

TALK ABOUT and TAKE HOME IDEAS

Mealtime card

What is your dinner routine at home? Does it include prayer?

Can you think of a time that you talked about Jesus with a stranger the way the two disciples did on the road to Emmaus?

Do you think you could open your home to a stranger the way the disciples unknowingly opened it to Jesus in this parable?

Take-home idea

Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him.' Write down on a piece of paper a time where God opened your eyes and you were able to recognise him in that situation. Ask other members of your family to do the same and then share your unique experiences with each other at dinnertime.

Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your eternal love. We thank you for the opportunity we have at Messy Church to understand your story, learn to pray and thrive in your word. Let us always have our 'eyes opened' so that we may recognise your glory in every one of our surroundings and share this great news with whoever we may be walking the road with. Amen

The next **Messy Church** is

on **Sunday 15th December 2019 3:30** as usual in the hall.

Messy Church Christmas Party

Please put the date in your diary and invite another family to come with you.

Other Messy Churches this year and in 2020 are....

15th Dec; 19th Jan; 16th Feb; 15th March; 19th April

At All Saints Messy Church, we are aiming to offer something for families who want an opportunity to be together in a relaxed, supportive and creative environment. We try to make our programme an imaginative mixture of family, fun, friendship, food and faith. Feedback welcomed.
In the coming weeks, please think about Messy Church and if you could be a helper. We usually run 6 activities each month but we need more helpers, could you be one of our helpers? Talk to Peter or one of the other leaders for more information.

Next Sunday, 24th, join us for our

Morning Celebration service for families and everyone!

Morning Celebration is in the main church building we will have our Morning Celebration Service which will start with breakfast at 10:00 am, It includes puppets telling part of the story, songs, an activity and lots more. It will finish about 11:30

For more information email or visit our website

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ASCC Messy Church No 68



All Saints, Chilvers Coton

Sunday 17th November 2019 in the Parish Hall

Welcome to Messy Church

Feast of Faith

After Jesus rose from the dead it took a while for His disciples to recognise him. We celebrate his coming back in sharing meals. Read more inside....

From 3:30pm **Welcome, Drinks and Craft Activities**
Please register then help yourself to a drink and take part in the activities. Please take time to read the bible story and the reflection before you start the activities and take time to do the **"Talk about.."** for each of the activities.

4:30 pm **Celebration Time....**

4:50 pm **Meal Time**

You can find more information about the theme & activities inside

Please take this home with you

Today's theme: Feast of Faith

Bit from the Bible (Luke 24:13-35) (this took place on Easter Sunday)

Now that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth. The chief priests crucified him; and he was buried but some of our women went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of the others went to the tomb but they did not see Jesus.' Jesus explained what the bible had foretold about the Messiah. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him to, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and then he disappeared from their sight. Based around Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

Picture the scene - two friends are on a journey together, walking along the road and talking together. You can imagine the conversation between them, trying to make sense of the events of the last few days and come to terms with the news they'd just heard, and all the while Jesus himself was there with them walking alongside them. He asks them what they are talking about. You can hear the sadness in their reply, that the one whom they thought would redeem Israel had been sentenced to death and crucified. But they continued that the women had gone to the tomb and saw angels who told them that Jesus was alive. Jesus says that they are foolish and he asks, 'Didn't the Messiah have to suffer before entering glory?' Had they forgotten what they had been taught? Sometimes it is difficult to remember the promises in scripture when we are hard pressed or dealing with something difficult. I wonder if they were in such a state that they couldn't think clearly. I wonder if they continued to mull over all that had happened and what Jesus had just said to them as they carried on. It looked as if the stranger was going further, but the friends invited him to stay with them, and as Jesus broke bread and gave thanks their eyes were opened and they recognised him! It wasn't until they sat down to eat together that Jesus revealed who he was and their eyes were opened and they recognised him. Spending that time together eating was so incredibly important. Had they not taken the opportunity to share the meal with the stranger, they may have not seen him for who he really was. Their kindness and generosity in welcoming the stranger to come and eat with them was well rewarded.

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

See the table activity sheets for more details about doing the craft activity

1. Food matching game

You will need: paper printed with foreign dishes and paper with the countries on them
People all over the world sit to eat and thank the same God every day before they eat. Take a sheet of paper and a set small rectangles with the names of countries. Match all of the food to the countries they come from. You may need help! Once you have the correct food to country, glue down the country names.

Talk about how God carefully made each country with their own delicious food and culture, yet we all sit and give thanks to the same loving God.

2. Place mats

You will need: coloured sheets of paper; scissors; markers; glue; laminator
Decorate your own place mats to use at home. You can write a prayer to pray before eating. Make sure your name is on the back and give to helper to Laminate.

Talk about how God has used creativity in creating us, the same way we're using creativity in making our mats.

3. Ice cream printing

You will need: Paper with He is Risen; scissors; pencils; paint; paint brush; markers; sheets of brown paper

On brown paper, draw and cut out a cone and stick it at the bottom of the sheet. Next dip a plastic cup into one of the paints and press onto the paper to make a circle above the paper cone. Repeat with different colours until you have 3 circles on top of your cone. Paint the different colours into the circles. In the end, it will look like a very colourful three-scoop ice cream cone with the message 'He is risen indeed' inscribed in the treat.

Talk about all the ways Jesus used, on their walk, to try and get the disciples to believe he was indeed risen.

4. Walking disciples

You will need: a strip of paper; 2 cut out people; googly eyes; Draw and colour the road and its surroundings that the disciples walked on the road to Emmaus. Colour the two cut out disciples. Have fun using your fingers to walk the road they've created and imagine to the conversations they had.

Talk about what the disciples might have been discussing before Jesus joined them. How must that hopelessness have felt for them in that moment?

5. Following Jesus' footprint

Stick the foam footprint between the two bits of writing. Decorate around the edge of the card with felt tips and gel pens. Add one or two stickers to the foot. Draw on any other decorations you want. Punch a holes in the card so you can put some ribbon through to hang up your card.

Talk about your own walk with Jesus and how he has shown himself to you along your journey.

6. The Road to Emmaus

Spread the Melba toast with icing; stick the three jelly babies in to represent Jesus and the two disciples. Add some green sprinkles as grass.

Talk about how Jesus eventually opened the eyes of the disciples. How full of hope they must have felt when they realised that Jesus had risen!

