

# Children's work at Welcome Prayer focus and update



## Messy Church in a Bag

Over the past few months the Messy Church team have been very busy creating Messy Church in a Bag. To date we have given out two different themed bags. The first being 'Monsters Stink' where we had some wonderful crafts and looked at how with Jesus in our lives we do not have to be afraid of anything. (example of what we sent out to the families below)



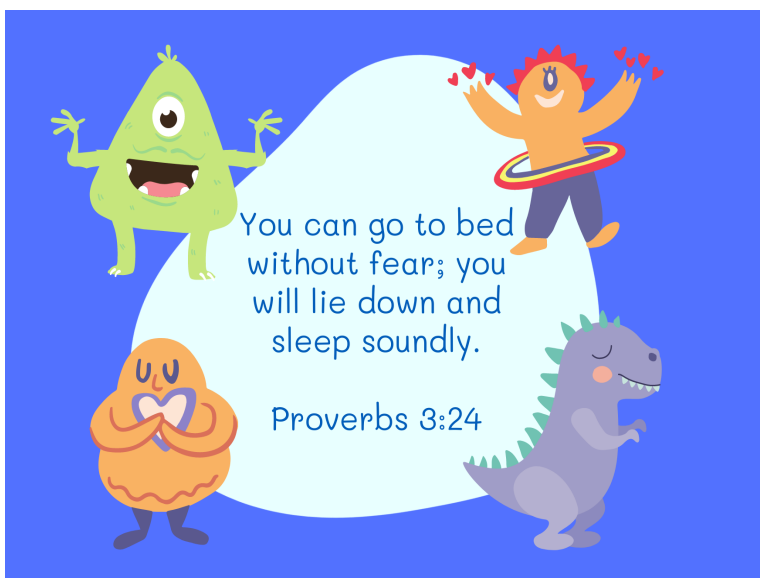
Our second bag had a space theme and the children went on a 'mission of discovery' to find out who Jesus is.

We plan to put out two more bags this year. An autumn themed one and lastly Messy Christmas in a bag. **Please pray** for the Messy Church team as they plan and prepare. With over 500 crafts to produce for each bag, they really would appreciate your prayers.

**Please pray** for the 70-80 families receiving these bags.



*Painting the space rocket*



John 15:1-14 Everyone who obeys Jesus is His friend.

Hebrew 13:5 Jesus will never leave us; He is our helper.

John 15:15 Jesus calls us friends, not servants.

James 4:4 We need to be friends with God, not the world.

Proverbs 18:24 One good friend is better than many bad friends.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 A good friend can help you get back up when you are down.

## Children and young people at Welcome



**Don't worry  
about anything.  
Instead pray  
about  
everything**

*Philippians 4:6*

Since May we have been meeting via zoom with the GAP aged young people (Yr.7+) every other week, to find out how they are, play a few games and have a thought for the evening. We also set them some fun challenges each time. These have ranged from finding the most interesting place to read your bible, to doing 25 push-ups!

You may remember that we started a teen girl group last year called 'Rooted' which is a ministry that seeks to provide strong foundations for the nurture of lifelong, authentic faith.

We have continued to meet with the girls once a month, again just to make sure all is well and to try and keep the friendships/relationships alive!

**Please pray** for the young people in our Church as the 'Sunday GAP' and 'Rooted' teams continue to meet with them.

**Please continue to pray** for the children and young people as they navigate the 'new normal' at school. **Please pray** for them through this first term back, that they find their stride again while getting used to all the extra changes. **Pray** that despite the unknowns and the changes that they will each be courageous AND strong because God is with them—they have nothing to be afraid of.

**If God is for us, who can be against us? *Romans 8:31***



## Younger children

**Please pray** for all the little ones at the Church. From those yet to be born, to the ones who have started pre-school, reception or have moved up a year in primary school.

**Please also pray** for that they will engage with the children's talks, stories and songs during our online services.

He who started a good work in you will carry it to completion. *Philippians 1:6*