

## Report of Messy Church held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

The tempting smell of Bacon Rolls welcomed the eight children and their families who joined us at All Saints Church this month.

We were about to look at the Easter story from the perspective of the two men who were crucified alongside Jesus. One mocked and insulted Jesus, but the other admitted his guilt and asked Jesus to remember him. Jesus replied "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23: 32-43. This tells us the wonderful news that Jesus accepts us as we are, he loves us whatever we do, and that it is never too late to seek forgiveness.

After breakfast we set to on the five activities set up for the day. We tried to build a 3-dimensional cross using only clothes pegs and craft sticks – this was harder than it looked, but some constructions survived for several minutes. We decorated plastic 'eggs', then put damp cotton wool inside and sprinkled cress seeds on top, to learn about new life through Jesus.



Alan Offord helped us to make Power Bands, explaining the significance of the five different coloured beads and the knots. We painted Masking Tape Cross pictures – when we pulled off the tape a cross was revealed, reminding us that Jesus took away our sins on the Cross.

Finally we flipped coins onto a table covered with a Twister plastic sheet, to see how many coins we could get onto the circles. This was an approximation to 'casting lots' which was what the soldiers did for Jesus' clothes.



When it came to Story Time the children were able to sit, for the first time, on our new Magic Carpet. Clair talked to us all about second chances and being forgiven, then we sang and danced until it was time to go home. We gave each child (and two of our younger helpers) a Real Easter Egg which included a book with The Easter Story inside, and we hope that they will enjoy them.



We were able to buy the Magic Carpet and the Easter Eggs due to generous donations which we have recently received and for which we are very grateful. We also appreciate the support, both financial and otherwise, which we receive from St Budock Parish Church.

The next Messy Church will be at 9.30 am on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at All Saints Church, Killigrew Street. All families of every shape and size are most welcome, so please join us.

Mary Wright

P.S. Congratulations to one of our leaders, Clair Allen, for winning a 'Community Hero' award for her many contributions to the Falmouth community.

