



# Messy Matters

## Christ is the reason for the Season

### Our Newsletter in Dorking

*O come all ye faithful ...*

We hope you like this newsletter connected to our 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.

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### Messy Ideas By Peter

#### Christmas begins with Jesus

#### Bible verse Luke 2:8-11

8 There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, 10 but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. 11 This very day in David's town your Saviour was born — Christ the Lord!

#### Something to Do

How about making some decorations for your Christmas tree based on the story of the birth of Jesus? Here are some ideas you might think of others:- you could make a stable, a crib, a star, a crown, Mary, Joseph and a baby. You could create a stable scene from some of the toy figures you have.

#### A thought

Christmas is the time when Christians celebrate the Birth of Jesus. It is an important event because we believe it was the time when God appeared in human form. In Jesus God says "I am with you" in fact another name for Jesus is Immanuel which means "God is with us". That is a wonderful message.

#### Prayer

Immanuel God with us  
Lord I thank you that in Jesus you showed the world what you are like. Jesus was kind, loving, healed people, taught them and cared for them, so you are like that. Help me to remember that this Christmas and be happy that I know what you are like because of Jesus.

Amen

#### Special points of interest:

- Who's Irene
- Tiberius Breakfast Club January 19th 2014
- What ever the weather
- Arthur Pound
- Active Mess
- Contact detail
- Come & Join Us
- Church on Wednesday !
- Invitation to Breakfast
- December Fun
- Thoughts from Peter



**Next Messy**  
**1st January 2014**  
An opportunity for those  
who cannot  
usually come to Messy

Let us adore him !

**Breakfast Club —  
15th December  
2013  
Before our All Age  
Service**

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

During this months service there is an opportunity to take part in a Nativity which is prepared on Saturday 19th December , if you would like to join us please let us know.

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 Selley : p.f.selley@gmail.com  
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**1 Corinthians 13  
Have you ever thought ?**

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.



**What's on in the Next Month**

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**

Rainbow, Brownies & Guides -

Contact : Dave Ring Our Church Youth Co Coordinator :

Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

on :dave@ring14.freeserve.co.uk or Tel: 01306 886703

Smallfry Toddler Group - Every Wednesday (morning 9.30 or afternoon 1.00pm )

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.

## Who's Who ?

Each month we have a group of people helping us make a Mess, these people come from various parts of the Church Family and this is an opportunity to introduce them to you.

I moved to Dorking in 1971 and visited a few churches before we first came to West Street in 1972. I have been involved with Junior Church, Guides and for the last 25 years I have been the Beaver Scout Leader. My children and foster children have grown up here and often talk about things that they can remember doing, and the friends that they made within the church. My late husband was a Scout Leader and Venture Scout Leader. It is nice to see many of the Beavers at Messy Church and I get to meet some of those who are on the waiting list.

## Is it your Birthday ?

Each month we like to celebrate your Birthdays !

Let us know at tea-time if it is your Birthday before the next Messy ?



**H E L P !**

We are always looking for help on the activities—if you know someone who would enjoy joining the team we would love to meet them



## Are you still collecting those 50p's for Arthur Pound ?

Mr Arthur Pound has arrived to lead the Dorking URC 2013 Campaign to raise the remaining funds needed for the Church Boiler and Pipework replacement that was completed last year at over £100,000.

In particular, he is organising the "50p for the Meter" initiative, by encouraging us all to collect as many 50p coins as we can and to put them in the Meter that will be at Messy every month.

The Boiler work was less obvious than the other recent projects like the new Kitchen and Toilets, but Arthur has pointed out that although we can't SEE the heat that is now produced, we can FEEL it - and that it is like the warmth God puts inside each of us, hidden to the eye but felt by everyone when we let his love generate from us.

Now the boiler is done we will have heat for many years to come, but before we can do anything more in developing our plans and ideas for West Street, we have to pay off what we have spent.

With that in mind Arthur is here to help and he loves collecting 50p coins - look at him closely and you might see why! So he is asking that every time we find a spare 50p in our change (or anybody else's!), we save it for the Meter to help "Keep the Heat On" in our buildings. Ask Judi and the team for further details. Happy Collecting everyone!



# Merry Christmas to all !

Join us at our **Lantern Workshops**  
Dec 5th (Gala Night)  
Sat Dec 7th 10 - 4  
Be a part of our **Nativity in a Day**  
Saturday Dec 21st 10-4  
Show :22nd Dec 10.30 service



## Jesus is Gods gift to us



## -do we make good use of this gift or just discard it ?

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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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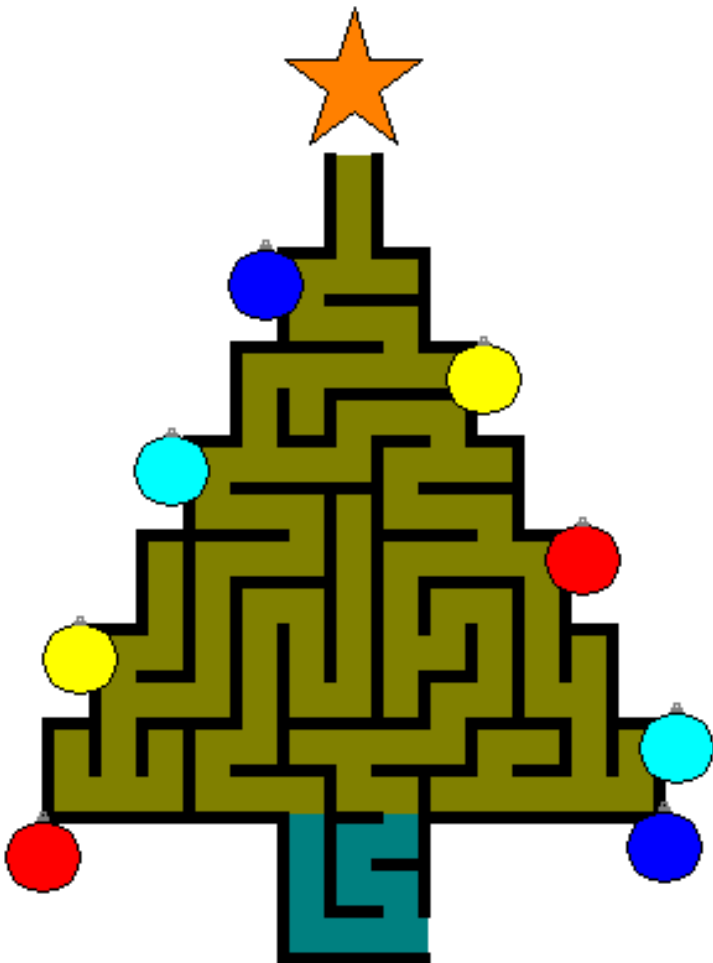
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