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# DRYSDALE UNITING CHURCH MESSY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## SPECIAL NEWS

This is a special newsletter to provide some ideas that you might try while we are unable to meet.

### Next Messy Church @ Home

For May I have chosen the theme of "Mothers". Mother's Day happens on 9 May. In the Bible we have stories about lots of mothers. Of course the one we know the best is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Who else can you think of?



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 or send me a photo.

### 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.

### Web site

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

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Drysdale Uniting Church





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## Recorded Services

If you would like to share in our worship services whilst we are away from the building, they appear on our Facebook page and the web site for a mid-week Devotion service and a Sunday service. These services are shared with the congregations at Portarlinton-St. Leonards, Lara and Altona Meadows Laverton.



## Do you need a Bible?

If you do not have a Bible at home please let me know and we will give you one. Including references to the Bible for the discussion questions doesn't work if you can't look it up. So please let me know.





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## Last Messy Church @ Home



Our last Messy Church run as Messy Church @ Home included activities of creating the Last Supper table, making our own grape juice, baking damper, decorating a cross, making a rising Jesus, and doing dyed eggs. There are some photos included. These told the story from Maundy Thursday to Easter Day.

## 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. What is Mother's Day?

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honour her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honour all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honour mothers.

### 2. Table setting

**Need:** Plates, cutlery, glasses, tablecloth and/or placemats

**Instructions:** Decide to make a dinner very special (might be one you cook). Set the table as if you are at a fancy restaurant.

**Text:** Proverbs 1: 8—Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

**Question:** Why don't want we to listen to our mother or father's instructions sometimes?

**Answers:** We think we know better. We just want to ignore them. Sometimes we think is too hard to do want they ask. But God does tell us to obey our parents.





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[https://  
www.easypeasyandfun.com/  
mothers-day-crafts-for-kids/](https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/mothers-day-crafts-for-kids/)

### 3. Mother's Day Card

**Need** for card shown: Pink cardboard, white paper, green paper, red (or any colour) paper, pencil, scissors, glue, textas.

**Instructions:** Draw a heart shape on cardboard and cut out. Draw a smaller heart shape on white paper and cut out. Draw tulip stem and leaves on green paper and cut out. Draw four tulip petals in red paper and cut out. Fold cardboard and white heart in half. Glue white heart to cardboard on centre line. Glue stem and leaves on centre line. Fold tulip petals in half, glue together and to card. Fold card in half and write something on the front.

**Text:** Luke 1: 46-48—And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ... all generations will call me blessed”

**Question:** How can you show your mother that she is special?

**Answers:** Making, or giving her a card. Making her feel special by words that you say or things that you do for her.

### 4. Collage

**Need:** Cardboard, photos, scissors, glue, textas.

**Instructions:** Get some photographs of your mum (that you are allowed to have). Cut photos into different shapes or leave as is. Glue onto cardboard. Decorate cardboard with textas.

**Text:** John 19: 27— Jesus said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**Question:** Why do you think Jesus said this whilst he was on cross?

**Answers:** He wanted the disciple, thought to be John, to look after his mother. Women left without a husband or son struggled to survive at that time. He was indicating his love for his mother.





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## 5. Bath bomb

### Ingredients:

Heart-shaped (or any) mould or small patty papers

1/4 cup citric acid

1/2 cup baking soda

1/4 cup sea salt or Epsom salt

2 tablespoons corn starch/flour

1 tablespoons olive oil

Pink food dye optional if you want to have a coloured bath bomb

5 drops therapeutic grade lavender / essential oils optional

### Instructions:

In a large bowl, combine the citric acid, baking soda, sea salt and corn starch and then mix well.

In a separate bowl, add the oil and then a couple drops of pink (or other colour) food colouring and three-five drops of essential oil and mix well.

Slowly add the wet mix into the dry ingredients and mix—it should be like damp sand. Add a teaspoon of water if needed.

Fill mixture into your mould and press down firmly.

Leave to dry overnight.

**Text:** Proverbs 23: 25

**Question:** What things make your mother happy?

**Answers:** When you show you love her and know that she loves you. When you do things to help her. When she has some time on her own—like having a bath.

## 6. Scavenger hunt

Find something in the house for each of the letters

M.O.T.H.E.R.S.D.A.Y.





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## 7. Observation

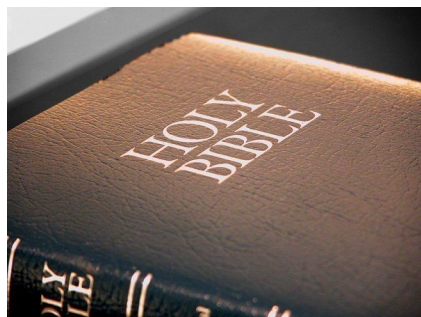
**Need:** 10 objects on a tray (perhaps the items from the scavenger hunt) and observe them for a couple of minutes.

- A. Cover them and see if you can write them all down from memory.
- B. Get a member of your family to remove an item. Look at the tray and see if you can identify what has been taken.

**Text:** Matthew 15: 4—For God said, ‘Honour your father and mother’

**Question:** How do you honour your parents?

**Answers:** Honour means respect. Living up to their standards, Trying to show that you love them. Being observant and helping when needed.



## 8. Bible Quiz

Draw a line from mother to their child/children. You can look up the Bible for the answers

### MOTHERS

- Eve (Genesis 4: 1-9)
- Sarah (Genesis 21: 1-3)
- Rebekah (Genesis 28)
- Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12: 24)
- Jochebed (Exodus 2: 1-10)
- Hannah (1 Samuel 1: 20-28)
- Mary (Luke 1: 46-48)
- Elizabeth (Luke 1: 56-64)

### CHILD/CHILDREN

- John
- Cain, Abel & Seth
- Samuel
- Jesus
- Aaron, Moses & Miriam
- Jacob & Esau
- Solomon
- Isaac