

Resources for Holy Week and Easter

All of us can be a witness of Good Friday and Easter. Even though we may be socially distanced from our neighbours, we can still share the significance of Holy Week and the joy of Easter with them.

Daily Reflections

The Archbishop of Canterbury will publish daily reflections on his Facebook page www.facebook.com/archbishopofcanterbury

Stations of the Cross

A series of five podcasts (recorded in 2019) by the Archbishop and Archdeacon of Canterbury with prayers led by Revd Isabelle Hamley, available on the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online

Holy Week at Home

The Diocese of Chelmsford has put a series of resources together: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/holyweekathome

For Children: Faith at Home

Activities created by Sarah Brown, Derby Diocesan Children's Adviser. These are designed to use with children and adults together. There are currently two groups of resources. The first is based around Holy Week, with ideas and resources to use with children and their families. The second is a Faith at Home series, with links parts of the Bible following a photo challenge. www.derby.anglican.org/education/children-2

Holy Week – for children

Holy Week box

If you have children at home, you could make a Holy Week box to tell the story of Holy Week together through simple activities and objects. www.buildfaith.org/holy-week-in-a-box

Photo Challenge

If you're able to go for a short walk around the area where you live, ask if you can take a phone with you and take some photos. If you can't take photos, just see if you can spot some of these things on the list below: a street-light, rain falling, some small stones, some grass, a plant growing in good soil, some netting, a small place to hide, a wall that is falling down, some railings. Choose one of your photos and see where it leads you! Download the accompanying activity sheets with lots of fun things to do!

Resource sheets

The resource sheets for all Faith at Home activities can be downloaded from www.derby.anglican.org/education/children-2/

Palm Sunday

Virtual Palm Sunday procession (1)

Canon Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Acting Dean, has created a virtual Palm Sunday procession video featuring photos of people and places across the diocese to the background of the Cathedral Bells and the Cathedral Choir singing “My song is love unknown”. www.youtu.be/V9uv4NidDmo

Virtual Palm Sunday procession (2)

If you have Palm Crosses left from last year, we can publicly acknowledge the importance of this day by [displaying them in our windows](#) – a virtual Palm Sunday procession.

Make your own Palm Cross

How to make a Palm Cross www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT-0Z6YSJoU&feature=youtu.be.
Families could make ‘palm’ crosses from paper or card.

Palm Sunday Eucharist

The Bishop of Manchester will be celebrating a pre-recorded Eucharist, available via the Church of England’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland/

For Children: Palm Sunday with Pecky

A short fun video where Pecky the Parrot learns about Palm Sunday
www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEeR_TwFQms&feature=emb_title

Maundy Thursday

Bible Reading

Gather together with people in your household around a Bible passage or online or by telephone with others. Three passages you might use: Mark 14.22-26, Luke 22.14-23, 1 Corinthians 11.23-25.

Feet Washing

With family members, wash each other’s feet.
[Click here to download the liturgy.](#)

Set a place for Jesus at the dining table

www.derby.anglican.org/en/news/stories/set-a-place-for-jesus.html.
[Click here to download the liturgy.](#)

For Children – The Last Supper

Children can watch what happened at the Last Supper - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zgsb9j6

Easter Hymn Sing-a-long

Join Alex Binns, Director of Music at Derby Cathedral at 11.00am on Maundy Thursday to sing the great Easter hymns – live at www.facebook.com/derbycathedral

Good Friday

Bible Reading of The Crucifixion

Read John's account of Jesus' crucifixion together (John chapters 18 & 19). Different family members could read different parts of the story. Perhaps you could read from a modern translation like the Message: www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+18&version=MSG

For Children: - Messy Good Friday

www.messychurch.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/pdf/Messy%20Good%20Friday%20at%20home.pdf

Holy Saturday

Easter Garden

Prepare an Easter garden (either with plants or as a craft activity)

Easter Eggs

Prepare and paint Easter eggs

Charity

Make a donation to a charity

Easter

Window Decoration

We can show the dawning beauty of light out of darkness by a gradually developing decoration in windows for Easter. Start making an Easter Greeting for your window, using garden foliage, flowers, decorations on your fence... use whatever you have that's bright and joyous and build it gradually.

Sing Resurrection

If you're streaming an Easter service, include a well-known hymn and encourage people to declare their Easter Praise together at 10am as we [Sing Resurrection](#).

Easter Hymns

Search YouTube for your favourite Easter hymns and listen to them together.

Light a candle

Light a candle at dawn and say the following prayer:

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

For those not on the internet

Revd Olaf Trelenberg suggests procuring another landline number via Sipgate and attach an answerphone to it. Readings and a short sermon or talk are added and people can ring and listen to it. Everyone has a telephone. The downside is that only one person can ring at any given time. It's an automated vicarphone or Dial a Sermon! Using a dedicated different landline number which is free to procure for incoming calls from Sipgate leaves the ordinary everyday phoneline free for telephone calls.

Try it out – call the St Giles vicarphone on 0115 871 1891.