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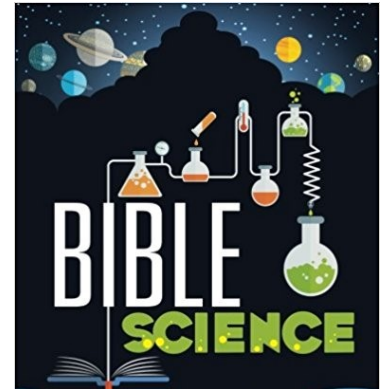
DRYSDALE UNITING CHURCH MESSY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Last Messy Church

Last month the theme of "Bible Science" saw us playing with scientific concepts. There was the fizzing prayer showing how excited God is when we pray, the rainbow created with M&Ms (a lot got eaten before the rainbow was created), spinning tops, bubble makers, puffy painting, bouncing balls, straw airplanes and rainclouds. You might ask where the team find all their ideas ?



In the celebration service Rev Temukisa got the children to take part in a "Simon says" game and talked about the wonders of creation.

Remember you can check out the details of the crafts, the questions and some answers on the web site under Messy Church.

<https://drysdale.unitingchurch.org.au/messy-church/>

Feedback

Are you happy with the content of this newsletter? Would you like to see something included? Your suggestions are welcomed so please let Wayne know.

June Offering

The offering, which is taken each time, raised \$52.15 for our Messy Church operating costs. Thank you.



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Messy Church isn't...

- ... just for children - It's easy to aim a Messy Church at one particular age group, but Messy Church needs to be constantly creative in its thinking about how to involve very different people: young and old, families and single people, male and female, academic and practical, poor and rich.
- ... a club - The whole of Messy Church is about worshipping God, having fellowship, exploring faith matters. It welcomes everyone, involves everyone, values everyone, is always there for the outsider. It's a church.
- ... a way of getting people to come to church on Sunday - Messy Church as a separate congregation or group of the church.
- ... just for church families - It is open to all with the vision of helping others come to know Jesus.
- ... just for families - All are welcome: single, widowed, childless, divorced. Church is inclusive, not exclusive.
- ... a quick fix - It is about growing disciples but that takes time. Messy Church aims to help people understand what the church of Jesus is about.
- ... an easy option - It takes money, time, prayer, commitment and energy from the church and leadership team.
- ... a drain on church resources - Yes, it will take money and time, effort and gifted people to run it, but it will give back in return a group of people who are fired up to use their God-given gifts. It will grow goodwill in the neighbourhood towards the church and, most importantly, provide the opportunity to do effective mission in your own community.
- ... set in stone - We're learning all the time. and trying new things. Messy Church is about experimenting and innovating and being messy!

Adapted from Messy Church UK website.



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Next Messy Church

Sunday 12 August is the next Messy Church and the theme is "Superheroes of the Bible". Do you prefer Superman, Spiderman, Wonder woman or perhaps the Green



Lantern? What makes them superheroes? Is it the good things they do or the special powers they seem to have? Are there people in the Bible who match these qualities? Come along and see what the team come up with.

The program will run as normal with 5.00 pm start for craft, 5.45 Celebration service and then 6.05 shared meal.

Prayer List

Families who have given permission have been allocated to a member of the congregation who each month will include the family members in their prayers. If you want that person to pray for a specific situation/need please let Wayne know.

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