

CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON



You are warmly invited to join us for Easter

GOOD FRIDAY
18TH APRIL @ 10:30AM

ALL AGE SERVICE AT STUKELEY MEADOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL,

SERVICE INCLUDING SHARING OF BREAD & WINE
IN COMMUNION.

EASTER EVE
19TH APRIL @ 10:00AM

VIRTUAL SERVICE

ZOOM ID: 553 752 5502,
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EASTER SUNDAY
20TH APRIL @ 10:30AM

ALL AGE SERVICE AT STUKELEY MEADOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE SCHOOL
GROUNDS.

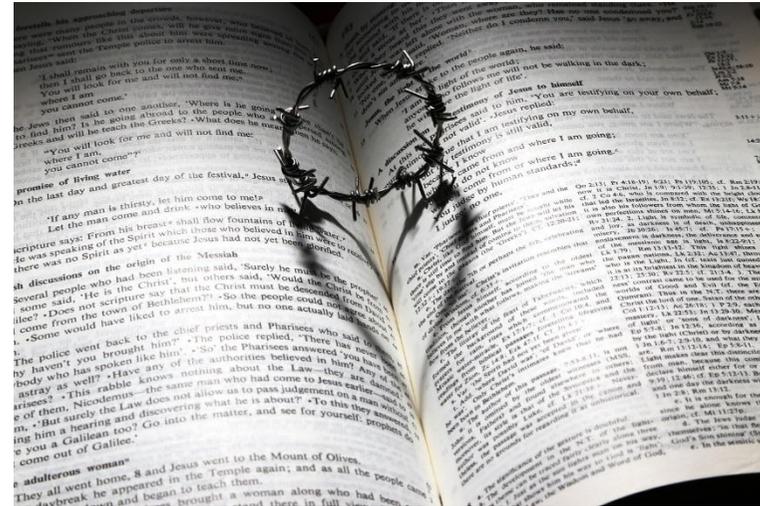


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Special Families Dig Deeper over Easter in John 19-20



These passages in John's gospel are so wonderful and deep and rich that there's far more to dig out than we can cover in our sermons at church! I really don't want us to miss out on the treasure in these verses! So why not spend a few minutes on your own or with a friend or family member thinking more about what God is saying to you through as you read the passages. There are questions for kids and adults to discuss each day, and if helpful, adults may like to listen to the short (2-5min) podcasts that go with them at christchurchhuntingdon.co.uk/easter (or scan the QR code). Let me know how you get on or if you have questions! **With love from Charlie.**



PS See also this recommendation for families at Eastertime from Beth: <https://www.growingyoungdisciples.co.uk/resurrection-roots-building-a-gospel-centred-easter-in-the-christian-home/>

Week 1- John 19:16b-37 - The Crucifixion

Day 1- read John 19:16b-22 (2 ½ min podcast)

- Kids: How does this story of Jesus on the cross make you feel?
- Adults: Why do you think Pilate didn't have the sign changed?
- All: What will it mean for you today to have Jesus as your King? Be specific with the things going on in your life at the moment.

Day 2- read John 19:23-24 (2 ½ min podcast)

- Kids: How are the soldiers treating Jesus in this part?
- Adults: How could you point to the fulfilled prophecy in this section to persuade a friend that Christianity must be true?
- All: How does this section help us to love your Bibles? How can you get more out of your Bible?

Day 3- read John 19:25-27 (2 ¼ min podcast)

- Kids: Why is what Jesus is doing here so kind to his mum?
- Adults: Think about the timing of Jesus' thoughtfulness here. He's thinking of others while he's gasping for breath. How does that challenge excuses of selfishness in your day?
- All: Are there any people you know who are a bit alone at the moment? What could you do to make them feel part of the "family"?

Day 4- read John 19:28-30 (3 ¼ min podcast)

- Kids: Why do you think Jesus used the words "it is finished" when he was dying on the cross?
- Adults: There are a couple of options for which Scripture is being fulfilled: Psalm 63:1, Psalm 69:21, Psalm 143:6. Which do you think is most likely?
- All: Out loud or on paper list some sins you have committed and then thank Jesus that he has dealt fully and finally with each and every one.

Day 5- read John 19:31-37 (5 min podcast)

- Kids: v35 how is John's gospel helping you to believe in Jesus more?
- Adults: Why are the links with the Passover so important? How do they help to explain the significance of Jesus' death for you more fully?
- All: Look up Zechariah 13:1-3. Which impurities (dirty habits, idols, lies) do you want Jesus to wash out of your system? Pray about them together.

Week 2- John 20:1-18 - The Resurrection

Day 1- read John 20:1-2 (1 ½ mins podcast)

- Kids: Which special day is this? Why is Mary so upset?
- Adults: A lot of life feels like this dark panicked confusion. But dawn is about to break. What are you facing that feels like this? What hope is there?
- All: Who would you turn to in a crisis? What would you want them to tell you?

Day 2- read John 20:3-10 (3 mins podcast)

- Kids: Do you think you would have run speedy like John or slower like Peter? Why were they running so fast? Who's the fastest runner in your home?
- Adults: What exactly from the tomb did they see that caused them to believe. How does that help your doubts? How does that help you face your death?
- All: Read v9. If they had listened to the Bible how would that have made life easier for them? What can we learn from that?

Day 3- read John 20:11-16 (2 ½ mins podcast)

- Kids: How have Mary's feeling changed from the start to the end of this part?
- Adults: Mary, like the disciples (v9) weren't expecting a resurrection. How does that make the evidence even more compelling?
- All: How does the resurrection give you a 'bigger' Jesus than you had before?

Day 4- read John 20:17-18 (3 ½ min podcast)

- Kids: What are Jesus' plans now he is alive?
- Adults: Why shouldn't Mary hold onto Jesus? Why is it better for us that Jesus is no longer on earth? (see also John 16:7).
- All: Spend some time thanking Jesus that he has brought you into sharing his relationship with the Father (v17)!

Day 5 (recap)- reread John 20:1-18 (no podcast, but a song to listen to!)

- Kids: What are your favourite parts of the Good Friday/ Easter story?
- Adults: v18 Mary reports the news just like Jesus told her to. It's not easy to share our faith, but is there anything you have seen in these readings that makes you more confident to do so?
- All: have a listen/read/sing of the lyrics of this song to see how many things are in the story <https://www.stuarttownend.co.uk/song/resurrection-hymn/>