



## Beginnings

Sept.2018

Welcome back after the summer break. I hope you have had some good family and friend times and made some lovely memories.

Today we looked at **beginnings**. I am sure some of you in the family have begun something new as the school year begins, be it nursery, school, class or teacher. Perhaps you are trying out a different after school club or having packed lunches or school meals for the first time. Maybe parents have started a new job or there is a new baby in the family. Starting something, a **beginning**, can be exciting and challenging. I remember at school being so nervous at the start of a new school year but was helped by the new bits of my new uniform or shoes and the smell of new stationery!!

As followers of Jesus I think it is a great time to remember that the God who was way back when the world was new (well he did have something to do with its creation!) and who was with Abraham and Sarah, promises to be with us too; in the old and new, the exciting and the ordinary.

Abraham's claim to fame is not that he did miracles and took people through the Red Sea like Moses, nor that he overcame incredible military odds like Gideon, nor killed a giant in one-to-one combat like David. Maybe we need to look at these stories at Messy Church soon?! Rather, Abraham's life was one of faith, which can encourage all of us to trust in God's promises and entrust ourselves to his protection as we face the everyday routines and challenges of life, especially in new things which can sometimes be a bit scary.

I am going to try to trust God more as I return to the routine of term-time work. I am going to try and stick to my hours and get my work life balance balanced!!! I am going to invest more time in friendship and hobbies...I really need God's help in this because it is so easy for me to work excessively as I enjoy my job so much. But I actually think that time over the summer has reminded me that there is more to life than work...however much we enjoy it. As I am now in my 60th year I am increasingly aware that retirement is not so far away and frankly that scares the .....out of me! What will I do when I retire and where will I live? So I plan to investigate options over the next few months so that when that new term of my life begins I am ready. Mostly though I am going to try to trust God - who has been with me in all my journeying thus far and promises to be with me then too.

Liz

## Dates for diary

**Preston Community Event** - Preston Park, Sept. 15th - 12-3pm Lots of fun family activities and Messy Church and Messy Munchkins has a stall there. Free entry.

**Shoebox Sunday** Sept. 16th - an all age service where we get to hear about the work of Blytheswood who send shoe boxes to people of all ages. Please bring an empty shoebox to decorate, if you have one.

**Sunday@4** Sept.16th An interactive family service lasting about 45 minutes and ending with a bring and share tea.

**HarvestService** here at St. Marks on Sunday Sept. 30th at 10am. Gifts in aid of the Epsom & Ewell foodbank will be welcomed.

**Saturday market** first of the season here on Sat. Oct. 6th, 10 - 1pm, lovely coffee and cake shop and others goodies to buy.

**Messy Munchkins** for pre-schoolers and their carers, every Tuesday from 9 until 10:30. Bible based theme with sensory play. We need with tea and toast.

**Gin Night** Oct. 12th 8pm - tickets on sale soon from Liz and Des.

Next **Messy Church on Tuesday Oct. 2nd** when we look at treasure



Friday 28th Sept. from 9 - 1pm, Weyhaven,  
Woodland Way,  
Kingswood, Tadworth, KT20 6PA

There will some other treats to pamper yourself with, and all money raised goes to this worthy cause.

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