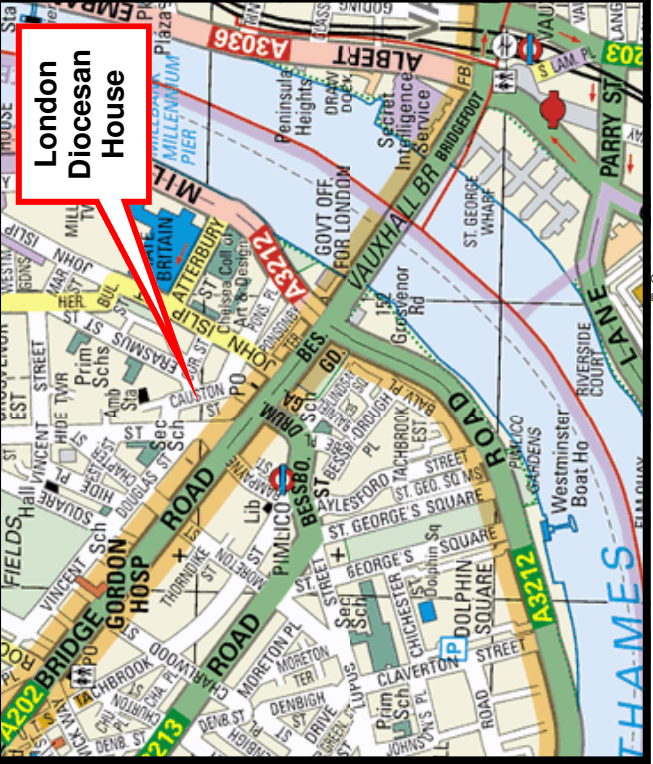


Finding us

The nearest tube is Pimlico which is on the Victoria line, one stop south from Victoria and north from Vauxhall. Both Victoria and Vauxhall (serviced from Waterloo) are mainline BR stations.

Any bus going down Vauxhall Bridge road will get you here.

A parking space is available at London Diocesan House but this needs to be reserved in advance by calling the Reception Desk on 020 7932 1100



Booking Form

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address (for all correspondence) _____

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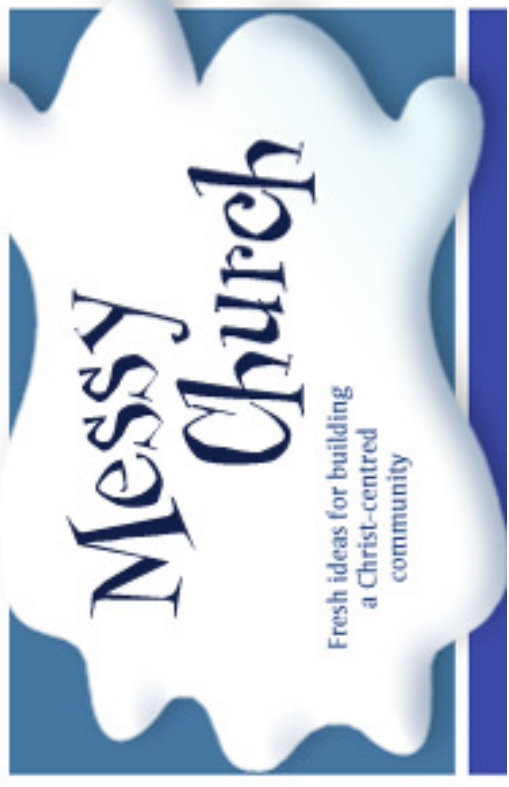
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I wish to apply for the Messy Church course.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form by post or fax to Sam Donoghue, LDF, 36 Causton Street, London SW1P 4AU. Alternatively, fax to 020 7932 1111. Booking enquiries should be made to Sam on 0207 932 1255 or sam.donoghue@london.anglican.org
Cheques should be made payable to LDF

Messy Church Training Day



A day to find out more about Messy Church

Date - Saturday 6 March 2010

Time - 10.00am - 3.00pm

Location - London Diocesan House, Pimlico

Cost - £20 for day including lunch.



Messy Church is one of the most exciting new ways of reaching out to families. We are delighted to host this training day and I hope that it will really help us to make our churches more accessible to children and families.

Lucy Moore will be hosting the training she is a professional actor and storyteller. Based in the south of England, she is an experienced speaker, workshop leader and performer. Lucy is a member of the Barnabas Ministry Team.



With a special interest in drama and storytelling, all-age church and collective worship in schools, her work takes her into schools and churches across the region and beyond. She is a member of Equity, an accredited Godly Play teacher, is part of the Children's Advisory Group for Portsmouth Diocese, on the leadership team of and an Associate Missioner for Fresh Expressions.

About Messy Church

The hall is buzzing with conversation. Around a table adults and children burst into laughter as they wrestle with metallic tubing and googly eyes and their teenage helpers despair of ever creating the promised artefact.

A toddler slaps green paint on a huge sheet of card under the watchful eye of a Granny (not sure if they're related or not - it doesn't really matter). A five-year-old watches wide-eyed as an enthusiastic leader shows her how to bang in a nail.

There's a delicious smell wafting out of the kitchen. The ten-year-olds, intent on their glass-painting, agree it must be jacket potatoes. The vicar takes a photo of the surreal result of the junk modelling and two mums catch up on the gossip as they drink welcome cups of tea and slowly decorate gift bags while their children make something unidentifiable but very chocolatey upstairs.

The cooks should be getting the plates stacked, but one of the mums needs to talk about her problems with her foster children.

I would be panicking about the story for the celebration later, but there's a huge collage of The Great Banquet to assemble before five o'clock, the

powder paint has proved a formidable weapon of mess creation in the hands of Jack, and we've barely got started on the lettering and whoops, someone's kicked over the gluepot...

Just another Messy Church.

Messy Church is one church's attempt to be church for families who might want to meet Jesus, belong to their local church and bring up their children as Christians but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services.

It's a once-a-month time of creativity, worship and eating together. You may have seen it featured on the Fresh Expressions DVD expressions or read about it in the Barnabas book Messy Church.

You may even have visited a Messy Church or started one up as part of your church's ministry to families.

What will happen on the day?

We will be looking at the following...

What is Messy Church?

Find out how to get started with this fresh expression for families or to take it further

Have a go at some crafts

Plenty of opportunities for discussion and networking with other people interested in the same questions

