

Easter Egg Facts:

We give eggs at Easter because it stands for "new life" or "re-birth". It is a symbol of Jesus' resurrection because when an egg is cracked open the shell stands for the empty tomb. Eggs have also been a symbol of Spring since ancient times.

In 1290, King Edward I ordered 450 eggs which were either coloured or covered with gold leaf. He gave these to members of the royal household. This custom began to be accepted and later eggs were often dyed red to stand for Jesus' blood.

The first chocolate Easter egg was made in 1873 by JS Fry, a chocolate company in Bristol. It was decorated by hand and would have been very expensive.



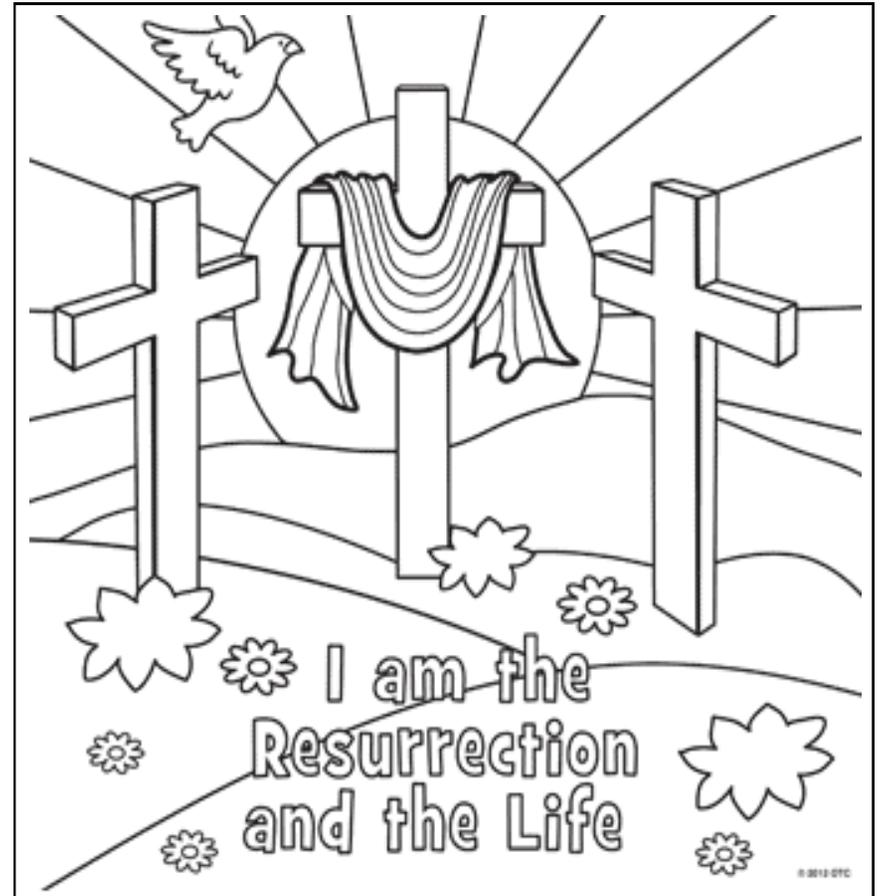
So, when you break into your Easter egg remember that not only are you remembering Jesus' death and resurrection but also celebrating another Spring with new life in our fields and gardens and the promise of warmer days

Our next Event:

"Easter Egg Hunt" in the vicarage garden—1st April
Put this date on your calendar at home

Also: Look out for news of our summer outing

Welcome to St George's Junior Church. This is our Easter edition of our children's magazine.



The angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." **Matthew 28:5-6**

What is Easter?



Easter is the most important festival for Christians. It is when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, three days after he died on the cross.

After Jesus was crucified on what we now call Good Friday, his body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman Soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.

Code Breaker:

Sunday morning, 3 days after Jesus had died, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. It was still dark. She was very surprised when she got there? What did she find?

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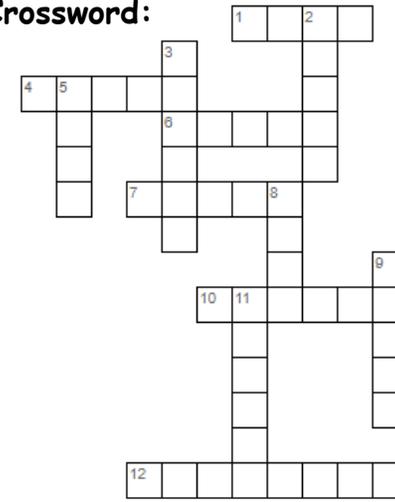


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Easter Crossword:



Across

- 1 The name of the 2 women who came to the tomb was ----
- 4 When the women came to the tomb the ---- had been rolled away
- 6 The opposite of dead is ----
- 7 He is the saviour of the world
- 10 The day we remember Jesus' resurrection is called ----
- 12 Mary thought Jesus was a ---- when she saw him

Down

- 2 'He is not here. He is ----'
- 3 The angel came down from ----
- 5 Jesus' body was put in a ---- on Good Friday
- 8 Jesus died on the cross to save us from our ----
- 9 Jesus died on the ----
- 11 The guards were ---- when they saw the empty tomb

Easter Prayer:

We may not have seen you, Jesus, but we know you are alive. Help us to share you with our friends and families, and everyone we meet. Bless us, Lord at this Easter time. **Amen**