

Messy Monthly – November 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 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!

What's on this month

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.

Next service – first Sunday in Advent:

Sunday 1st December 10:30am

P3 Youth Group

Our next P3 event is an all age Ping Pong Praise for all the family next **Sunday 1st December at 6pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us for this informal worship and even a bit of ping pong! If you know of any young people (Yr 8 upwards) who would like to join this new group please talk to Kat or Kerry for a full programme of events.

Messy Dates:

MESSY CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday 24th December 3pm

NEWS FLASH:
30 DAYS TIL CHRISTMAS!

2014:
Sunday 26th January 4-6pm

Family Fun Day - Saturday 30th November



Come and join us for a family fun day here on Saturday 30th November from 12pm to 3pm. There will be necklace making, Christmas tree decorations to decorate, games to play, cake sale, refreshments and a gift stall - loads for everyone! This event is to raise much needed money for the church's heating system. It promises to be fun for all the family – so please come along!

Want to explore your faith in the New Year?

We are running a Christianity Explored course starting this Monday 13th January but we need you! If you would like to come and spend some time in a friendly group to explore the big questions of life – we would LOVE to have you there. There is no reading aloud, you don't have to sing or pray! Just meet over a cuppa and learn together. Please let us know if you are interested and we can give you more details.

The course is 7 sessions in total and will take place each Monday 8:00-9:30pm in the Carter room here at Christ Church. Call Kat on 07729 215 674 for more info.

Shine brightly

Philippians 2:15 (GNT)



¹⁵so that you may be innocent and pure as God's perfect children, who live in a world of corrupt and sinful people. You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky.

Fancy a sing this Christmas?

Come and join the Christ Church choir for services over Christmas, there will be two rehearsals on Thursday 5th and 12th December at 8-9.30pm in the lounge. Nothing too complicated, lots of fun - we will be taking a service on Sunday 15th at 10.30am where we will sing 5 songs and then at the Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm where we will be singing Taverner's 'The Lamb' and 'Ding dong merrily on high'

For more details or copies of music email Martin at mart@fosso@yahoo.co.uk.

Support Christ Church this Christmas

Raise money as you Christmas shop!

Shopping online?

You can support Christ Church Petts Wood for free when shopping online with over 2000 popular retailers, including Argos, NEXT, M&S, John Lewis, Debenhams, HMV, Vodafone, DELL, The Body Shop, PLAY.com, Interflora, Comet and many more. Simply register online at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ccpw> and for each purchase you make, each retailer makes a small donation to us. Every penny counts and it costs you nothing!

Buy a present for a child living in poverty near you

Today we launched our Christmas Toy Appeal for the Alternatives project in Newham, East London. If you can buy an extra present (approx £10 in value, no batteries needed) for a child of age 1-6, please bring it to our Toy Service on Sunday 8th December 10:30am. These toys will then be delivered to children who, without the support of Alternatives, would receive no presents at all this Christmas. Please give if you can.



Need to talk?



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

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