



Messy Matters

Christmas Begins with Christ

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.

Dorking URC Messy Church

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xMas Messy Thoughts

Bible

Matthew 1:18-2:12

Luke 2:1-20



A thought

Christmas is the time of year when people get drawn into the busyness and the true Christmas story can get completely lost.

Some schools still do nativity plays, which are gorgeous to watch but does the story really go in ?

It is just a 'nice story' where children dress up as Mary or an angel or even the dreaded donkey?

Through looking at the journeys that the characters made, we can learn about the difficulties they faced, the sacrifices they made, and suddenly they become real people again.

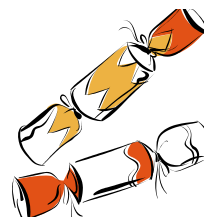
Prayer

Thank you Father God, that you sent Jesus into the world. Help us to be joyful like the angels, eager like the shepherds and amazed like the Wise men .

They knew that Jesus was special. Help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas and that

Christmas begins with "Christ"

AMEN



Special points of interest:

- Tiberius Breakfast Club 21ST DECEMBER 2014
- Followed by our Junior Church Nativity
- Teds Thoughts for the Month
- MESSY MATES—Maggie Tucker
- Joking Around
- Active Mess
- Jesus is the reason !
- Contact detail
- Come & Join Us to Church on Wednesday !



CHRISTMAS DATES

for your diary

- Dec 20th/21st Nativity in a day (Saturday practice, Sunday Breakfast Club rehearsal & Sunday service)
- 21st December 6.30pm
- Carol Service
- 24th Dec 4.30pm Christingle Service

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- www.dorkingmessy.org
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Next Messy
7th JANUARY
2015



**Why not come to
Breakfast Club ?
21st December
2014**

**Come and join us,
we would love to see
all the Family**

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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**On this particular
Sunday**

We will enjoy our Junior Church Nativity which we prepare & practice the day before 10—4 o'clock — we welcome all young people who would like to join us in a home grown Nativity. written by one of our Church Members, along with adults willing to help.

**Eileen's
Perfect
Messy Pasta**

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

Join us for tea—there is always plenty for all



**MESSY is for
ADULTS TOO!
We love YOU
to make a
MESS !**

M E S S Y



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 !



WE do not charge for MESSY Church Sessions but ask for a donation if you are able -just to cover the costs.

We want the activities to be available to all.

When you make wonderful works of art please remember to take them home with you

Don't leave them behind!



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

I n, support or just enjoy :

Regular events held at our Church
(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 **NOTE NEW TIME FROM HALF TERM**
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.

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

ME55Y M8's

~ Maggie Tucker ~

I had a fairly unusual start in life. I was born in Lebanon, and spent my childhood in Syria and Iraq. My Dad had been posted to the Middle East during World War Two and then met my Mum who was a nurse. I remember feeding the sheep over the fence with green grass from inside our compound - it was barren desert on the outside. As a grown up, Ian and I have also lived in several different places - London, Colombia in South America and Aberdeen, before settling in Dorking. We have three 'grown up' children and I became a grannie two years ago. I love seeing them all but have to be very organised as they also live all over England. I worked in the NHS, but spent the last 12 years as an infant teacher in Reigate. I miss the children but not the preparation and assessment. I love to be busy and have loads of hobbies including painting, woodcarving, golf, walking and Scottish Country Dancing. So I end up having fun but not being very good at any of them!



Reminder

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adults too !

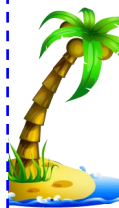
We love it when you join in with the activities



Is it your Birthday ?

Please let us know if it is your Birthday in the Month following Messy !

Arthur Returns from his Travels



Arthur (Half a) Pound has returned from his travels in Newpoundland, he has had a very good holiday.

Arthur is undertaking a new challenge completed the 'Heating Challenge' **collecting the 50p pieces** which you find in your purses & pockets.

Please join us in our new challenge

Project Oasis is to refurbish the rear entrance to our premises. The old toilet building will be demolished to make a more welcoming entrance. The existing gates will be moved back towards the car park 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 will be removed and a wheelchair lift installed to the right of the doors.

The new area will have seating, a water feature and landscaping to create a quiet contemplative part of our premises. Lighting will be introduced to enable the area to be used in the evening when weather permits. It will look really great when it's finished, please just be patient while the work takes place.

May you all have a wonderful blessed Christmas filled with family friends and love .



JOKE time

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?



A: A Mince Spy

~::~~ KEEP COLLECTING ~::~~

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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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Take a look at our new Website & Facebook Page

Website : www.dorkingmessychurch.org.uk

Facebook : Dorking URC Messychurch

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



Active Mess
 Each month we will challenge you to a quiz or search on the Theme of the Month.

Christmas Fun



Nativity Wordsearch



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| kings | manger | Mary | |
| shepherd | stable | star | |



They came to worship him!