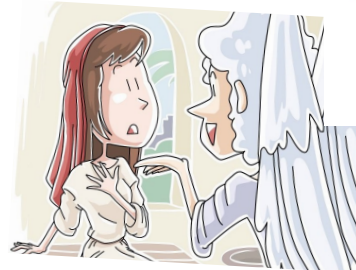




Messy Matters

SPECIAL MESSAGE



7th December 2016

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 you up to date with Messy Family Events,

Pastor David's Messy Thoughts

Christmas can be a very messy time especially when we are all opening presents! It was very messy for Mary & Joseph too. Nothing quite worked out as they had planned: a baby coming, an early than planned marriage, a long trip to Bethlehem, and no room at the Inn when they arrived. But into such mess Jesus was born, and into our lives He wants to come too as Emmanuel (God with us). Maybe you or your family are going through tough times at present: well Jesus understands, He's been there, and still wants to be with you in the mess with His redeeming grace. Can I encourage you to find someone this Christmas whose life is messy and seek to help them, with Jesus' love.

Prayer

Thank you God, for being with us in every circumstance we find ourselves. Thank you for the example of Mary and Joseph who trusted you to make sense of their mess. Help us to do the same with our lives and our families. Amen



There will be NO Tiberius Breakfast Club in December as we are having our Nativity & the practice will be before the service.

Sunday 11th December

- For all the family 10.30 join us for our All Age Service
- Pastor David's Thoughts for the Month
- Arthur is still Needing 50 p 's in December
- Joking Around
- Out & About
- What's On ?
- Contact details
- Come & Join Us on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
- 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
www.dorkingmessy.org
Dorking URC Messy Church



CHRISTINGLE :SERVICE
4 p.m. Christmas Eve 24th Dec



Come dressed as **Mince Spies** and use your powers of deduction to unlock the Christingle Code!

New Songs and Favourite Carols, and finale as we light the way to West Street on the front path. Refreshments: Mince Spies and Mulled Wine to follow. Also an opportunity to give to 'Children in Need' this Christmas.



Next Messy
January 4th 2017

There will be **NO Tiberius Breakfast Club**



This month but make it your new years resolution..... Please feel free to join us in January ?

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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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 !

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

Please do not leave them behind

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



ADULT Reminder

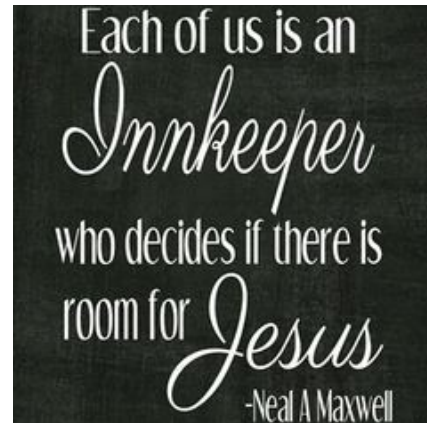
Messy IS FOR adults too !

We love it when you join in with the activities

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 !



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 10.00a

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. 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 for further details....

Dates for the Diary

Our new Pastor David Bedford will be leading the services over Christmas we welcome you to join us here at West Street;

Extra-Messy Christmas

Extra Mess in the Hall on the 1st December during the Gala Night Festivities : Bring your friends !

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

Our Annual Nativity in a Day

Saturday 10am—4pm Practise and activities with pasta lunch.

Sunday—9 am run through & service performance at 10.30

Christingle

4pm 24th December

Christmas Day

Service 10.30am

TRADITIONS : The Christmas Tree

The practice of tree worship has been found in many ancient cultures. Often, trees were brought indoors and decorated to ensure a good crop for the coming year. Trees have also been linked to divinity. Egyptians associated a palm tree with the god Baal-Tamar, while the Greeks and Romans believed that the mother of Adonis was changed into a fir tree. Adonis was one of her branches brought to life.

The modern Christmas tree was likely born in the 8th century, when St. Boniface was converting the Germanic tribes. The tribes worshipped oak trees, decorating them for the winter solstice. St. Boniface cut down an enormous oak tree, that was central to the worship of a particular tribe, but a fir tree grew in its place. The evergreen was offered as a symbol of Christianity, which the newly converted Germans began decorating for Christmas.

Prince Albert, who was German, introduced the Christmas tree to England after his marriage to Queen Victoria in 1840. German immigrants to Pennsylvania brought Christmas trees to America.



Holly

One of the most popular Christmastime accoutrements, holly has sharp edges, symbolic of the crown of thorns worn by Jesus at his crucifixion. The red berries

Santa Claus

Patron saint of children and sailors, Saint Nicholas was a 4th-century bishop from Asia Minor. He was famous for giving gifts to children. His feast day, December 6, became a children's holiday in Holland, where he is known as Sint Nikolaas. English colonists in New York (previously the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam) called him "Santa Claus" because they couldn't pronounce the Dutch name. The English began celebrating the feast day on Christmas.



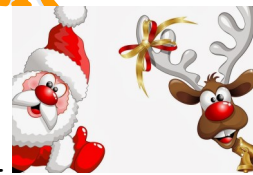
Kriss Kringle, another name for Santa Claus, developed in Germany around 1600. German Protestants recognized December 25, the birth of the Christ child, Christkindl, as the time to give gifts. "Christkindl" evolved into "Kriss Kringle."

In the Netherlands and Germany, the Santa Claus figure often rode through the sky on a horse to deliver presents to children. He often wore a bishop's robes and was sometimes accompanied by Black Peter, an elf who whipped naughty children.

In addition to the tradition of Saint Nicholas, the three Wise Men gave gifts to the baby Jesus, starting the Christmas gift tradition.

JOKE TIME

What do you call Santa when he stops moving ?



DIG UP 50P'S FOR DECEMBER

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 !



Is it your Birthday ?

Please let us know if it is your Birthday in

Making Messy Ends Meet

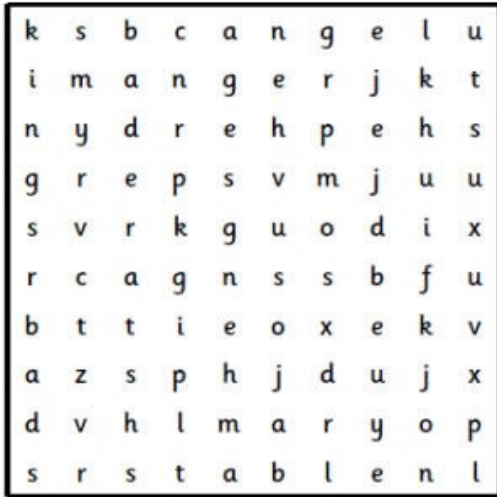
We do not Charge for Messy Church but we do need to buy resources and supplies so if you are able a donation will be gratefully received to invest in our future sessions.

A: Sant Claus.

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



Nativity Wordsearch



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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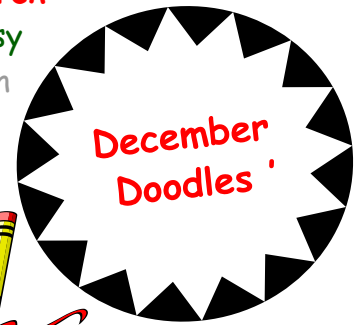
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Website



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



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

- angel donkey Jesus Joseph
- kings manger Mary
- shepherd stable star



Colourful Christmas

