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FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Messy Church in September

Our theme for Messy Church in September was Harvest and Sharing.

Rich told us the story of the Feeding of the 5,000, one of Jesus' miracles, where a few fish and bread became enough to feed the huge crowd. The baskets remained full even after everyone had shared this important meal.



Sadly we had to say goodbye to Rich (One of our curates), who is moving on to new things now that he has completed his training. He has been a supportive and fun individual, whilst teaching us about God. We wish you well for the future Rich. You will be missed.



LAST TIME

We made picture frames using natural materials.

We made a large Scarecrow and some little scarecrows too.

We decorated biscuits with chocolate mice.

We made 3 D Vegetables.

We did some Vegetable Printing.

We made Leaf Lanterns.

We made a Prayer Tree thanking God.

We also had a Lego table, making things we might find on a farm.



Meet the Team



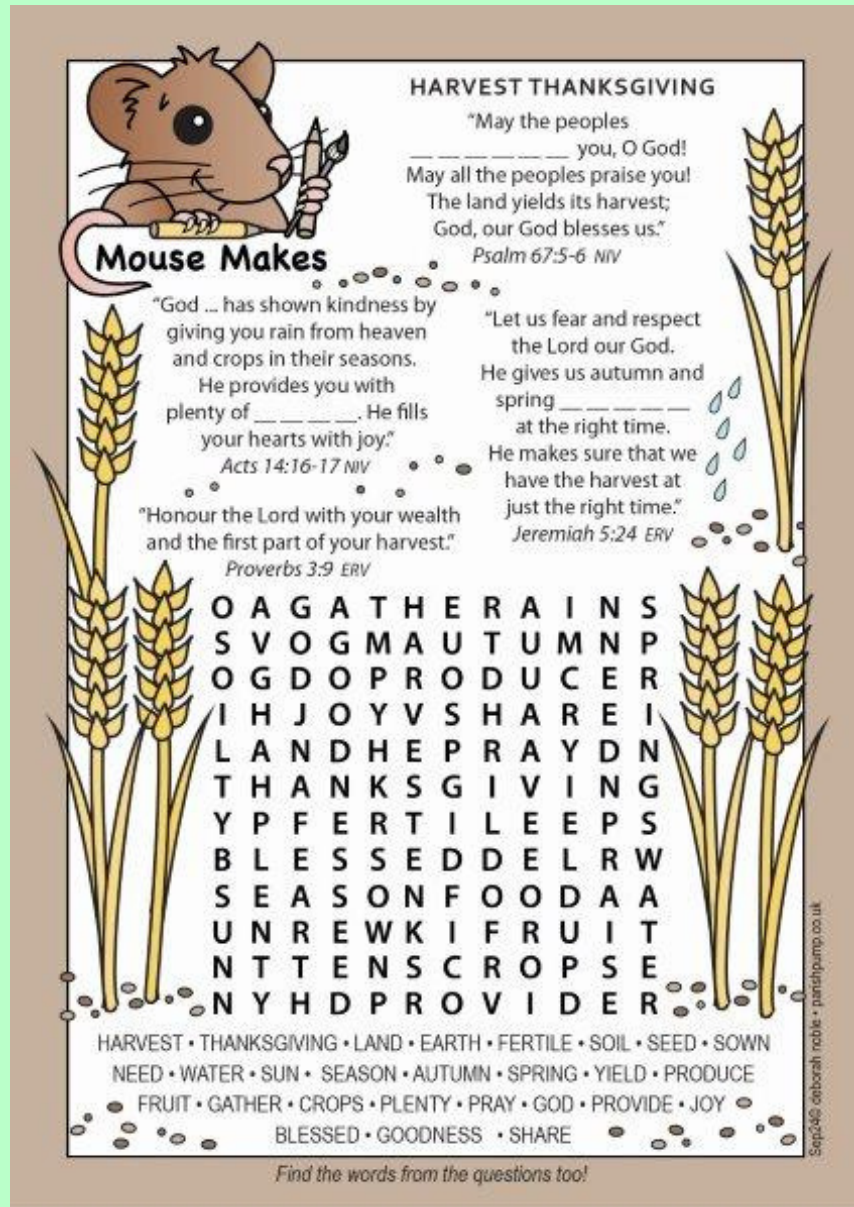
Rev Richard Haynes

When I joined Shirley Parish, one of the biggest draws was getting to work with children – not just in schools (which I absolutely love), but in Messy Church too!

I'd heard whispers that Messy Church was one of the greatest joys in the parish...and when I turned up for my first one in July 2023, I quickly found out why.

Behind the scenes, there's a whirlwind of creativity, planning, a fair bit of glue, and a lot of hard work. But it's all worth it when Saturday rolls around and the church fills with laughter, crafts, snacks and stories.

Families mingle, children create and together we catch a glimpse of the God who welcomes children, celebrates joy with everyone, and gently invites us deeper into love.



Our Messy Church Prayer



Our Father in heaven,
you are awesome.
Show us who you are,
and who you want us to be.
Make earth more like heaven.
Please give us what we need to keep
going each day.
Help us when we are wrong,
and clean us up on the inside.
Help us to forgive others and to move
on.
Keep us from bad stuff.
You're in charge!
You're strong and powerful and always
there. Forever!
YES!

We would love you to write a prayer, or to draw a picture about our Messy Church activities, that we can put in your Messy Church Newsletter.
Give them to Rosemary at our next Messy Church.



Dear Lord

Thank you for the life that you give us,
and for the people we meet,
the friends we make,
and the food we eat.

Amen

Kiera (15 years)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Messy Church - 18th October, 15th November

Worship4Everyone - 26th October, 23rd November