



St. Aidan Parish Church holds their Messy Church on 2nd Friday of each month from 4pm-6pm.

It is organised by Alison Shaw, (children and family worker for St. Aidan's and Mary Magdalene parishes) with a team of willing volunteers to support her including Rev. Bobbie Moore who is the rector of St. Aidan and enjoys being part of the monthly Messy church team.

They begin with tea/coffee/juice and biscuits. The children are invited upstairs to the large hall to run off a bit of steam playing games with some of the leaders while mums, dads, grandparents and carers have a blissful half hour of peace with their tea and coffee and time for a bit of a natter.

Next up is a time of craft with activities linked to the theme of the day. There are 4 or 5 tables for crafts and adults and children alike get stuck in being creative, having fun and learning about that day's theme. Everyone can choose what activities to do and spend whatever time they need to complete them. The careful



detailed people may do 1 or 2 crafts, the speedy, haven't-got-time-to-sit –round-here-all-day types can do all 4 or 5.



After everyone had become slightly sticky and a bit messy they all join together for the celebration – a short all age service with singing, an interactive talk and some prayer which lasts about 20 minutes.



After the service, the food is ready. Everyone joins the food queue sharpish and fills up their plate with some hot delicious dinner. After

having been served, they sit down at tables together to enjoy the food and a natter.



Going home with a full stomach and some food for thought can't be bad and no dinner to make on a Friday night! Whooppee!!!!