

Easter 2021

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Welcome

Welcome to this Easter booklet. In it you will find details of what is going on this Easter across New Creation, as well as information and some fun crafts and activities to try at home. We hope that you find something to engage and inspire you this Easter-tide.

<https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationChurches/> or catch up later on Facebook, via the New Creation website: <http://www.newcreationchurches.org.uk/>

Contact Us

Up to date information about Easter services and activities can be found on our dedicated Easter page by scanning this QR code or by visiting <http://www.newcreationchurches.org.uk/easter-2021/>



For any further information, or for those who are not online, please call us in the Congresbury Office on 01934 833 126.

Easter Services 2021

Sunday 21st March 10.30am
Passion Sunday

Holy Week:

Sunday 28th March 10.30am
Palm Sunday

Thursday 1st April 6.00pm
Maundy Thursday Passover Meal

Friday 2nd April 10.30am
Good Friday

Sunday 4th April 6.00am
Easter Day Dawn Service

Sunday 4th April 10.30am
Easter Day Service

ALL services are **ONLINE ONLY**

You can access any of our Services by watching us **LIVE** via the “New Creation Facebook Page” : <https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationChurches/> or catch up later on Facebook, via the New Creation website: <http://www.newcreationchurches.org.uk/> or New Creation YouTube Channel : <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXn34qIXIXBeOAmO1M1KbBw/>

Palm Sunday

As Jesus came closer to Jerusalem, He asked two of His disciples to go ahead of Him saying, "When you get to the town, you will see a donkey tied up. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you just tell them, 'The Lord needs it and He will bring it back as soon as He's done with it.'" They did as Jesus asked and found the donkey tied at a doorway. Some people who were standing nearby asked, "What are you doing?" They replied, just as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

When they brought the donkey to Jesus, some of the disciples took off their coats and laid them on the donkey's back. Then Jesus rode on the donkey towards Jerusalem. As they came closer some people saw Jesus coming and ran towards Him. One by one, they laid their coats on the ground for the donkey to step on. Even the people that weren't wearing coats ran to the fields and trees nearby and cut palm branches and laid them down. As they got even closer to the town, more and more people noticed Jesus. A crowd surrounded Him and started to shout

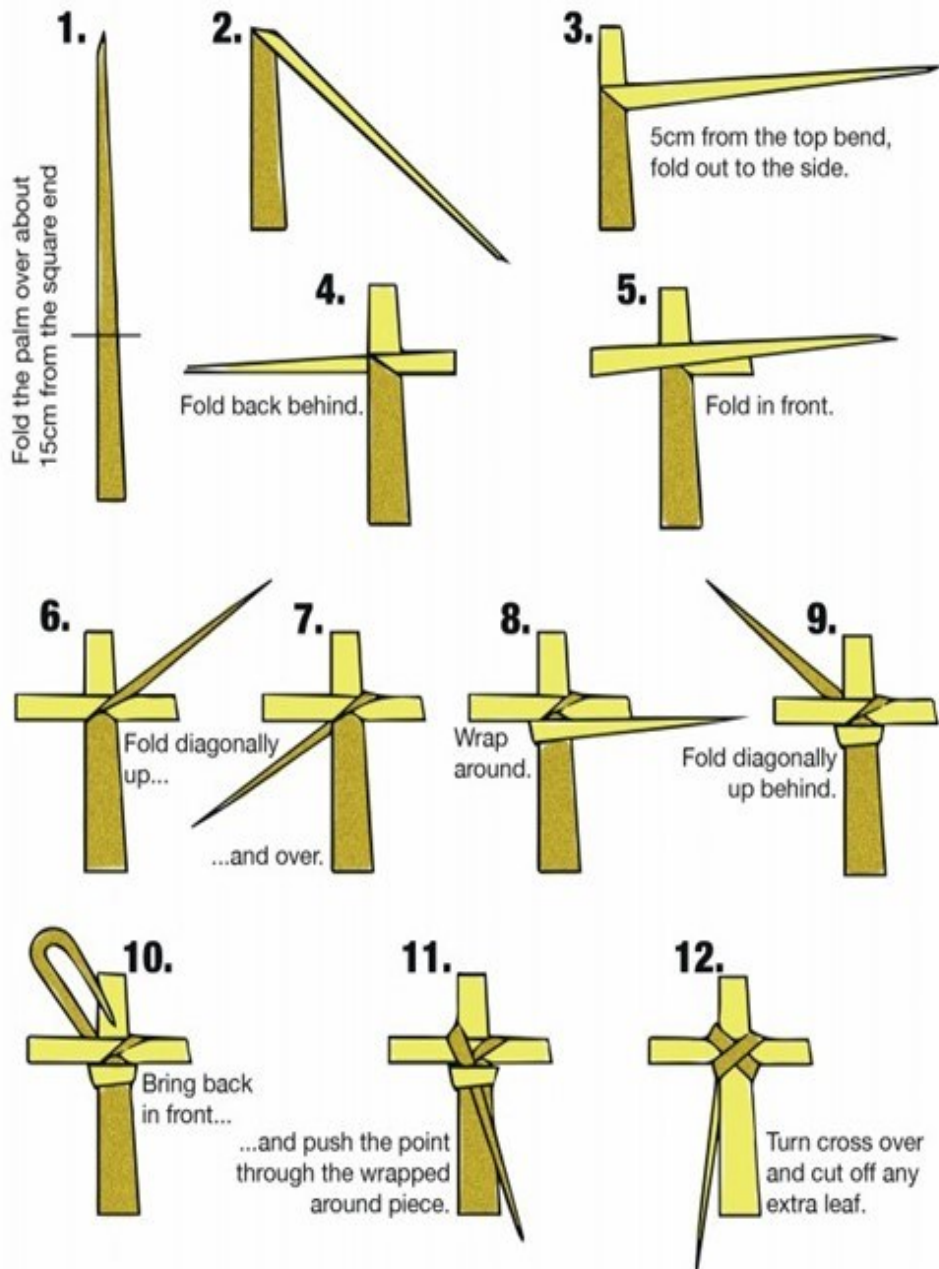
praises to Him : "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, Hosanna!" which means *save us*.

Some men named Pharisees thought that Jesus was getting too much attention from the people. They wanted to be the most important, but everyone was listening to Jesus instead.

When they heard the crowd praising God. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, why don't you tell these people to stop praising you as if you were God?" Jesus replied, "If they were quiet now, even the rocks would cry out!" Even the rocks knew that He was God.



How to Make a Palm Cross



Maundy Thursday

Jesus and His twelve disciples shared a very special meal called the Passover. This meal had been shared by Jews for hundreds of years ever since the time of Moses and is still celebrated today.

In the evening, when the Passover was ready, Jesus and the twelve disciples sat to eat the meal. The disciples were worried as some people wanted to kill Jesus because he was getting so popular. Jesus watched His disciples and then He started breaking apart some bread. He thanked God for the bread and shared it with the disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you". Then He took a full cup, thanked God for it and said, "This is my blood, which will be poured out for many people so their sins may be forgiven." They all took a sip from the cup. The meal continued after this and the disciples took their time because they enjoyed talking with Jesus and asking Him questions.

Jesus then got up from the table and put a large towel around Himself to look like a servant. He poured water into a large bowl and began to wash the disciples' feet. Then dried them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. By washing the disciples feet, He was doing something that only a servant would do.

When Jesus had finished washing their feet He said "Do you understand what I have done for you? You call me

'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and that is who I am. And now that I have washed your feet, you can also wash one another's feet."

Later Jesus went into the garden to pray and was arrested and taken before the authorities



Celebrating a Passover meal

Passover continues to be celebrated by both Jews and Christians around the world. It tells an incredible story of liberation, freedom and hope. For Christians it reminds us of the Last Supper, the meal Jesus had with His disciples the night before He died and the hope such love brings to the world.

As part of our journey through Easter this year we want to encourage as many people as possible to share in a Passover Feast on Maundy Thursday (1st April). It takes approximately an hour.

We can share in this Passover this year in two ways:

- Either **Online**— simply join us at 6.00pm when we'll share in an Online Passover Meal live together. All you need is the ingredients: see the New Creation website or Facebook Page.
- Or, if you don't do technology, we have a number of printed out Booklets with full instructions and the story available in each of the Churches. Simply pick up a copy, or get in touch with the Church Office and we will send it to you.

“HEADS UP” about some of the slightly unusual ingredients you will need to get in advance:

For the Seder Plate

Maror – horseradish

Kharoset—(use sweet chutney or honey)

Karpas – parsley (or a bitter herb)

Hard boiled egg

Lamb bone (or substitute a chicken bone)

A bowl of salt water

Fresh water

Matzah crackers

Wine or grape juice

Candle

Napkins



So, why not join try something different, and celebrate the Passover with us this year—Thurs 1st Apr at 6.00pm.

Good Friday

Jesus appeared before Pilate and was sentenced to be crucified.

The soldiers led Jesus into the palace and made Him put on an old royal robe and they twisted together a crown of thorns to put on His head and then they made fun of Him. Next, the soldiers led Jesus toward a hill called Golgotha. They made Him carry the cross on His back, but the soldiers had whipped His back and it hurt so much that Jesus couldn't handle the weight of the cross on His shoulders. A man named Simon happened to be near Jesus when He fell, and the soldiers grabbed Him, and made Him carry the cross the rest of the way. When they reached the top of the hill, they nailed Jesus to the cross. There were three crosses: Jesus was in the middle, there was a criminal on His right, and on His left. Pilate made a sign to be put on the cross it said: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Some of the soldiers watched Jesus and made fun of Him; Some people walked by and shouted, "You saved others, why can't you save Yourself?" Jesus could have saved Himself, but He chose not to. He wanted to save us instead. Instead he looked up to heaven and said, "Father forgive them they don't know what they are doing" Later, Jesus could not handle the pain any longer and He said, "It is finished." That is when Jesus bowed His head and died.



Easter Rock Painting

Bring your painted pebbles to form a cross in both Churchyards



We would love you to paint an Easter design on a rock and place it in the churchyard at St Andrew's, Congresbury or St Andrew's Banwell as a symbol of Hope and Love this Easter.

You will find a Cross marked out on the ground against the church just off the path. We would like you to fill the space with bright and beautiful Easter designs. You will need to use acrylic paint or nail varnish or any paint and cover with clear varnish/nail varnish to keep the rain off.

We would like you to place your rocks from 27th March through to 2nd April ready for Easter but please keep popping your creations after this date.

Easter Sunday

After Jesus died, a man named Joseph placed Jesus in his tomb that nobody had ever used.

Before Joseph left, he and some men rolled a large heavy stone in front of the tomb.

Early on the Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and two other women walked to the edge of town. They were very sad because Jesus had died on a cross. They were going to the place where He had been buried. When the women arrived at the tomb, the stone was already rolled away from the door. They looked inside, but Jesus was not in the tomb. The women were afraid! And ran to tell the disciples and said "Jesus is not in the tomb! we don't know where they have taken Him."

Peter and John could hardly believe what Mary was saying. They hurried back to the tomb with Mary. They looked inside but Jesus was not there. Peter and John were afraid and rushed home. But Mary stayed nearby crying.

"Why are you crying?" she heard someone ask. Mary did not know that the man speaking to her was Jesus so she asked Him to tell her where Jesus was. The man spoke her name.

"Mary," He said. Then, Mary knew who the man was! It was



Jesus standing right there-close enough to touch. Jesus told Mary to go tell His friends that she had seen Him. Mary rushed to tell the Disciples that she had seen Jesus and that He was alive!

Make an Easter Garden

1. To start

Gather together all the items you will need.
 A small saucer or dish.
 Soil and clippings from the garden.
 Seeds from your larder.
 Scissors, a spoon and tweezers .



2. Outlining your idea

Fill your dish with soil and begin to add your ideas , you can do anything.
 You can create mini trees and bushes
 Paths and borders and gravel areas with seeds and nuts.
 Decking and paths with dried stalks



3. Plant your garden

Get creative
 You can use lots of different garden plants and weeds.
 But remember , flowers and plants in the wild are very precious so please do not use them.

Why not add a tomb with a stone or even a cross

4. Now take a picture and send it to our website so we can all enjoy what you have done.

Easter Word search

Find all the words



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E	P	R	S	S	O	R	C	R	Y

**CROSS
 HUNT
 HOPE
 EGG**

**JESUS
 SUNRISE
 CHOCOLATE
 LOVE**

**CANDLE
 STONE
 MARY
 JOY**



Easter Quiz

1. Easter Island belongs to which Country?
2. What is the Sunday before Easter called?
3. In 1873 which company introduced the first chocolate Easter egg in Britain?
4. Which governor of the Roman province of Judaea presided over the trial of Jesus?
5. Which light fruit cake, with two layers of almond paste or marzipan, is traditionally eaten during Easter?
6. What was the name of the hill where Jesus was crucified?
7. Which Russian jewellery firm is famed for designing elaborate jewel-encrusted eggs?
8. On what Christian holy day are hot cross buns traditionally eaten?
9. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
10. Which Christian holy day of prayer and fasting falls on the first day of Lent?



Cook your way through Easter.

Follow the stories of Jesus and have fun with food.

During Easter week we will post up a story followed by a fun recipe that links to the story. Find us on

Facebook, our website or You Tube



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Why does the Easter Bunny bring eggs at Easter?

The Easter exchanging of eggs on Easter Sunday and Easter Bunny are long-standing traditions, but where do they come from?

Similar to celebrating Christmas at the Winter Solstice, decorating trees and receiving gifts from St. Nicholas, it is a welding of Christian and Pagan traditions that have been passed down through the ages.

Rabbits have been associated with spring and fertility since the pre-Christian era (not surprising when rabbits are known to produce several litters in a single year), and the rabbit was even the symbol of Ostara, the pagan Germanic goddess of spring, the dawn and fertility. Ostara, often called Eostre, lends her name to the feast of Easter as it celebrated in springtime.

Ostara was also associated with eggs as they too symbolise fertility and the springtime itself is symbolic of rebirth. Writings from the 17th century in Germany describe the “Oschter Haws” (Easter Hare) for the first time. According to folklore, the Easter Hare would lay colourful eggs in the nests (baskets) of well-behaved children, which sounds very familiar to another tradition that came from Germany. It is thought that German immigrants brought this custom with them, which merged into the chocolate eggs we exchange today.



But how does this link to the Resurrection of Jesus?

As eggs were traditionally seen as symbolic of rebirth, in Christianity they came to symbolise the empty tomb at Eastertide.



Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs (coming from the Jewish word for Passover) are eggs that are sometimes decorated became gifts given to remember the Resurrection. The oldest tradition is to use dyed and painted chicken eggs and one ancient tradition was the staining of Easter eggs with the colour red to remember the blood of Christ shed at His crucifixion.

This custom of the Easter egg, can be traced back to many sources, but here in Western Europe it became popular during the Middle Ages as a result of the fact that Western Christians were prohibited from eating eggs during Lent, but were allowed to eat them when Easter arrived, so receiving an egg on Easter Day was a welcome gift!

The Easter Bunny and eggs originated as pagan symbols of spring and rebirth. Over the centuries, these ancient symbols became associated with the Christian feast of Easter such that the two traditions have merged together to become what we celebrate today.

Happy Easter