

# Messy Meet Up

Our second Messy Church leaders get together took place in November 2014 at St. Andrew's Glencairn.



At present we are meeting twice yearly and plan to move around to different locations within Northern Ireland. As leaders are very busy it is always impossible to find a date to suit everyone, but as we meet twice a year I hope that leaders will be able to come along to at least one of the get-togethers in the year. If you haven't already come along I would encourage you to do so as the get-togethers are very helpful and encouraging. The get-togethers are open to any leaders/volunteers in your Messy Church and aren't just for the main person in charge. Anyone is free to dip into the meetings at any time, so please don't be put off if you have missed a few just come and join in and you will be very welcome.

This time round a group of 6 leaders came along. We all found it a really worthwhile evening and everyone enjoyed being together and learning from each other.

The format was simple, we began by introducing ourselves and our Messy Churches and then we all shared one idea that has worked well for us at Messy Churches. The ideas ranged from songs, to craft ideas to storytelling ideas to games.

Next we chatted about any issues or problems we were facing. Finance, managing children's behaviour and trying to include all ages were the main concerns this time round. This part of the evening turned out to be quite a positive time as the leaders were able to come up with ideas to help in various situations from their own experiences as similar issues tend to crop up almost everywhere!

I have put together a Dropbox folder with some of the resources we shared. If you would like to have those resources please email at [jill@connor.anglican.org](mailto:jill@connor.anglican.org)

and I will send you an invite to the folder. The folder contains videos and other resources.

You can also find some of the resources by following these links:

Armour of God song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dITBAdCdOVU>

Frog Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRCuR727QR8>

Frog Craft

My Lighthouse Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSn9HW5P-sA>

Actions For My Lighthouse Song

<http://vimeo.com/95962373>