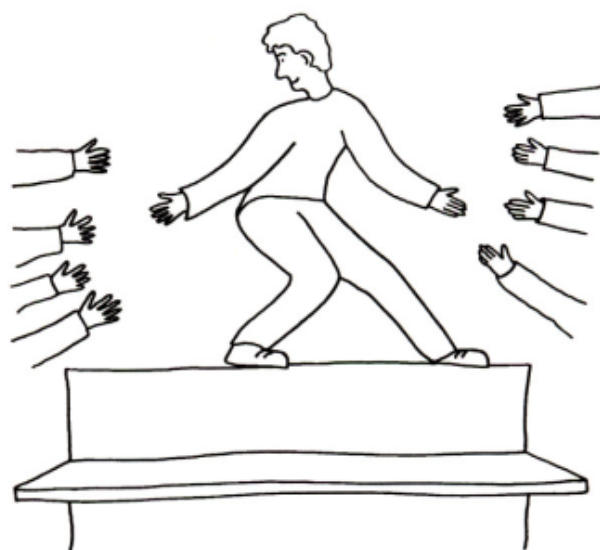
Please let Sue know if you are planning to come.

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WE SAY TOGETHER...



THE PEACE



BEAR IN MIND THAT IT IS NOT A COMPETITION TO SHAKE AS MANY HANDS AS POSSIBLE

Dave Walker cartoons



Colour the wheat yellow, and the weeds green.

Crack the code to find out what the message says.

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God is with us when things are tough

Find the missing words in the wordsearch.

A farmer sowed good _____ in his field, but an enemy sowed _____ in the field. The farmer told his workers to _____ the weeds among the wheat until _____ time. Then they pulled up the weeds and _____ them.

Jesus said we are like the seeds. In life there are things that make it _____ for us to be Christians. We can trust that _____ is with us when things are tough, and that he will keep us _____.

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Kenward Trust 40th Anniversary Service

The Maidstone-based Kenward Trust registered Christian Charity, celebrated FORTY years of helping people suffering from alcohol and other drug abuse problems, with a special 40th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving held in Rochester Cathedral, on Sunday 13th July.

During the service Kenward clients played hand bells, gave emotional and moving testimonies, as well as displaying examples of their work, undertaken during their recovery from substance abuse. The work of the Kenward Trust is a great example of practical Christianity, praise God and give thanks for His work.

www.kenwardtrust.org.uk

Welcome to the Kenward Trust, a registered Christian charity with almost four decades' experience in offering the very best in professionally operated recovery programmes for people suffering from drug and alcohol misuse and homelessness problems.

The Kenward Trust offers hope for those who are serious about wanting to recover from drug and alcohol abuse and work towards a new life - free from their addiction. At our residential rehabilitation centres, caring, professional staff work closely with residents to restore self-confidence, dignity and other life skills needed to equip them to live in the community once more.

People suffering from drug and alcohol abuse and addiction come to Kenward to get well again, because the Kenward Trust WORKS.

On this web site you will find [testimonies](#) from those whom the Kenward Trust has helped; real success stories of achievement from real people.

Visit the [Quiet Place](#) for inspiration and encouragement.

There is also the innovative outreach work with young people on substance misuse PREVENTION - working today to help prevent addiction tomorrow.

Gardening Tips for September

September is the time to be thinking about planting bulbs for the Spring garden.

Always buy good quality bulbs and suitable compost.

Daffodils always come to mind when considering which bulbs to choose. There are many different kinds available these days. For window boxes and small containers, Tete a Tete always look good.

Daffodils should be planted at one and a half times their own depth in Autumn in sun or partial shade in moist fertile well drained soil.

It is good idea to plant daffodils in containers which can be placed in window boxes so that after



flowering they can be taken out and replaced with other containers with bedding plants etc. This ensures that window boxes are always full of

seasonal plants.

A good tip is to feed daffodils when they are flowering to ensure that the bulbs will be in tip top condition for the following year.

All kind of bulbs give good value if planted in containers that can be moved around to fill gaps in the garden.

Some of the annuals will have died off and now need to be taken up, and general tidying around, cutting off dead foliage so as to keep pests and diseases to a minimum will keep your garden looking good. Adam

Harvest



Tickets are now on sale

HARVEST SUPPER

which is on Sunday 14th September this year following a slightly earlier Festal Evensong (6p.m.) Due to tighter health and safety rules, we are only able to seat 100 people for the supper so we must also ask for money when you purchase your tickets this year: £2.50 for children (12 or under) and £5 for adults which still represents very good value.

The entertainment is the ever popular home grown variety.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH

During the next few months there will be a variety of styles of worship at the Sunday evening services at Christ Church. As well as many services that are 'perennials' and familiar to many, and the usual regular opportunities to worship with our brothers and sisters of the Deanery and the local ecumenical group, there will also be some changes.

Why not come and join us, for instance, at a sung service with prayer for healing in October?

There will no longer be an evening service in Christ Church every week – to check times and details take a look at the weekly notice sheet, the website or this magazine.



Evening Services between August and Christmas:

- 31st August 6.30 pm Songs of Praise at St Aidan's Church with the Local Ecumenical Group of churches
- 14th September 6 pm Harvest Evensong
- 28th September 6.30 pm Deanery Choirs Festival at Southfleet
- 5th October 6 pm Songs of Praise at the Salvation Army Citadel with the Local Ecumenical Group of churches
- 12th October 6.30 pm Sung service with prayer for healing
- 2nd November 6.30 pm Authorisation of Pam Kilby as a Pastoral Assistant at St Alban's Church, Dartford
- 9th November 4 pm Service for the Bereaved
- 23rd November 4 pm Pre-advent worship at St Mary, Denton with the Local Ecumenical Group of churches
- 30th November 4 pm Christingle
- 7th December 4 pm Ellenor Hospice Lights of Love service
- 14th December 6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight
- 21st December 6.30 pm Service of lessons and carols


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What's on this month?

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 Aug St Aidan's Songs of Praise 6.30	1 Pepper Hill recycling centre opens	2	3 MU 8pm	4 Over 80's Tea Party Choir	5 Office hours	6 9:30 am- Working Party
7	8 Brownies Music group 8 pm	9 Staff meeting	10 Guides	11 Beavers Choir	12 Scouts Office hours	13 10 - 2:30 Children and Spirituality
14 Harvest Festival 6pm Evensong Supper	15 Brownies	16	17 Guides PCC Meeting	18 Beavers Brownies Choir	19 Scouts Office hours	20
21 Deadline for magazine entry	22 Brownies	23 Staff meeting	24 Guides	25 Beavers Brownies Choir	26 Scouts Office hours	27
28 Back to Church Sunday	29 Brownies	30 Staff meeting	Highlights this month! Harvest Festival  Back to Church Sunday			

What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday Uniformed Organisations parade

Evening Service - see inside magazine for details.

Weekday Services

Holy Communion (said)

Monday and Saturday 8am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Wednesday 10.00am

For further information
contact
the Church Wardens

Office hours

Friday 6:30pm until 7:30pm

Please note that Office hours changed in March.

Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for you:-

Daily Christ Church Pre-school (2½ upwards)

Monday Cubs; Music Group; Brownies

Tuesday

Wednesday Guides; Mothers Union (1st Wednesday)

First Steps (under 5's and carers) 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm

Thursday Beavers; Brownies; Choir Practice

Friday Scouts; Amateur Dramatics; Parent and Toddler

Saturday Working party (1st Saturday)

Sunday Christ Church Youth Club