



at home

This month's Messy Church thinks all about being thankful – how thankful are we? In some ways we may be more thankful for the small things as our lives have changed over the past six months. What do you think?

The story we are looking at is the Ten Lepers from Luke 17.

10 people were healed by Jesus, as they ran away to celebrate, only one thought 'Hang on! Maybe I should go back and say thank you.' One of the things we hope we are doing more and more is to say 'thank you'!

We hope you enjoy this Messy Church at Home.

Celebration Time:

Place a piece of paper on the table and write in large letters THANK YOU down the side of the paper and write or draw something for each letter that you are thankful for.

Read the story of the 10 Lepers in Luke 17:11-19 or watch this YouTube video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzZUDRrKgl8>

What do you know about the disease Leprosy? It is a terrible skin disease. It causes your limbs to lose feeling so you hurt yourself and don't realise. In Jesus' time Leprosy was made more terrible because, not only was a person with Leprosy considered unclean, but they had to live away from their families and communities and they had to call out "unclean, unclean" and even ring a bell whenever they came near other people. There was no medicine or cure. So when Jesus was walking by, the lepers would have been very brave to even approach Jesus, let alone ask Jesus to heal them. Those around Jesus would have been shocked and probably tried to tell the lepers to stay away.

But Jesus hears them calling out and takes the time to tell them what to do to get healed. The lepers had to do what Jesus said, they had to go and show themselves to the priest, and as they did go, they were healed. When one leper realizes he had been healed before he got to the priests, he goes back straight away to Jesus to say thanks. He didn't delay, go and see his family first, or even go to the priest first, instead he goes to Jesus who had healed him and in healing him, given him back his life.

The man's praise is loud and he gives glory to God.

Talk about the story.

- ☐ What does this story say do you?
- ☐ If this story happened today, what would it look like?
- ☐ Why should you say thank you?

Prayer Idea:

Using post-it-notes or pieces of paper write 'thank you God' prayers and stick them around the house in places where you will see them and remember to be thankful for what you have. (eg: thank you for water, thank you for enough food to eat, thank you for music to listen to)

Activities:

If you don't have all the resources, see if you can adapt the activities safely. Make sure an adult is helping you so you stay safe.

SOAP CARVING



You will need:

1 soap block (cheap block of soap)

Dinner or butter knife or playdoh tools/ stick.

Important instructions!

- ☐ Cut away from yourself.
- ☐ Always use cutting knives/sticks under adult supervision

Talk about how the 10 lepers were made clean by Jesus.

How can Jesus help us to be clean and shaped to be his friend?

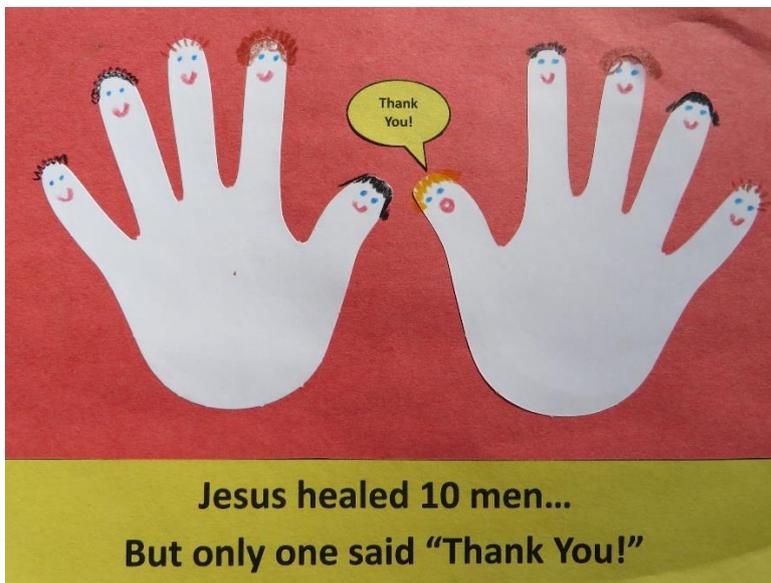
MAGNETIC LETTER PRAYERS

If you have any magnetic letters you could use them as a way to get creative as you pray.

Spell out things you are thankful for, dust them with flour through a sieve and then carefully remove the letters. (works with sand too)



STORY PICTURE



Draw around your hands and cut out your hand prints. Make your fingers and thumbs into the ten men – you could stick wool on for hair or just colour them in. Draw a speech bubble with just one saying thank you. Which of the ten lepers do you think you would be? Would you remember to say thank you?

THANKYOU CARD



Make a card for someone to say thank you and post the card to them. How do you think it will make them feel? We all like to be told thank you and when we get nice post through the door it can brighten up our day.

Messy Church Meal at home:

Usually at Messy Church we share a meal together. You could share making the meal, setting the table and tidying/ washing up afterwards. It reminds us of the messy Church team who would make the meal – we are very thankful for them!

THANK YOU PIZZA

Why not try making a pizza? You could use a pre-made base or a wrap or crumpet for your pizza. Add tomato puree and a variety of toppings and top with grated cheese. Yum!

Think about: We often say thank you to someone by making something, or with food or by giving a present. Who would you like to say thank you to? Have you a memory of a time you received a thank you gift? How did that make you feel?

Standish Methodist Church has started services on a Sunday morning. I have included some info that tells you all about it in case you want to come along. Messy church is staying at home for now, we will let you know of any changes.

We hope you have a great month and are praying for you as you are doing schoolwork, in work or at home. Take care and God bless!



Returning to Worship in Sunday Services

	<p>If you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms, i.e. cough, sore throat, high temperature, loss of taste or just don't feel well please do not to come to any of the church services. Please help keep others safe.</p>
	<p>If you are well, and intend coming to worship, we ask that you use our booking system by either ringing John Grayson (01257) 422598 or email him by 12 noon on the Saturday prior to the Sunday Service, so that we can plan for people attending as our numbers are limited. You will be asked for a contact telephone number for Track and Trace.</p>
	<p>You are asked to bring your own face covering/mask as these are now mandatory.</p>

 <p>Social distancing in effect</p> <p>← 2m →</p> <p>Thank you for keeping your distance</p>	<p>We will be worshipping in the church as usual and with 2m social distancing but you will enter via the side entrance door not up the steps via the main doors. You will need to socially distance from any people in front of you (2metres) as you approach the entrance door.</p> <p>There will always be a warm welcome at Standish, but we ask that you refrain from shaking hands, hugging, kissing etc. on the way into church, inside and on the way out.</p>
 <p>Use hand sanitiser</p>	<p>There is a sanitisation station at the entrance in order for you to sanitise your hands before going into church. Please use it.</p>
 <p>TRACK & TRACE</p>	<p>You will be asked to confirm you name and your contact telephone number. This is for the National Track and Trace scheme, should we be asked who attended church on a particular day. These records will be kept secure and shredded after 21 days.</p>
 <p>ONE WAY SYSTEM IN OPERATION</p> <p>When inside please follow the instructions</p> <p>Thank you for practising social distancing</p>	<p>There will be a one-way system in operation and you will be directed by someone where to sit. Unfortunately, you will not be able to choose where you sit.</p>
	<p>There will be no leaflets, weekly notices or hymn books given out.</p> <p>There will be no live music or hymn singing for now.</p>
 <p><i>Grateful Givers</i></p>	<p>The collection will not be taken up during the service. For those not on standing order or direct debit, the collection will be a retiring one via a plate where you go out.</p> <p>If you would like to set up a standing order or direct debit please contact James Porter outside church.</p>



At the end of the service you will be asked to leave church via the front door and steps – please observe social distancing. There will also be a hand sanitiser on the table in the porch if you want to sanitise your hands again. If you have mobility problems please remain in your seat until people have left and the Steward invites d'd to exit via the ramp and side door.



As you leave after the service onto the car park, please observe the 2m social distancing rule and don't congregate on the car park to make leaving as safe as possible.



For the foreseeable future there will be no flowers in church as we cannot currently send the flowers to anyone after the service.



Unfortunately, there will be no tea or coffee after the service for the time being.



The toilets will be open, but will operate on a one in and one out basis. You will need to leave church by the front door, walk round to the side door and follow the one-way system. Once finished, remember to wash and dry your hands, sanitise any touch points before you leave, follow the one-way system out of the corridor to the back door, out through the fire door and walk to come back into church via the side entrance – remember to use the hand sanitiser spray.

REMINDER

You will be reminded of most of this by the steward before the service starts.

**THIS IS
NOT
NORMAL**

We understand that these changes will seem strange and that you may miss some of what we have regarded as a normal part of Sunday worship and fellowship after the service, but these changes are to try and keep us all safe!

STAY SAFE

BE KIND