

## **Minutes to Messy Church Planning Meeting 3/2/2011**

Present: Emma Coe, Margaret Burgess, Mary Langton, Wendy Roberts, John & Eleanor Benvie and Melissa Wearden.

### **Feedback on last Messy Church:**

Overall felt that it had gone extremely well, a good number of families attended, a good buzz to the Hall, the right amount of enjoyable crafts and a great upfront worship session.

The crafts were relatively straight forward it was felt that the older girls attending enjoyed helping out staffing the tables. **Action: Wendy** please can you thank the Rangers for their help and see if any are willing to help at the next one? Thanks.

The two part craft of the chocolate marshmallow in the gift box was greatly enjoyed and appreciated but was complicated due to the time delay in waiting for the chocolate to set and the need to help most of the small ones make up their boxes. A learning point for any future 2 part crafts.

The tables in the centre of the Hall for finished crafts were felt to inhibit the movement and flow round the crafts slightly, so 2 tables at the end near the table tennis tables will be trialed to see if this is an improvement, with the picnics able to be stored underneath, and coats put in the fellowship room.

It was felt that there should be clearer instructions to the helpers as to when to turn up and more precise job descriptions e.g. the volunteers who were putting the tables up came after the craft team had already needed to put them up to lay out the crafts.

**Action: EC**

The publicity/marketing will be revisited with some more descriptive leaflets produced and some entries into SK7 and about my area. Postcards need to be updated. **Action: EC**

It was felt that once everyone was in the sanctuary for worship that unless there was someone at the door, the door should be closed to prevent the toddlers from running into the crush hall and potentially outside. **Action: Stewards.**

The question was raised as to how the Dads felt about Messy Church and was there enough for them. It is something we can give further thought to and EC will ask some of the Dads e.g. Jason Smith. **Action: EC**

It was felt that a large communal craft would be a positive addition.

It was noted that Leslie had wondered if the flip chart asking for volunteers was a necessity. Due to time constraints this was not fully discussed, but no-one could think of a viable alternative that would be as effective. **Action: EC discuss with Leslie and organize volunteer sign up.**

**This month's theme is Creation and the crafts decided upon were:**

**Day/Night collage.** Half will be day light blue card with a sun on, cotton ball clouds and birds to be stuck on. Night –dark blue card with moon on, silver/gold stars and bats to be added. **Action: Mary and Margaret** to source materials. Volunteer to staff craft table required.

**Laminated bookmark** with pressed flower and verse on Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. **Action: Mary** to provide pressed flowers and verse, **Margaret** to provide bookmark cards, **Emma** to check on laminator and pouches. Volunteer to staff stall required.

(Plant a seed suggest saving for another time.)

**Pencil snake**, made from pipecleaners. **Action: Margaret and Mary** to provide pipecleaners and googly eyes, **Emma** to source pencils. Volunteer required to staff craft table.

**Potato print/stamper pictures.** **Action: Mary** to provide stamps, **Wendy** to provide potato stamps in simple flower/animal/fish shapes. Use paper and paints from Young Church cupboard?

**Wow box** of items to wonder at e.g. feathers, shells etc. **Action Mary** to source and staff table.

**Under water pictures**, using encaustic technique. **Action: Margaret** to source and run with **Eleanor** due to hot irons. Table will need to be near a power point and thought put in to layout so irons are out of easy reaching distance.

**Fruit kebabs.** **Action: Wendy** to source and staff a table.

**Pop up tent** with blanket, cushions and books on creation – for rest. **Action: Eleanor** to check availability of pop up tent. **Eleanor** please can you check with Lisa T-B if we can borrow any books on creation?

**Kitchen:** Gingerbread men biscuits to be served with drinks. **Action: EC** to contact **Gill Shepherd** and **Sue Rossell** about buying supplies.

**N.B.** Before buying any resources the Messy Church cupboard should be checked e.g. for card, paper etc. (This is the bottom shelf of the Junior Church cupboard) or else check with Mary Langton for any of Granny's craft treasure. Melissa has some extra craft idea books will remain in the MC cupboard from now on.

**Other:**

**Action: EC** to contact Worship team. **EC** to contact Keith Wright re: banner up Monday before and banner removal Monday after. **EC** to contact Ted re: sticks to signpost the crafts. **EC** contact Clare Lee re: papers etc.