

SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!?



Easingwold Parish Church was the venue last Sunday afternoon for a special, relaxed family service, the first in a regular series on the second Sunday of each month, to which all are welcome. This new service is timed at 4.30pm, in the hope of attracting families who do not come to our main Sunday morning service, due to domestic commitments, shopping, child taxi-ing etc.

Informality was the keynote, with refreshments to start with and everybody being given a lump of Play-Doh, to be used during the service!



We were welcomed by Rev. Margaret Young, vicar of Easingwold, who explained the structure of the service: it was based on the normal Sunday Eucharist, but used a much less formal approach, with the theme this time of Harvest. We started with the hymn “Imagine a World without any Flowers”, followed by the creation story

in modern language. The next hymn was the “Harvest Samba”, in a video sequence on the screen, with subtitles.

Then came the opportunity to use the Play-Doh to model what we each are most grateful to God for. This was enthusiastically undertaken and there was much creativity in evidence, with models ranging from a banana (?), to ‘the family’, and even a dinosaur (!!)



Rev. Deacon Charlotte Cranfield led our prayers, showing our concern for others and thanking God for our family, friends and community; we again used the Play-Doh to illustrate the people for whom we were praying.

Proceedings concluded with the popular harvest hymn: “We Plough the Fields and Scatter” and Margaret gave the final Blessing. Then there were more refreshments and a chance to chat about what had been a most enjoyable occasion. We are already looking forward to next month! M.W.

