All 5 Messy Church Hubs have now met and it is really encouraging to see how much outreach is going on across the area! I am sure that there are more Messy Churches meeting which I would love to map.

Lucy Moore is coming to Corfe Mullen on Saturday 21st June for a Training Day from 9.30am-1pm. There are still places left - do let me know if you would like to attend. There are two strands... ‘Starting a Messy Church’ and ‘Growing Disciples in Established Messy Churches’.

I am delighted to inform the Dorset groups that Kat Melpham is your new local Messy Church co-ordinator and will be attending your HUBs the next time we meet. She has a newsletter which you should be getting: if not, contact her on kat@smlm.co.uk. Wiltshire is looking for a new co-ordinator.

WEYMOUTH/ DORCHESTER / SHERBORNE: the group met and exchanged craft ideas and intend to visit each other’s settings. We were very envious of the 7 student placements that Littlemore had to help them! The group is meeting again on 3rd September at St Francis Church, Littlemore. All welcome!

SALISBURY: the HUB met, with both Messy Churches represented and also those who run Family Services with craft/activities and games. It was felt that the exchange of ideas was really worthwhile. They are meeting again on 9th July and will be bringing the plans they have for the Autumn term so that they can brainstorm ideas. Venue: Old Sarum Community Rooms, Salisbury SP4 6PX.

POOLE is our role model for HUBs as they have been meeting for many years! Some of their Messy Churches are 7 or 8 years old, so anyone who says Fresh Expressions of church don’t last need to consider that! They meet again in the autumn and are happy for local Poole churches to join them. I have the contact details for this group.

DEVIZES, MARLBOROUGH and surrounding area: the HUB shared ideas and intends to have a session on 4th September at St James’ Devizes on the theme of ‘Making Messy Music’. They felt that they needed some new song ideas, so everyone is going to share songs in a practical, action orientated way!! Feel able to join them if you are nearby.

GILLINGHAM: the HUB looked at a wonderful record of Messy Church made by Motcombe and found out about 2 more Messy Churches that we hadn’t got mapped! An offer to arrange a FOOD HYGIENE course for anyone who is interested was mooted and details will follow. They are meeting again on 16th July and hope to finalise the Hygiene Course details by then.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
look on the Salisbury Diocese Fresh Expressions Facebook page for details of courses, conferences and many good ideas in the area of ‘Fresh Expressions of Church’, of which Messy Church is a part.

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