

TALK ABOUT and TAKE HOME IDEAS

Mealtime card

- When God created the world, he expected fellowship from his people. What do you think life would have been like for us if Adam and Eve had not given in to the temptation of the serpent?
- What is your favourite part of the fellowship you've found at Messy Church?
- How do you think praying for each other can strengthen fellowship in a church?

Take-home idea

Choose one verse a week to study with your family at home. Each day, set aside 10-15 minutes to discuss individual thoughts on the verse. One of the most beautiful things about studying the Bible is that you get different perspectives from your brothers and sisters in Christ. Work as hard to build fellowship in the home as you do at your church. Perhaps join the Alpha course this September.

Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, we ask that you continue to show us love and grace through our imperfections. We ask that you help us to find the good in each other so we can live in this world you so lovingly created for us with a feeling of encouragement from those around us. Help us to continue to build our love for you through a Christ-centred community and give us the words to inspire those who have not yet found you to start looking. Amen

The next **Messy Church** is

on **Sunday 15th September 2019 3:30** as usual in the hall.

Please put the date in your diary and invite another family to come with you.

Other Messy Churches this year are....

20th Oct: 17th Nov and 15th Dec (Christmas party time)

At All Saints Messy Church, we are aiming to offer something for families who want an opportunity to be together in a relaxed, supportive and creative environment. We try to make our programme an imaginative mixture of family, fun, friendship, food and faith.

In the coming weeks, please think about Messy Church and if you could be a helper. We usually run 6 activities each month but we are struggling to get enough helpers, could you be one of our helpers? Talk to Peter or one of the other leaders for more information.

Next Sunday, 25th, join us for our

Morning Celebration service for families and everyone!

Morning Celebration is in the main church building we will have our Morning Celebration Service which will start with breakfast at 10:00 am, It includes puppets telling part of the story, songs, an activity and lots more. It will finish about 11:30

For more information email or visit our website

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ASCC Messy Church No 65



All Saints, Chilvers Coton

Sunday 18th August 2019 in the Parish Hall

Welcome to Messy Church

Created for Community

In the first book of the bible we read about God recognising the need for us to live in community with each other
Read more inside....

From 3:30pm **Welcome, Drinks and Craft Activities**
Please register then help yourself to a drink and take part in the activities. Please take time to read the bible story and the reflection before you start the activities and take time to do the **"talk about.."** for each of the activities.

4:30 pm **Celebration Time....**

4:50 pm **Meal Time**

You can find more information about the theme & activities inside

Please take this home with you

Today's theme: Created for community

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being...

The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. Genesis 2:4-7, 18-22

God had a good idea: 'I'm going to make something!' But what? It needed to be big, beautiful, fun and free. So it was that God created our beautiful universe and world with its teeming life, colour, wet and dry, light and darkness, and freedom. And God also created people, not just one on his own (Adam) but two (Eve, as well) and then more and more and more - until we came along! More will follow until all is ready for God to complete the grand design of life and join us for a big party. The story of creation in Genesis is likely very familiar, but don't let that stop us from noticing its special features. First, God chose to create; nothing forced God's hand. Next, even the heavenly bodies - the sun, moon and stars - were made by God. God took time and care about this process. The seven days describe a process of unfolding development. They also include a period of rest, a repeating sequence that still forms the pattern of family and communal life.

The animals named by Adam were potential companions but not quite right as equals. Some animals were tamed to become domestic, while even the wild creatures had their purpose and place. But God formed the woman out of the same flesh as the man. Adam and Eve were of equal origin so could have a relationship of mutuality, which was not possible with the animals. God intends us to live in companionship, but with another voice and opinion comes the possibility of making choices against God's will. We likely know the second part of the creation story: at the advice of the serpent, Adam and Eve were tempted and fell into sin by listening to someone other than God. They chose to redefine good and evil according to their own desires. Making choices, for good or evil, is part of the reality of living in community.

Reflection by Jocelyn Czerwonka



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

See the table activity sheets for more details about doing the craft activity

1 Fellowship cloud

You will need: a printed cloud paper; coloured wool; glue; paper; scissors; markers

Cut out your cloud and colour in the words Christ Jesus and God. Colour a border around the edge. Attach different-lengths of wool to hang from the bottom of it. Make name tags to hang from the wool with names of family, friends, helpers, teachers etc. Use Sellotape to fix the wool to the back of the cloud and also to attach the name tags.

Talk about how uniquely and perfectly each one of us is made in God's image.

2 Bagel snake

You will need a bagel slice it horizontally then cut the two halves in half to give you four half circles. Make a snake with two pieces to form a snake (see picture). Then cut out a head and a tail from the remaining bagel. See picture.

Stick on two raisins as eyes, make a tongue or use a ready cut one and stick it under the head. Then use the mayo / cream cheese to draw a zig-zag along the body. God knew Adam and Eve would listen to the serpent (snake) and go against his word.

Talk about how we need to listen to God and make good choices for everyone not just ourselves.

3 The fellowship fire

You will need: white paper or card; brown paper; yellow and orange tissue paper; glue; scissors; pens

Take a piece of white paper or card. Using yellow and orange tissue paper, create a fire and glue it to the paper/card. Cut out a number of small rectangles from brown paper (the fire logs) and write one word or phrase on each log of what fellowship and community means to you. (God, friends, love, prayers, neighbours, family etc.) Glue the logs on to the paper as well, under the fire.

Talk about how to keep the fire of fellowship alive. How can we be sure not to let our fire for the Lord fizzle out?

4 Raise your hand

Outline and cut out and individually decorate your own hand print (up to about mid forearm). Glue the cut-outs around the outside of the large paper and enjoy the colourful art they've created!

Talk about how our world might have been different if Adam and Eve had raised their hands as a child of God instead of giving into temptation.

5 Strong foundation

You will need: a pre-printed card glue spots; permanent marker pens

Take a white stone and decorate it on one side. Then use glue spots to fix it in the middle of your card.

Talk about how having a strong foundation with Christ can strengthen the fellowship you have with others.

6 Walk with Jesus

You will need: a flip-flop key ring with a piece of white paper that fixes inside it. Use felt-tip pens to colour the paper then seal it inside the flip-flop. If you want, you can add extra jewels to it as well.

Talk about walking together with the Lord. How can we hold each other accountable to stay on the right path?

