

Headcorn & the Suttons

WELCOME TO



Goes virtual



13th—20th February 2021

“Mary & Martha”

Welcome to Messy Church Goes Virtual

As you will realise, the current Covid-19 pandemic has meant that we have not been able to hold any Messy Church sessions. However, we are aware how much many of you enjoy the craft activities, games and stories so have decided to go “virtual” instead.

Each day during week commencing 13th February, kits containing a craft activity around the Bible story about sisters “Mary & Martha” will be available for you to take home from the church. We will also put all the instructions for the activities on the handschurches website, so provided you have all the materials at home (which we hope you do) you should be able to have a fun time making the items even if you don’t want to go out.

We do hope that you enjoy our “Messy Church goes Virtual”

Mary & Martha

What would you do if someone special came to your house for a visit? Today's story is about two sisters who had very different ideas as to what was most important. One was named Mary and the other was named Martha. Mary and Martha lived with their brother Lazarus and they were all friends of Jesus.

One day the sisters realised that Jesus and his disciples were coming down the road for a visit, they were all very excited and the two sisters set to work tidying the house and getting things ready for when their special guest and his twelve disciples arrived.

But the moment Jesus got to the door, the two sisters started behaving very differently from each other.

Martha continued to work, fussing round their guests, making sure they had everything they needed and cooking them all a wonderful meal. However, rather than help her, Mary just wanted to sit near Jesus and listen to everything he had to say. It's no wonder Martha started to get a bit annoyed because she thought her sister was being very lazy.

In the end, Martha went up to Jesus and said “ Master, would you please tell Mary that I cant do everything on my own and that she should come and help me in the kitchen”.

However, imagine Martha’s reaction when, instead of telling her sister off for being lazy and letting her do all the work— Jesus said that Mary had done the right thing.

He said that there is no point in getting upset and that some things are far more important than getting all the housework done. He reminded Martha that Mary had chosen to do something very important when she decided to give him her time and attention.

It’s important to notice that Jesus did not tell Martha off for complaining , neither did he tell her that she was doing the wrong thing by spending her time cooking and working. However, it is a reminder to all of us that we must always think about what is the right thing to do and that sometimes the most important thing is to simply appreciate and enjoy being with our family and friends—including Jesus. Also, that there is no point in getting worried and fretting about things, that doesn’t help any situation.

Please take some time to think about what is most important in your life and remember to be like Mary and take the time to really appreciate the simple things like having special times with your own family and friends.

We hope that you enjoy the activities that we have on offer this time and that they will help you appreciate the real meaning of this story.

There are a variety of activities on offer, so please feel free to come and collect another pack later in the week. Alternatively you might like to check out our website as we hope to post them all on there as well.

What else is happening at Headcorn Church?

As you will probably guess, the current covid restrictions and uncertainty about what we will be permitted to do in the future has made planning for Easter and beyond very difficult. Sadly, it is unlikely that the Easter Egg Hunt in it's normal form will not be able to go ahead again this year.

However, we do intend to organise some fun family activities that can take place around the village in a safe way over the Easter weekend. Details will be made available via our website, Facebook page and posters.

