



St John the Baptist Church, Grove OX12 7LQ

Activity plan for Messy Church Events

Date of messy church: 26 th October 2024 Theme: Harvest and the parable of the sower		Location: Grove Church Hall and Foyer and rooms Name of leader with responsibility: Sarah Shackleton		
Plan for the day				
Time	Activity	Where	Coordinator	Who involved
10am-1pm	Setting up reflection space	In the church	Margot and Martin	
10am-1pm	Setting up messy church	In the hall, foyer, lower St John's room and possibly outside.	Sarah Shackleton	All available helpers
2pm	Start reflection space	In the church	Margot and Martin	
3pm	Start messy church with opening prayer	In the hall	Sarah Shackleton	
4pm	Parable of the sower sketch	Within the large junk model	Sarah	
	Songs x1-2	By the sower model	Bev	
	Ending prayer	By the sower model	Sarah	
5pm	Final clear away. Main model to stay for the Sunday		Sarah	



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Welcome 2-3pm 3-4pm	Welcome arrivals, direct them, introduce them to the options	Foyer/Hall/Church			? ?
Reflection space	Reflections on Christian response to environment	Church			Margot and Martin
Foodbank collection	Donations	Church	The altar		
Refreshments 3-4pm	Refreshments for those attending both the reflection and the messy church	Hall -= kitchen hatch	Tables in front of the kitchen hatch. If people want to walk with refreshments they need a lid	<input type="checkbox"/> coffee <input type="checkbox"/> tea <input type="checkbox"/> milk <input type="checkbox"/> squash <input type="checkbox"/> biscuits <input type="checkbox"/> coffee cups with lids (inc backup disposable ones)	? ? ?
Large junk modelling – based on parable of sower	Fun To create scene for parable of the sower	Hall – by the window	In place	<input type="checkbox"/> Frame for tractor <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard <input type="checkbox"/> Path <input type="checkbox"/> Stones for stony area	Frances H Rachel H



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	Path, Rocks, Thorns/twigs			<input type="checkbox"/> Twigs for the thorns <input type="checkbox"/> Good soil representation <input type="checkbox"/> Bag for 'seed' <input type="checkbox"/> birdseed And general junk model stuff	
Long collage – for craft ideas to be attached to – part of the large junk model	To attach craft creations too – including the sunflowers from the treasure hunt	Hall floor – at the front of the farmyard model	?attached to back of pews	<input type="checkbox"/> roll of backing paper <input type="checkbox"/> double sided sticking tape <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	?
Potato printing	Long background for the farm.	Hall – Double table for creating the stamps then stamping on the large collage on the floor in front of the farmyard model, or on separate A4 pages – if easier	Long collage or A4 pages scattered around the room	<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Sponges for the paint <input type="checkbox"/> Washable paint <input type="checkbox"/> non sharp knives <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuit cutters to cut potatoes	? ?
Treasure hunt	Spotting fruits of the spirit in unexpected places and celebrating them	Rooms – and possibly outside rooms if weather good	Collect petals, make into flower then attach to the long collage and/or onto the 'good soil' and or a lollypop stick to take home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Things to find – different coloured sunflower petals <input type="checkbox"/> Finders cards to fill in – sunflower centre <input type="checkbox"/> Small prizes – waitrose vegan fruit jelly sweets? Or tiny bags of haribo	Nick and Celia



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				<input type="checkbox"/> sellotape <input type="checkbox"/> lollipop sticks	
Food decorating activity	Harvest plenty	Hall – low table by kitchen hatch	To be eaten	<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits <input type="checkbox"/> Icing <input type="checkbox"/> Toppings appropriate for harvest	?
Pine cone animals	Animals to populate the scene, and take home	Hall – double table	Onto the model – maybe a small table so they don't get lost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pine cones <input type="checkbox"/> felt <input type="checkbox"/> felt tips <input type="checkbox"/> glue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pipe cleaners (for spider legs etc) <input type="checkbox"/> pictures of ideas <input type="checkbox"/> paint <input type="checkbox"/> paint brushes <input type="checkbox"/> table protector	? ?
Decorate stones	For the sketch	Hall – double table	To go onto the stony area of the model.	<input type="checkbox"/> stones <input type="checkbox"/> paint <input type="checkbox"/> brushes <input type="checkbox"/> protective sheeting <input type="checkbox"/> binbag pain overalls <input type="checkbox"/> paint pots <input type="checkbox"/> cloth to wipe stones <input type="checkbox"/> newspaper to dry stones on	Helen H ?



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Bird gliders – make and decorate	For the sketch	Hall	To fly down onto the seeds during the sketch	<input type="checkbox"/> Templates <input type="checkbox"/> felt tips <input type="checkbox"/> paint <input type="checkbox"/> paint pots <input type="checkbox"/> brushes	? ?
Adult/older child activity – decorating jam jar for tealight as per this example but with harvest ideas  Creating prayer leaves and thankfulness fruit	Jesus is the light of the world	Hall quiet area – double table	Candles to the model Prayers and thankfulness to the drawn prayer tree	<input type="checkbox"/> jam jars <input type="checkbox"/> tissue paper to cut out for shapes with stamp cutters <input type="checkbox"/> dried flowers <input type="checkbox"/> pva glue and gloss <input type="checkbox"/> stamp shape cutters <input type="checkbox"/> Sand to provide stable base for tealights <input type="checkbox"/> tea lights <input type="checkbox"/> coloured paper – to cut out own ideas of fruit and leaves (could have bananas, oranges, grapes etc all on the tree to represent different types of things to be thankful for!) <input type="checkbox"/> craft scissors <input type="checkbox"/> glue <input type="checkbox"/> pens <input type="checkbox"/> Drawn fruit tree on one of the walls in the hall	Sue Powditch ?



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colouring/sticking table	<p>Pompom owls</p> <p>Tissue roses – bouquets or individual</p> <p>Prayer leaves and thankfulness fruit for the prayer tree</p> <p>Backup: making cards -</p>	Double table	Either take home or add somewhere in the main model as part of the 'good soil' area	<input type="checkbox"/> owl templates <input type="checkbox"/> pompoms <input type="checkbox"/> rose shape cutter <input type="checkbox"/> small stapler <input type="checkbox"/> magic scotch tape <input type="checkbox"/> green paper for leaves <input type="checkbox"/> garden wire for stems <input type="checkbox"/> craft scissors <input type="checkbox"/> shape stamps <input type="checkbox"/> glue <input type="checkbox"/> felt tips <input type="checkbox"/> A5 card <input type="checkbox"/> coloured paper	? ?
Toddler craft with paper plates – animals and nature	God's creation –	Hall – corner as per last time	Put on a string line at L end of the Farmyard model -	<input type="checkbox"/> paper plates <input type="checkbox"/> colouring equipment etc <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Chris and Kathy Franklin
Very small children's double table	Playdough table for littlies	Near the paper plate table		<input type="checkbox"/> playdough <input type="checkbox"/> playdough cutters etc <input type="checkbox"/> table protector	Parental supervision



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On mat close to other small childrens activities	Static small childrens activity toys	Near the playdough table			Parental supervision
Quiet space for overwhelmed kids	peace	Beanbag space in the church with some colouring activites Also old choir vestry room if needed		<input type="checkbox"/> beanbags (do we have these?) or cushions <input type="checkbox"/> colouring equipment etc <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Parental supervision
Songs	Praise and worship	Hall	By the farmyard model	Musical 'instruments'	Bev
Sketch of the sower	Bible bit	In the Farmyard model		Script! Sarah will write – based on the bible passage. Signs with audience words on to represent the disciples question Bird gliders thrown onto path at the appropriate point.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah • Farmer • Sign holder for audience participation

Pinecone animal ideas



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