

TALK ABOUT and TAKE HOME IDEAS

Mealtime card

- Can you name three ways in which you are a sheep every day?
- What are some goat-like things you do in your everyday life that you could change?
- Who in your life can you tell this important story to?

Take-home idea

Make a goal every morning when you wake up to see how you can be more sheep like in your life. Offer a coat you don't wear anymore to someone out in the cold. If you have a friend who is sick, surprise them with a homemade meal. Try to incorporate as many selfless acts as possible into your day.

The next **Messy Church** is
on **Sunday 16th February 2020 3:30** as usual in the hall.

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

Other Messy Churches next year, 2020 are....
15th March; 19th April; 17th May; 21st June; 19th July

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, 26th, 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

The January Morning Celebration will include our Christingle Service so remember to bring the collecting candles!

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ASCC Messy Church No 70



All Saints, Chilvers Coton

Sunday 19th January 2020 in the Parish Hall

Welcome to Messy Church

Theme this month is

Faithful Sheep

Jesus said that he would return and separate the Sheep from the Goats.

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: Faithful Sheep

Bit from the Bible

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:31-40 (NIV)



In this extremely telling parable, we come to understand what it takes to be on the sheep side of decision-making. Sheep, by nature, depend highly on their shepherd. They will follow closely and look to their leader for guidance. Goats, on the other hand, are much more independent. They do not look for guidance, but instead take matters into their own hands and do as they please. God calls us his sheep because he longs for us to treat him as our own shepherd: faithfully follow him, love others the way he loves us, help others the way he helps us, and depend on him and his word completely. We must try to stay away from goat-like behaviour at all costs. Selfishness and stubbornness will not be rewarded by our perfect and loving God. This is a daily reminder for us to do the things God requires of us, to truly be his sheep.



- Feed the hungry.
- Give water to the thirsty.
- Be nice to strangers.
- Help the sick and needy.
- Visit prisoners.
- Too busy to help others
- Turn strangers away
- Spend all your money on yourself.
- Think only of themselves.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

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

1. Sheep vs Goat craft

You will need: pre-printed goat and sheep papers; pens/pencils

With sheep being faithful followers and goats being more independent and mischievous, You need a sheet of paper, with pictures of both a sheep and a goat Underneath each animal, have them write what makes you a sheep in life and what makes you a goat. For examples look at the table sheet,

Talk about a time when you've seen others showing goat-like behaviour.

2. Sheep bun

You will need a bun /cupcake, butter cream, mini marshmallows, 1 and ½ giant chocolate buttons, two edible eyes.

Cover cake with butter cream add full button with eyes attached to bun and cover the rest of the body (butter cream) with mini marshmallows. Cut the half button in half and add the two quarters as ears. See Picture

Talk about how what a faithful sheep is made up of.

3 Paper-plate sheep

You will need: pre-printed sheet; paper plates; felt tip pens; glue sticks; cotton balls; face; 2 legs and eyes.

Cover the plate with glue and carefully place cotton balls to cover it completely. Then add the face and eyes. Next glue the legs and plate onto the sheet. See picture below. Colour in the words on the sheet and concertina fold the legs

Talk about a time where you've seen someone exhibit sheep-like behaviour.

4 Coin collecting Water-bottle

You will need: a bottle of water; sleeve of coloured paper; label' stickers; felt tip pens and clear sticky tape.

Take your water bottle and fix the sleeve around the bottle and then decorate the sleeve. Stick the label onto the brown tag. Then hang the tag round the neck of the bottle. When you have drunk the water use the bottle to collect coins. if you can, fill the bottle! Bring the bottle back to any church or messy church service in the next couple of months. We will donate the amount to a clean water organisation such as Water Aid.

Talk about how God gives us water when we are in need and how we can help people in other parts of the world who cannot easily get clean water.

5 Egg Box throne

You will need jewels, glue stick, scissors and a Jesus and felt tip pens.

Stick the top and bottom of the throne together. Decorate the throne and cut out the figure of Jesus and colour him in. Finally bend Jesus to sit him on his throne. (see picture below)

In the story it says Jesus will come and sit on His glorious throne and separate the Sheep from the Goats.

Talk about the importance of helping those around us in need, the same way that Jesus helped those around him.

6 Separating game

You will need: white balloons; marker pens; old newspaper; masking tape; cardboard boxes/ baskets, stopwatch.

Have a starting point and member takes a turn at guiding the sheep balloons into one pen and the goat balloons into the other using only the staff. See who can get them all in their right places the quickest!

Talk about what we think it will be like when Jesus returns.

7 join our Messy Church Flock

Write your name or family on a sheep and glue it onto hillside on the board. You can add flowers ect if you want

Talk about how good it is to be part of the big church family

