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# DRYSDALE UNITING CHURCH MESSY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Last Messy Church

April Messy Church was on the theme of "Recycling your junk". There were tin can planters, CD print making, egg carton helicopters, ball drop game, and egg carton bunnies (of course with Easter eggs).



Graeme Dryden arranged the Celebration service and focussed on the feeding of the five thousand when Jesus told the disciples to pick up the left over fish and bread for others to use—the first reporting of recycling.

The discussion questions for each craft reminded us how important it is to reuse/recycle things rather than just buying everything new. For this Messy Church we recycled egg cartons, CDs, tins and cardboard. What do you recycle at home?

## 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.

## April Offering

The offering, which is taken each time, resulted in \$4.00 for our Messy Church operating costs. Thank you.

## Web site

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



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## Is Messy Church 'church'?

When you come to Messy Church do you think you are coming to church or to a craft club? This is an important question that forms the basis of what Messy Church is about.

Messy Church was started in England as a way of providing a church opportunity for people who didn't want to come to:

- ◇ church on a Sunday morning,
- ◇ a service that they had trouble understanding,
- ◇ a building where they were afraid of how things happened.

Craft was seen as a method that allowed people to interact and talk about Jesus and God without it being a heavy religious thing. But there was to be service that celebrated Jesus being there for us; a time to bring the craft theme together to a Bible experience.

Messy Church may not involve lots of hymns, readings, prayers and stories but it needs to have some of those things as the method of learning about Jesus. The discussion questions and handout provide an opportunity to consider some of the religious aspect of what we are doing and why. It is important for us to think about the questions.

Messy Church also includes a meal which is seen as sharing the hospitality of Jesus—something Jesus told us was important for us to do regularly.





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## Next Messy Church

Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 9 June—yes it is the Sunday of the long weekend but we hope that you will be able to come. The theme this time is “Once upon a time”. It will be looking at stories told by Jesus. Can you remember any stories that Jesus told that are recorded in the Bible? Come along to find out. 5.00 pm start.



## 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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