

Messy Church Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2019

Messy Church usually meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon in St John's Hall. We follow a theme each month and 7 or 8 craft activities are offered, based on the theme. Last year these included the parable of the Good Samaritan, the miracles of Jesus, creation, light, holidays and technology. We also had sessions which followed the major Christian festivals of Easter, Pentecost, Harvest and Christmas. Our craft activities are followed by a short worship time with instruments, and then we all sit down to tea together. This is a very valuable time as it gives us a chance to chat and get to know each other better.

Numbers picked up in 2018, after a decline in 2017, with 48 different children coming to one or more sessions, of whom 21 attended regularly. This was mostly due to families inviting their friends and also our new Facebook page which brought us to the attention of some new people. We are fortunate in having such a large number of committed helpers without whom Messy Church could not take place each month. Many of our helpers have been with us since we first started in 2010!

We continue to support the work of Send a Cow through the plant sale and the cow bucket. This year we sent £300 which was given to their Ugandan Orphans appeal.

Thank you to everyone who helps us in our work with the young people of the church. We appreciate your support, encouragement and prayers very much.

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