

Report for Messy Church 9th December 2017

Christmas was very much to the fore at the December Messy Church. After a breakfast of Sue's wonderful porridge served with fruit compote, so suitable for such a cold morning, ten children and their families learnt how Joseph was obedient to God, although his life had been turned upside down at the news that Mary was going to be the mother of God's Son.



We began our activities with space hopper races to warm ourselves up and to reflect the long journey which Joseph and Mary would have to make to Bethlehem. We then made curtain ring sheep to remember how the shepherds had their lives turned upside down by the Angels' message, and how they made the journey to Bethlehem to find Jesus. We created Hama bead stars which reminded us how the wise men had their lives turned upside down as they were guided by the star to Bethlehem. We finally constructed prayer cubes on which we wrote prayers as we thought about the times in our lives when everything seemed upside down.



The celebration began with the carol Little Donkey as we thought about his long journey to Bethlehem carrying Mary. Geoffrey then told the Christmas story beginning by giving everyone M&M sweets. He then used the letter M as a visual aid, first as M for Mary and Magi; he turned it to the right where it became a 3 reminding us that there were three Magi who travelled to Bethlehem. He then turned it to the left when it became an E standing for the East from where the Magi travelled. Finally the M was turned upside down so that it became a W reminding us that the Magi worshipped Jesus. We finished with a Christmas prayer after a very happy morning.

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 13th January at All Saints Church.