

# Messy Church Planning Meeting

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

### Theme: Eco/Love your World

**Present:** Eleanor Benvie, Margaret Burgess, Jo Fletcher, Sandra Sanderson, Margaret Simpson.

**Apologies:** John Benvie, Alison Pott, Sandra Snowball.

### Feedback from 29<sup>th</sup> January Messy Church:

- John Benvie said that the games in the entrance hall had worked really well and that both dads and mums had joined in with their children playing musical chairs.
- Attendance figures were very good again with a total of 40 children plus their parent(s).
- Quite a few parents commented on how much their children had enjoyed making their own sandwiches and decorating the cakes. We will aim to do this again sometime soon.
- Food - we agreed to continue to provide the tea on an ad hoc basis rather than every month but will carry on providing extra bread, cheese and grapes etc for any children who've forgotten to bring theirs.
- Expenses - everyone to claim their own expenses directly with Brian Street for the time being, while the accounts system is being re-organised.
- Feedback forms - The feedback was generally good and very useful. Jo to collate the information from these forms and circulate to MC team members.

### Planning action points for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February:

#### Worship:

Leslie Newton will be leading worship this month around the theme of "Love your World" and Jo will communicate with Leslie about the craft plans and how these could be worked into worship. One suggestion for the songs was "If I were a butterfly"?

#### Action:

Jo to forward meeting notes to Leslie and Jo or Leslie to liaise with the music team before the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Activities for 26<sup>th</sup> February:

#### Group activity: Mosaic Table - Margaret Burgess

Margaret has located an old round table (in need of some renovation work), which was formerly used in the Centrepont Café and she has put together an idea,

which involves covering the table in mosaic pieces. It'll include a dove design on it and will have a very small plaque saying that it was made by the children at MC. Margaret has liaised with Chris and hopefully the table will go back into the café and serve as a Messy Church outreach tool.

**Action:**

Margaret to source and run activity.

**Craft activity 1- Wormery: Margaret Simpson**

Children to create their own wormeries using compost and kitchen waste/peelings in clear plastic washing capsule tubs. It could be interesting!

**Action:**

Jo to order the worms online and then Margaret to buy compost. Please could everyone save their old washing capsule tubs (if they use these) and also their old kitchen waste from approximately the Wed/Thurs before Messy Church. If it's any older it may be too strong smelling!

**Craft 2: Sock dragonflies – Sandra Sanderson**

Children to make their own dragonflies out of old socks, stuffed and then with wings out of pieces of coated wire and tissue paper.

**Action:**

Sandra to source stuffing (Thrift Shop?) and coated wire (Spreadborough's?) and then use googly eyes. Jo to put a notice in this week's notice sheets for any old socks and to also check the JC cupboards for tissue paper.

**Craft 3: Collage– Alison Pott**

Children to use their creative inspiration and make their own collages out of left over materials from the JC/MC resources. The collages could focus on anything they associate with the environment/Eco theme.

**Action:**

Jo to liaise with Alison re sourcing the materials and strong paper/thin card. Margaret to bring her hole punchers. Alison/Jo to speak to Mary Langton for any old ribbon or buttons etc that could be used.

**Craft 4: Cakes – Eleanor Benvie**

Children to decorate the leftover cakes from the MC birthday party and Eleanor to buy any extra cakes or biscuits. Suggestions for the decorations included worms or butterflies etc.

**Action:**

Eleanor to source and run.

**Craft 5: Pencil decorations – Sandra Snowball**

Children to decorate their own pencils with pipe cleaners, which could be turned into worms or snakes and with little eyes added to them.

### Action:

Sandra to source and run. Margaret mentioned that there should be pipe cleaners in the office upstairs and Sandra to liaise with Margaret for the googly eyes.

### Games:

A simple game to run in the Crush Hall where the children run/dance around to music (Jo has some insect themed music) and then when it stops they run to four different corners of the room. Each corner will have a picture (dragonfly, butterfly, worm, ladybird) and then the organiser will call out the name of one of those insect/creatures and those children are eliminated from the game.

### Action:

Jo to see if Molly and Lauren Souter or Wendy's Rangers are available to run this activity. Jo to supply pictures and music.

### Miscellaneous action points:

- Jo to put a notice/reminder in next week's notices about Messy Church.
- Jo to ask Keith Wright to put up the banner w/c 20 Feb.
- Anyone who gets a Sunday newspaper to bring it in and Jo to buy milk and biscuits for the adults.

The meeting closed in prayer.

### Next planning meeting:

This will take place during w/c 5 March. We are going to see if the day can be changed either to the Monday or Friday afternoon. Jo to send an email around to everyone.