

Headcorn & the Suttons

WELCOME TO



Goes virtual



29th May— 5th June 2021
“Feeding the 5000”

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 29th May kits containing craft activities around the Bible story about the feeding of the 5000 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”

Jesus Feeds the 5000.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus made a big difference in the lives of all the people that he met. He performed many miracles and was able to make blind people see, deaf people hear, lame people walk and the Bible tells us about lots of very sick people who he was able to make better. He also taught people many very important and life changing things. It's not surprising therefore that he soon became very famous and people started following him around wherever he went.

One day, Jesus and his disciples decided that they needed to get away for a while, so they got into a boat, went to the other side of a big lake and sat down on the side of a mountain to rest. However, it wasn't long before they saw that the crowds had followed and were coming to join them. Jesus immediately realised there was a problem—there were literally thousands of people, who would all start feeling very hungry very soon and they were in the middle of nowhere with no shops or anywhere else where they could get food to eat. He asked his disciples what they were going to do.

Then Andrew told Jesus that a young boy had offered to share his picnic of 5 small loaves and two fish. Of course no one thought that this small amount of food would be able to feed so many people but Jesus had other ideas.

He told the disciples to make all the people sit down on the ground, then he took the food and said a prayer of thanks to God and started sharing it among everyone. Believe it or not—everyone had plenty to eat and the disciples were told to gather up everything that was left over—there were 12 basketfuls. There were 5000 men there that day, plus lots more women and children.

This story reminds us of lots of things.

It reminds us that Jesus cares about us all, knows what we need before we realise it ourselves and will always try and ensure that we are O.K.

Just about everyone there that day thought there was no way that the little bit of food he had would be enough to feed everyone there, but Jesus showed that nothing is impossible for God and if you ask him he will be able to help you overcome even the biggest of challenges.

This miracle couldn't have happened without the little boy being willing to share his small picnic lunch with others. It reminds us, that we should always be willing to share what we have with those in need, even a little can make a big difference to someone else.

Jesus told the disciples that they should gather up all the food that was left over. This reminds us that we should be careful not to waste anything.



Would you be willing to help people who don't have enough to eat?

There are lots of people in this country who struggle to buy enough to feed themselves and their families. That is why food banks are so important. These are places where people can go to get enough to tied them over. St Peter & St Paul's Headcorn supports the Salvation Army Foodbank in Maidstone and they are very grateful for all the tinned and packaged food that we send there each week which they then pass on to those in need.

Would you be prepared to give something to help these people? There is a collection box for donations in the church porch.

What else is happening at Headcorn Church?

As we look to the future we are hopeful that we will be able to return to some form of normality in the Autumn. With this in mind we have provisionally booked the following activities from September onwards:

- Sunday 5th September at 10am —Pet Service and Teddy Fun day with cream teas in the afternoon (watch out for the posters)
- Sunbeams – every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month in school term – at 10am in the Green Room (near Longmeadow Hall) – for Mums, babies and pre-schoolers. (Details from Jane Hatley)
- Messy Sunday—every third Sunday of the month during the school term – at 9.45am in Longmeadow Hall – for Primary-age children – (Details from Jane Hatley 01622 891716)

Plus!!!

- Saturday 25th September—Messy Church—2:30—4:30—Andred Hall
- Wednesday 27th October—Messy Science—2:30—4:30—Andred Hall
- Saturday 28th November—Messy Church—2:30—4:30—Andred Hall