

Welcome to
Messy Church at home!

Our theme today is:

Be a cheerful giver!



We greet you in the name of Jesus!

Getting ready:

To begin Messy Church, you are invited to make a special centre piece in a place where you and your family can think about God. If you have a cross and a candle place them in the centre of your space.

Light the candle and remember that Jesus is good news for our world. We are all part of God's big family in different places, but he is with us wherever we are.

There are three important elements to Messy Church:

- Celebration - exploring the theme through a Bible story, prayers and reflection.
- Creativity - activities and craft.
- Hospitality - sharing food.

We also want Messy Church to be Christ Centred and for All Ages.

Creativity

Try these activities together. We hope you will be able to find all you need at home.

1. *Little things count.* Fill an empty matchbox with as many raisins as you can. Who can fit most into their box? **Talk about** how the small things we do can make a big difference to others eg. Being kind, being patient.



2. *Give our love.* Do some baking, or decorate some biscuits and give them to someone as a gift. You could decorate a bag to make the gift extra-special. **Talk about** how it feels to receive a gift and how it feels to give a gift.



3. *Find out about one of these local charities:* [Reach Foodbank here](#) or [Cambridge Churches Homeless Project here](#) Can you help either of these local charities in a small way that will make a big difference to someone? ** **Talk about** how learning to give our time, love and care reminds us that life is not all about us.



Celebration

Our Bible story today is one you may well know. Here is a song that tells the story on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCcpIN_CfN4

or you could read the story in a Bible. You'll find it in Luke chapter 9 verses 10-17,

or you'll find the story of Jesus feeding five thousand people in most children's story Bibles.

I wonder what the boy thought when Jesus asked for his packed lunch?

I wonder if you are in the story?

Prayer activity: fill a bowl with water. Drop a small stone into the water and watch the ripples spread.

Here is a prayer you may like to use: Father God, please help us to be cheerful givers. Thank you that we can give to others and we thank you for giving us Jesus. Amen

** Haverhill foodbank shortages this week are squash, fruit juice and UHT milk.

Hospitality

Enjoy a picnic together. Perhaps you could eat out of doors! Take tuna rolls, crisps, veg sticks, fruit and maybe you will have some of the biscuits from earlier to enjoy.



Next month, Messy Church will be back at St Mary's church:

*Sunday 20th March at
3pm
Ruth*



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