

Can you find Egg Number 6?



St. Catherine's Easter Trail

Egg Time Promise. Jesus throughout his time sharing with his friends, said that he would die; but it would not be the end. This is the promise that actually happened.

After Jesus had died, his body was wrapped in cloth and taken to a private garden, where he was put into a tomb. The tomb was closed shut by a huge heavy stone. Soldiers guarded the tomb in case anyone came and stole the body. Very early on the Sunday morning, the women who had followed Jesus to the Cross came to the tomb. When they got to the tomb, the stone had been rolled away and Jesus body was gone. An angel said to them, 'Do not cry. Jesus is not dead, but is alive just as he had said'. The women went off to share the good news with all of Jesus' disciples. What a day of happiness and promise!

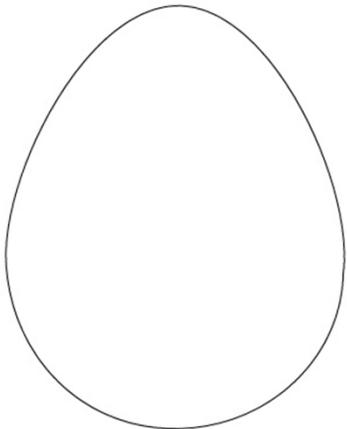
Something to do : Can you find a stone? Let this stone remind you of the stone that was rolled across the tomb where Jesus lay, and remember, that stone reminds us that nothing is impossible for God. The stone moved from the tomb meant Jesus is not dead, but he is alive and we can celebrate that Jesus is with us today.

I wonder as you look around the Church grounds can you see new buds, new flowers coming through - once they were dead in the ground but now they are springing to life.

The women went off to share the good news - I wonder who can you tell the message of Easter to today?

Dear God, thank you that nothing is impossible for you. Jesus who died on the cross for all the wrongs which we do that separate us from you is alive and with us today. Help us to share the good news of your love in words and actions with others. Amen

Time to decorate your own egg



Welcome to our Easter Trail. We want to take you on a journey to explore our Church grounds. Also take time to wander and wonder at the story of Easter. In every part of the story, it talks about God's love, love, love for the world shown through the life of Jesus.

Can you find Egg Number 1 –



This is our Parade Egg. This reminds us of the Palm Sunday story. It was time for a big festival, so lots of people were making their way to Jerusalem to the Temple. Jesus and his friends were going too. Jesus asked his friends to borrow a donkey so he could ride into Jerusalem. When the crowds saw Jesus, they all got excited and thought perhaps that Jesus is coming to be our new King. People started to cheer, 'God bless Jesus, Hooray for Jesus. Here comes the King,' and they waved palm branches with happiness.

Something to do : Have a gallop race, can you find a big leaf? Who do you support? - football team, a YouTuber, sports person, pop star - What would you shout if you saw them coming up the road? Shout it out if you want!! If you had been in the crowd on that day when Jesus rode the donkey, what would you have done, waved, shouted, danced?

Dear Jesus, the crowds welcomed you on Palm Sunday with joy. Help us to welcome you as we prepare for Easter. Amen.

Egg number 2



Party Egg. People came to Jerusalem every year to remember a special time in their history of how God kept them safe. They had a festival and food together. As Jesus and his friends remembered this time he told them how something sad would happen to him in the days ahead. Jesus shared bread and wine with them he told them these food items would help them to remember that his body would be broken but to remember that everything that would happen is because he loved them.

Something to do : If you could have a special meal with your friends what would it be? Can you find something in the shape of the food you like eg. (circle for pizza) Have a look around the grounds. Can you see any food for animals anywhere? If you could have a picnic with Jesus, What would you eat and chat about?

Dear Jesus, we remember this special meal you had with your friends and the words you shared. Thank you for your love and forever friendship. Amen.

Can you find Egg Number 3?



This is our Prayer Egg. After Jesus shared the special meal with his friends they went off to a garden called Gethsemane. He took some of his friends with him. He told them he felt sad and worried. Jesus prayed and cried out to God in this garden. He was worried about what was going to happen to him. Jesus loved people so much, that he knew whatever God was asking him, God would strengthen him to be able to do.

Something to do : Have a look around the grounds to see if you can find things to make a worried emoji face.

Think about the things that Jesus was worried about. Are there things that worry you? Jesus was worried and he prayed.

Dear God, thank you that you are close to us always. Help us to remember that when we are worried, we can come and share those things with you. Please give us strength and peace. Amen.

Can you find Egg Number 4?



People Egg Time. After Jesus spent time in the garden praying, the peacefulness of the garden was broken and full of noise. People were shouting, one of Jesus' closest friends, Judas, turned his back on him and showed soldiers where Jesus was, so he could be arrested. Lots of the leaders didn't like Jesus. They wanted him gone. They didn't believe He was the God's promised King. They accused him, they wanted him dead! Some of Jesus' friends ran away. They were frightened. They even said to others they didn't know Jesus. But some of his friends watched what was happening to Jesus from a distance. The people fired questions at Jesus. Jesus had done nothing wrong. The Governor (like a judge) wanted to let Jesus go; but the people shouted, 'Kill him, nail him to a cross'.

Something to do : Some of Jesus' friends were watching from a distance - What can you see when you look onto the street opposite the Church? Can you see people? Do they seem happy, sad? What are they doing? What's your favourite car or vehicle going past? What noises can you hear? There was lots of people shouting angrily at Jesus. How does that make you feel and why? Have you ever been shouted at? How did that make you feel? In all of these moments of angry voices, and with friends turning away, God was close to Jesus and helped him.

God, we thank you for our world, our street we look out on today. Please be close to all people as they walk and talk. May people know today that you are close to them whatever happens - if people are unkind, friends walk away and are unkind in words or actions, let them know you are always there. Thank you for being our friend. Amen.

Can you find Egg Number 5?



This is our Painful Day egg. We come to the part of the Easter story which is full of sadness; but also about love. When they said Jesus had to die on the cross, the guards started to beat him and hurt him. They made a crown of thorns to go on his head. They then made him carry a wooden cross through the streets where people kept shouting unkind words at him. It was on a hill between two robbers that Jesus was nailed to the cross. One of the robbers shouted at Jesus. The other said, 'We deserve our punishment, but this man has done nothing wrong, Jesus please remember me'. Jesus told the other criminal that he would be with him. Jesus cried from the cross, 'God forgive them'. He did not hate them; but loved them. Then Jesus cried out again, 'I have finished my work', then he died. Some of the women who had followed Jesus during his life stood at a distance and watched and cried. It was the saddest day and the darkest day. When Jesus died, the sky became so black, even though it wasn't night time, it was almost as if every bad thing that people do was dying on the cross too.

Something to do :

Can you find any sharp thorns like the crown of thorns they put on Jesus' head?

Can you find two sticks to make a cross? Place your sticks somewhere to remind you of Jesus' love for you.

The women were watching from a distance. How do you think they were feeling? As you think about the cross, how does that make you feel? Take time to think upon that Cross of Love.

Dear Jesus, thank you. thank you for loving us so, so much that you went to the Cross and died for us so that we can be friends with God forever. Amen.

