



Opportunities for Messy Church leaders to meet-up for mutual learning, encouragement and prayer continue to multiply around the country. In this Newsletter you will notice items regarding events in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. You will also find more information about the upcoming (February 2018) inaugural Australasian Messy Church Gathering.

Blessings, Chris.

Newcastle Messy Workshop

Almost 70 people from 17 different Messy Churches gathered for the first annual Messy Workshop in Newcastle. Focused on the The Five Core Values of Messy Church, participants enjoyed plenty of opportunities for questions, providing their own in-put, participating in a Messy Church session entitled The Last Supper and partaking in a Messy Communion. Those who attended are already looking forward to the second annual event in 2018!

UCA 40th Anniversary

As part of the 40th birthday celebrations of the Uniting Church, a regional gathering of the Presbytery of Tasmania included a series of Messy-style activities around the theme of "40". Participants of all ages enjoyed exploring Bible stories relating to the Flood, Moses, Elijah, Jesus in the wilderness and the 40 days from the resurrection to the ascension of Jesus.

Make it Messy! Training Event

"Thank you for the amazing amount of time and thought that went into running this day. I have come away even more convinced of the value of Messy Church."

"Thank you for a lovely day. I learned such a lot and think Messy Church is a wonderful concept and hope that, after approaching the Church Councillors, that our church might soon begin our own Messy Church!"

"It was a really good day, well run, on time, interesting and helpful. Material for sale was fabulous! Thanks to all who were involved in running the day. May God bless you all, and may Messy Church continue to grow in this country!"

Just a few of the comments from the recent Make it Messy! training event at which people from all over Victoria joined together for a day of active engagement, stimulating discussions, encouraging stories and helpful electives designed to empower their ministry in their local context. Some of the great resources shared on the day, found at [Make it Messy!](#), included

- [Messy Church resource flyers](#)
- [Three Intergenerational Resources](#)
- [Towards Truly Intergenerational Messy Church](#)



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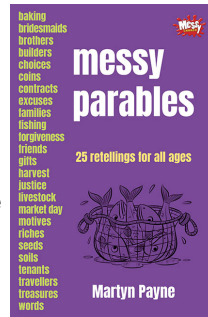
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Messy Parables NEW

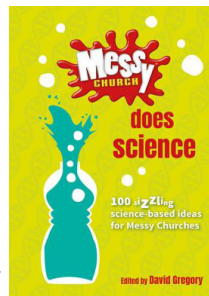
Jesus' parables intrigued, inspired, engaged and challenged the crowds, combining everyday imagery with surprising twists that prompted all ages to wonder and discover new things for themselves. Messy Parables communicates the immediacy and relevance of Jesus' message for people of all ages today.



Available from [CTM Resourcing](#) and [MediaCom](#).

Messy Science MORE RESOURCES

Messy Church Does Science is well and truly out and has been gleefully received all over Australia (apparently we got it ahead of anywhere else)! You can also enjoy these extra online resources:



- [The Messy Scientist series](#)
- [Download a selection of the activities for free](#)
- [View the videos and photos of the activities in action](#)
- [Take a look at the ideas on the Messy Science Pinterest board](#)

Christmas in July?

Christmas may seem a long way away, but some resources will need to be organised in advance! For example, the [Gingerbread Folk](#) are offering special discounts for Messy Churches (mention this Newsletter when you enquire). Messy Church resources to explore for Christmas 2017 include...

- [Christmas Family Time](#) (NEW)
- [Messy Christmas](#) (available as download)
- [Messy Nativity](#) (available as download)
- [Christmas Resources](#) (summary)

Father's Day

Many Messy Churches will choose to recognise Father's Day in their September gatherings. The June theme for [Get Messy!](#) is the Lost Son and his fantastic father, which ties in well. You might also want to think about [Who Let the Dads Out?](#) and check out their [Father's Day ideas](#).

Messy Church as Catalyst for Change

Messy Church is proving to be a catalyst for change within established churches. It is giving them permission to step outside inherited thinking about how church should look and behave. What's even more exciting is...

[\[Read more at Catalyst for Change\]](#)

Messy Event to Messy Community

A working group was established from the National Messy Church Roundtable to look at how we can encourage Messy Churches to grow as faith communities, not just being a monthly "event". If you have a story to share about how you have fostered community please contact us via mneumann@sa.uca.org.au

Messy Church & Liturgy

Messy Church has found a home in a wide variety of Christian denominations and traditions around the world. Its focus on key Christian values has enabled it to... [\[Read more at Messy Liturgy\]](#)

The First Ever Australasian Messy Church Gathering

6pm Fri 16 Feb 2018 - 3.30pm Sun 18 Feb 2018

Comprising much interactive learning and networking, presenters will include Lucy Moore and a host of brilliant New Zealand and Australian practitioners.

- Cost \$ 185 per person
 - Early bird \$160.00 (pay before 31 Oct 2017)
- Register for updates: explore@ctm.uca.edu.au

Places are limited to the first 100 registrations.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Tasmania

Messy Meet-up

- North Launceston August 5

More information: Messy Meet-up or contact James Oakley 0407 325 275

Queensland

Messy Church Training Days

- Mackay August 12
- Atherton September 9

More information: Glen & Sue Taylor via taylor.susanne.coral@bigpond.com

Victoria

Messy Church & Mission

- Sale September 2

More information: <https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/messychurchmission/> or explore@ctm.uca.edu.au

Western Australia

Messy Church Intro Day

- Wycombe September 16

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