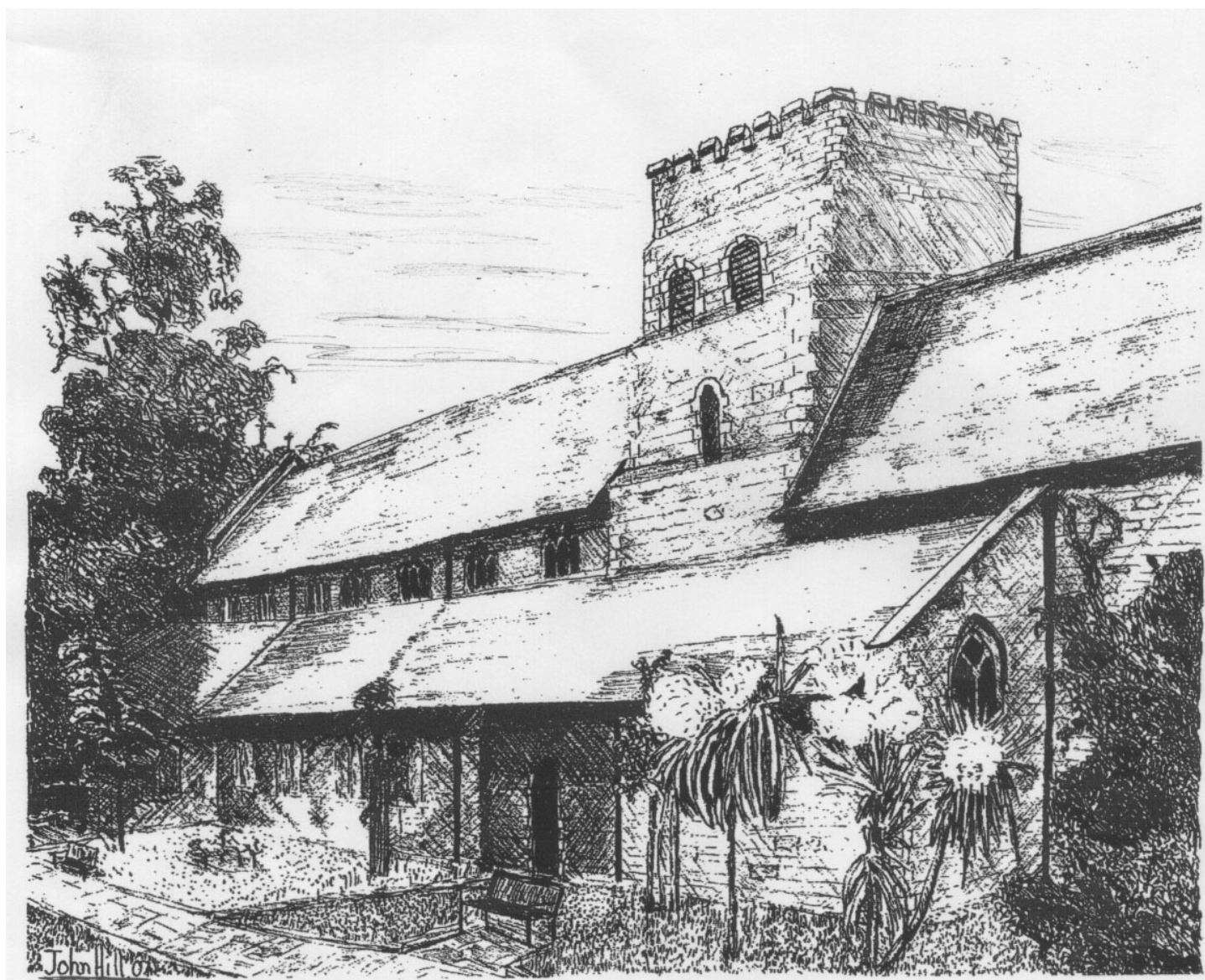


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Summer Fair 2008
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7th June at 2:30 pm.

**June
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Christ Church Hall
 is available for hire.
 Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett
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Well equipped. Very
 suitable for meetings
 and children's parties.

Welcome

Welcome to the June edition of Christ Church Parish magazine. Thank you to those of you who have supplied material for the magazine, space has been at a premium this month so some of your articles will appear in future editions, please keep sending your articles.

June is always a busy month and this June is no exception, Christ Church has its Rainbow Summer Fair where everyone is welcome, come along and enjoy strawberries and cream.

The series about those who run a business or live in Echo Square has had to take a back seat, while information is collected and space is available within the pages of future magazines, thank you to those of you who are supporting this series.

For those who enjoy walking and would like to support those less fortunate than us, do read the article about March for Children in Zimbabwe. Want to know more about the Diocese of Rochester then a day at Together @ Detling would be worth a visit, if you go let me know what you did and thought of the event. Remember to apply the sun block when enjoying the outdoors.

Editor

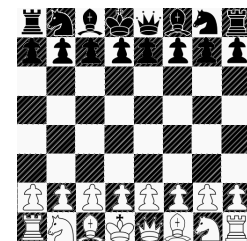
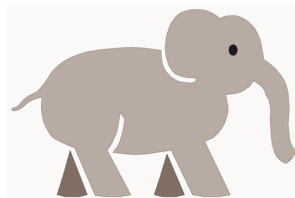
Summer Fair 2008

Saturday

7th June at 2:30 pm.

To help make our Bumper Fair we need contributions to the stalls. A box will be placed at the back of the church on:-

Toys, Puzzles, Games
White Elephant
White Elephant
Gifts, unwanted presents



Sunday 1st June – Any of the above and anything

YELLOW

Cakes and Plants would be most welcome on the day.

Sheila Brown / Social Committee
April 08

A CHURCH WARDEN'S NOTES

On 12th May the church celebrated the feast day of St Pancras. There was once a joke used on the music halls which went “St George for England! St Pancras for Scotland!” I remembered that joke the other day and, as I did so, a host of other things followed from it.

The significance of that joke is now lost in the mists of time, since the railway company who built the station in London, the Midland Railway, at the time were trying for the passenger traffic to Scotland, and who were lost as an entity in 1923. The station (opened in 1868) still stands, of course, with its magnificent roof and the even more wonderful hotel building in front. The hotel was designed by Giles Gilbert Scott, who also gave us the red telephone box – now doomed to extinction, since the advent of the mobile phone: when was the last time you used one? Scott designed the brick Roman Catholic church in Northfleet, opened in 1914.

The part of London called St Pancras is named after its medieval church, said to be one of the oldest sites of Christian worship in Britain. There is now a more recent church, although St Pancras Old Church remains as a place of worship. It was in that church where my great grandfather, Edward Fox, was baptised; later in life he was Christ Church parish clerk in Tunbridge Wells for over 40 years. Earl Camden developed the St Pancras area in the 1790s, giving it its new name of Camden Town.

Who was St Pancras? He was a Christian martyr, a Roman citizen who had converted to Christianity and was beheaded for his faith at the age of 14 around the year 304. His death was brought about during the time of the Roman emperor Diocletian who had gone on the rampage in an attempt to dispose of all Christians. It was he who had brought about the martyrdom of St Faith some fifteen years earlier – another connection with Christ Church.

The name Pancras is Greek, and means “the one that holds everything”. All saints have been traditionally invoked against life's ills, and Pancras is called upon to help with cramp, false witness, headache, and perjury. He is also one of the many saints who is patron of children.

When I thought of the music hall joke I also thought to rework it. Why not “St George for England! St Pancras for Paris”? I'm not sure that St Genevieve would have too happy with that, though: she is said to have saved Paris by her prayers during the time Attila the Hun ... but that's another story

Peter Shearan



"together@...."

Over the next twelve months, the Diocese of Rochester is organising a programme of events under the banner "together@....". These events include a two-day festival at the Kent Showground, Detling, in June, and a four-day conference at Bognor, in January 2009. These will be opportunities to explore how we as a diocese should be one people, with one purpose, and one passion.



together@Detling



This year, the Diocese of Rochester is planning a weekend of events on 21-22 June at the Kent County Showground, Detling.

Over the weekend, we will be thinking about what it means to be One People with One Purpose and One Passion.

Throughout the weekend there will be a programme of activities suitable for all ages. Saturday will finish with a big bang, with dancing, music, a hog roast and more! Sunday's events will culminate in the Petertide Ordination service, to which all are invited.

Check out the Diocese web site for the full programme of the weekend
www.rochester.anglican.org/together/detling.htm

Entry to the event is by wristband only. These will be issued upon receipt of your registration form.

Thank God for 'church ladies with typewriters':- These sentences appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus walking on the Water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."



mothers union
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Mothers' Union Quiz Night

“Christmas Crackers” in May? – it must be that time of year – the Mothers’ Union Quiz Night with question master Peter Read. Those brave enough to test their brains arrived fully armed with refreshments around 7:30 pm. Their first task to decide which round to play their joker – numbers, local interest, literature, world religions among the choices on offer – what a choice! Most tables choosing geography to greater or lesser effect. After 9 rounds including a music round / which many thought difficult but most people managed at least nine) there were 4 teams in close contention. A final round decided the winning table – a close one point between the top two. Congratulations to everyone who came and played the game. Mothers’ Union were delighted to see you all whether you came first, won an encouragement prize, or raffle prize, everyone left smiling having had an enjoyable evening in good company and also helped to raise nearly £300 for MU projects.

Veronica Read

6th June 7.45 pm St Paul’s URC Church

Gravesend Entertainment Music Society (GEMS) sing a wide-ranging repertoire including songs from the shows and some audience participation. In aid of Ebbsfleet Rainbow Centres – a Christian charity serving the local community. £6 per ticket including refreshments. (£5 concessions).

Rev Jacqueline Littlewood has tickets – 560106.

Congratulations to Rosemary Austin for running to raise money for Leukaemia Research and in memory of Ben Johnson.



God's Gang

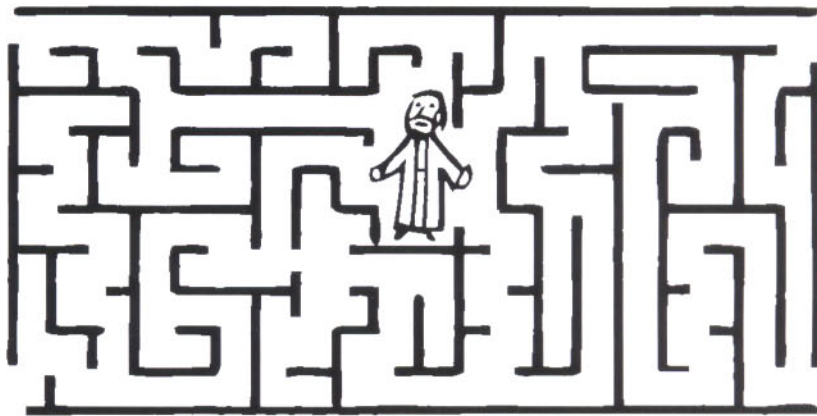
'Jesus said to him, "Follow me".' Matthew 9.9



Can you spot ten differences in the two pictures?

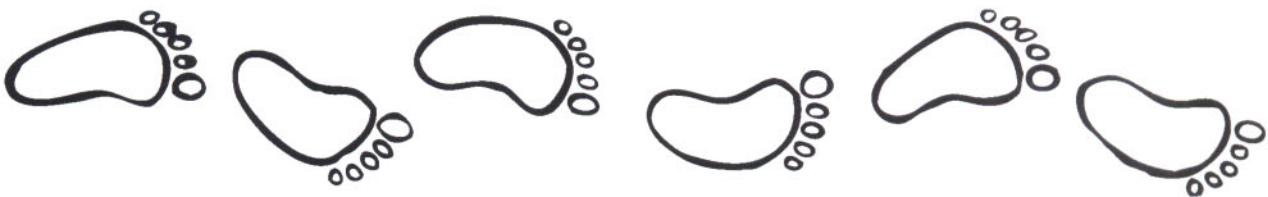


What was the same for all three people coming to find Jesus?
They all put their trust in him!



Can you help Matthew, Jairus and the woman get to Jesus?
Now draw yourself, and put a line from you to Jesus.

Can you write or draw things in the footsteps that help you to follow Jesus?



Jesus, help me to follow you

Come and enjoy the East Gravesend Fellowship of Churches Trip to Tudeley

June 26th 2008
A glorious day for £5!*

Tour and Talk about the Stunning
Marc Chagall Windows.

Picnic

Labyrinth

Further option of trip to nearby Tonbridge



Ask your church contact for a booking form (available at the back of the church) or ring Rev'd Peter Clark on 01474 324122 (evenings) or 07984 403352

*** Offer to drive some of the group and you come free!**

Music at Christ Church

*Music
Group*

We are continuing to meet twice a month to rehearse for the 2nd Sunday and to learn new songs. We have also started to learn a new song to sing during the Harvest festival service in September, and shortly we will be learning 2 new songs to sing at the harvest supper. Helen would be



overjoyed if she could find a couple of men to join us! Ladies are of course welcome as well! So why not come along to the Church on Monday June 9th at 8 pm and sing along with us?

Gill Campbell May 08

Choir Music at Christ Church

The Choir enjoy practising and singing Anthems, for Pentecost we sang :

Come Holy Ghost our Souls Inspire
For the Marines Service we sang :

Ave Verum : Edward Elgar, as a change from the very well known Mozart version.

We sing modern compositions and settings as well as well known traditional music.

For Choir Sunday we will be using the Salisbury setting which is very "singable" and is now becoming well known to the congregation as we have used it for the past few years on Choir Sunday.

WEDDINGS

During the year we sing at a large number of weddings mostly on Saturdays usually between 15 and 20. This year so far we have 15 weddings booked . We manage to have a decent sized Choir for the weddings in spite of peoples busy lives.

The music the couples choose is very special to them on their special day and they choose their music when they book their weddings at the Office on a Friday night from a suggested list ,or their own choices.

The most used hymns are:

Praise my soul the King of Heaven



Immortal Invisible
One more step along the road we go.

What a friend we have in Jesus
I vow to thee my country
Lord of the Dance
Lord of Hopefulness

Give me joy in my heart
Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Colours of day
All things bright and beautiful
For the beauty of the earth
Lead us heavenly father lead us
Morning has broken
Come down O love divine
Make me a channel of your peace

Quite a variety!

Anthems are also chosen by the couple, these have included ;
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring
Sheep may Safely Graze
The Lord Bless You and Keep you
O perfect Love all human thought transcending

Solos are sometimes requested , these have included Gounod's Ave Maria, Schubert's Ave Maria
Weddings are very individual and sometimes the couples have their own recorded music or their own singers in place of an Anthem.

You can see that weddings keep us busy and on our toes!

Pam Kilby May 08

Absent Friends

Cubby is settling in to his new home in Brixworth, Northamptonshire after several large jobs that needed to be done.

Brixworth, he says, has a beautiful Saxon church dating to 680 AD. He hoped to attend communion services there. Initially he attended the

Brixworth Christian Fellowship meetings held in the Library and sent us a booklet describing their work – if anyone would like to read it we have it.

Cubby wishes to send his kindest regards to Rev Sue and his other friends at Christ Church. He still feels the sense of welcome he always enjoyed at Christ Church.

Joan & Bob Bennett

May 2008

Shorne Open Gardens

Thank you to whoever placed the advert for the

Open Gardens on 17th and 18th May.

I had two very enjoyable afternoons wandering around other people's gardens.

Why two afternoons? You may not remember but the 17th was very wet.

The gardens were varied, small and large, plants man (woman) to playground.

I began in the village at a tiny, well planned garden planted with many varieties of flowers. Around the corner were more lovingly tended and loved gardens. In each place the owner came out into the pouring rain to greet me.

Often with the words 'If you made the effort to come in this weather we can come out and get wet too!' They answered my questions. Even in one case, searching the potting shed for the correct label.

The church too was open and proved to be a warm and dry haven as well as old and interesting.

However, two hours of continual drenching proved to be enough and I retreated home with only half the gardens explored.

On Sunday the sun was shining and I returned. This time, the Pear Tree Lane, end of Shorne.

These were generally much larger gardens and all were very different. One was 'Bohemian' with a gym, vegetables, chickens and a music room (summer house), another was a large, immaculate and with a red telephone box. Most had far reaching views.

I enjoyed them all. Thank you for making me feel welcome.

If you missed it this year and enjoy garden visiting like me, put it in your diary for two years time.

L. Harries



Zimbabwe – just another African disaster?

Each of us can make a real difference by helping to give a child in Zimbabwe hope for the future. At the same time you can

register your concern and solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe by joining the March for Zimbabwe's children on the 19th July 2008. It doesn't matter how far you can walk, be it 100 metres or 26 miles, simply register on the web site, download a sponsor form or set up your fundraising page on www.justgiving.com/justchildren and you can make a difference.

If you don't have access to the Internet then contact your local vicar and they can register you.

Why not walk as a church and have a picnic together on the way?

Churches from all over Rochester Diocese will make Saturday 19th July a day when we make a difference by walking to Rochester

Cathedral where a special service of solidarity

and prayer for the children of Zimbabwe will be held at 16:30. The service will be a celebration of Christian solidarity and support for the people of Zimbabwe with wonderful music and a real Zimbabwean feel.



Don't let it be just another African disaster.

Even if you can't make the walk, please join

us at the Cathedral at 4.30 pm, and together

we can help to make a difference. If you can't do anything then please just show your support with a donation through

www.justgiving.com/justchildren

What is Christ Church doing?

Already 3 walkers have signed up:

Colin Parsonson;

David and Shirley Whitehead.

Let Sue or one of the churchwardens know if you are interested in taking part.

48 Royal Marine Commando

Christ Church hosted the Service of Remembrance for 48 Royal Marine Commando on Sunday 18th May 2008.



Guard of Honour outside the church



Colours were presented during the singing of the second hymn "We vow to thee, my country".



Choir and clergy process out after the service, which was led by Rev Jacqueline Littlewood (Hon. Chaplain of the Royal Marines Association Gravesend Branch).



The newly installed Mayor of Gravesham attended the service.

SEA
SUNDAY

The second Sunday in July is traditionally the day Seafarers are remembered. This year Christ Church will celebrate Sea Sunday later in the year.

Kenward Trust celebrates 40 years working with people suffering from alcohol and other drug abuse. A service of celebration will take place in Rochester Cathedral - more details in our July magazine.

13th July 2008



Girlguiding UK

girls in the lead

11th Milton Brownies - Pack Holiday

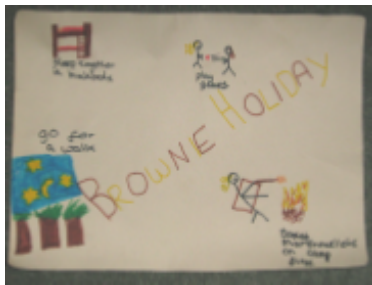


Vicar Sue, Granny Jarvis, Apple and Cherry Blossom were pleased to visit the 11th Milton Brownies on Pack Holiday at Heart's Ease, West Wickham on Sunday 25th May.

We arrived to find a hive of activity as the girls (monkeys!) worked away making sunlight pictures, bead mats, masks, sewed hand puppets and decorated bags all on the theme of The Lion King.

Our first job was to judge the Lion King shoe boxes the Brownies had made at home, and what a hard task that was! We finally chose a lion complete with fringed mane which made very good use of the box shape and a box from the younger girls which was decorated with a jungle scene using lots of different ma-

terials and animals. They were awarded pencil case prizes with wild animal pictures on as were the 2 winners of the Brownie posters which you can see here. They will all be on display at the back of the church on Pa-



rade Sunday in June (14th).

The girls were excellent hostesses and kept us well supplied with cups of tea! Much of our visit was spent joining the girls and leaders for a party tea: pizza, sandwiches, salads, sausages, sausage rolls and crisps followed by ice cream, jelly and strawberries followed by cakes! You certainly don't go hungry on Pack Holiday!

Unfortunately we had to leave before the party games but we were sure the Brownies would get some sleep after all the excitement – something which we hear there wasn't too much of the previous night!

All the girls looked happy, busy and relaxed and we feel sure they will remember their holiday at Heart's Ease – set in it's peaceful Chestnut Wood – a little oasis yet only $\frac{3}{4}$ hour from home (if you go the right way, which we didn't!).

Sheila Brown (Cherry Blossom)

Holy Baptism*Suffer little children to come unto me*

20 th April	Joshua Ryan Jarrett Charlie James Greenhead Martha Maree Page
4 th May	Abbie Rose Fairweather Nieve Mary Roussell
11 th May	Paige Marie Louise Forder Connor James Scott Forder

Holy Matrimony*We congratulate*

28 th March	Richard Michael Lee and Frances Kate Burgin
26 th April	William Harley Buckby and Olivia Rosemary Williamson
3 rd May	Anthony Richard Brown and Amy Louise Geeves

Rest In Peace*We commend to our Lord*

21 st March	William James Wright
31 st March	Daniel Ivor McMillan
31 st March	Donald Cecil Wheeler
10 th April	Reginald George Croucher
18 th April	Dorothy Rosemary Smith
7 th May	Edith Mary Dike

Confirmed - 13th AprilRenewal of Baptismal Vows - 13th April

Elise Marian Bravery
Kerry Louise Holder
Scott Lynch
Kate Norris
Elliott John Reid
Peter White

Eileen Brereton
Christine Holder
John Thrush
Evelyn Wisdom

Julie Hill

What's on this month?

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Songs of Praise @ CC Youth Club	2 Music group 8 pm Cubs Brownies	3	4 Guides Mother's Union	5 Brownies Beavers	6 Scouts Office hours	7 Summer Fair 2:30 pm
8 Youth Club	9 Music group 8 pm Cubs Brownies	10 Staff meeting 6pm	11 First Steps 2pm Guides	12 Choir Brownies Beavers	13 Scouts Office hours	14 PCC away day
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29 Youth club	30 Cubs Brownies	Highlights this month ! Summer Fair 7 June Trip to Tudeley 26 Together @ Detling 21 / 22				31 May Working party

What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

For further information contact
the Church Wardens

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday Uniformed Organisations parade

Evening Service - summer 6.30pm Winter 4.00pm

Weekday Services

Holy Communion (said)

Monday and Saturday 8am.

Tuesday & Thursday 7.00am.

Wednesday 10.00am

Office hours

Please note that Office hours changed in March. The new time is 6:30pm until 7:30pm but is still on a Friday.

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 (for Pre-School) 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