

# MESSY CHURCH VALUES, PRINCIPLES AND LOGO

## Messy Church Values

### Christ-centred

Messy Church is a church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

### All-age

It is for adults and children to enjoy together - every element should be relevant and accessible to all ages.

### Creativity

It uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together.

### Hospitality

It reflects a God of unconditional love and is a church for people outside church, providing an oasis of welcome and a safe space in which to thrive. Messy Church is about hospitality, expressed most evidently by eating together – whether it's a plate of sandwiches to share, spaghetti dinner or other prepared meal.

### Celebration

It reflects a God of joy who wants his people to have life in all its fullness.

To read more about these values, and how BRF expresses them look across the Messy Church website [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk) at content tagged with 'Values'.

## Messy Church Principles

Messy Church is not a stepping stone into existing congregations, nor is it a church plant, but it is a congregation in its own right.

Messy Church is ecumenical and seeks to work with all Christian churches.

## The Messy Church Brand (name and logo)

Messy Churches must follow the rules / guidelines set out on BRF's web page <http://www.messychurch.org.uk/using-our-name-and-logo> regarding the use and layout of the logo.

When Canadian Messy Churches register on the international directory they sign up to the Messy Church values and thereby gain permission to use the name and logo.