

Messy Church is for families who want to belong to their local church and encourage their children as young Christians, but who, for all sorts of reasons, can't attend or relate to a traditional Sunday morning church service.

“**Messy Church**” follows the recognised pattern of a traditional service but with its own style.

There is a **time of welcome** when the theme is introduced and menus showing the activities are give out .

An activity time, puzzles, craft, art, quizzes etc based on a Bible story or Biblical theme.

The photos show, finger painting, playdough, people and a “name the bones” quiz on the theme of the Body of Christ.

Quiet Space

Books, lego, colouring and an opportunity to make a drink and have a break from being busy

Celebration

A short time of worship with a Bible story, singing and prayer (It really was more fun than the photo suggests!.

Food We end the afternoon by eating together.

The name reflects not just the use of paint and playdough, but the truth that human life is messy and that the Gospel reflects that. When we come together as “church” we bring all the mess and joy of being human to God.

Messy Church happens regularly at **St Cross Wilstone!**

Monthly on the first Sunday of the Month at 4p.m. families with children of all ages, or no children at all, are invited to join us.

If you would like to come and want more information call **Jo on 851200**

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Also If you would like to be part of the Messy Church planning group or to provide the tea, again call Jo