

Messy Church at St Nicks

Messy News

Fridays from 3.15pm at St Nicholas Church, The Linces, Dover CT16 2BN

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas, it was great to see some of you with us for our Christingle and Carols round the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

I look forward to helping us explore together more of what it means to know Jesus and to be one of his followers today.

Between now and the summer, we will be taking a look at the Gospel of Matthew to find out about Jesus. You'll find more details in this edition of our Messy News.

Nigel



Photo taken at our Christmas (2019) Messy Church Party

January to July - Journeying with Jesus through the eyes of Matthew

We normally meet from 3.15pm on Fridays during term time. The dates we intend to meet are shown below along with the theme.

We will be using the Gospel of Matthew to find out about Jesus, we will be giving out copies of Matthew's Gospel to everyone who comes along



January

- 17th Jesus through the eyes of Matthew
- 24th Jesus: the refugee
- 31st Jesus: the new kid on the block

February

- 7th Jesus: gathers some friends
- 14th Jesus: good news message Part 1
- 21st NO MESSY CHURCH (Half term)
- 28th Jesus: good news message Part 2

March

- 6th Jesus: a special prayer
- 13th NO MESSY CHURCH (Nigel away)
- 20th Jesus: don't worry about a thing
- 27th Jesus: don't judge others

April

- 3rd Jesus: meets Peter's mother-in-law
- 10th GOOD FRIDAY - NO MESSY CHURCH (Easter School holiday)
- 17th NO MESSY CHURCH (Easter School holiday)
- 24th Jesus: calms the storm

May

- 1st Jesus: meets Matthew
- 8th Jesus: sends the disciples out
- 15th Jesus: the story of the sower
- 22nd Jesus: the big picnic
- 29th NO MESSY CHURCH (Half term)

June

- 5th Jesus: walks on water
- 12th Jesus: on the mountain top
- 19th Jesus: forgiving others
- 26th NO MESSY CHURCH (Nigel away)

July

- 3rd Jesus: meets a young man who has lots of money
- 10th Summer party



After the summer break we will resume on Friday 18th September

Photo Gallery

Here are some photos mostly from last year...



Celebrating a Birthday!

We love to wish you a happy birthday and to enjoy a birthday cake when we gather for Messy Church close to your birthday. Please let Nigel know your birthday (day and month) so we don't leave anyone out.



Who are we & what do we do?

We are the 'congregation' that meets regularly at St Nicks' church; we strive to be...

An all-age worshipping community which is:

- centred on Jesus Christ
- warm, friendly and hospitable
- creative and fun

What happens? (timings are approximate)

3.15pm - Arrival

Refreshments are available as people arrive and some colouring / quizzes which introduce the theme

3.45pm - Welcome & craft activity

We use crafts and our creativity to help us explore the theme a bit more

4.30pm - Act of worship

Consisting of a song, story/drama & prayer

4.45pm - "Bring & Share" Tea

We end with a simple sandwich tea (people bring food to share, drinks are provided)

5.15pm - End

You are welcome to take home anything you've made at Messy Church

There is NO COLLECTION - but if you'd like to make a donation as well as bringing some food to share that would be lovely.

Who is Messy Church for?

There is a focus on families, but really it is for ANYONE!

It is a church 'service', but perhaps not like one you've been to before. You would be most welcome to come and give it a try.

Nigel: our Messy Church Leader

Hi everyone, my name is Nigel

Collins and I have been leading Messy Church for some years now.

I'm one of the team at St Andrew's and St Nicholas churches and lay minister of Cross-Links.



All are welcome