

Messy Monthly – January 2013



Welcome to our Messy newsletter for Messy Mums, Dads and families.

We see Messy Church as not just something we put on once a month 'at church' but as **church itself** - in a very different, very fun, new format. By coming with your children to Messy Church we consider you very much a part of our Christ Church family and because of this we want to get to know you and keep you informed. We hope you enjoy this monthly update!

Services at Christ Church:

We meet together at **10:30am** every Sunday for Family Worship. The Church of Youth and Crèche is available for children to join in every Sunday.

Please join us any Sunday morning – you will be warmly welcomed. Next service:

Sunday 3rd February

10:30am Family worship with communion accompanied by the Christ Church orchestra



Prayer at Christ Church

Weekly prayer list

If you have special requests for prayer that you would like to share with us you can do so by speaking to or emailing Kat/Kerry or Pauline.



Each week we have a list of names that we prayer for in the morning service and remember during the week – if you need to add a name to that list just let us know.

Talk or pray with someone

If you would like to talk about anything happening in your life or in your family's life, happy or sad, big or small please contact our minister Pauline and she will be happy to talk with you. **Call Pauline on 01689 821505** (Day off Thursday)

Week of accompanied prayer

3rd - 9th March – if you would like to take part in a week of 121 prayer with a trained prayer guide, we are joining with churches in Petts Wood in a week of accompanied prayer. Meet and share with a dedicated guide for half an hour each day to discuss your prayer life and how you might develop it. If you are interested – talk to Kat/Kerry or Pauline to find out more.

2013 Messy Dates:

Sunday 24th February

Sunday 24th March

Sunday 28th April



Verse for the month

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Seek, and you will find.

Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Christ Church - The Way Forward...

Christ Church is soon to celebrate 75 years! We have available for you to read our new vision document which raises four discussion points as to how we move forward as a church and set Christ Church up for the next 75 years.

We would love you to have a say –

particularly on things like your views on the church sanctuary (pew or no pews that is the question!) and on how we might connect more with the parents/grandparents who bring their children to the variety of activities throughout the week including Messy Church. A copy is available as you leave today – we'd love to hear your ideas!

WANTED! Pianist

If you play the piano and could help by accompanying our Messy Church songs (all very simple!) it would be great if you could let us know. No rehearsals needed – play along on the day. Music in advance...Thank you!



Happy 3rd birthday Messy Church!



On behalf of all the Messy Church team – thank you for a wonderful 3 years of Messy Church! You have helped make our jobs hugely enjoyable and rewarding. **Thank you for coming and here's to another great year!**

Join our team

Are you arty or crafty or just enthusiastic and willing?!

We are always in need of people to either run a Messy craft or simply turn up and help on a table. If you would be interested in helping in this way, or know someone who might, please talk to Kat or Kerry and we'll get you enrolled!

Looking for a Lent course?

Petts Wood Churches Together are running a Lent course on **Feb 19th, 26th, March 12th & 19th 8:00 – 9:00pm** at Christ Church. For more details – see Kat/Pauline. **All welcome.**

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