**Toddler Group**

**Purpose / intention:**

This Mothers’ Union run weekly meeting has helped families in the town for over forty years, providing support for carers of all kinds. Although we are known to be a Christian group, we do not directly evangelise, but offer prayer support and help where needed.

We meet from 10 until 11.20 each Thursday in term time. We offer a range of toys and play based activities. We also have a craft activity, usually seasonal, (see examples on Old Hall noticeboard): we finish with songs and percussion instruments. We have a Christmas Party, in church, with gifts provided free and also a cream tea for parents and ice cream for children at Kenilworth castle in June or early July. Numbers vary from 75 to 110, including children, grandparents, childminders, mothers and fathers.

Our team is drawn mostly from Mothers’ Union, but some parents or grandparents join us to help.

K**ey Hopes for the Next Twelve Months**

During this coming year we hope to continue spreading the love of Jesus by welcoming and supporting the toddlers and their carers. This includes listening to any concerns that they may have. The team always have a quiet time in prayer before the children arrive, putting them in the right frame of mind to focus on the morning ahead.