**Messy Forest Church April 18 2021**

**Craft Activities**

**1. Stick activity**

**You will need: small stick with branches on it; wool; string; grass; leaves; sticks; feathers**

**Method:**

* With your family bubble, explore the churchyard and collect the items above.
* Wrap wool or string round the stick
* Weave the leaves, feathers etc in and through the wool
* Stick in the ground for all to see!

**Talk about:**

**2. Cress**

**You will need: cress seeds; cotton wool balls; variety of small paper or plastic containers; water; kitchen roll; pens**

**Method:**

* Draw a funny face, or whatever you like (!) on the container
* Put some wet kitchen roll in the bottom and add a damp cotton wool ball on top of that
* Evenly spread some cress seeds on top of the cotton wool and press them gently down
* Put the pot in a warm place that gets some sunlight, like a windowsill
* Watch the cress grow!

**3. Leaf Prayers**

**You will need: paper, pens, leaf templates, scissors**

**Method:**

* Draw around the leaf template
* Cut the leaf shape out
* Add your prayer
* Save for re-gathering – we will be burning them on the fire as our prayer offering to God

**4. Popping Popcorn for bird feeders NB ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED**

**You will need: a large pan; firepit; grill; popcorn; oil; container and spoon; paper cups; string; needle**

**Method:**

* Pop the popcorn in the large pan
* Decant into another pan/container
* Scoop into individual cups
* Skewer the popcorn with the needle
* Add to the string
* Hang up for the birds!