
Thursday 9th May 2024

A visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury

Dear Parents / Carers

We are really excited that Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, will be visiting St. Paul and St. Stephen's Church on **Saturday 25th May**. He will be attending the children's 'Messy Church' Service, which starts at **8:30am**. St Paul and St Stephen's Church, along with The Archbishop will be thrilled to see as many of our children and families attending the Messy Church Service on Saturday 25th May as community is a big part of our school. All are welcome and invited to attend, the service is open to **all faiths and religions** and it is about celebrating the strong community ties we have within St. Paul's.

Here is some information about what Messy Church is:

- Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It meets at a time and place that suits the community — but not usually on Sunday mornings
- It typically includes a welcome, a creative time with activities, games and crafts.
- All parts are for people of all ages.
- It's a church for people at all stages of faith journey and of any age.
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family.

It will be followed by a short celebration all about being part of a close-knit community. It would be lovely to see families joining and coming together as part of this special day.

If you are thinking of coming, please return the slip by **Friday 17th May**, to ensure enough resources are there for Messy Church.

Many thanks,

Miss Southam
Westgate Class Teacher
RE Lead

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I will be attending the messy church service with my child

Signed