

## ***Child-friendly Maundy Thursday***

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As a first of its kind, it was a privilege to be part of the congregation at 6pm at Christ Church on Maundy Thursday. I was accompanied by my three grandchildren, Tabitha 8, Ephraim 5, Gilbert 3 who were visiting from Somerset. They attend church regularly and so were happy to take part.

They thoroughly enjoyed the service as did all those who attended. There were several opportunities for all to get involved and we particularly enjoyed the 'tray game'. Eight objects on a tray which were significant items



associated with this religious season: bread, wine, water and a towel(for washing and drying of feet); purple cloth to wrap Jesus; praying hands and grass to represent the Garden of Gethsemane and an X to represent the kiss of betrayal. We had five seconds to remember the items. The children loved it.



Gathering around for the distribution of bread and wine felt apt and inclusive.

And as for the hymn singing – we sang 'Give me oil in my lamp' all the way home!

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