



Mossy Church

Imagine the scene...a beautiful summer's afternoon and Holy Trinity Hildersham decided to experiment with Mossy Church. Ever heard of it? Read on to find out more.

Instead of meeting in the usual church building for the café style service, we met outside under the sunlit tree canopy in the churchyard, having collected a drink and a cake. A group of twenty or so, aged two upwards, met to experiment with new ways of connecting to and worshipping God. Starting with the hymn, All things Bright and Beautiful, followed by Psalm 139 v7-14, we were then read a story about a boy and a tree which captivated the interest of all those there. In the story the dialogue is between the tree, which is continuously giving and the boy (later a man) who is constantly taking. We were then invited to use our senses to explore the world around us.

What's in the box? Lets find out!



We were given lots of different equipment to explore with and a few suggestions of what we could do; create a cocktail of smells, collect sounds, examine things using colour filters and mirrors, or roam freely using a scavenger hunt.



This is our collection

What did we discover?

We discovered cherries, delicate seed heads, daisies, a sky which seems never ending. We discovered sounds of crunching leaves, birdsong, bleating lambs and a motorbike!

And what did we discover about God?

'How he cares for everything he makes'

We need to 'take time and stare'

'It makes me feel close to God'

'There is an infinity of uniqueness-no two alike'

'I feel happy to be able to do these things'

We dedicated ourselves to God using a final song, written by one of the congregation when she was six years old.

Have you taken your church family outside recently? What might you discover?

