



Messy Church

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Be a part of St John's Messy Church at home today**

## **Worship**

Light a candle

Prayer: God we thank you that you are here with us now and also with our families and friends in their homes today. Amen

Have you ever been in the dark? What does it feel like? Scary? Fun? Peaceful? Exciting? Dangerous?

Have you been out in the country, away from street lights and seen the stars shining in the dark night sky. That can be amazing.

But imagine a city in the dark, all blacked out. The whole city without any source of light. What would it be like trying to walk along the pavement? Or driving the car without any lights? Or finding your way home, or other people?

Jesus was at a special festival in Jerusalem and it was night-time. Because there were no streetlamps in those days it was very dark, except that during this festival they lit great lamps in the temple which lit up the city. Suddenly everyone could see almost as much as in the daytime! They didn't bump into things, they could see where they were going and they could find whoever they were looking for.

Jesus saw the lights in the temple and saw what a huge difference the light made for everybody.

Jesus spoke to the Pharisees and said. "I am the light of the world," he said. "Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness."  
John 8 v 12

Not just a light for the people in Jerusalem but for the whole world.



Think of all the different sort of lights we have.

Which do you think is most like Jesus?

Is it a candle with a gentle flame?

Is it a lamp that takes the darkness out of a room?

Is it a camera flash which shows up all the details for a picture?

Is it a torch that lets you see where you are going?

Is it a lighthouse that stops the boat crashing into the rocks?

Jesus is the Light for the world, and we can take His light with us wherever we go, even in the darkest places. He can make a huge difference for everybody!

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you that your light shines for us all to show us the way and keep us safe. Help us to shine as your lights in the world, loving each other through thick and thin. Amen.

Finish with the Messy Grace:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore,

# Amen!