

Report for Messy Church 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017



We were delighted that seven families (including several Dads) joined us in All Saints Church, particularly as it was the beginning of Half-Term. Our activities and celebration were based around the two stories about the Kingdom of Heaven being like Hidden Treasure, as told by Jesus in Matthew 13: 44-46.

It was a cold morning, so starting the session with porridge, hot toast and a warm drink was particularly welcome.



Families moved on to join in with the activities when they were ready. We had five ways of thinking about Hidden Treasure;



moving pearls (ping pong balls) with a straw, making and decorating small money boxes, a hunt for treasure hidden around the church, delving for pearls (marbles) in a large bowl of seaweed (cooked tagliatelle in green water) - quite messy, and making playdough jewels for a king or queen. This last activity turned out to be unexpectedly messy, and as we were using All Saints newly restored wood block floor, we had to give the floor a good cleaning to remove the stray playdough!



Alan Offord then told us an animated version of the two stories about finding the treasure, once by accident and once after much searching, before announcing the winner of the treasure hunt and finishing with a song with actions.

The next Messy Church will be at 9.30 am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March in All Saints Church. All families are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult please. For further information see [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk), and see us on Facebook; 'Messy Church Falmouth'.

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