



## July 2015 Newsletter

### Messy Church is...

- A form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children.
- It's fun.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey.
- It is about worshipping God, having fellowship and exploring faith matters.
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter Him and to grow closer to Him.
- Most Messy Churches meet once a month, although a few meet more frequently or more occasionally. In the words of Claire Dalpra of The Sheffield Centre: *Messy Church is an all-age fresh expression of church that offers counter-cultural transformation of family life through families coming together to be, to make, to eat and to celebrate God.*

### Holy Trinity News and Dates to Remember:

- News: We give thanks to God for the election of Bishop Dino Gabriel of Zululand, whom will succeed Bishop Rubin as Anglican Bishop of Natal. His consecration will take place in November.
- Dates to remember: Holy Trinity will host a 'Celebration of Seasons' from 4-6 September in aid of needy individuals/communities and organisations. On Friday 4th and Saturday 5th, we will have a flower festival and tea garden, wherein all are welcome to view the beautiful flower displays and have a cup of tea and on the 6th we will host a Harvest Festival. Please come and support this event as we raise much needed funds for organisations within Hillcrest. Information such as ticket prices etc. will be posted soon onto our website [www.holytrinity.co.za](http://www.holytrinity.co.za)
- Holy Trinity will host Christopher Duigan on 25th September 2015. Duigan is a pianist of note with a vast repertoire and promises a great evening of entertainment. More information will be posted onto our website: [www.holytrinity.co.za](http://www.holytrinity.co.za) shortly.

Next Messy Church dates: 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







Thank you for joining us. We do hope you enjoyed your evening and look forward to seeing you for the next Messy service. We have included a couple of pictures of the last Messy Church with the theme: **Noah**, herewith for you.

God's blessings upon you and your family.

(please remember to tell others about Messy Church) -*Jenipher Lavender*

