

Your Village... Your Church

From the traditional Services, observed throughout the Church's calendar year that take place, in the historic beauty of St Mary's Church by Coleorton Hall, to special celebrations and baptisms and weddings, the BCP Worship at St John's chapel too; St Mary's church also hosts Messy Church at the village School once a month. This year so far has been a time where many great friendships have begun and grown, families have been able to find more time together, artistic talents have been discovered and we've been able to recognise, and celebrate God at the centre of our lives. As Messy Church takes a break over the summer however, I thought I'd look back at some of the highlights of the year so far...

Rev'd Nick Gurney.

The year began with the much loved story of 'Noah's Ark' showing how God gives us a fresh new start.

Right: Great Rainbow pictures being made!



Left: Celebration time with singing and dancing, including noisy crafts used, as the story of Noah's Ark is told.

Easter was soon upon us, and the true story of Easter was told with a Bible picture based 'Treasure Hunt' around the school, superbly created by St Mary's Pat Stafford. Also it was great to hand out free, Real Easter Egg chocolate eggs, to all the families there!



Great fun and activity in April with everyone enjoying the story of the 'Prodigal Son' and God's longing, no matter how lost we might seem, to be welcomed home. Pig Masks were made, costume jewellery Rings decorated and excellent Pig Pictures, designed by Suzanne Gurney, using pink plastic cups for snouts, lollipop sticks for the pig pen and brown finger paint for mud were all great fun.

May was Pentecost! 'Flame' streamers and 'Crowns of Flames' were some of the crafts made to represent the Holy Spirit descending "like tongues of fire... upon their heads".





Left: Val Downes ready to get creative!

Above: Our Celebration Bunting for Pentecost

Father's Day was celebrated in June of course, and we thought about the Father's love for us, and God's abundant and everlasting love for us all shown throughout the accounts of the Bible. Some of the crafts, including a large 'Love Letter from God', are on display in the Children's Corner at St Mary's!

So come and join in our next celebrations, everyone welcome, at Viscount Beaumont School between 3.30pm – 5pm on the following Sunday's:

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

