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## Last Messy Church

Our “Bells and whistles” program in December included a simple obstacle course trying not to make the bells sound along with our crafts of a whistle, birdseed bell, paper cup angel bell, thumbprint ornament, terracotta bell, a whistling poster and sugar cookie bells.



Rev Temukisa got us to make noise with bells in church, and we rang the original church bell. We were reminded that the angels proclaimed the news of Jesus’ birth with great singing and that the animals in the stable would also have been making a noise when Jesus was born.

There was also a take-home pack with things to do over the holidays—was that worthwhile?

## 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.

## December Offering

The offering, which is taken each time, resulted in \$18.25 for our Messy Church operating costs. Thank you.

## Updated web site

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

The church has an updated web site but still with the same address. Its where you can find the previous newsletters, crafts and some photos. It’s not quite up-to-date yet but will be in the next couple of weeks.



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## Messy Church Quiz

Taken from the Get Messy Magazine for Jan-Apr 2019. If you would like to read the magazine please let Wayne know.

- 1. What are the five Messy Church values?**
  - A. Fun, mess, glitter, glue, sausages
  - B. Eschatology, evangelism, erudition, epiclesis, episiotomy
  - C. Christ-centred, creativity, all-age, hospitality, celebration
- 2. Being all-age involves?**
  - A. Dumbing down
  - B. Kidnapping aged care residents to swell the numbers
  - C. Enjoying how beautiful church is when we are with people different from us
- 3. Being Christ-centred involves?**
  - A. Geometric tools to discover where the real centre of the church is
  - B. Ignoring any families who arrive really early
  - C. Reorientating our hearts and hopes towards Jesus in every part of Messy Church
- 4. Creativity involves?**
  - A. Something pick to take
  - B. Burying the church building in paint, glitter and half-chewed decorated biscuits
  - C. Giving space to the creative Spirit of God alive in every human being
- 5. Hospitality involves?**
  - A. Leering at people as they arrive
  - B. Getting people fed cheaply
  - C. Embodying the welcome of God to his beloved people
- 6. Celebration involves?**
  - A. Manic, high-energy entertainment
  - B. Just the nice, happy gospel stories
  - C. Putting the joy back into church.



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## Next Messy Church



Sunday 10 February is our first Messy Church for the year with the theme of “Joseph the carpenter” so I guess that might involve some hammering but what else might the team get up to with activities on the night; we’ve used electric drills before so what tools might be used—I’d better stock the first aid box!

## 2019 Messy Church

I hope that you got your postcard with 2019 dates and themes and are looking forward to what they may entail. If you missed out they will be available at Messy Church or let me know and I will send it to you.



## 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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