



# Messy Matters

## THE VALLEY OF DRY

### BONES

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

3rd May 2017  
MM Number : 55  
Session :93

### 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 Thoughts for the Month
- Arthur Pound is Support our mounting 50p 's during May
- Joking Around
- Out & About
- May Mayhem
- 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 [www.dorkingmessy.org](http://www.dorkingmessy.org)

Dear Messy Mates

Have you ever been gobsmacked and left speechless? Well you would have been if you had been around when Ezekiel, God's prophet, was faced with a valley of old and dry bones. God tells him to speak to the bones and he does, and then suddenly and scarily the bones start to come together and form human beings, then their skin and bodies are restored and God breathes His breath into them. They come alive and are like an enormous army.



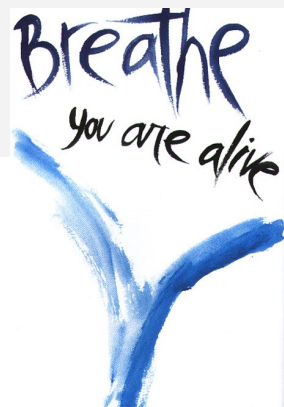
God still works like this today. He speaks into our situations and waits for us to be willing to trust and partner with Him to see His words bring new life. Maybe you should step out and trust Him, the results may just surprise you!

Maybe you don't need an army, just one together kind of person to be your friend and help you closer to God?



Your Messy Pastor  
David

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



Next Messy  
7th June 2017



## Tiberus Breakfast Club Sunday June 18th

Please feel free to join us  
We look forward to seeing you  
Please sign up if you wish to join us !



Each month we have a Tiberus 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 :

p.f.selley@gmail.com Tel : 01737 841585

## 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.

**Crafts** 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 !

Date for your Diary

### Our Church Family Day

Coach trip to the Seaside (Goring)

Sunday July 16th

12 noon—6.00pm

Bring your picnic and all your need , please come and join us !

Please sign up on the list board in the main hall.



Illustration: GERTY

**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 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

### Dates for the Diary

we welcome you to join us here at West Street; at 10.30 each Sunday

Come & Join Us

June 18th

Our Parade Service



Happy FATHER'S DAY

## May Mayhem

May Day marks the halfway point between the first day of [spring](#) and the [summer solstice](#). May Day dates back to the days of the Romans and involved many pagan rituals and ancient customs which were slowly phased out with the arrival of Christianity. Festivals, dances, and rituals related to agriculture and fertility were practiced by many Germanic and European countries. May Day also commemorates the struggle for fair labor practices and the Haymarket Affair of 1886. It is observed on May



1st Roman Catholics celebrate May as Mary's month, and May Day is celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary each year.

In France, it is customary to give a sweet smelling flower called the spring of lily of the valley (a symbol of springtime) on May 1st. The tradition started in 1561 when King Charles IX of France received a lily of the valley as a lucky charm

## Mountains of 50p's for May

**We still 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 !**

### 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.

Churches Together in Dorking **Extra Messy :**  
**Saturday 17th June** as part of the Jo Cox Memorial "Getting together look out for further details , come and join us in St Martins Church Gardens ...

## Ascension Day Facts May 25th

Ascension Day is a Christian holiday to commemorate the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. It is officially celebrated on the 39th day after Easter Sunday, which is a Thursday and is the 40th day of Easter.

Ascension is the day that Jesus returned to heaven, following his crucifixion and resurrection. Although some countries choose to celebrate Ascension Day on the following Sunday, it is traditionally the 6th Thursday following Easter.

Ascension Day is also referred to as Ascension Feast and is believed to have originated in the 4th century AD. It is believed that on Ascension Day, Jesus was taken up to heaven where he sat at the right hand of God.

### **.Interesting Ascension Day Facts:**

It is believed that after Jesus' resurrection, he spent the next 40 days teaching his disciples how to continue his teachings. On Ascension Day Jesus took his disciples to the Mount of Olives, where they watched him ascend to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of Easter's season. It is 10 days before Pentecost.

In many countries Ascension Day is also celebrated with special services at churches, it is also referred to as Holy Thursday, and Ascension Thursday.

Some countries celebrate Ascension Day (Thursday) as a public holiday, which results in many workers taking a long weekend from work. Ascension Day is a public holiday in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Vanuatu. (but sadly not in the UK)

On Ascension Day in 1503 an island was discovered in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean. It is a volcanic island named because of the day it was discovered.

## JOKE TIME

Q: Why did the skeleton refuse to go to the party?



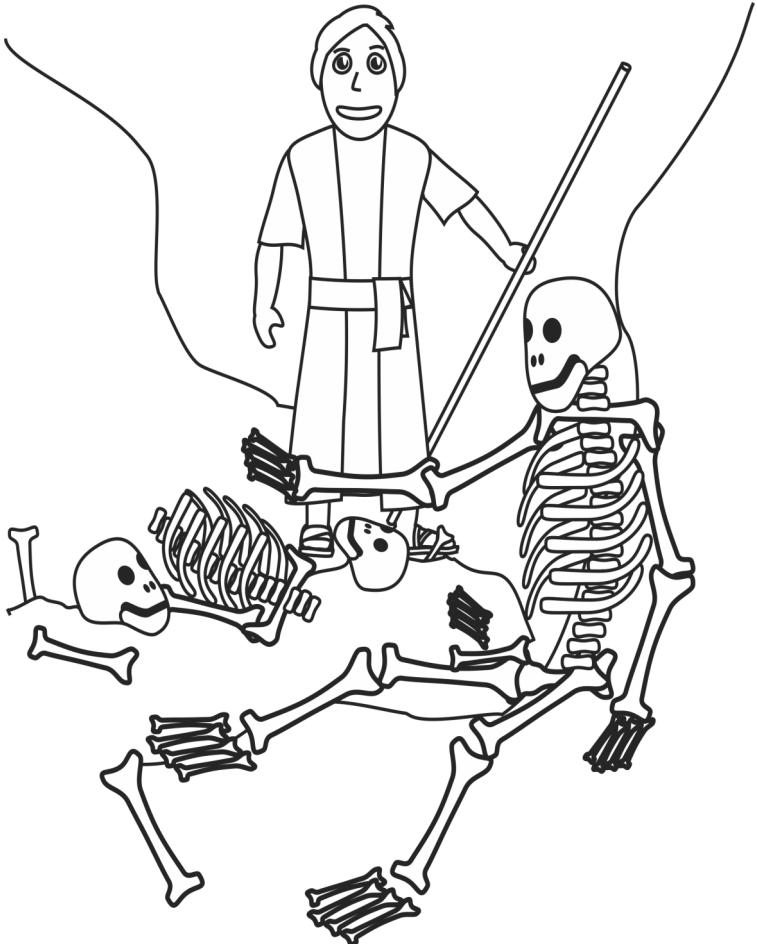
**Is it your Birthday ?**

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



A Because he had "no body" to go with

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



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 :

**Judi** : judicurrie@hotmail.com : Tel: 01306 885254

**David & Lorna**

davidandlorna2012@btinternet.com Tel: 01306 889644

**Pauline** : p.f.selley@gmail.com : Tel: 01737 841585

**Chris**: 01306712295 Tel:

chriscurrie.dorkingurc@outlook.com



Take a look at our new Website & Facebook Page

**Website**

[www.dorkingmessy@weebly.com](http://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.

*Active Mess Each month we will challenge you to have fun*

