

Report for Messy Church 10th June 2017

The eleven children and nine adults who attended Messy Church filled the church with laughter and activity. Geoffrey finished the session by telling the story of the Lost (Prodigal) son, assisted by a Dad and two children who acted out the story, including an enthusiastic dip in the 'mud' of the pigsty. Very Messy Church!

After breakfast we had an obstacle course which was fairly straightforward to tackle for both children and parents, but then it had to be done backwards – quite challenging. This was to make us think about how hard it can be to go back to where we started from – like the Lost son.

We put several different coloured Smarties in a glass of warm water and discovered that when the colour dissolved they all were the same. This reminded us that God loves us equally, however different we may seem on the outside. We viewed the magnificent stained glass window over the altar in All Saints church, and with the help of binoculars we could pick out particular scenes which had been photographed.

We made labels for members of our family and hung them on a small tree to remind us about being part of a family, and we made a garden fence from lollipop sticks and thought about fences that keep people in – and can also keep the out.

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 8th July from 9.30 to 11 am at GYLLYNGVASE BEACH. Look for the Messy Church flags to find us. We will be there whatever the weather, so come prepared – you might get messy! We look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Wright for the Messy Church team.