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New Times

Messy Church starts at **4.30 pm** this year (not 5.00 pm) and will be finished about 6.00 pm. We look forward to your feedback of how this starting time suits you.

Next Messy Church

Sunday 9 February is the start of Messy Church for 2020. We hope to see you there. The theme is "By the sea" and the activities being planned by the team sound great. What would you expect from a theme called "By the sea"? Water, sand, fish, shells, waves—what about stories of Jesus—he calmed the sea, he walked on the water, he cooked fish for his friends, he helped them catch fish, he preached beside the sea, it was a means to escape from the crowds. This gives lots of options for the crafts and message so come along and be part of it. You are welcome to invite others.



Feedback

Your suggestions are welcomed so please let Wayne know. Tells us what you think of the crafts, the service, the whole Messy Church operation.

December Offering

The offering, which is taken each time, resulted in \$21.50 for our Messy Church operating costs. Thank you.

Web site

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



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Generosity = Discipleship

¹ The LORD who rules over all says, "I will send my messenger. He will prepare my way for me. Then suddenly the Lord you are looking for will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant will come. He is the one you long for."

² But who can live through the day when he comes? Who will be left standing when he appears? He will be like a fire that makes things pure. He will be like soap that makes things clean. ³ He will act like one who makes silver pure. And he will purify the Levites, just as gold and silver are purified with fire. Then these men will bring proper offerings to the LORD.

Malachi 3: 1-3 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

The last book of the Old Testament is full of challenging words for the people of Israel and today. God encourages them to be generous—with their produce, money and time. This applies to us also. With the bush fire disasters this summer we have seen the generosity of people with clothes, food, shelter and money. As disciples of Jesus it is our responsibility to be generous always and not just in times of crisis. Generosity is a mark of discipleship; it is something that we need to pass on.

Jesus gave a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you". (John 13: 34). Messy Church allows us to be generous with our talents, our abilities, our communication. Praise God.





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Last Messy Church

“Follow the star” in December had crafts involving different forms of stars—star in a cup, galaxy star in a bottle, ice cream stick star, crystal star, woollen star, candy



cane star. How many people ate all of their large candy canes before Christmas? - sorry parents for all that sugar! Glenda ran the service talking about the wise men and shepherds who followed the star and that it is important for us to follow Jesus through our love for other people.

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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