

**Messy Church Planning meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**  
**Theme Bible Seasides for June Messy Church.**

**Present:** Emma, Jo (& Zoe), Margaret, Denise, Wendy and Chris.

**Apologies:** Mary and the Benvies..

The meeting started with prayer.

Feedback from the last Messy Church was very positive. A surprising number of people attended (41 children!), despite it being a school holiday and Bank Holiday weekend. Thanks to Simon for the new publicity materials and Jo for distributing them throughout the community.

It was noted that it is hard to get people to make the badges at the point of entry to the back hall as most people want to get into the hall to start on the other crafts. A decision was made to have a welcome desk in the Crush Hall with sticky label badges, publicity materials and the option to sign up for reminder emails. Good news that the badges made at the first Messy Church have been found! The badge maker will probably be used at future Messy Churches to make badges relating to the theme. **Action: Chris to provide sticky labels, Jo to have a sign up sheet etc. and to run the welcome desk at this Messy Church.**

It has been suggested after a discussion with Anne Clayton that the Fun club photocards be sent out to attendees with an invite to the Sept. Messy Church.

**Action: Jo to liaise with Fun Club.**

**June 26<sup>th</sup> Messy Church Crafts:**

**Calm and Stormy seas.** Jo to provide a partitioned sandpit to make into the seas. Wendy to source and run a craft where the children make origami boats to float on the calm and stormy seas. **Action: Wendy & Jo.**

**Flapping Fish Game.** A game where paper fish are raced against each other using folded newspapers to drive them. **Action Wendy to source. Hoping that John will run this in the Crush Hall.**

**Laminated poems.** Choice of 2 poems footprints and starfish to put on a sea background and decorate with fish or star stickers then laminate. **Action: Margaret to source background, Jo to get fish and footprint stickers, Chris to check on laminating pouches. Emma to run and check for star stickers.**

**Flying Fish with tails.** **Action: Margaret to source. Ranger to run.**

**Communal craft.** Seascape scene. **Action: Margaret will provide lighthouse, shells, pebbles and sand. Eleanor to run and source blue tissue paper and glue (probably some in the cupboard but may need more) to make the sea also**

**need coloured paper and pattern (possibly different from Wendy's ?) to make origami boats. Need to find something to put it on.**

**Stained Glass Fish/Cross and alternative craft for younger children. Action: Margaret** to source and run stained glass craft. Hoping **Denise** will run the alternative craft using acetates for the younger children. **Margaret to source.**

**Shell Picture frames. Action: Chris to source and run, will check with Mary if she has any shells.**

**Fishing game.** Not sure if we need this now. **Jo** no need to buy magnetic strip. If we do this I (**Action: Emma**) may just set something up on a small table to play with as an activity but not necessarily make anything. **Ranger to oversee?**

**Fish Fingers and ice cream!**

We thought it might be nice to offer a fish finger in a bun with ketchup in the back hall after the sanctuary service and also an ice cream cone with a choice of 2 flavours and a few toppings. **Action Eleanor to source and rangers to run.**

I'm not sure I'm going to put a sign up sheet in the Crush Hall as this rarely generates any helpers. I will call around to make sure we have kitchen helpers and worship leaders and musicians. **Action: Emma.**

**Emma to contact Keith re: banner.**  
**Jo to send out email reminder.**

**Topics for after summer.**

September – Harvest

October – Eco/Green

November – Joseph. N.B. Melissa will be back from Mat. Leave and it is also the Church weekend, so could be short of helpers etc.

December – Christingle.

**Action: Emma to do some background preparation.**

Sorry this is a bit hurried. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to call.