



# Messy Matters The Gift of Christmas



## Our Newsletter in Dorking

We hope you like this newsletter connected to our monthly Messy Sessions, as an opportunity to share the message of each months session, to keep you up to date with Messy Family Events, Celebrations & News, to share the happenings during the month on our Church Premises and to involve you all in sharing the experience of Messy. Judi

Please be sure to  
update your details

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## Ted's Messy Thoughts



### The Gift

What is the best Christmas present you have ever been given?  
What is the most fantastic present you could ever imagine?  
Would it surprise you to know that you have already been given the best and most fantastic present ever?  
God gave us the gift of Jesus when he was born in a stable over 2000 years ago. But what is truly amazing is that this gift is still ours today and will be for evermore. Have you ever noticed that the word Christmas starts with the word Christ, which means Messiah or God's anointed King. The other three letters - mas - means a celebration or religious remembrance. So at Christmas we celebrate and remember Jesus' birth. Despite all the other presents you may be given, Jesus is the best gift ever. By believing in God and following the teachings of Jesus we receive so many blessings in our lives including eternal life. Enjoy Christmas but please always remember the word begins with Christ.

### Prayer

#### Loving God

We thank you for our families and the love we share  
We thank you for Christmas and all the fun we will have  
We thank you for all the presents we will be given  
But most of all, we thank you for giving us the gift of Jesus  
Help us to believe in him and to say and do what he taught us  
AMEN

- NO Tiberius Breakfast Club
  - Sunday December 20th 2015 Nativity Service For all the family 10.30hrs
  - Ted's Thoughts for the Month
  - MESSY MATES—  
Christmas Service Times
  - Arthur is still Collecting 50p's
  - Christmas Tree Festival
  - NATIVITY IN A DAY to join in 19th & 20th Dec
  - Joking Around
  - Design December
  - What's On ?
  - Contact details
  - Come & Join Us on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
  - We are 'Church' on a Wednesday—bring a friend
  - Please LIKE our Facebook and look at our website.
  - Try the activities  
www.dorkingmessy.org
- Dorking URC Messy Church



Next Messy  
6th January 2016

**Sorry There is NO Tiberius  
Breakfast Club in December we  
would love to see all the Family on  
the 10th January 2016**



Each month we have a Tiberius Breakfast Club—We meet at 8.30 to have breakfast (that is cereal, juice, tea & coffee, cooked breakfast and toast with spreads) and we enjoy time together before having an activity usually tied in with the preparation of the morning service at 10.30

Please feel free to come along and join us for Breakfast - it is great for anyone who gets up early with Children on a Sunday and enjoys a full breakfast. A small nominal charge is made to cover the cost of breakfast. We would love to have you join us .

This usually coincides with our all age services or our parade services where our Uniformed organizations join us for worship. If you have any further questions please contact Pauline

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Each month we encourage you to bring friends or relatives , we really do want to invite ALL ages to our sessions and to welcome as many of the community we can to join Our Church Family.

On registering please make sure Ted has up to date details for you as this helps communication , to let you know of events coming up or if the weather is bad, what we plan to do at MESSY.

We still try to offer MESSY every 1st Wednesday in the month -Every month !

**When you make wonderful works of art please remember to take them home with you ....Please do not leave them behind!**

In and around the Church each month we have many activities: we will try to let you know in advance with contact numbers where possible so that you can join In, support or just enjoy :



**Regular events held at our Church**

**What's on in the Next Month  
- Please let us know of things to share**

(most of these are Term Time only)

**Rainbow, Brownies & Guides**

Contact ; Judi Currie Our Church Youth Co Coordinator :

**Beavers, Cubs & Scouts**

on :judicurrie@hotmail.co.uk or Tel: 01306 885254

**Smallfry Toddler Group**

Every Wednesday (morning 9.30—2.30pm)

**Open Doors**—coffee & Lunches—every Thursday from 10.00am

**Breakfast Club**- Monthly on Sunday morning 8.30a.m

**Morning and Evening Sunday Services:**

Sunday Morning - 10.30 a.m. (regular Junior Church)

Evening Service - 6.30p.m.

**Socialeyes** : offer a varied programme for all ages including Aunts, Uncles, Grannies & Granddads'

Ask Chris or Ted for further details...

**MESSY FAMILY CHRISTMAS UPDATE**

As we enter into the Christmas season things begin to appear around the Church.



We are planning to have a Christmas Tree Festival again this year, Our Church is open on Gala Night, Our Church is a Great Place to Be all the Year Around but especially at Christmas.

We welcome you your families & friends to our services over the Christmas period

**Saturday 20th December**

10.00am- 4.00 pm Nativity Fun day

**Sunday 21st December**

10.30 am All Age Nativity

6.00 pm Carol Concert

Wednesday 24th December

10.30am Service to welcome Christmas Day

**Thursday 25th December**

10.30 Family Christmas Day Service

**Jesus is  
the Reason for the Season**

**Not Naughty and very Nice**

**Eileen's Perfect Messy Pasta**

Messy Pasta is a great favourite with all those at Messy Church !



Please stay & Join us for tea —there is always plenty for all

**HELP ! - THIS MESSY NEEDS YOU !**

We are always looking for help on the activities—if you or you know someone who would enjoy joining the team we would love to meet them - **REMEMBER Messy is for Adults too !**



## NATIVITY In A Day!

Date for the  
Diary—Please

join us!

We will be doing our Nativity in a day again this year we all meet together from 10.00 am to 4 pm on December 19th to prepare a Nativity which we perform as part of the Sunday morning service on

Sunday 20th December  
@10.30

**Remember remember to collect 50p's**

We are continuing to collect 50p pieces which you find in your purses & pockets.

Please join us in completing our present challenge

**Project Oasis** has recently refurbished the rear entrance to our premises. The old toilet building has been demolished to make a more welcoming entrance. The existing gates have moved back and the surface levelled to enable gentle slopes up to the Main Hall, Follett Hall and Living Room entrances. Part of the steps outside the Little Chapel have been

removed and a wheelchair lift installed to the right of the doors.

The new area has an outdoor seating area, a water feature and carefully planned landscaping we hope this has created a new quiet contemplative place in our Church. Lighting having been introduced to enable the area to be used in the evening when weather permits. We thank you for your patience over the past few months, and would love to hear your feedback.

**Every little helps!**

~:KEEP CALM :~

~:KEEP COLLECTING:~



### Making Messy Ends Meet

We do not Charge for Messy Church but we do need to buy resources and supplies so if you are able a donation will be gratefully received to invest in our future sessions.

Please feel free to add to this Messy Matters if you have anything to share or add to the MESSY fun!

Dorking United Reformed Church  
in West Street  
Is Celebrating Christmas  
2015 with a

**Display of Christmas Trees**

**On A Theme of**

**“The Gift”**

Starting on

**Gala Night**

**Thursday 3rd December  
2015**

Through until January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please come and join us to

Celebrate Christmas



Is it your  
Birthday?  
Please let us  
know if it is  
your Birthday in  
the Month

The Magic of  
Christmas  
is not in the presents  
but in His  
presence

### **JOKE time**

What do you  
get if you  
cross Santa  
with a duck?



A: Christmas Quaker

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**ADULT  
Reminder**

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**adults too !**

We love it when  
you join in with the  
activities

Please feel free to talk to any of the helpers at a Messy Session with ideas or concerns or just for a chat.  
 Between sessions and for any information please contact :  
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Take a look at our new  
Website & Facebook Page

**Website :**  
[www.dorkingmessy@weebly.com](http://www.dorkingmessy@weebly.com)

**Facebook :** Like us on  
**Dorking URC Messy Church**

**Twitter :** @DorkingMessy

On face book you can sign up  
to let us know if you are  
coming.



**Active  
Mess**  
 Each month we  
will  
challenge you to  
colour or on the  
have fun with the  
Theme of the  
Month.



**Celebrate Christmas Gifts**



Start Help the elves get through the tree maze to find presents

Finish

Which present is different from the rest?