

Report from Messy Church 8th September 2018

It was lovely to be back in All Saints Church after a 2 month break. We started as usual at 9.30 with breakfast; cereals, a selection of pastries and/or toast with hot or cold drinks. Adults enjoyed a chance to chat, while the children soon couldn't wait to get started on the activities.



Our theme was 'Choices', loosely based on Matthew 8: 19-20 about the sometimes difficult decision to follow Jesus. Our most active game was playing giant 'Connect 4' while having to run up and down the church between each attempt to block your opponent. Some of the children found other uses for the large round 'counters'.



A much quieter activity was making Prayer Booklets; decorating small notebooks and then writing in some prayers – a few were provided all ready to stick in. The hope is that the books will be taken home and added to and used.

There was a variety of different mazes to solve, some suited to younger children and one fiendishly difficult to challenge adults and older children. The fourth activity was chosen by adults too, an introduction to the Ten Commandments and discussing how easy or hard they are to follow.



Clair gathered the children onto the Magic Carpet to lead a lively discussion about keeping promises and keeping secrets – important choices that we all make. Everyone joined in enthusiastically singing two action songs before it was time to go home. But no-one was in a hurry to leave; surely a sign of an enjoyable morning.

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 13th October in All Saints Church, Killigrew Street, Falmouth, starting with breakfast at 9.30. We hope to see you there.

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