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Description automatically generatedLPUC Ministry and

Messy Church

Role Descriptions

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| Ministry | Messy Church |
| Vision / Purpose | Messy Church is a family-friendly program that encourages families to explore church differently. Messy Church involves crafts/activities that align with the theme, team-based games, celebration message based on the theme and dinner provided by Lugarno-Peakhurst Uniting Church. It’s vision is to capture young families to encourage exploring their faith beyond the typical style of church. |
| Operating days and times | 4th Sunday of the month (during school terms)  4pm-6pm |
| Operating Site | xxx |
| Target participants | Children under school age (0-6), children in primary school and high school and their parents/carers |
| Brief description of the ministry activities | Messy Church runs once a month during the school term. It explores a different theme from the bible each month and the Messy Church team provide creative activities for children and young people to explore and participate in.  When families arrive, they check in with the friendly Messy Church team and are welcomed into a team-based games session.  Families are welcomed by the Messy Church team leader who will then give a run down on what to expect for the day.  Families then move into the hall where all of the activities are ready and Messy Church team members are waiting to lead in dialogue what the theme and activity entails |

ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

Volunteer Team Member

* Must hold a current WWCC and have been inducted into RUC volunteer ministry
* Team members wear a “Messy Church” t-shirt and/or lanyard to be easily identifiable
* After 10:15am morning service, team stays back to set up the Messy Church space and activities; team then arrives back at church at 3:00pm-3:30pm for team prayer and are ready to welcome families as they arrive
* Supports / facilitates conversation and connection between families; actively seeks those who may seem isolated to know they are welcome to join; provides pastoral care where appropriate and refers to the team leader if families require more considered support.
* Helps children and young people to feel welcome and supports their creative play
* Participate in activities
* Use your gift to further the kingdom of God i.e photography, creative play/sensory craft, music, food preparations etc
* Identify any child or young person with special need and welcome them
* Supports the team leader to identify hazards that may have arisen throughout the event
* Helps pack up at the end of the session

Team Leader

Further to the above role:

* Ensures all equipment, activities, food, PPT are all setup and ready to go
* Ensures team members know what their role and responsibilities are for the day and are confident
* Supports, encourages and guides the team
* Works with the team to set vision and expand the ministry where appropriate
* Works with the team to organise Messy Church activities
* Offers pastoral care where appropriate to Messy Church families
* Communicates Messy Church and other LPUC events to families
* Provides pastoral care to the team and families where appropriate
* Report to the church/church council when necessary

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