

# The Messy Church Conference 2025



***All Together***

## We're so glad you're here at the Messy Church 'All Together' 2025 conference – welcome!

Firstly, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule and for your investment in our gathering. We hope the next couple of days will be a conference like no other! We have an opportunity to learn, pray and play together, as we listen to God's prompting, share our local Messy stories and hear about the BRF Messy Church team's latest project. Whether you've come with others or you're the sole representative of your Messy Church, we hope that you'll quickly feel at home among this international Messy Church tribe.

Messy Church is a way of being church where everyone is welcome, as we demonstrate the hospitality and unconditional love of God. Sounds easy, but in practice how do we best welcome people who are different to us? As we journey through the conference, we'll dig deep into our 'for all ages' and 'hospitality' core values, as we explore how we welcome people of all ages, abilities and from all backgrounds, so we can be '**All Together**' and reflect the body of Christ.

Taking our All Together theme seriously, the programme has been planned by a wonderful team of Messy Church enthusiasts from different backgrounds and denominations around the world, including young people. In this way we have incorporated a range of ideas and experience, enabling us to delight and share together as part of our worldwide Messy Church family.

# We are glad you are here

We're delighted to welcome Lorraine Prince and Sam Richards as our keynote speakers, along with musicians Sara and Sam Hargreaves from Engage Worship. There's a whole range of workshops to choose from, with opportunities to listen, ask questions and share ideas. We're making maximum use of the gorgeous grounds at High Leigh Conference Centre, with opportunities to encounter God through a Messy Church Goes Wild session, as well as an indoor session, during which we'll celebrate Communion together. I'm particularly looking forward to our Saturday midsummer's night celebration, where our young leaders are hosting a ceilidh. I hope you packed your dancing shoes or instrument to join the scratch band!

Most of all, we hope you'll experience this as a safe space to be yourself. May you be inspired, make new and renewed friendships, and encounter God's Spirit, so that you are equipped and ready to welcome everybody into God's kingdom through your local Messy Church.



# **Have a wonderful *All Together* weekend!**

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# BRF Resources

We've been resourcing people's spiritual journeys for over 100 years, providing comfort in hard times, enrichment in good times, and challenge and inspiration at any time. Through books, Bible reading notes, events and blogs, we're constantly exploring faith in new ways, because with the right support, anyone and everyone can build a lifelong relationship with God.

## Get to know BRF Ministries

BRF Ministries is the home of Anna Chaplaincy, Living Faith, Messy Church and Parenting for Faith. As a Christian charity, we inspire, equip and support people of all ages to grow in faith.

## Parenting for Faith

In a busy world, we're equipping parents, carers and communities with the skills they need to help their children and teenagers to meet and know God. We offer courses, resources, events and training to support spiritual parenting and make a lasting difference to young lives.

## Anna Chaplaincy

Our network of Anna Chaplains offers spiritual care in later life, in a wide range of contexts. We accompany older people in reflecting on their life and their relationship with God, breaking down generational barriers and offering friendship and community. Because we believe we're never too old to embrace faith and enrich our lives.

# Conference *prayer*

Loving God,

*As we gather All Together*

From across the world,  
we praise your name  
and give you thanks  
for the gift of Messy Church.

*As we gather All Together*

We thank you that  
you have placed each one of us  
right where you want us.

*As we gather All Together*

Help us recognise our diverse gifts  
and work in unity with each other,  
for your glory.

*As we gather All Together*

Let us weep with those that suffer  
and be a part of the healing;  
let us celebrate  
where there is flourishing.

*As we gather All Together*

Show us how we can extend  
a messy welcome to people  
of all ages, abilities  
and backgrounds,  
to win hearts for your kingdom.

*As we gather All Together*

Come by your Holy Spirit,  
bless our time,  
create a sacred space,

In the name of Jesus Christ,

*Amen.*

BASED ON 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

**All sessions will be in the Garden Suite unless otherwise specified.**

# Fri-day

## Arrivals

**16:00**

## Welcome

*Intros &  
Messy Momentum*

**19:30**

## Dinner

**18:00**

## Free time

**21:00**

# Saturday

## Breakfast

**08:00**

## Dwelling in the word

**09:00**

## Welcome

**09:30**

## Keynote

*Lorraine Prince,  
Head of  
Networks for  
The Church  
of England  
Education  
Office*

**09:35**

## Tea & Coffee

**10:45**

## Workshops\*

*Autism & church  
Being more  
intentionally  
intergenerational  
Messy Church  
in a bucket*

**11:15**

*Messy Church  
with under-5s  
Process art  
and play  
Simple singing  
Storytelling  
with everyone  
Team time box  
Teens in  
Messy Church*

*\*The location of workshops can be  
found in their descriptions*

## Keynote

*Sam Richards,  
Head of  
Children's and  
Youth Work for  
the United  
Reformed  
Church*

## Open space

*Discussion in the  
Barclay Hall*

**12:15**

## Lunch

**13:00**

## Energise

**14:00**

**14:15**

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## Q&A

with Sam  
Richards,  
Kirstyn Oliver,  
Gemma Gillard,  
Jonathan Bland,  
Chris Barnett &  
Aike Kennett-  
Brown

**15:30**

**Tea &  
Coffee**

**16:00**

**Messy  
Church  
Goes Wild**

**16:30**

**Free time**

**18:00**

**Dinner**

**Ceilidh**

**Free time**

**18:30**

**20:00**

**21:00**

# Sun- day

**Breakfast**

**08:00**

**Dwelling in  
the word**

**09:00**

## Workshops\*

Embracing  
the extra  
messiness of  
intergenerational  
church

Extending an  
intercultural  
welcome

Intergenerational  
singing

Messy  
Adventures:  
garden trek

Messy Prayer  
OutoftheBox -  
intergenerational  
storytelling

Playfulness in the  
unexpected!

Reimagining and  
sustaining Your  
Messy Church

Welcoming  
people with SEND

**09:30**

**Open space**

Discussion in the  
Barclay Hall

**10:30**

**Tea &  
Coffee**

**11:00**

**Messy  
Church**

**11:30**

**Lunch**

**13:00**

**Depart**

**14:00**

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# Details of *workshops*

## Autism & church

Kirstyn Oliver

Saturday

11:15

Barclay Hall

During this workshop we will explore how we can go from a church who welcomes autistic people to one that supports the spiritual needs of the autistic person and their family, helping them find a place of belonging in our community. The session will share lots of practical ideas and suggestions from the experience and work of Alma Autism UK.

**Kirstyn** is the founder and director of Alma Autism UK.

■ [almaautism.uk](http://almaautism.uk)

## Being more intentionally intergenerational in Messy Church

Chris Barnett

Saturday

11:15

Beech 2

What does being 'intergenerational' really mean in the Messy Church context? What might it look like for your Messy Church to be more intentionally

intergenerational? What might you and your Messy Church team need to do in order to be more intergenerational? Come along to explore these (and your) intergenerational questions in this engaging, encouraging and energising workshop.

**Chris'** passion for the church has predominantly been expressed through children and families – and, in more recent years, intergenerational – roles at the local, regional, state and national levels, mainly through the Uniting Church in Australia. Chris has been part of the development of Messy Church in Australia (and beyond) since 2012. More known as a curator, rather than creator, of resources, Chris has nonetheless contributed a chapter to *Messy Discipleship*, presented at the 2024 Messy Church USA Conference, and been involved in editing the new edition of *Messy Togetherness*.

## Messy Church in a bucket

Mary Judkins

Saturday

11:15

Meet in the Garden Lounge

Is there a hole in your Messy Church bucket? Are you short of team? Do you want family members to be more involved? Do you want more time to engage meaningfully with those who come to your Messy Church? If so, come along and see if this is for you.

**Mary** is a member of our volunteer support teams and has been involved in volunteer lay ministry since she was a teenager. She leads a Messy Church Goes Wild in Cornwall and is passionate about children, young people and families meeting Jesus and becoming disciples.

## Messy Church with under-5s

Helen Laird

Saturday

11:15

Meet in the Garden Lounge

This session explores the unique approach of Messy Church in fostering spirituality among

children under 5. Through hands-on activities, storytelling and creative expression, Messy Church offers young children a welcoming and engaging space to encounter God. We'll discuss how to integrate simple yet meaningful experiences that support early faith development, encourage curiosity and build a strong foundation for lifelong spiritual exploration. Join us to discover practical ideas for engaging the youngest members of your faith community.

**Helen** is the children's and youth development officer for the West Midlands United Reformed Church Synod. Previously a mission enabler with a children and youth focus for the Diocese of Worcester, Helen has been involved with Messy Church for over 20 years, has written for *Get Messy!* magazine and more often than not is found at the messiest activity! Helen is passionate about enabling faith journeys to happen across all ages, including under-5s. When not at work, Helen loves

to read and loves many craft activities, including, knitting, sewing and bookbinding.

## Process art and play: helping people engage the gospel

Sandy Brodine

Saturday 11:15

Oak Room

Craft and fun games are great in themselves, but with careful planning and design the artistic process can be an excellent tool to help participants grow as disciples. Using examples from her Messy Church and intergenerational congregation, Sandy will explain the reasons for including 'process art' activities in your Messy Church rather than focusing on creating the perfect product. Not only does process art and play help people with all kinds of preferred learning styles and neurodiversity to engage, it also encourages deep shared meaning-making around the biblical text and how we understand what God is calling us to as disciples.

**Sandy** is the education and strategy coordinator on the Younger Generations Team of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Uniting Church in Australia. She has been an enthusiastic Messy Church leader and writer of materials for over 13 years. Sandy's passion in ministry is to encourage creative interaction in questions of faith in order to grow disciples across the age spectrum. In her spare time she enjoys painting icons, genealogy, embroidery, knitting and travelling.

## Simple singing

Sam and Sara Hargreaves

Saturday 11:15

Garden Suite

Tips and resources for how you can sing worship in settings with minimal or no musicians or technology. This workshop will include music ideas for when you're doing outdoor worship, as well as simple songs for indoor Messy Church gatherings. Based on Sara and Sam's experience of leading a service in their local park every fortnight and at

their small local church.

**Sam** and **Sara** are co-leaders of Engage Worship.

■ [engageworship.org](http://engageworship.org)

## Storytelling with everyone

Gemma Gillard

Saturday 11:15

Willow Hall

Jesus was masterful at using stories to connect with people of all ages, cultures and abilities. His parables are still transforming us today, but so too can his practice. In this session, we'll look at how we can follow in his footsteps with some Truth Be Told tips, techniques and material to boost your storytelling confidence and impact.

**Gemma** is a writer, storyteller and founder of Truth Be Told, a storytelling charity that tackles isolation with the hope of the gospel for those of any age, culture or ability. She's also a consultant specialising in concept development, currently working with Out of the Ark Music and the CofE's FLOURISH pilot.

She lives on the Dorset coast with her husband and three children.

■ [gemmagillard.co.uk](http://gemmagillard.co.uk)  
■ [truthbetold.org.uk](http://truthbetold.org.uk)

## Team time box

Sara Bardoll

Saturday 11:15

Beech 1

The team is the spiritual centrepiece that makes Messy Church possible and shapes it. Based on the core values of Messy Church, we want teams to take time to inspire each other and grow together. With lots of ideas for each of the Messy Church values, teams will be encouraged to reflect and plan together.

**Sara** is part of the Kirche Kunterbunt national team in Germany, married and mum of three wild girls. She's the 'creative bomb' in the German national team and has led an outdoor Kirche Kunterbunt for five years in south Germany.

## Teens in Messy Church – ask the experts!

Cameron Beward, Erin Harris and Jonathan Bland

Saturday 11:15

Meet in the Garden Lounge

Hear from three young adults who have grown up in Messy Church. They'll have advice on how to get young people to come along to your Messy Church, how to value them, get them involved and keep them engaged.

**Cameron, Erin** and **Jonathan** lead our online group for young people (aged 10–17) as well as being actively involved in their own local Messy Churches.

# Embracing the extra messiness of intergenerational church

Sam Richards

Sunday 9:30

Meet in the Garden Lounge

If we are serious about all ages being and doing church together, it is going to get messy. Sharing responsibility for creating, praying, worshipping, serving, exploring the word, ministering and leading across the breadth of our Messy Church members means letting go of power and control. Anything might happen! How might we prepare ourselves to let go and let God move through a more intergenerational experience? Come and explore the tensions and joys with a confirmed control freak who is trying to lean into the Spirit, be brave, and take her hands off the controls to make space for everyone else.

**Sam** is Head of Children's and Youth Work for the United Reformed Church.

# Extending an intercultural welcome

Melanie Cave

Sunday 9:30

Willow Hall

People from many backgrounds and nationalities are drawn to Messy Church. In our Loughborough Messy Church we've welcomed Spanish, Ukrainian, Polish, and Indian families. This workshop will explore practical tips for including people from many nations and languages and engaging with some of the challenges of intercultural church.

**Melanie** is managing director of Roots for Churches. She has led church for over 20 years, including a popular Messy Church in Loughborough. She is passionate about intergenerational and intercultural church. Roots publish weekly and seasonal resources for engaging intergenerational worship and learning.

# Intergenerational singing

Sam and Sara Hargreaves

Sunday 9:30

Garden Suite

This session will share principles and practical ideas for uniting diverse groups in musical worship. Sara and Sam will explore how we can connect with different kinds of people when we gather to sing, and how music can be combined with other worship styles. Grounded in many years of leading intergenerational gatherings and their recent resource *Whole Church Worship*.

**Sam** and **Sara** are co-leaders of Engage Worship.

■ [engageworship.org](http://engageworship.org)

# Messy Adventures: garden trek

Dave Gregory

Sunday 9:30

Meet outside the Garden Suite

A mobile, outdoor session, looking for signs of God in the wonder, playfulness and connectivity of the natural world.

Discovering insights from the Messy Adventure journey so far, and inspiration for following Jesus in a changing climate.

**Dave** is a Baptist missionary for science and environment. A former weather and climate scientist, he has been a Baptist minister for over 20 years and led a Messy Church for a decade. He edited *Messy Church Does Science* and contributed to *Messy Church Goes Wild* and *Messy Adventures*. Dave loves enabling people to encounter God through nature and the wonder of creation.

## Messy prayer

Rachel Gotobed

Sunday 9:30

Beech 1

‘Lord, teach us to pray...’  
(Luke 11:1).

Prayer is vital in ensuring that our Messy Church is Christ-centred, so in this workshop we will explore:

- praying as we prepare
- praying as an activity
- praying in celebration
- praying at home

- praying for our Messy Church

We will use this time to share ideas and resources that help wrap our Messy Churches in prayer and take time to pray together.

**Rachel** has been involved in family ministry for over 20 years and is passionate about helping people discover their place in the family of God. Working within the Salvation Army locally and across the UK and Ireland, she champions all things Messy Church and is a member of the support team for prayer and the writers team. Rachel loves to bake, write songs and scripts, go to the theatre, eat afternoon tea and just be wherever people are.

## OutoftheBox: intergenerational storytelling

Jean Pienaar

Sunday 9:30

Oak Room

Visual, tactile and interactive stories draw you in, unlock insight and lead you on in the journey of faith. The simple, versatile

OutoftheBox helps individuals and groups find wholeness and well-being through story and play. It enables good dialogue and strengthens our understanding of ourselves and each other, encouraging all ages and abilities to explore faith and life together. Storytelling, listening and making meaning while building relationships are essential components of Messy Church. Come and join this workshop to experience how we can engage with our congregations to encourage curiosity and critical thinking, foster open and creative dialogue, and help us think afresh and imagine a better future.

**Jean** is a licensed lay minister in the Anglican Diocese of Johannesburg, South Africa, where she is actively involved with families and young people on their faith journey. She has been a Messy Church leader since 2009. Jean is also a Mentor for OutoftheBox storytelling. In her spare time she enjoys being creative, walking and travelling.

# Playfulness in the unexpected!

Kathy and David Bland  
Sunday 9:30  
Meet in the Garden Lounge

Awaken a sense of fun and joyful creativity as we think about how to make Messy Church activities truly intergenerational. Playdough and mud pies with grandmas? Hammering with toddlers? Messy Church communities grow and thrive best when we all join in.

Kathy and David are intergenerational pioneers in rural Herefordshire, where they have been leading Messy Church for 14 years.

# Reimagining and sustaining Your Messy Church

Leyla Wagner, Marty Drake and Crystal Goetz  
Sunday 9:30  
Beech 2

Our world is constantly changing. When our world changes and our faith practices don't, we risk that they won't endure. One of the unique qualities of Messy Church is its

flexibility. This workshop will focus on helping Messy Churches imagine, reimagine and adapt, providing practical solutions that will enhance and help sustain Messy Churches well into the future.

Leyla is the director of the preschool at Community UMC in Huntington Beach, CA. At Community, Leyla also serves as the Saturday worship coordinator, where she coordinates Messy Church and COMMUNITY Yoga. She is a founding board member of Messy Church USA and a lead trainer. Leyla is on staff with Messy Church USA as the membership registrar.

A southern California native, Marty serves as the director of children, youth, and family ministries at Community UMC in Huntington Beach, CA. Marty, with Leyla Wagner, lead Community's Messy Church, which has been going strong since 2013. Marty is a founding board member of Messy Church USA, an ambassador and trainer.

Crystal loves Messy Church! Her involvement as a practitioner, ambassador, trainer, writer and board member for Messy Church USA and founder and sustainer of two local Messy Churches in Washington State are only a few ways that she hopes to inspire others with her love of Jesus and her passion for Messy Church! You can usually find Crystal watching a football match (also known as soccer) and sipping a warm cup of tea with her family.

# Welcoming people with SEND

Trish Hahn  
Sunday 9:30  
Barclay Hall

In this workshop, Trish will share her top tips for being a welcoming and inclusive Messy Church for people with SEND.

Trish is a member of our specialist support team and has over 13 years of experience leading two special educational needs and disabilities Messy Churches, previously in Hertfordshire and currently in Essex.

We're so grateful to our planning team for all their guidance, brainwaves and fantastic support over the last 18 months of working towards this conference.

**A big  
*THANK YOU*  
to the  
planning team**



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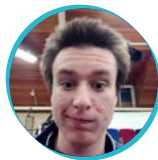
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**Have you  
seen our  
*recent and  
upcoming*  
publications?**

# Messy Togetherness

## Being intergenerational in Messy Church

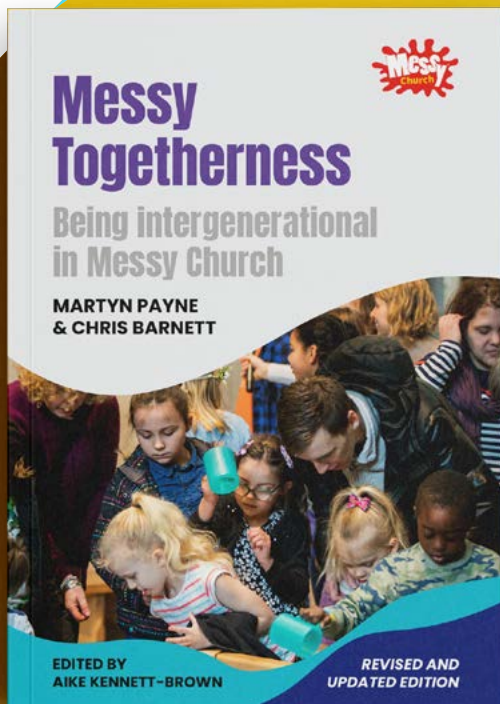
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Why do more and more people advocate the idea that the generations should explore faith together, and what does the Bible have to say about this? How does this fit with our inherited model of age-related groups for learning and discipleship? And is it really practical and possible to have an experience of church where the youngest to the oldest share the same meeting space, service theme and time to worship?

Written by Martyn Payne, with a new chapter by Chris Barnett, and edited by Aike Kennett-Brown, *Messy Togetherness* explores current thinking about faith development and gives a biblical rationale for the all-age approach, offering practical advice and sharing stories and ideas from across the Messy Church network.

Includes three complete outlines for exploring this theme with your Messy Church.

978 1 80039 002 7 | Paperback | Pages: 192 | £9.99





# Get Messy! Volume 3

This resource contains 12 session outlines for Messy Churches. With themes of hope, compassion, peace, perseverance, love, integrity, purpose, justice and patience, Messy Churches can explore values that underpin a Christian way of life. This is the perfect follow-on material to *Get Messy! Volume 2: Christian basics made messy*.

The material also includes the key Christian festivals: Christmas – joy; Easter – courage; and Pentecost – community.

Everything you need to run your Messy Church, including activity photos, mealtimes discussion starter cards, social action ideas and downloadable templates from the Messy Church website.

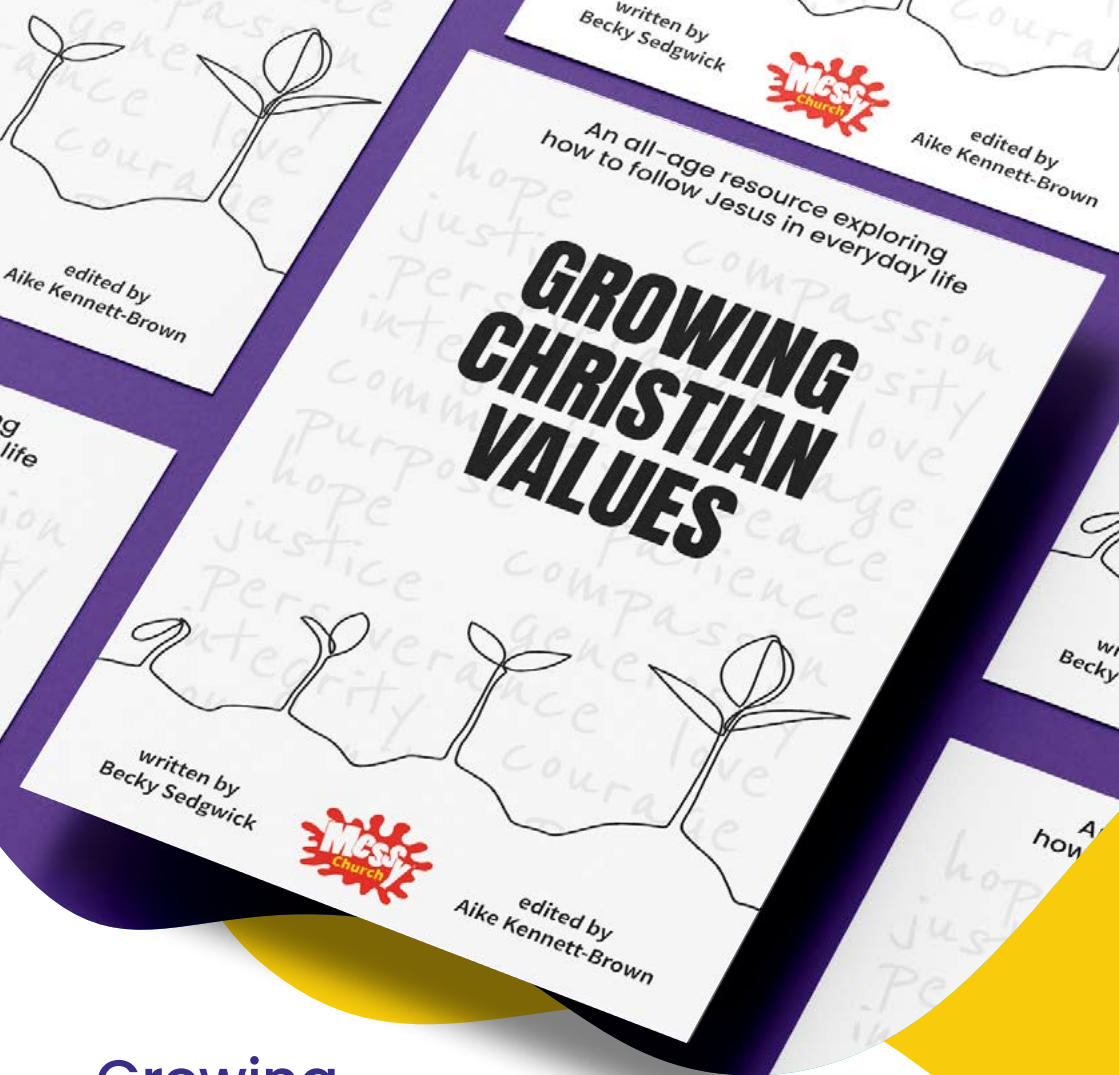
Available as one-time purchase, auto-renewing subscription, and individual sessions.

978 1 80039 333 2 | A4 paperback  
Pages: 72 | £16.99



\*Discount code available for *Messy Togetherness* and *Get Messy! Volume 3* only. Offer expires 31 July 2025.

Order online at [brfonline.org.uk](http://brfonline.org.uk)



## Growing Christian Values

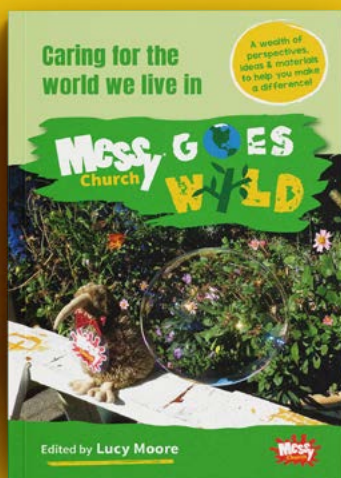
An intergenerational discipleship resource, exploring how to follow Jesus in everyday life. Designed for intergenerational small groups, this resource contains 12 session outlines on themes of hope, compassion, peace, generosity, perseverance, love, integrity, courage, community, purpose, justice and patience.

*Growing Christian Values* complements the session material in *Get Messy! Volume 3* so that the same topic can be explored between Messy Church gatherings but using different Bible passages or it can be used on its own or in a café church setting.

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PDF Download | £9.99

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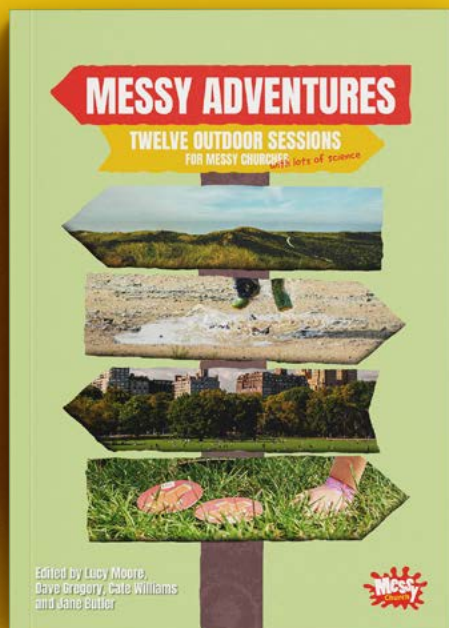




# Messy Church Goes Wild

Encourages Messy Churches to meet God outdoors, love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder there, and to be more eco-aware in all we do. This exciting collection includes wisdom and practical materials on a range of topics, from caring for animals and birds to greening up your Messy Church activities.

978 1 80039 009 6 | Paperback  
Pages: 160 | £12.99



# Messy Adventures

Who doesn't like an adventure? This is a collection of twelve sessions for running Messy Church outdoors, trialled in urban and rural settings to cover a range of exciting new ideas: Wild and wilderness!, Wet and wild!, Wild and rocky!, Wild and weedy!, Wild woods!, Wild weather!, Wild on the wing!, Wild and wiggly!, Wild safari!, Wild me!, Wild on the move! and Wild life!

978 1 80039 149 9 | A4 Paperback  
Pages: 256 | £12.99



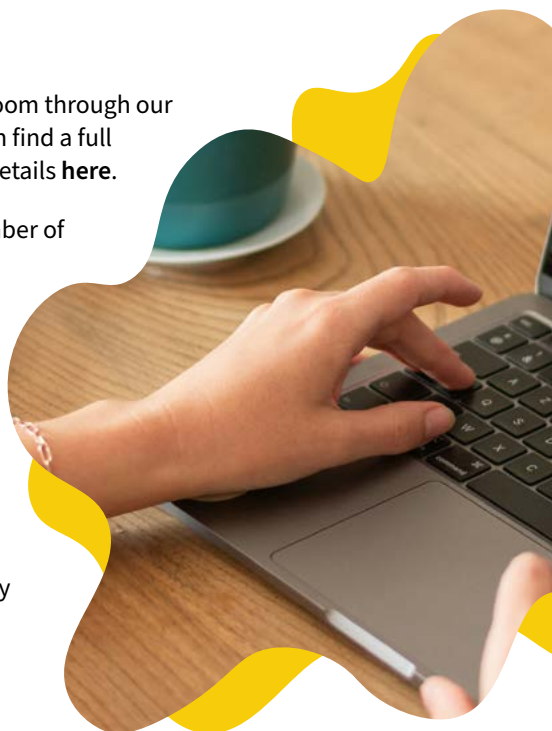
**How can we  
support you?**

## Training

Most of our training is delivered online on Zoom through our programme of **Messy Masterclasses**. You can find a full list of topics, dates and times and booking details **here**.

**Onsite training** is also available from a member of the BRF Ministries Messy Church team. We will travel to your venue, at a date and time to suit you, to deliver a bespoke training session tailored to your needs. For further details and to make a booking enquiry, click **here**.

**‘How to...’ Guides** are short ‘TED talk’ style videos on key issues facing Messy Church teams. Written and recorded by subject matter experts from across the Messy Church network, these ten-minute videos are for time-poor Messy Church teams to get some top tips for tackling particular challenges. Watch the videos and download the accompanying ‘Top Tips’ PDF **here**.



## Resources

We have a variety of resources, tools and advice for Messy Church leaders and families.

You can find a full list of Messy Church books available to buy online **here**.

**Get Messy! magazine** is an annual publication featuring twelve complete Messy Church sessions. It is available to buy in print or as a PDF **here**. The individual sessions are also available to buy as PDFs. *Get Messy! Volume 3* is **out now!**

You can browse all our resources **here** and see a full list of session material by theme and Bible reference **here**.







## Keeping in touch

We have dedicated **Support Teams** who can help you with any aspect of your Messy Church – whether starting, running, developing or simply praying for your Messy Church. Contact them through our website **here**.

**Messy Meetups** – These are usually held termly on Zoom and are an opportunity to meet with other Messy Church leaders to share information and ideas related to a particular topic. Check out the **Events** page on the website.

**Sign up to receive the Messy Church newsletter and tick the box to receive reminders of any new Messy Blogs too!**

Beyond the conference, we want to stay connected '*All Together*', so we invite you to be a part of the Messy Church worldwide movement, bringing God's kingdom to those who might not normally come to traditional church.

Here are some ways to help us in our Messy Togetherness...

# How can you support us?

## Are you registered? Are your details up to date?

Registering your Messy Church keeps you connected to this Messy network of friends, resources and encouragement. It puts your Messy Church on the directory map, so people can find a Messy Church in your area. You can also let people know when and where you meet and if you're meeting indoors or hosting a 'Messy Church Goes Wild'.

Registering your Messy Church also helps the BRF Ministries Messy Church team with our stats as we apply for funding for our national team.

## Stay connected

You are part of a much larger connection of Messy Church people from across the UK and around the world. Stay connected beyond the conference through our social media channels.

Follow us on social media:

@MessyChurch-BRF on **Facebook**,  
@messychurch on **Instagram**,  
@messychurchbrf on **Pinterest**,  
@MessyChurchBRF on **YouTube** and **X**

It would really help if you liked our social media pages and even better if you can be our ambassadors on social media by liking, sharing and commenting on posts, helping us to get ahead of the algorithms.



## Tell us your story

We love to hear stories of how your Messy Church is reaching new people, experimenting with your creativity, trying out Communion, baptising and confirming people, celebrating weddings... the list goes on. Your story is not just an encouragement for our team, but for Messy Churches around the world.

If you have a story to share, get in touch at [messychurch@brf.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@brf.org.uk)



## Join our support teams

We invite new members to join our support teams. Perhaps you could commit to praying for the movement and join our Gold prayer team? Perhaps you are an experienced Messy Church practitioner and have the gift of wise listening and problem-solving and would like to join our Getting going or Alongsiders team? Maybe you'd like to join our team of trainers? If you feel God is prompting you to find out more, contact [jane.butler@brf.org.uk](mailto:jane.butler@brf.org.uk)



## DONATE TO MESSY CHURCH AT ANY TIME BY TEXT

Text 'MESSY' followed by your donation amount to 70450 (e.g. text 'MESSY 3' to 70450 to donate £3). Texts cost your chosen donation amount plus one standard rate message.\*

## Giving

Did you know that we are a charity? The BRF Ministries Messy Church team is reliant on donations from individuals and gifts in wills in order to continue our vital work resourcing and supporting Messy Churches and their teams and leaders and making events like this conference possible!

With your help we can offer training, resources, events and more to Messy Churches and their teams, helping people of all ages to encounter Jesus and have a place where they belong and can explore their faith journey.

Making a donation to Messy Church really does make a huge difference. We are grateful to everyone who has made a donation and to all those who have signed up to become a Friend of Messy Church by making a regular donation of

£2 a month or more. These donations make a lasting difference to our work, allowing us to plan for the future.

If you or your church would like to **become a Friend of Messy Church**, you can do so online.

You can also regularly raise money at no extra cost to yourself by using Give as you Live when you shop online or in some stores. Each purchase you make raises funds which go towards supporting and resourcing Messy Churches. You can **find out more and sign up on our website**.

If you would like to make a difference to Messy Church by sponsoring a specific project, please contact our fundraising team via [giving@brf.org.uk](mailto:giving@brf.org.uk) or call us on **01235 462305**.

\*Not all mobile phone networks support text giving. If yours doesn't, your message won't be delivered, and you won't be charged. You can always **donate online**. [View our privacy policy](#).



## Give as a church

Could your church give £100 a year to support Messy Church? This is roughly the annual cost of providing all that the BRF Ministries Messy Church team does divided by the number of registered Messy Churches. We have ideas for fundraising as a Messy Church, including the 'Messy murder mystery' from the previous international conference, available for free on our website.

**To contact the fundraising team  
call us on 01235 462 305 or email  
[giving@brf.org.uk](mailto:giving@brf.org.uk)**



We hope that this Messy Church conference will be a blessing for your local ministry.

It's always good to reflect on the journey you've been on over the past few days, so we suggest before you re-enter your busy lives to take a moment... pause and breathe... and consider...

**What's God been prompting you about during this conference?**

**Who do you want to stay in touch with and have you got their contact details?**

**What one thing will you do or change as a result of coming?**

**Who can you share this with?**

To help the BRF Ministries Messy Church team reflect on the conference, we'd love your feedback.

Please click [here](#) to fill out the online survey.

**Your voice is important to us.**



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# Sending out *prayer*

**Wherever you go,  
walk lightly.**

*(Point out the way in front of you or in any direction.)*

**Wherever you go,  
shine brightly.**

*(Raise your arms above your head like a star.)*

**Wherever you go,  
hold tightly**

*(Hold hands with people next to you, possible option here to hold a leaf or something – hold tightly to nature as well as people.)*

**To everything true  
and pure and good,  
both daily and nightly.**

*(Shake hands on each beat.)*

**In the name of Jesus Christ**  
*(Let go of hands and touch each palm of your own hands.)*

**Amen**

*(Punch the air.)*