



As Messy Church has a holiday month in August we would like to give you an update for your prayers for this parish initiative. We meet at Woodrow Community Centre monthly on a Saturday morning.

The Children accompanied by parents or guardians are welcomed and register around ten o'clock. This gives the welcoming team the opportunity to get to know them. The children then pick up a shoebox (more always needed) in which to hold their 'treasures' so they can take them home. Usually they head straight for the food table where they can decorate biscuits or make a special sweet treat. Other creative activities, too many to mention here, and games are on offer and these allow discussion around the theme. One of the activities will be to write a short prayer which will contribute to the prayer time later. In the Celebration Time a Bible story will be told often with the children being part of the drama. Recently we have looked at Bible characters such as Paul, Joseph, Jonah and Esther. After a lively action song we have lunch together, maybe a hot dog or children's special 'fish fingers in a bun', a lovely cake and a drink. Once again this is an opportunity to get to know the children and talk about our faith. We finish around noon.

We are so thankful for this opportunity to reflect and share a God of creativity and joy in an informal way and we encourage families who come regularly as well as one off visitors. This is our Church on those Saturdays where God meets us and we can share and grow together.

If you would like to know more or join the team please speak to Reg Moore, Elizabeth Mitchell or Rhoda Lingard.