



Role Title	Messy Church Helper	Reports to	Joanna Alexandre (Messy Church Team leader)
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ROLE SUMMARY

What is the role’s main purpose:

Messy Church is a once-a-month service for families with children of approx. primary school age (4-11), aimed to spread the love of Christ and the church by creating a relaxed space to be creative together and to start to explore faith in an informal setting.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Key area	Tasks
Practicalities	<i>Messy Church is currently held on the second Sunday of each month, at St Saviour’s Church from 3pm to 4.30pm. Ideally helpers will be there from 2pm to set up until 5pm (or such time as we are tidied up). The ability to join short termly planning meetings would also be welcome.</i> <i>The role of a helper is to support the leaders by helping to set up and clear away, engaging people in conversation during the session, assisting with running crafts or activities and helping serve and tidy away refreshments. Their role is to support the leadership team and encourage participation from those who attend Messy Church.</i> <i>This role would be suitable for those seeking volunteer experience for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.</i>

	<i>No formal training is required for this role. Just a willingness to bring energy and get stuck in!</i>
	<i>You will be working as part of a team, and support is available from more experienced team leaders should you need it. The set-up of Messy Church means that all participants are in one room and you should not be alone or unsupervised at any time.</i>
Safeguarding	Your role involves contact with children, young people and vulnerable adults, both direct and indirect, as follows: <i>In-person contact with children and families within the Messy Church setting (typically families are encouraged to enjoy the activities together).</i>
	You will be required to attend relevant safeguarding training <i>(This can be accessed online).</i>
	You will be expected to work within the policy and procedures of the relevant safeguarding policy, by sharing any concerns with the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Jennie Brindley).
Health and Safety	Your supervisor will help you familiarise yourself with the Risk Assessment for the activity and record/report to them any near misses or concerns.
	We want you to be able to flourish in this role, so please speak to your supervisor or a member of the clergy if we can support you in any way.

SAFEGUARDING

DBS Check Level

Specify:

- *None required as parents stay with their children.*

Church of England Safeguarding Training

Specify all required:

- *Basic*



ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/NONE

- *Experience with children and families would be beneficial but is not essential*

ROLE APPROVALS

Name and role	Review date	Status
Ben Goodyear, Vicar	July 31st 2026	Final