

Minutes of the March Messy Church Planning Meeting (10/3/11)

Present: Emma Coe, John Benvie, Wendy Roberts, Mary Langton and Chris Hall.

Feedback from the last Messy Church – Creation.

The general feeling was that it had gone very well with a good mix of crafts and a great upfront and worship time in the Sanctuary. It was thought to have been especially helpful to tie the crafts in to the story time.

The publicity materials are in the process of being revamped as it would be great to have more families attending. **(Action: EC)** Attendance was a bit disappointing (20 children) at the last one due to the half term holiday.

It was acknowledged that more volunteers are required, and we are very grateful to the Rangers for their invaluable help. **(Action: All to try to recruit more helpers)**

Crafts/Activities for The Good Shepherd Messy Church on March 27th.

1. Sheep Football. To take place in the Crush Hall or Fellowship room as appropriate. **Action: JB to find a suitable ball and bibs and run on the day.**
2. Sheep biscuits. **Action: Wendy to source.**
3. Sheep hand print craft or suitable alternative. **Action: Mary to source.**
4. Communal piece of artwork. Shepherd in field scene. Chris Hall to draw shepherd on a suitable background and individuals to decorate and stick on small individual sheep, with their name on. We follow Jesus but we are all individual and unique. **Action: Chris Hall.**
5. Weaving activity. **Action: Wendy to investigate and source activity. All to source wool.**
6. Name card/plaque. Write your name on some coloured card with silver/gold pens and decorate with bits and bobs. The shepherd knows each sheep by name. **Action: EC to check if Margaret is available to help us with this or similar craft.**

Extra: Print off a suitable version of Psalm 23 and laminate on a pocket-sized card for everyone to take away. **Action: Chris Hall.**

EC to put up volunteer sheet in Crush Hall.

Topics for future Messy Churches:

April 24th Easter

May 29th Bible Journeys

June 26th Bible Seaside

N.B. No Messy Church in July/August due to probable building work.

The meeting finished with a prayer.