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MUDDY CHURCH

Muddy Church is a community of churches, groups and people who are looking for ways of connecting with their local community and God. It is not just about being in a rural, forest or woodland area but finding the treasures within our communities that offer people a space to gather and connect.

Muddy Church is based around the idea that everyone brings something - it offers places for listening and sharing, acceptance and wondering and requires openess to a community of people all able to see God and to share their lives.

Muddy Church is about discipleship - a journey of faith, growing in understanding of God, developing and being encouraged into deeper relationship with God through informal reflection, natural liturgy and accompanying.

Muddy Church is not just for Christians - it offers a space where whole families can come together, friends can meet up, those alone can walk with others and people are invited to share their questions and lives.

Muddy Church does not come with set structures, regulations or formats it is based on the idea that each community is different and will need a unique look and approach. There are spaces of sharing ideas, good practice and support through being a part of this community.







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The approach of Muddy Church is of sharing faith and the basis of this is a Trinitarian God, who has Created and is creating and is present all around us. A God who has invited us into our communities and to be a part of what is happening within them.

Click <u>here</u> to watch a selection of short films all about Muddy Church

All you need to start a Muddy Church is a place to walk and wonder and a few people who will join you. You can start small or large and the website has a whole host of trails and resources you can use to get you started.

Visit <u>www.muddychurch.co.uk</u> to find out more.

Over the past year, we have been collecting stories and resources from people who have set up their own Muddy or outside church, there is now a small community of people traveling the road together of what engaging with God outside looks like. We have created a Google drive with resources created by others who are willing to share them and if you would like to have access to that or want to join in with this community then email Emma Sargeant at <u>emmas@cofebirmingham.com</u>





