

Church of the Ascension  
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Dear Parish Family:

There was a family worship night questionnaire passed around on the day of the parish picnic that was asking if people were interested in a Saturday evening worship service once a month. Twenty responded in favour of such a night. Most had no preference for the beginning or the end of the month, and those with a preference were nearly evenly split. The preferred start time between 5:30 and 7:00 was also nearly evenly split.

Other suggestions included lively music, interactive activities, and choosing a night other than Saturday, like a Thursday or Friday.

I believe a program called “Messy Church” would be ideal for such a gathering. To have a look and get an explanation of what “Messy Church” is, together with some of the resources you can go on-line to “[anglican.ca/resources/messy-church](http://anglican.ca/resources/messy-church)” and click on the “Visit resources” button and look around the site. Let me know what you think.

In order to implement “Messy Church” we will need to book the parochial hall, get a budget approved, get a team together, and do some advertising.

I will appreciate feed-back. I am thinking a Friday evening might work best since there is a meal involved, so it might fit better between work and evening activities (bed-time for little ones). This would allow families who have plans for the week-end to participate, as well as provide space between the “messy church” and the traditional Sunday service. It also is better for hall bookings for the wider community.

God’s Blessings

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