

Report for Messy Church 8th April 2017

The theme for April's Messy Church was "Giving our very best for God" based on the Bible passage from Mark's Gospel chapter 14:3-9 in which Mary anointed Jesus with precious oil at Bethany, just before his entry into Jerusalem. Although our numbers were depleted due to families being on holiday, what we lacked in numbers we certainly made up for in enthusiasm!



After a breakfast which included delicious pancakes this time, the activities included Alan's wonderful "Work up a Sweat" which had the younger members, plus a Dad or two, seeing how many jumps and star jumps they could do in one minute and then after a rest seeing if they could try to beat their best by pushing themselves a little further.

Linda organised the "Smiley Face" pizzas where we decorated pizza bases into the best smiley faces we could make. With pineapple chunks teeth, mushroom and olive eyes and red pepper mouths there were plenty to be taken home to be cooked.



Sylvia was in charge of the "Bath bombs" which released a beautiful fragrance when they were placed in warm water. This reminded everyone of how Mary anointed Jesus with expensive perfume as an expression of giving her very best to Him.

Pat used card to make a heart shape between two hands which we decorated and on which we wrote about people and situations in the world which we could place into God's hands. This reminded us of how much God loves us, and how Jesus is God's most precious gift to us.



Soon it was time for our celebration, which was led by Clair. We began by singing with gusto the action song "Be happy, I'm gonna jump up and down" and then Clair explained the story of how Mary gave her very best to Jesus because she loved him so much, and how we can and should honour God in our own way with what we have and what we are able to do. This led to our next song: "Jesus' love is very wonderful". We then talked about how we can do our very best for Jesus by doing our best to help other people and by putting our lives in God's hands so that he can enable us to be the best we can be, whoever we are. This was reinforced by our last song "I might have knobbly knees". Geoffrey brought our celebration to a close with the Messy Church prayer for the month: Loving Jesus, thank you for giving us your love, which is so precious. Help us to think about what we have, what we can give to you and what we can share with others. We have heard how Mary did the best thing she could for you. Help us to do our best and be the best we can, Amen.



The next Messy church is on Saturday 13th May....looking forward to seeing you there.
Jan.