



Messy Matters

REMEMBERING

PSALM 137: 1-8



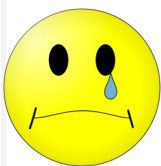
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Our Newsletter in Dorking

We hope you like this newsletter connected to our monthly Messy Sessions, as an opportunity to share the message of each months meeting, to keep

Dear Messy Mates

Sometimes it feels as if we, who are seeking to discover, find and follow Jesus, are a very tiny number. It's not a popular thing to do anymore. A pop group called 'Boney M' wrote a song about a time when God's people were away from their homeland and were very sad when they remembered how their happiness was destroyed by those who now held them captive. It's based on Psalm 137. Many immigrants and refugees today must feel the same, having had their lives and homeland taken away by war and conflict. Sometimes we just need a good cry, and the bible tells us to 'weep with those who weep'. After 70 years, they did get home but life would never be the same. For many who today remember the World Wars, life will never be the same either. That's why it's important to remember. The Good News? That God is with us in the tough time as much as the good times and we can trust Him.

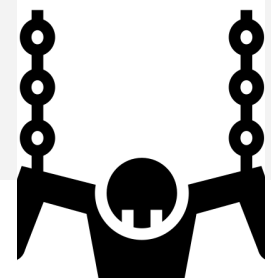


Your Messy Pastor David



- Pastor David's Thoughts for the Month
- Joking Around
- Out & About
- November Notions
- What's On ?
- Contact details
- Did you know ?
We are 'A Church' on a Wednesday Bring a friend relative or neighbour
- Please LIKE our Facebook and look at our website.
- Try the activities on the back page
- Search www.dorkingmessy.org

An Open Invitation to you, your friends & family Come & Join Us on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.



Next Messy
6th December 2017
2017
THIS WILL BE OUR
100TH
SESSION



Tiberius Breakfast Club
Please feel free to join us on
November 12th to
 our Remembrance Parade Service
We look forward to seeing you
 Please sign up if you wish to join us !



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 Selley :

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The History and Origins of Nursery Rhymes

Not surprisingly this rhyme is all about sheep, and the importance of sheep to the English economy. Until the late 16th century the final lines of the rhyme read “And none for the little boy who cries down the lane.” It was changed to the current version in order to cheer it up and make it into a song more suitable for children.



In medieval England, the wool trade was big business. There was enormous demand for it, mainly to produce cloth and everyone who had land, from peasants to major landowners, raised sheep. The great English landowners including lords, abbots and bishops began to count their wealth in terms of sheep, with some flocks totalling over 8,000 animals, all tended by dozens of full-time shepherds.

After returning from the crusades in 1272, Edward I imposed new taxes on the wool trade in order to pay for his military ventures. It is believed that this wool tax forms the background to the rhyme. One-third of the price of each bag, or sack sold, was for the king (the master); one-third to the monasteries, or church (the dame); and none to the poor shepherd (the little boy who cries down the lane) who had tirelessly tended and protected the flock.

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

If you would like plain pasta please say at the welcome table, we will cook it specially for you !



M E S S Y M A T E S

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 we have 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.

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




Getting Ready for Christmas:
NATIVITINGLE

only 7 weeks to go !!

On Saturday 23rd December we will be preparing with our annual 'Nativity in a day' a wonderful opportunity for all our young members (including you!) to join together to become a part of singing and activities (including a pasta lunch) all culminating in a Musical Nativity to be part of the All Age Christmas Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm :-

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO WELCOME CHRISTMAS

Put it in your diary 10-4 Saturday 23rd for the service **on Sunday 24th Dec at 4.30 pm**



Dates for the Diary

- 1st November - Messy Church November
- 12th November — Breakfast Club
Remembrance Parade Service
- 6th December — Messy Church December
- 7th December — **Gala Night** *Scouts will be serving burgers, sausages in the Church Garden*
Xmas Tree Display

7th-24th December

"Sheep Hunt" around the shops
a sheep hunt ! Ask for form



- 23 & 24th December—Nativity in a Day
- 24th December **Nativityngle Service** 4.30pm
(a mix of Nativity & Christingle)
- 25th December—Christmas Day Service 10.30am
- 3rd January 2018— Messy Church in 2018

Sunday Worship



10:30am Morning Worship – in the Church followed by refreshments in the Main Hall

Creche for babies & toddlers, Young Church for 3-11 year olds

Communion is shared on the first Sunday of the month

QUEST is a group for young people aged 11 to 18 to explore faith through informal discussion, fun activities and a variety of challenges and projects. It meets in the Upper Room at least twice a month during Sunday morning worship, and at other times for special events and outings. On the Sundays that Quest does not meet, this age group join the rest of the church family for

All-Age Worship or participate in wider Junior Church activities where they are encouraged to help lead and nurture the younger children. You can find out more about Quest by picking up a leaflet.

HOT SPOT meets at the Manse on Sunday evenings from 6.30 to 8.00 pm and is hosted by Pastor David and his wife, Lorna. It is for young adults aged between 18 and 40. Together, they explore how they can follow Jesus in our modern society. There is 'food & fun', topical discussion, Q & A sessions about the Christian faith, DVDs and 'On the Road' visits to other Churches, Christian projects and holy places. Ask one of the Church helpers if you need more information

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.



In and around our 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 10.00a

Breakfast Club- Monthly on Sunday morning 8.30a.m

Morning and Evening Sunday Services:

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

Evening Service - 6.30p.m. monthly

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

Over 100 people come onto the premises so there must be something for you ?

Ask Chris Currie or Pasta David for further details...

JOKE TIME Q: What do owls sing when it is raining?

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

WHAT IF ?

If Jesus came to your house
To spend some time with you,
If He came unexpected,
I wonder what you'd do.



Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room
To such an honoured guest
And all the food you'd give to Him
Would be the very best.

And you would keep assuring Him
You're glad to have Him there—
That serving Him in your home
Is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming,
Would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome
To your heavenly visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes
Before you let Him in
Or hide some magazines
And put the Bible where they'd been?

Would you hide your worldly music
and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right
in, or would you rush about?

And I wonder—if the Saviour
spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing, the
things you always do?

Would you go right on saying, the
things you always say?
Or would life for you continue
as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you
everywhere you go?
Or would you maybe change your
plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him
meet your closest friends?
Or would you hope they stay away,
until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him
stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great
relief when He at last was gone?

It might be interesting to know,
the things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person, to spend
some time with you



Is it your Birthday ?

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

A. Too-wet-to-woo

Take a look at our Website & Facebook Page



Website:
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.

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 :

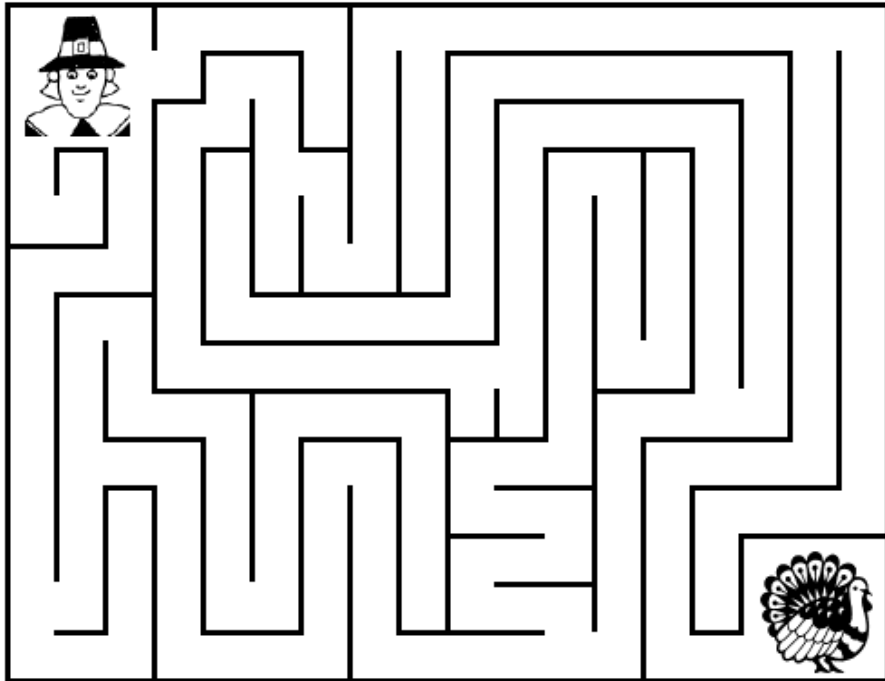
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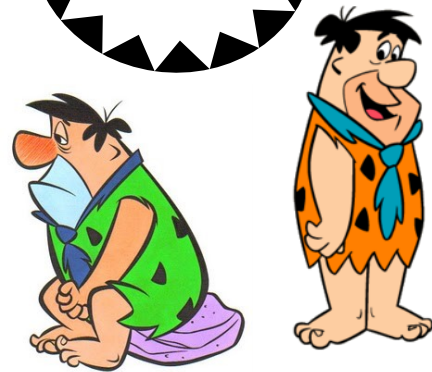
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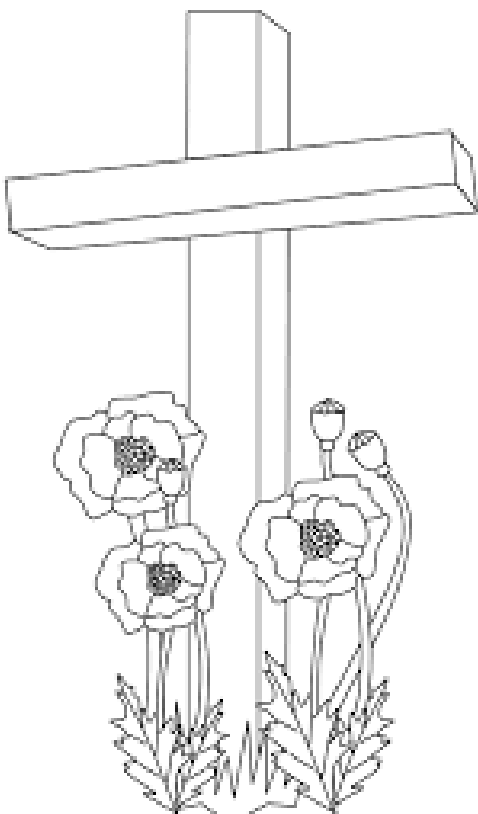
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Active Mess
Each month
we will challenge you



Autumn Word Search



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autumn
fall
leaves
pumpkin
scarecrow
rake
harvest

