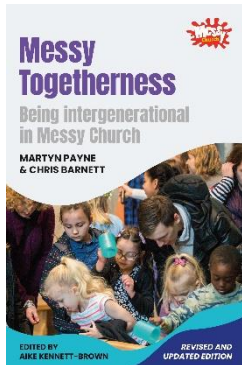


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## Messy Togetherness

### Being intergenerational in Messy Church

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A revised and updated edition of a key Messy Church resource, this book unpacks the theory and practice of intergenerational church in the Messy Church context. Why do more and more people advocate the idea that the generations should explore faith together, and what does the Bible have to say about this? How does this fit with our inherited model of age-related groups for learning and discipleship? And is it really practical and possible to have an experience of church where the youngest to the oldest share the same meeting space, service theme and time to worship?

Being intergenerational in Messy Church is the theme of **All Together! the Messy Church Conference 20-22 June**. Find out more [here](#). Bookings close 9 May.

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‘Ministry leaders worldwide desire to facilitate intergenerational faith formation in their ministries, but the question often arising from that desire is: “Where do we begin?” Martin Payne, Chris Barnett and Aike Kennett-Brown help faith communities define and uphold intergenerational values while unleashing a plethora of fresh creativity and resources for making “messy togetherness” a transformative reality.’ – *Valerie M. Grissom, author of All Ages Becoming and Presbyterian pastor*

‘Messy Togetherness gives a wonderful overview of the value of intergenerationality. A must-have book for anyone wishing to grow faith and discipleship in their Messy Church.’ – *Sandy Brodine, Uniting Church in Australia*

### About the authors

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