

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are all keeping well and enjoying being able to see friends and family now. The lovely weather has certainly been a blessing.

This month we are focusing on the story in the Bible about using and sharing our talents. The activities that we have suggested hopefully will reflect this. We have included in the pack bells and a plastic needle in a sealed envelope so that young children can be kept safe. We hope the children will have fun with these activities although they may need some adult help with them.

Next month we are hoping to have a Messy church picnic, as you will see from the invitation. This will be an opportunity for us all to get together and have a good time. We just pray for fine weather but will have an alternative venue if it should be raining.

I do hope that we will see you all together soon.

Take care

Love from Jill and the Messy Church team





## Reflection for June

### The story of the talents

*Matthew 25 v14-30*

This month we are looking at the parable (story) that Jesus told about 3 servants. The master put each servant in charge of an amount of money (talents)- that he knew the servant would be able to take care of. Then he went on a trip.

When he returned 2 of the servants had doubled their money (talents) and the master was very pleased. The third servant had hidden his money (talent) in a hole in the ground! The master was very angry with him.

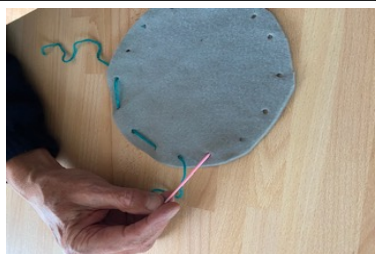



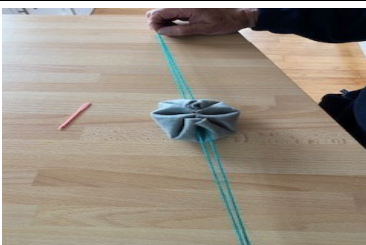
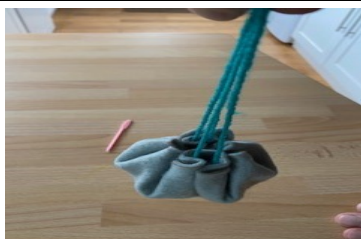
This story is showing us that God has given each of us talents, or we might call them gifts, and he wants us to use them in our lives and not hide them. Think of the things you are good at, perhaps singing, drawing, writing, helping others, football and other games, sewing, cooking etc. Hopefully you can use them in your life to help others and praise God.

Song: "Talents and treasures" - Joe and Tracey Cruz

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8aC3xMIX\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8aC3xMIX_k)

# Make a money bag

You will need: the circle of fabric, the ball of wool, needle and scissors.

		
Thread the needle with wool and stitch through the holes.	Complete the circle, cut the wool and tie the ends together.	On the opposite side of the circle stitch all the way round.
		
Tie the wool together as in the picture.	Pull the 2 knots apart to close the purse.	Here is your finished money bag.

When you have made your money bag you could put your chocolate coins inside it, or perhaps a few pennies to remind you of the gifts that God has given you. It doesn't matter how many gifts you have just try to use them and share them with others.

## Make a musical instrument

You will need: the wooden shape, stickers, a pipe cleaner and bells.

First of all decorate the wooden shape with the stickers. Then attach the pipe cleaner to one end by winding it around tightly.

Thread the beads onto the pipe cleaner, the smaller ones (if you have some) will probably need attaching to the pipe cleaner with thread if you want to use them.

Next wind the pipe cleaner onto the other side of the wooden shape and you will then have a bell shaker, like the one in the picture below.



# Recipe for Chocolate crunchy cakes

This month we have chosen a recipe that the children can make once an adult has melted the chocolate.

You will need: approximately 200g of chocolate, cup cases, Rice Krispies and or cornflakes.

Lay out about 20 cup cases on a tray.

Place the chocolate in a bowl and either melt it in the microwave or over a saucepan of boiling water. Then add some rice Krispies and or some cornflakes until the chocolate is absorbed. Next, place spoonfuls of the mixture into the cup cases and leave to set.

Once set you can share the crunchy cakes and enjoy eating them!

