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Next Messy Church

Well of course the April Messy Church has been cancelled. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can gather together again to worship God through Messy Church.

BUT so you don't miss out altogether I have included some activities to do for Messy Church @ Home at the end of this newsletter. Some of them will take a bit more time or require some help from an adult. Perhaps you might let me know how you go.

The theme for April was to be The Last Supper—a meal Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he was crucified. We remember that occasion with Good Friday and hot cross buns. Then we get to celebrate the great news that Jesus Christ had risen from the grave and lives with God forever—Hallelujah

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.

February Offering

The offering, which is taken each time, resulted in \$17.00 for our Messy Church operating costs. Thank you.

Web site

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Facebook

We have set up a Facebook page for Drysdale Uniting Church. If you would like to join find the page and then click the Join Group button—we would be happy to have you. It has been setup as a private group at his stage.

We are using this now for posting a recorded sermon and mid-week devotion whilst we are unable to gather together for worship.

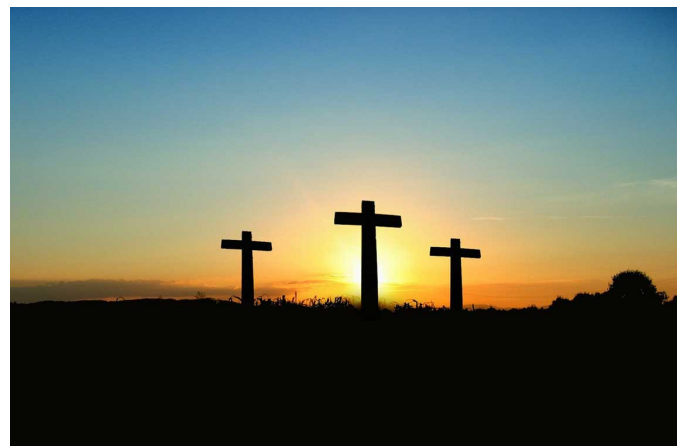
I will post some Messy Church material there soon. It would be great if you could post a photo of some of the Messy Church craft that you do.



Holy Week & Easter Services

The Facebook page will have a recorded service for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day (Sunday). Rev Temukisa along with her husband, Rev Sani Vaeluaga, are doing the recording for Drysdale, Portarlinton, St. Leonards, Lara, and Altona Meadows—Laverton congregations and anyone else interested.

Feel free to join us for worship in this way.





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Last Messy Church

We used the theme "By the sea" as a way of thinking about summer activities as well as the stories of Jesus by the sea of Galilee. Our activities were plaster cast sand footprints, sandcastle sand art, drinking straw rafts, seashell fish, crab magnets, fishing sets, and wonderful octopus cup cakes.



In the celebration service we talked about Jesus by the sea and the fun things we can do by the sea. We also talked about how we could share the love of Jesus when we are near the sea. At the end everyone got the chance to knock down the sandcastles IN church!

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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Messy Church @ Home

1. At the Table



Need: a shoe box or any type of box, paper, textas, scissors, glue

Cover the box with paper. Draw some people (Jesus & disciples to fit around the box), colour them in, cut out and glue to side of box. Draw some plates & cups on the tables in front of the people.

Text: Mark 14: 14b-15— ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

Question: Why is it good to sit around a table and share a meal?

Answers: It is a chance to talk about things together.

Jesus said it was important to be hospitable and share food with others.

You can be very relaxed and feel at ease when you are eating.

2. Grape juice



Need: Some red grapes, dish, bowl, potato masher, fork, sieve, cup

Wash your hands first. Wash grapes & place into a bowl. Squash the grapes with the potato masher or fork really hard. Pour through the sieve into a bowl & then a cup. Don't throw out the pulp—use it to cook some muffins.

Text: Luke 22: 20—And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Question: Why does grape juice act as being like Jesus' blood?

Answers: It sometimes has a colour like blood; in Jesus' time they would have used red wine.

Unless we symbolically drink His blood, we have no life in us .

It reminds us that Jesus gave his life for our sins.



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3. Damper

Need: 125g self-raising flour, 15g butter, 90g milk, pinch of salt, bowl, oven tray, knife

Wash your hands first. Put flour & salt in a bowl. Add butter & mix with hands to make it like breadcrumbs. Add milk and mix to a dough. Put onto a floured tray, knead it & make into a flattened ball & mark a cross. Cook in oven at 190° for about 20-30 minutes until golden. Eat with butter or jam. YUM

Text: Luke 22: 19—Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Question: Can you think of another Bible story about bread?

Answers: Feeding the five thousand with five loaves of bread & two fish. (John 6:5-14)

Give us today our daily bread. (The Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13)

The miraculous catch of fish with breakfast by the lake. (John 21: 5-12)

4. Crown of thorns biscuit

Need: Biscuits (any type), chocolate icing (icing sugar & cocoa powder) or Nutella spread, knife, pretzels or fried noodles, plate.

Wash hands first. Ice biscuit with chocolate icing or Nutella. Place pretzels or noodles around edge of biscuits to look like thorns. EAT.

Text: Matthew 27: 29—and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head.

Question: Why did they make Jesus wear a crown of thorns?

Answer: They said he was the king of the Jews and kings should wear a crown.

They were teasing him.





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5. Foil cross

Need: Thick cardboard from a box, scissors, aluminium foil, sticky tape, pencil or ball point pen

Cut a cross from cardboard, Cover with foil trying to keep smooth on the front & use sticky tape to stick together on the back. Use pencil or pen to draw a design in the cross.

Text: Matthew 27: 32—As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

Question: What does the cross symbolise for us?

Answer: We remember that Jesus dies on the cross, and that a reason was so that our sins (mistakes) would be forgiven.

It reminds us that we are followers of Jesus—it's like a membership badge.

6. Dyed eggs

Need: Boiled eggs, bowls, water, cooking oil, food colouring, tongs, paper towel



Fill a number of bowls with about 1/2 cup of water. Add about 6 drops of different food colouring to each bowl. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to each bowl. Add an egg to each bowl and spoon liquid over it. Leave for about 10 minutes, roll it over & repeat. Take egg out of water & place on paper towel. Wipe carefully with another paper towel.

Text: Romans 6: 4—As Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Question: Why do eggs remind us of new life?

Answers: An egg if hatched will produce a new life—a bird, chicken, fish.



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7. Rising Jesus

Need: Foam or plastic cup, ice cream stick, scissors, paper, textas, glue

Draw a picture of the door to the grave and the stone cover rolled away. Cut a slot in the bottom of the cup to fit the ice cream stick. Draw a picture of Jesus (small enough to fit within the cup), colour & cut out. Glue picture to ice cream stick. Say "Christ is risen" & push stick up.

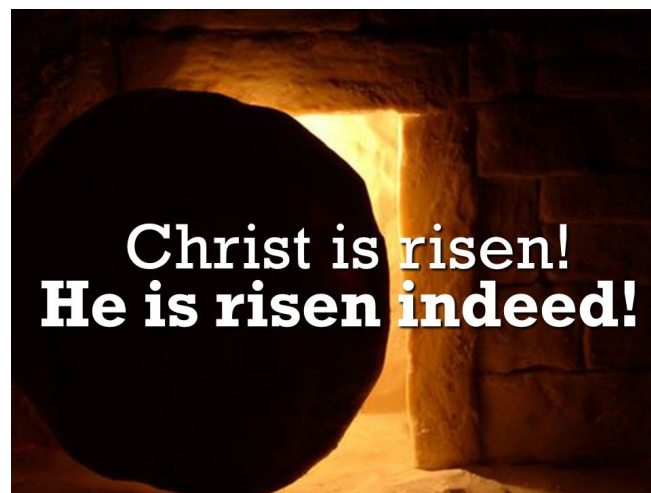
Text: Mark 16: 6—"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised;

Question: Why would the women & disciples be alarmed?

Answer: They expected to see Jesus' body but it was missing.

They did not expect that Jesus would come back to life, even though he had saved Lazarus, and had predicted it for himself.

Someone talking to them would be a big surprise.



On Easter Sunday say: "Christ is risen, He is risen indeed."