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As 2012 draws to a close, there is much "Messy-ness" to celebrate. How incredible to think that from only two Messy Church expressions at the beginning of 2011, there are now over 100 Messy Church expressions in Australia! We continue to be amazed by the stories we hear from Messy Churches across the country of children and families connecting with their local church through Messy Church expressions and local churches being enthused and energized by their Messy Church experience. As you have been a blessing to so many people in 2012, may you in turn be greatly blessed this Advent/Christmas Season.

*Yours in Messy-ness,
Chris, Judyth, Mel and Brenton.*

Some Snippets

"We had a great last Messy Church on Sunday with 48 people and 16 of those under 10 years old. So we have grown significantly since our Feb Messy church when we had 28 people and only 6 were children. At the start it was grandparents bringing grandchildren but now the children are bringing their parents along and there is a lot of energy coming in our doors. We are quite amazed!"

Margery, Camberwell (Victoria)

"Our Messy Church has been going, once a month, for ten months now... Our target is for families who don't normally go to church and have had little previous contact with us... We have about six keen families and others who come and go... We have a wonderful team and they have a lot of creative ideas. The Messy Church has brought a great deal of vitality to our church. We had no families attending the Sunday worship and no Sunday School. It's great to hear children running and laughing again."

Miriam, Kincumber (New South Wales)

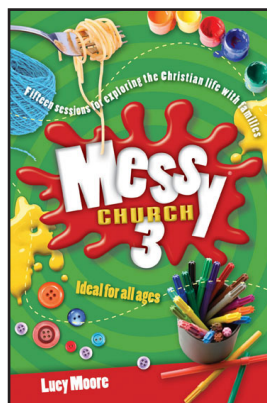
Inspired by Lucy Moore's visit to Ballina some time ago, I decided to have a crack at the Godly Play style of storytelling. So for our latest Messy Church I chose to focus on The Lord's Prayer. I chose the activities carefully, found a Lord's Prayer script and gathered my resources (lots of practice went into my presentation.) Everything went sort of smoothly until I got to "Your will be done." Blank faces, even from the grown-ups. Then a small voiced piped up: "My brother's Will." Everyone, including slightly embarrassed parents, cracked up with laughter.

Sue, Sherwood (Queensland),



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Lucy Moore's Australian Visit - 2013

Following on from the successful visits to Victoria and New South Wales in 2012, Lucy will be visiting Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland in February/March 2013...

WA	Feb 15, 16	Summer Spirit Conference
	Feb 17	Messy Church Day
	Feb 19	All-Age Worship Seminar (Busselton)
SA	Feb 21	Messy Gathering for people in ministry with pre-schoolers and their families
	Feb 21	Messy Church Dinner Party for those currently involved in a Messy Church team
	Feb 22	Messy Church Fiesta All welcome!
	Feb 23	Invigor8 Children's and Family Ministry Conference
	Feb 24	Messy Church Workshop in the Barossa
Qld	Feb 26	Toowoomba 5:30-9:00pm @ LifeWorks Uniting Church
	Feb 27	Maryborough 5:30-9:00pm @ Maryborough Baptist Church
	Feb 28	Gladstone 5:30-9:00pm @ Gladstone Baptist Church
	Mar 2	Brisbane 'Messy Church Explained' as a Master Class at IGNITE

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Messy Church Values

We reckoned it would be a good idea to provide a reminder of the five values of Messy Church, as we're coming across some Messy Churches who have let one or the other of them slip, which means their Messy Church isn't quite... Messy Church. After all, we don't just want to bung on an event, we want to be the best church we can be together.

So our values are

- hospitality
- creativity
- celebration
- being all-age
- being Christ-centred

How are these values being expressed in your Messy Church?

From Messy Church UK

Messy Church Roundtable

On February 25 representatives from each state will be meeting together in Adelaide for the inaugural Messy Church Australia Roundtable. The Roundtable will provide a unique opportunity to engage together around Messy Church in Australia and for the participants to shape the ongoing development of Messy Church across the country. If you have any comments, ideas, suggestions or prayer points that you would like added into the Roundtable process, please e-mail chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au before the end of January.



Newsletter Content

As always, your contribution of stories, pictures and ideas to this Newsletter is greatly appreciated. For inclusion in the next Newsletter, please send any input to chris.barnett@ctm.uca.edu.au before February 28.