

Messy Church

What?

Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centered, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Where?

Trinity Episcopal Church, Excelsior
Chamberlain Hall

How will we get the word out?

Note: I think we should consider how to let the wider community know about this.

[Messy Church Postcard](#)

When?

2nd Saturday of the month

*3rd Sunday in November & February

5:00-6:30 PM

Dinner included

September 14

Welcome to Messy Church! (New Beginnings)

October 12

Harvest Celebration

***November 16** (November 9 is Convention)

Gratitude Celebration

****December 14**

Advent Celebration

January 11

Happy New Year/Epiphany Celebration

***February 15** (February 8 is PreYE)

St. Valentine' & Love Celebration

March 8

Lent Celebration

****April 12**

Holy Week Celebration (Children's Service I have already done)

May 10

1st year of Messy Church Celebration

***I am prepared to do the heavy lifting to make the December & April Saturdays happen. It would be easy to skip Christmas & Easter with everything else happening, but I think it's important that this new community is given space to honor these sacred celebrations.*

[Messy Church USA](#) (link)

A way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities. Found throughout the globe. Based on the values of all-ages together, celebration, creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ

[Messy Church UK](#) (link)

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Thursdays
September 12, 19, 26
6:00-7:30 PM

\$125 per individual

[Online Registration](#)

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Principles and Values

Messy Church Principles

- Messy Church is not a stepping stone into existing congregations, nor is it a church plant, but it is a congregation in its own right.
- Messy Church is ecumenical and seeks to work with all Christian churches.

Messy Church values

Christ-centered

- Messy Church is a church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Messy Church believes, with the historic churches, in one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All-age

- Messy Church is for adults and children to enjoy together. Every element should be relevant and accessible to all ages.

Creativity

- Messy Church uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together.

Hospitality

- Messy Church reflects a God of unconditional love and is a church for people outside church, providing an oasis of welcome and a safe space in which to thrive. Messy Church is about hospitality, expressed most evidently by eating together.

Celebration

- Messy Church reflects a God of joy who wants people to have life in all its fullness.

To read more about these values, and how BRF expresses them, visit messychurch.org.uk and search for content tagged with 'Values'.