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Next Messy Church

Next Sunday, 14 February, we are returning to being in the hall and church for Messy Church with the theme of “Love” because it is Valentine’s Day.

We will be taking extra precautions to be COVID safe, like using sanitiser at each table, adults wearing masks, no food craft (sorry), and restricted use of equipment. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell, but we would “love” to see you come to enjoy Messy Church in person instead of through Zoom.



The evening meal will not be the usual bring a plate style but will be fish and chips served by someone in the kitchen.

Web site

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

Facebook

Drysdale Uniting Church—if you have not joined our Facebook group yet just send a request and we will happily add you.





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Discipleship at Home

One of the roles of Messy Church is to create opportunities for us to think about Jesus Christ, not just at Messy Church but everywhere. At home we might say grace before a meal (check out the look on the child's face in this picture) but we can also tackle something a bit bigger by asking some questions. Dr. Kara Powell of Fuller Youth Institute in a seminar about **Sticky Faith** talked about how to help our kids develop a faith that sticks beyond high school and suggests asking four questions as discussion around the meal table:



1. **What was your HIGH today?** I made the mistake of asking my granddaughter "how was school today?" to receive the answer "Good" and so I had to ask another question.
2. **What was your LOW today?** Like what made you sad?
3. **What MISTAKE did you make today?** Without being judgemental of the answer but providing a response if needed.
4. **Where did you see JESUS today?** Sometimes good for an adult to start with this.

These questions may need some explanation to start with but require everyone, not just the children, to think about their answers. Perhaps you could give them a try!

Inviting Jesus into that everyday practice takes it from ordinary to sacred, from dinner to discipleship.



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Craft for Lent

Lent commences with Ash Wednesday on 17 February. Lent is seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. For some it is also a time of giving up of something that will personally keep you thinking about this observance.

Because we are thinking about the cross you might like to make a stained glass cross to stick on your window at home for Lent. Come along to Messy Church and you will be provided with the materials that you need to make one.



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. Our church frequently prays for Messy Church and everyone who attends.

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