

## Report from Messy Church 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019

We started the new year by thinking about New Year Resolutions; those promises we make but so quickly forget or give up. What if our New Year Resolution is that we become more like Jesus by being kind and considerate to others?

Our Welcome Desk, where families 'sign in' and collect name badges was run efficiently as usual by Jan Winslade, who lets everyone know that we are pleased to see them.

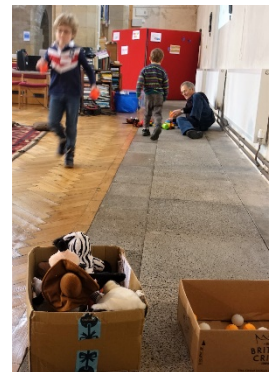
Breakfast was produced, served and cleared away by Adele Gunn and Sue Neate. They kept up with the requests for porridge, cereal, toast and drinks with cheerful smiles for everyone. Charles Neate took the photos which appear in this report and on our Facebook page.

Then, after a welcome and introduction by Michael, we set to on the activities;

- Untangling some ropes and thinking about how much easier it is when several people work together, kindly provided and overseen by David Cunliffe.
- Colouring in and discussing pictures of people being kind to each other.



- Playing with big Jenga, assisted by Paul Jenkins, and thinking about how it is best to think and look before you extract a brick. Also that we shouldn't laugh at the person who finally brings the tower down – we all contributed to its collapse. (Thank you EBC for the loan of their Jenga).
- Sorting out a heap of muddled toys – how much easier if they had been put away properly in the first place. And who do we expect to pick up our toys/clothes/papers?
- There were paper items of clothing to colour, cut out and write on the back what we hope to do better this year. Then we pegged the clothes on a line.



There was also a street scene playmat with some cars and books to look at in quieter moments.

Beth Tumbridge then led us in the Celebration with prayers and two stories about helping each other. She also had a picture of a sad woman for us to suggest things that we could do to cheer her up. Plenty of ideas were then written on Post-it notes and put on the picture. We concluded with 2 lively songs about Helping people, enthusiastically accompanied using tambourines and bells which had been kindly lent to us by St Budock Junior Church.



The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in All Saints Church, Killigrew Street, Falmouth, starting with breakfast at 9.30. We hope to see you there.

Mary Wright.