

CHRIST CHURCH
MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

PARISH MAGAZINE



John Hill 2007

Christ Church, Echo Square,
Gravesend

World Cup Fever Fete

Saturday 19th June 2.30pm
Family fun for everyone

Test your skills on the games and
competitions

Find a trophy on the white elephant
and nearly new stall

Read the rules with a new book

Half time refreshments, cakes and drinks

Junior toys, games and puzzles

Score on raffles, tombola and the sock game.

Everyone's a Winner!

Entry 50p
children free

Wear your football strip



Choir Sunday
13th June



27th June

30p
or
donation

June
2010

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Deadline for July magazine: Sunday 20th June.
Put on peg in the vestry, or hand to a Churchwarden,
or email: ianbbrown@phonecoop.coop

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Christ Church Hall
is available for hire.
Contact: Mrs Joan Bennett
01474 568585

Well equipped. Very
suitable for meetings
and children's parties.

From the mouth of babes.....

Dear God,
My Grandpa says you were around when
he was a little boy.
How far back do you go?

Dennis



As you go around Gravesend England flags can be seen everywhere - hanging from windows, fluttering on car aerials and even across streets. Of course everyone wants you to know that the **World Cup Fever Fete** takes place on Saturday 19th June at Christ Church, and OH! A little matter of the football world cup being held in South Africa. As well as notice of events to come check out what the 'naughty little sheep' has been up to on pages 5 & 8 congratulations to local people on page 11 and news of the street pastors on pages 12 & 13. Hope to see many of you at the Fete.

Editor



World Cup Fever Fete



Bring in the following items:
Sunday



30th May nearly new /gifts



6th June games/ puzzles



13th June bottles of any description



19th June - on the day - cakes, cupcakes
and plants



Contributions to be placed in
the boxes at the back of the church.



Veronica



For young people
from 11 years old.
Join with other
young people at an

evening service and activities with
the theme LOVE. It will be held
in St Justus Church, Rochester.

Meet at Christ Church at 5.30 pm
for transport - return to Christ
Church by 8.30pm. Bring 50p for
hot chocolate!

More details from: Ian Brown

Sing for your Supper on 13th June!



Come and join us to Celebrate Church Music on
RSCM Music Sunday here at Christ Church! Celebra-
tions will begin at 6.15pm when the Music Group will
lead us in song as we gather for a joyful Evensong led
by the Choir.

The service will be followed by a sumptuous buffet
supper in the hall!

Make a  in your diary!

Jackie Howard

Many thanks for your continued support of the Ellenor Lions Hospices.
Registered Charity No. 1121561

COFFEE MORNINGS

Cold Harbour Road
10 am to 12 pm

Friday 25th June

Friday 24th September

Friday 29th October

Friday 26th November

Friday 10th December



Fairtrade Lunch Stop

Sandwiches, toasted sandwiches,
homemade cakes, fresh fruit,
snack bars.

Tea,
Fresh filter Coffee,
Hot Chocolate,
Fruit Juices

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Come and enjoy a Fairtrade Lunch
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The cost of your lunch will be
what you consider to
be a '**Fair**' price for what you eat.

Friday 11th June 2010
12-2pm



BRING AND BUY
Please

Join

Us!

Between

10am and 8pm Friday 9th July 10



You are invited to join us

Sandy and Ted

at

63 Portland Avenue
Gravesend

As we support local charity

Alzheimer's & Dementia

SUPPORT SERVICES

Cuppa For Our Cause

ADSS (Registered Charity No 1024385)

provides a unique range of services to people
with dementia and their families in Gravesham,
Dartford & Swanley

CUPPA FOR OUR CAUSE 5-12 JULY

Sunday Morning Coffee Rota

6th June	Week 1	Vena Croydon, Julie Hill, Jill Sampson
13th June	Week 2	Sandy Barden, Jenny Shoesmith, Joan Bennett
20th June	Week 3	David and Shirley Whitehead
27th June	Week 4	Ian & Sheila Brown, Margaret Davies
4th July	Week 5	Barbara Bunyan, Jasmine & Steve Humphries



Maureen Fittill



OUR NAUGHTY LITTLE SHEEP AND A LONG, COLD, WET WALK

A whole year has passed since our charity walk in memory of Ben Johnson and our naughty little sheep is really keen to have another go. Since our last walk Neil and

Donna, Ben's parents, have set up the Ben Johnson Forget-me-not Foundation, so this time we are walking in aid of this new local charity. The day of the walk dawns and the weather is foul! I consult with our naughty little sheep to see if he's still up for it and he says that though he's been pretty pampered lately, he has been out in the rain before and he'll be fine. So I make sure that he's comfy in my backpack and when Joe Pasquale starts the race, we're off. Luckily the weather hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of all the young runners, many running in tribute to a much loved and missed friend. As we walk round the increasingly sodden rugby pitch our naughty little sheep peeks out of the backpack to see what's going on and then complains that the rain is dripping on his wool. It's dripping all over me, I can tell you! On the way round there are a couple of very soggy dogs getting some exercise. One of them looks suspiciously like a sheep dog and our naughty little sheep ducks down into the backpack in case he's been spotted! He knows all about sheep dogs and he isn't keen! After 12 very cold and wet laps our naughty little sheep says that he's had enough. He's cold and damp and he wants to go home where it's warm and dry! I think that my dear husband has the same idea. He's standing on the sidelines with a big umbrella, looking rather damp. Sometimes a big umbrella just isn't enough to keep you dry. So with a medal (for endurance, I think) clasped in my cold, wet little hand, it's time to go home. It has certainly been an experience, though our naughty little sheep says that if it's raining next year he isn't coming. Let's hope that it isn't! Many thanks for all your support. It is very much appreciated and worth every soggy, chilly step to raise money for such a good cause.

Rosemary Austin

The Ben Johnson Forget Me Not Foundation - Charity No: 1134687



Matt Aspinall says thank you

A big thank you to all members of the congregation who sponsored me for my London to Paris bike ride which took place on May 5th-8th. I have raised over £2100 so far for the Ellenor Lions Hospice in Gravesend, much to their gratitude. Donations such as yours helped me through the (at times, gruelling) 500km ride which involved hill climbs, sore legs, and many an eaten banana and energy bar - but luckily not a single puncture! I have since spoken with the Ellenor who are thrilled with all the donations, so thank you once again.

Kind regards,

Matt

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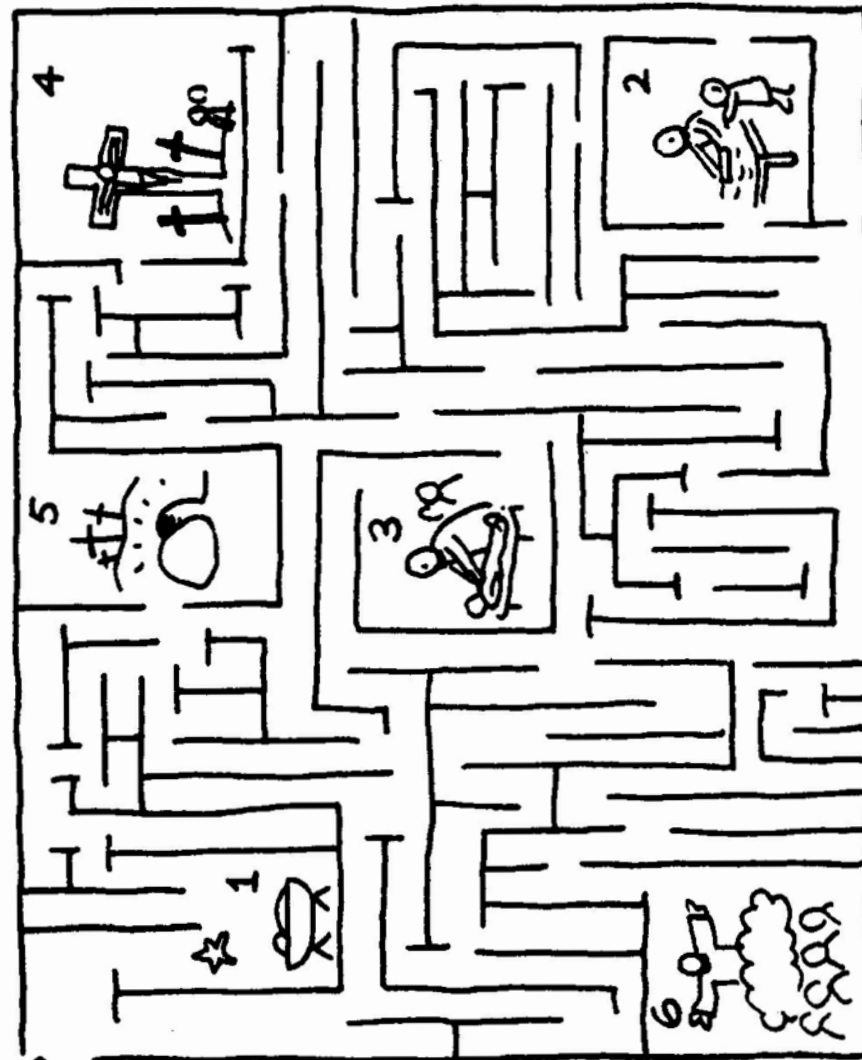
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& THE BISHOP'S CONSORT

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God's Gang

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?

START



END

You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.



First Steps

12th May 2010

My goodness me, don't the weeks fly by? It seems hardly any time at all since our last First Steps service and it's that time again! The spring has truly burst into leaf and flower all around us now but the weather is still a bit iffy with a very chilly wind. It's hard to believe that it's May! Once again our naughty little sheep has invited some of his friends to join us for our service and they're planning to play a trick on the children, which is a bit cheeky! As soon as we arrive in the church they take themselves off to hide, so that the children won't be able to find them. We shall see!

Anne and Isabelle help me to get everything ready and we discover that Rachel, with Mollie and Olivia and Vicki with Grace and Elsie are picnicking in the Pleasance as they wait for our service to begin. That's rather brave! But it seems that it's warm when the sun comes out so perhaps summer is on its way, after all! Then other Mums and children begin to arrive and very soon we have a lovely, smiley crowd, with jingle bells at the ready. And those sneaky animals are keeping very quiet in their hiding places.

As our service begins we light our candles and sing "Candletime". "God is here with us, God is in the light." Today we are thinking about Jesus, the Good Shepherd who cares for us, his flock, and knows us all by name. The children each tell us their name and we know that each is precious to Jesus. And he goes to great lengths to find any of his flock when they go astray. Then I remember that our naughty little sheep and his friends are still missing and just like the Good Shepherd, the children rush off to see if they can find them. It isn't easy because they're keeping really quiet but the children

soon discover their hiding places and they are quickly brought back to the fold again, so to speak! We sing "Baa, baa black sheep" and the children sing it so nicely that we have to sing it again. And we say "Thank you" to God for sheep, which pleases our naughty little sheep very much!

The children are singing beautifully, with their bells jingling loudly and mums are doing pretty well too, as we sing "Thank you, God for the people we love." We are so lucky to have people that we love and who love us too and we know that God loves us. He sent Jesus to be our Good Shepherd and he has found us and cares for us. Some of the children are taking care of our naughty little sheep and his friends. I think that they're pleased that they've been found too and seem to be really enjoying themselves.

Very soon, with our prayers said and our candles blown out, our service is over and it's time to make our way out into the hall for a munch, a cuppa and some playtime. We've got special treats today because Vicki has brought a lovely chocolate cake AND Billy and his Mum Helen have made some blueberry muffins and they've all brought them along for us to share. Aren't we lucky? Our naughty little sheep and his friends are resting in church for the moment but I think they'll be sneaking into the hall in a little while to see if they can have some cake, too! They'll have to be quick because it's going fast! As usual we've had a lovely time together, singing songs and jingling bells and saying "Thank you" to God for His many gifts to us. Our naughty little sheep and I hope that everyone will come along to join us again for our next service on 9th June. Will the summer be here by then? God Bless.

Rosemary Austin



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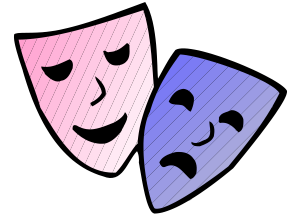
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“Two of a Kind”



CCADS production this year brought together a strong team of actors, who made this play come alive. It is a well-written play, with a good deal of humour and some poignant moments.

The curtains opened on a multiple set: one half being a two-bed residents' room, the other being the Matron's office. This arrangement allowed of a great deal of downstage movement and was very effective, although a few odd moves (used to show a doorway, no doubt) seemed superfluous. Later in the play a third, and most effective, part of stage becomes the home's garden/ Lighting was used very effectively - not always easy on such a small stage - to show which part of the set we were in. Apart from the necessary furniture, a wonderful prop proved to be the wardrobe with its "hidden" doors. Music used during the play was spot on with the supposed date (One of my old-time favourites being "Red Sails in the Sunset" included as well).

The play opened with George, a new "inmate", arriving at the nursing home, and being introduced to his surroundings by Matron, who showed immediately that his new home would be one run entirely on the rules. Matron came across as a tough, no-nonsense woman, entirely shown as such by Christine Kearsney. George (Allister Kaye) is an ex-Army officer, proper and trim . His costume was perfect for the part, unruffled suit and all. But what happens next does not please him one bit - for suddenly his room-mate appears. "Wally" Wallis (played by David Horton) is as unlike George as it is possible to be. He is an ex-sailor, and shows that he is quite unsuited to be living in these surroundings being brash and outspoken. Within a very short while he has broken most of the house rules - smoking, drinking (with booze concealed in the magic wardrobe). He has spreads his things around the room, prompting an hilarious episode when George attempts to partition the room with tape across the floor. We now meet the fourth member of the cast: May (Lynne Chesterton). She is a slightly flirtatious older woman, with a soft heart for Wally, and little time for the officiousness of Matron. In a very well played part she brings light relief to all other cast members.

By far the most ambitious, and also successful, part of the play was when Wally, breaking rules again, decided to cook a steak in his room, much to the horror of George. A very difficult thing to come off, but it certainly did: the sizzle in the pan brought gasps of astonishment from the audience.

We now begin to learn something of the other sides of Wally - for he has lost his only friend at the home - Potts - who has just passed away; and the dramatic tension begins: for George realises he is a poor substitute for Wally's lost friend and in a very believable way he tries to come to terms with that position. Wally, in a very strong performance, gives us many changes of character: from the annoying over-the-top man at the surface; but in one scene, set in

he garden, he pays tribute to his old friend and we begin to understand his hidden grief. In the second garden scene between him and May, when she gives him a family heirloom we are once more shown a poignant side to both their natures.

The ending, which sees Wally deciding to leave and seek life on the sea again, was played very well indeed, although we might well have thought that he wouldn't be too successful about it at his age. It was certainly a very well chosen play and CCADS should mark it down as one of their most enjoyable and well acted plays.

Peter Shearan

Congratulations

D-Day veteran gets royal thank-you

A D-Day veteran who has been giving advice to residents for nearly 30 years has been given a royal thank you.

Stan Bond, 86, met Anne the Princess Royal on Tuesday as one of just 100 national Citizen Advice Bureaux long standing volunteers chosen to celebrate the organisations 70th birthday.

He was joined by his Gravesend CAB colleague Terry Wood at St James Palace after being chosen from the organisation's 21,000 national volunteers.

A retired accountant, Mr Bond has been long-time chairman of the branch and has clocked up 26 years helping out there.

The father of three, who has three grandchildren, lives with his wife Muriel, in Artillery Row, Gravesend. Friend Peter Read said: "He is a really super, lovely man and so proud of this. He has time for everyone and has done a lot of voluntary work."

Mr Bond was involved in D-Day plus One with the Royal Engineers and Mr Read took him to the commemorations in 2008.

Adam Holloway MP.

Adam was re-elected as MP for Gravesham in the recent General Election.

Adam can be contacted as follows:

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By Post: Adam Holloway MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Mick Wenban JP

Congratulations to Mick who has been sworn in as Deputy Mayor of Gravesham.

Mick can be contacted as follows:

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Office
32 Queen Street, Gravesend,
Kent DA12 2EE
Phone: 01474 359 867
Email: michael.wenban@gravesham.gov.uk



Exciting developments are taking place this summer at Gravesend Street Pastors on a number of fronts.

We were very fortunate to have Revd Les Isaac, Director of Ascension Trust and Co-founder of Street Pastors preach on Sunday 9th May at a special Churches Together service when our new recruitment campaign was launched. The story of the project to date was told, together with some amazing statistics. In the first 6 months, Street Pastors have made over 365 significant contacts with the public, distributed 35 pairs flip flops, given out tissues, bottled water, spikeys, first aid equipment, space blankets and travel and other information, in addition to their key role of being able to listen and offer love, care and support to the many vulnerable people they encounter. We have attended 7 incidents involving calming aggressive behaviour and 14 issues of supporting the vulnerable. One knife has been surrendered. We have also recovered 159 glass bottles and 137 cans from the streets to prevent use as weapons and to keep our town green. In total, **over 1500 volunteer hours have been donated** by all involved in the project and over **70 prayer requests** received and acted on. A letter of thanks was read out from the new Deputy Area Commander for North Kent Police in support of the valuable work being undertaken by Street Pastors, which is attached. Our Street Pastors were asked if they had any regrets about the work they were doing and if they would still volunteer again; there was a 100% agreement that they loved the work they were doing and found huge fulfilment from it.

AND SO WE ARE EXPANDING! Following this success we will be running a further training course from September, to recruit more Street Pastors, mostly to be able to have teams on the streets on Saturday nights too and we are very keen to encourage you to prayerfully consider whether this might be something you could volunteer to help with. To do this you need to have the support of your church, to go through a full recruitment process, including CRB check, to undergo 50 hours of training and be willing to work from about 10.30pm - 3.00am on a rota basis every 4-5 weeks. A full job information sheet can be obtained from phoning the number below. We are also seeking to set up Prayer Pastors for Saturday nights, on rota basis, praying from the Methodist Church base for the safety of our streets and Street Pastors. Prayer times are sociable occasions too, as we cook food for the Street Pastors (and prayer pastors!) to consume in the break and it's a chance to get to know others from different churches. Please offer your help with this if going out on the streets is not for you.

Other good news includes that we have achieved funding from Grassroots Grants to be able to employ the co-ordinator for one day per week with further funding being sought. We hope shortly to become a registered charity, which will then enable us to take Gift Aided donations and run a 100 Friends of Gravesend Street Pastors and also be able to produce collection boxes for small change, which we hope will encourage many of you to support us in some way financially, on small or larger scale.

We are planning to visit churches to give a talk about the work of the Street Pastors, with some first hand experiences to relate. If you are keen for us to visit you, please let us know and we will be organise this with you.

We hope to be out on the streets on some of the Fridays and Saturdays when the World Cup is being screened and would ask that you will pray for us and for the safety of people in the town centre on those nights, when either euphoria or disappointment can adversely affect people's behaviour. We also hope to be able to have a stand at the Big Day Out on Saturday 24th July at Gravesend Promenade, so please come and find us.

Anne Jenkins - Gravesend Street Pastors Co-ordinator

Tel: 01474 568498 (Monday pm & Thursday am) or 07807 451427
(leave a message) or e-mail gravesend@streetpastors.org.uk

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength"
Philippians 4 v 13





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Reverence M. J. FANSTONE,
Emmanuel Baptist Church,
Windmill Street,
Gravesend,
Kent, DA12 1BA.

Our Ref: DP/JEK/Fanstone/10.

5th May 2010.

Dear Reverend FANSTONE,

I am writing in my capacity as the new Deputy Area Commander for North Kent Police and to advise you that, during a recent visit to the Gravesend Community Safety Unit, Inspector Mike COLTHAM made me aware of the outstanding contribution and support the local Street Pastors provide to the residents of Gravesend. The voluntary hours worked and the dedication demonstrated by the members of this team is remarkable and is to be commended

Please would you be kind enough to bring the content of this letter to the notice of the local Street Pastor Team and forward my sincere thanks to them for their invaluable assistance to both the community and the Police.

Yours sincerely,

David PASCOE
T/Superintendent
Deputy Area Commander

Advance Notice

Dates for your diary:-

July

Saturday 3rd JPL Anniversary
Service

Saturday 10th Working party

Sunday 11th All Age Service

Sunday 11th East Gravesend Ecu-
menical Service at Christ Church

Sunday 11th World Cup Final

Saturday 24th Table top sale

Late July RMA Cheese & Wine



The Beavers



need

lots and lots
DVDs



of old CDs and

for their summer
(they are going to
build dinosaurs!).

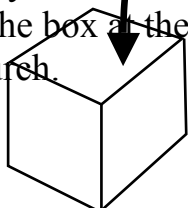


day out

Put your old CDs
in the box at the
church.



and DVDs
back of the



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HOLY BAPTISM

11 th April	Danny-Lee Mcfarlane
11 th April	Samuel John Aldous
25 th April	James William Ripley
2 nd May	Daniel James Perrott
2 nd May	Jack Robert Newton
2 nd May	Miley Edel Laura Brown
9 th May	Ella-Rose Goldsmith
9 th May	Molly Michelle Wood
9 th May	Daniel Anthony Challis
9 th May	Reuben Sidney Brown



HOLY MATRIMONY

26 th March	Martin John Holmes and Sarah Kathryn Louise Walters
8 th May	Dominic Robert Kindred and Francine Jade Carvin



REST IN PEACE

23 rd March	Joyce Muriel Suckling
31 st March	Queenie Mildred Mitchell
13 th April	William Arthur Travers
22 nd April	David William Milson
23 rd April	Douglas Earl Lovelace


Julie Hill

Highlights this month !

World Cup Fever Fete Angelspace Choir Sunday

June



Sunday 	30 May 8 am Service 10 am Holy Communion Youth Club	6 8 am Service 10am Holy Communion	13 8 am Service 10 am All-Age Service Choir Sunday	20 8 am Service 10 am Service	27 8 am Service 10 am Service 5 pm Angelspace
Monday 	31 May Bank Holiday 9am Holy Communion	7 Cubs Brownies	14 Cubs Brownies	21 Cubs Brownies	28 Cubs Brownies
Tuesday 	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday 	2 Open Church after 10am service MU Meeting 8pm Meopham Vineyard	9 Open Church after 10am service MU Meeting 8pm Guides	16 Open Church after 10am service First Steps Guides	23 Open Church after 10am service Guides Slovenia v England	30 Open Church after 10am service Guides
Thursday 	3	10 Beavers Brownies Choir Practice	17 Beavers Brownies Choir Practice	24 Beavers Brownies Choir Practice	1 July Beavers Brownies Choir Practice
Friday 	4	11 Parent & Toddler Office Hours Scouts World Cup starts	18 Parent & Toddler Office Hours Scouts England v Algeria	25 Parent & Toddler Office Hours Scouts	2 July Parent & Toddler Office Hours Scouts
Saturday 	5	12 Working Party England v USA	19 World Cup Fever Fete	26	3 July

What happens at Christ Church?

Sunday Services

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

10.00 am Communion with crèche & God's Gang

On the 2nd Sunday "New Look" All-Age service

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 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Open Church

Wednesday
After the 10 am
service

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

