

News from Christchurch Woodley: Messy Church

The second Sunday afternoon of every month now finds all the halls at Christchurch heaving with activity. A simple tea is being prepared in the kitchen by a team of helpers; under-twos play with Lego, puzzles or instruments, while a crowd of 20-30 children and adults – parents, grandparents and helpers – ‘get Messy’.

For 10 months now we have run themed activities – this week is the third session on Moses- ‘Crossings and Commands’ and we will make sand footprints; chocolate tiffin with “God loves,,,,” written on it; pharaoh masks; a sea collage and play fishing amongst other things. Each activity will allow the organiser to discuss an aspect of the Bible message which in turn points towards an element in the short worship session which follows. Here stories will be told and songs sung.

After grace, we all join in a communal tea, where the cakes have been provided by a rota of volunteers.

The buzz, energy and enthusiasm of the wonderful band of volunteers who have come forward to make this outreach work, is marvellous to behold. We are truly blessed by the folk of all ages who have volunteered to help and those of us who are part of the regular rota-ed team feel equally blessed by the folk who have come along to join in the fun.

Pray for us and our mission!

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