



## *June 2015 Newsletter*

### **Messy Church:**

- is a way of being church for families involving fun
- is found across the world
- values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

### **How it all began...**

The first Messy Church began in 2004 (under the guidance of Lucy Moore) when a group at St Wilfrid's in Cowplain near Portsmouth, England, were frustrated because, as a church, they were hardly reaching any children with God's story.

They felt they had lovely buildings and facilities but weren't using them enough. They had creative people in the church, and the area needed as much community-building as possible.

So they decided very early on to try to do something for all ages together, partly out of a belief that we grow best as a church when we walk the journey with as many different people as possible, and partly from a desire to help families to grow together in their walk of faith. (adapted slightly from [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk))

### **Messy Church— Holy Trinity**

Messy Church has now spread outside of the UK (with over 2905 Messy Church's world-wide) and our Messy Church model is based on the original UK model however with slight adaptations in catering to our needs within our community in terms of ideas/ themes etc.

The whole of Messy Church is about worshipping God, having fellowship and exploring faith matters. It welcomes everyone, involves everyone, values everyone and is always there for the outsider. It's a church.

**Next Messy Church dates:** 22 July, 26 August, 16 September 2015

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**Messy Church is held at:** Holy Trinity Anglican Parish of Hillcrest, 9 Elangeni Road, Hillcrest, 3610







Our sincerest thanks to all the families that have supported this ministry as well as the volunteers for their hard work and creativity in making it all happen.

We have included a couple of pictures of past Messy Church services herewith. God bless.

*-Jennifer Lavender*

