

# Junior Pews News Extra

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Here are three important days in the life of the church, which all take place in April this year. They are Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day. How much do you know about each one?



*April 5th, 2020*

Palm Sunday is remembered on the Sunday before Jesus was to die. He had arrived in Jerusalem with his followers. The city was crowded. Jewish people were arriving from to celebrate Passover. This commemorates how they had escaped from slavery in Egypt nearly 1,500 year earlier.

Jesus rode into the city on a young donkey. He was greeted like a conquering hero. Cheering crowds waved palm branches in tribute. He was hailed as the Messiah who had come to re-establish a Jewish kingdom.



*April 10th, 2020*

After spending one last evening with his disciples, Jesus walked to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. There he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot and arrested. He was tried, in a mock trial and handed over to the Roman soldiers to be beaten and flogged with whips. A crown of long, sharp thorns was thrust upon his head.

Jesus was forced to carry his own cross outside the city to Skull Hill. He was so weak after the beating that a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was pulled from the crowd and forced to carry Jesus' cross the rest of the way.

Jesus was nailed to the cross. Two other criminals were crucified with him, their crosses were on either side of him. A sign above Jesus read "The King of the Jews."



*April 12th, 2020*

After Jesus had died, his body was placed in a tomb and a stone was rolled across the entrance. Three days later, on Easter Sunday, the disciples visited Jesus' tomb but found the stone covering the cave had been moved and Jesus' body was gone.

Several people saw Jesus alive in the garden that morning, including Mary Magdalene and two disciples. They saw him again, later that day, at the house where they were staying. Even after that, people continued to see Jesus right up until the time that he ascended into heaven and returned to his Father.

Christians believe that God raised Jesus to life again as a sign that Jesus was truly the Son of God and more powerful than death.

# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

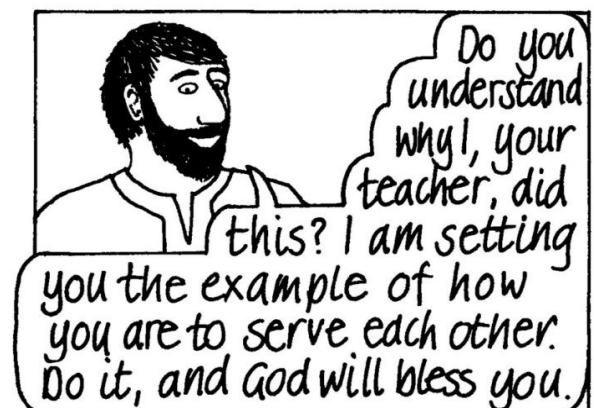
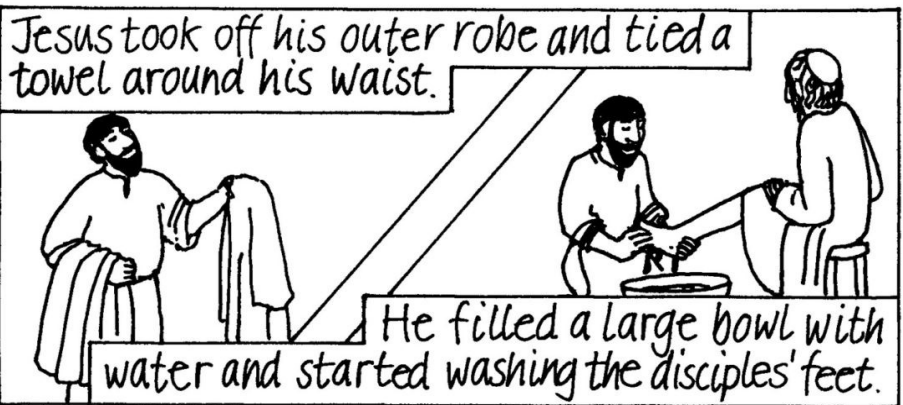
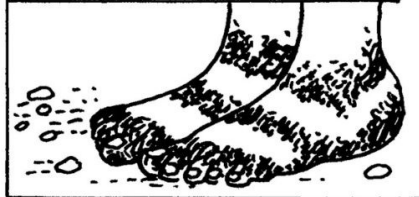
It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating  
the Passover with the special meal.  
The disciples were bickering again.



There was a  
reason why  
no-one wanted  
to be the least  
important - the  
roads were mud  
and everyone's feet  
got very dirty.

It was the job of the  
least important  
servant to wash  
everyone's feet...



# The Case of the Christ



Calling all detectives - join us for the Case of the Christ - as we journey to Easter investigating Dr Luke's evidence about Jesus.

This is a resource which families can use to think about the Luke's gospel and the Easter story at home. Available each Thursday.

For the resource go to:

<https://stpaulsfairhaven.weebly.com/the-case-of-the-christ.html>



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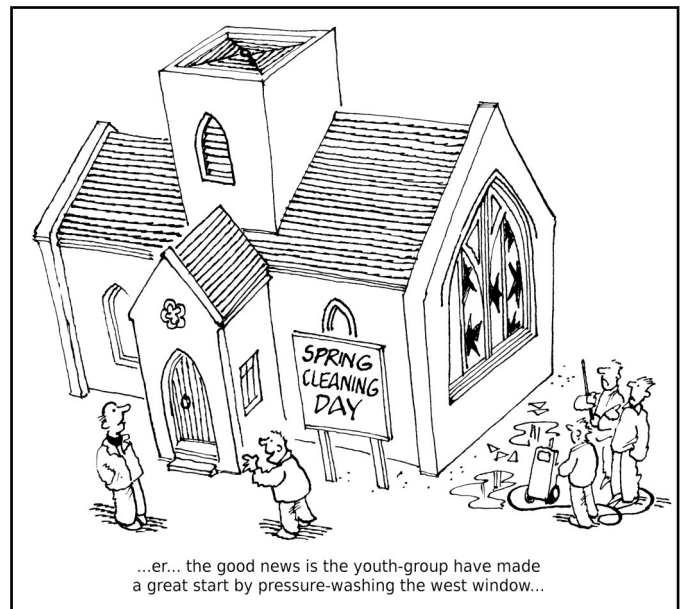
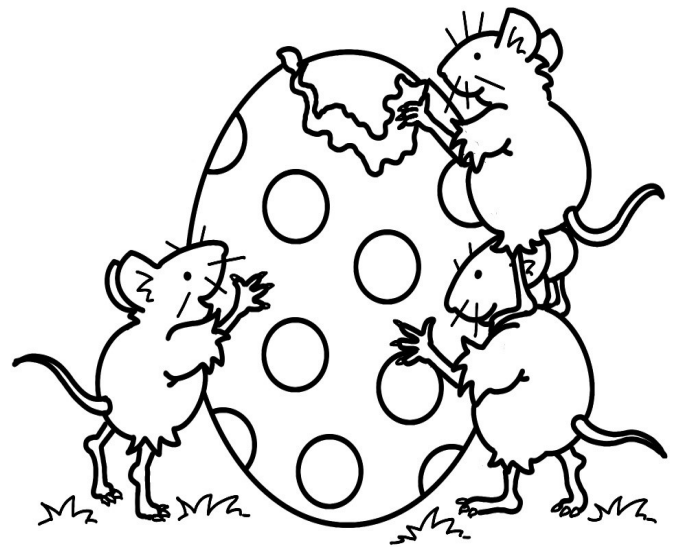
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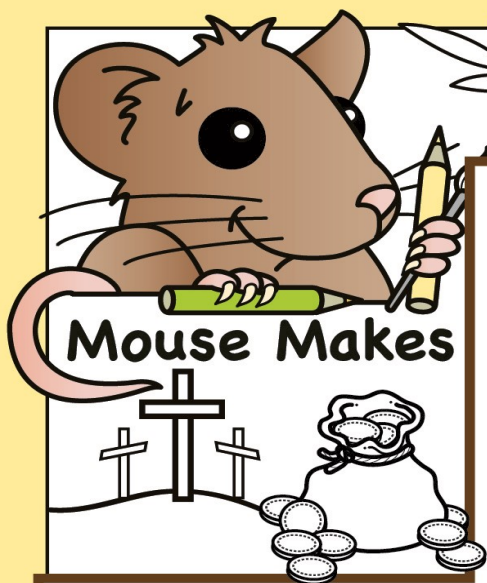
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A picture to colour in.

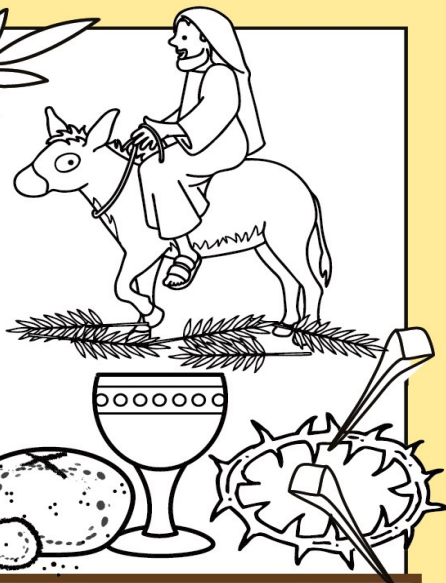


...er... the good news is the youth-group have made a great start by pressure-washing the west window...








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