

Messy Church report 13th October 2018

This week's Messy Church was right in the middle of "Storm Callum." With such wild and windy weather, numbers were a little lower than usual, but that didn't stop us from having fun!

We started at 9:30 with a breakfast of pancakes, cereals, toast, hot and cold drinks. We had a chance to chat around our tables with families coming in, and the children enjoyed putting chocolate spread on their pancakes (and obviously didn't leave any evidence on their faces....!)

Our theme this week was "Safe and Sound", which was based around the story of the lost sheep.



There were around 80 paper sheep hidden around the church for the children (and grown ups!) to find, but only 60ish of them were returned which leaves us a challenge for next time!

Another activity was decorating ginger bread men which became shepherds. They had staffs made of candy cane and some very interesting cloaks made from icing and jelly tots.

The next activity was quite a challenge! We had a table with lots of obstacles on it, and the aim was to blow a ball (posing as a sheep) with a straw around the obstacles back in to its pen. The activity was timed and got quite competitive, but the winner managed to get the sheep home safely in 25 seconds.

Whilst this was happening, some children were making their own sheep money boxes made from cotton wool, a box, black card faces... and lots and lots of glue! We were discussing that while we can keep our money safe in a money box, how else can we keep things safe? Who keeps us safe?

Our last activity was a talking activity, demonstrating on a blanket of grass the story of the lost sheep with playmobile characters. This talking activity led us wonderfully in to our celebration time on the carpet.

Alan told us the story of Baaaarnaby the sheep who wondered off from his friends whilst looking for flowers. He eventually got so lost that he was worried about going home in case the shepherd was cross with him. But the shepherd actually came looking for him, and was so pleased to find him that he threw him a party when he got back! (have you ever seen a sheep wearing a party hat, playing the guitar?!)



We finished with two action songs – "Our God is a Great Big God" and "Never Give up". Alan concluded with a prayer and then we went out into the raging wind to go home!

Our next Messy Church is on the 10th November, 9:30am at All Saints. We hope to see you there!

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