



# Messy Matters

## The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

### 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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### Chris's Messy Thoughts



Have you ever had the horrible feeling of finding out that you were wrong about something you had been sure you were right about? Messy Church this month is based on a story Jesus told that contains a message to us all, and one of the characters was heading towards such a realisation.

The story tells of two people praying at the Temple. One seems to be pure, perfect and good. Convinced he is better than the 'wicked' people around him, he uses his prayers to let them, and God, know it. The other person knows he has done many things wrong and not lived as God would like. He barely feels he has the right to pray and can only bow down before God and ask for forgiveness. Jesus surprises his audience by saying it is the second person who has a better relationship with God.

The story ends with one character leaving the Temple sadly unaware of his failings, and the other leaving in the hope that God loves him in spite of all his imperfections. This message is good news to us all! In reality, none of us are perfect and our only hope for a good relationship with God is through his loving acceptance and forgiveness of us. That is something we call God's Grace and Jesus has shown God offers it to us all. If you would like to know more about this, or have any questions at all, please feel free to speak to Ted or Chris about Christianity Explored or other ways Dorking URC offers to discuss the Christian faith.

#### Loving God

You see all our imperfections and mistakes. Thank you for having the Grace to accept us and love us in spite of them. Help us to humbly accept that love, and confidently embrace the close relationship with you it makes possible.

Amen

#### Tiberius Breakfast Club -

- Sunday January 10th 2016  
For all the family 08.30hrs

#### Ted's Thoughts for the Month

- **MESSY MATES—**  
**SUE**
- Arthur is still Collecting 50p's
- Joking Around
- Jottings for January
- What's On ?
- Contact details
- Come & Join Us on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
- We are 'Church' on a Wednesday—Bring a friend or neighbour
- Please LIKE our Facebook and look at our website.
- Try the activities  
[www.dorkingmessy.org](http://www.dorkingmessy.org)  
Dorking URC Messy Church



Next Messy  
3rd February 2016

## There is Tiberius Breakfast Club ?



On Sunday 10th January 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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## MeSSY M8's =Sue Tunbridge

I moved to Dorking from the Midlands 10 years ago after meeting my husband on holiday in Thailand.

I had been an officer in West Midlands fire service for 20 years, I transferred to Surrey Fire & Rescue Service as a fire fighter in the mobilising control section. I retired the end of last year. I enjoy cycling and have completed quite a few charity rides. I have travelled quite a lot before we had our dogs. I get great pleasure from our two dogs and walking in the local countryside. I have only recently started helping at messy church but already I love the interaction with those at Messy and making fun things.



### 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 !**

## M E S S Y

Each month we encourage you to friends or relatives , we really want to invite ALL ages to our sions and to welcome as many of 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.



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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!



## 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

(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....

## Money Matters ?

- \* Got a pocketful of change? Shopkeepers are legally allowed to refuse to accept payment for items if you try to give them too much small change. If they want to, they can refuse to accept more than 20p
- \* in 1p and 2p coins, more than £5 in 5p and 10p coins and more than £10 in 20p and £50p coins
  - \* The first coins were minted (made) around 2500 years ago.
  - \* Paper money was first used in China over 1000 years ago.
  - \* The benefit of metal coins is that they are portable and durable.
  - \* The original value of a British pound was equal to a pound (in weight) of silver.
- Credit cards were first used in the United States in the 1920's.

We make a **LIVING**  
by what we *GET*,  
but we make a **LIFE**  
by what we *GIVE*.  
-Winston Churchill



## 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.

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



### JOKE time

When does it rain  
money?  
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A: When there's change in  
the weather

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

