

It's Bonfire Night this month.
Can you colour this picture of fireworks?
How many different colours can you use?



NOVEMBER 2008 at Christ Church

Dear Friends at Christchurch

November has arrived, and the summer is well and truly past. Back in the spring I enthusiastically planted lots of things in my garden, but generally my high hopes for lots of tomatoes and beans and so on have been disappointed. And, if I'm honest, that shouldn't surprise me. I might have planted everything with a lot of enthusiasm and care, but it wasn't long before I stopped giving them the care they needed. I'd forget to pull out the weeds, or I'd forget to water things. Then birds would start to pick off the best fruit, and I'd begin to get discouraged. And at the end of gardening year, I've really only myself to blame for the lack of produce – I just didn't stick at it.

And, of course, the same thing can happen in our Christian lives. Maybe you began following Jesus with real enthusiasm, but then other things crowded in, you forgot about fellowship, Bible reading, prayer, and began to lose heart. Maybe you started this year with a real desire to '*shine like a star in the universe as you hold out the word of life,*' but as time passed and the friends you'd been trying to witness to didn't show any interest, you gradually gave up.

I've had to give up on my garden for this year – it is too late now to get anything to grow. But unlike gardening, in the Christian life even if you have begun to lose your passion for the Lord, and for the church, it is always possible to re-ignite it. Our current sermon series' on 'Have I got Good News for you,' and 'God's answers to life's hard questions' are planned to help us all remember how wonderful it is to know Jesus, and to help us regain our desire to love and serve him. So

let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9)

Yours in Christ

Regular weekly activities:

Monday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm TLC
Tuesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.15 pm Art Group
	-	4..00 pm Shine
Wednesday	-	9.30 am Toddler Group
	-	1.00 pm Needlecraft Group
	-	1.30 pm Toddler Group
	-	4.00 pm Rainbows
	-	5.15 pm Rainbows
Thursday	-	1.00 pm Craft Group
	-	9.45 am Keep Fit
	-	11.00 am Keep Fit
	-	5.30 pm Brownies
	-	7.30 pm Guides
Friday	-	9.15 am Mothers 'n' Others
	-	7.00 pm Evening Bowls



**SUNDAY
23RD
NOVEMBER
4.00 pm & 6.00 PM**



**CHRISTINGLE SERVICES
and
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOE BOX COLLECTION.**

On Sunday 9th November there will be spare shoe boxes at the back of the church. If you have any shoe boxes to spare please will you bring them on the 9th. You can also start collecting items for the shoes boxes.

Leaflets are available from the back of the church

Samaritans Purse

Samaritans Purse also produce a gift catalogue. We have a supply of the catalogues on the table at the back of church, please feel free to take one.



**DEANERY ADVENT
SERVICE
Sunday 30th Nov
6.30 pm
St Nicholas
Wallasey**



Transport

It has come to the attention of Christ Church Pastoral Team that there are people within the community wishing to attend Sunday services at Christ Church but have no means of transport. It is proposed we have a list of people able to offer lifts on an as and when basis.

If you can offer a lift please fill in one of the slips at the back of church giving details of name, telephone number, route to church, time of service, approximate time of departure to church and spare capacity.

Thank you for considering this project. Enquiries to Beryl Blackman 677 9292.