

Good Friday

During Lent we have been following Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. At first the people greeted Jesus as their king. The only problem was that it didn't last. Many of the same people who had cheered him turned against him.

Later that same week Jesus was arrested, beaten, tried, and on Good Friday he died on a cross for us, so that the things that we have done wrong can be forgiven by God. "Good" Friday comes from "God's" Friday and God chose to send Jesus to die for us.



Start to make your **Easter Garden** using a container, soil, flower pot, twigs, stones, shells, moss, and string. One of Jesus' friends Judas betrayed him for 30 silver coins. Use little bits of foil to show the money that Judas received.

After Jesus had died he was put in a cave or tomb and a stone was put in front of the entrance. Everything was sad, and dark.

Prayer:

We think of you Jesus on Good Friday and how much you showed your love for us by dying for us. Help us to think of others who are in their darkness and are sad, perhaps by illness, or because they miss someone who has died, or because the people they love are far away. Help them all. Amen.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday we celebrate how God raised Jesus from the dead

Read or listen to John chapter 20 verses 1-18

Very early in the morning Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' followers, went to the cave or tomb where Jesus had been laid. When she got there, she saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Jesus' friends Peter and John and said to them, "They have taken Jesus out of the tomb and we don't know where they have laid him." Peter and John raced to the tomb and found the tomb empty and then went back home. Mary stayed and was crying but then Jesus was there with her saying her name. Mary recognises Jesus and in this moment Mary's darkness became light.

That was when Easter happened for Mary. She went and told other people, 'Jesus is alive!' Who will you tell today?



On Easter Sunday remove the stone or shell put in some paper for the cloth that Jesus was wrapped in and add flowers to your garden. 'The tomb is empty because Jesus is not dead, he is alive! He is risen just as he said!'

Happy Easter!

Easter eggs remind us of the stone that was rolled away and of the new life that happens at Easter because of Jesus. Colour in the chicken template, cut out, fold and secure the front tabs. Use your chicken to hold or display small eggs at Easter.

