

St Mark's Holy Kids and Holy Kids 2



Weekend 27th/28th March 2021

Hello everyone,

Easter holidays now and the weather is improving! This Sunday is known as 'Palm Sunday'. You can learn more about this in our passage from the Bible for this week, and the craft activities included with this pack.

Next Friday 2nd April is called 'Good Friday'. This is the day on which we think about how Jesus died on the cross for us. There will be a special service at St Mark's Church, 11.00am. If you and your family would like to come, please arrive 10.40am - 11.00am. Before coming into church you can hunt for some decorated eggs in the grounds surrounding the church. Please then join us for our service and we'll use the eggs you have found to help tell the story of Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection on Easter day.

Over the Easter weekend, there's the chance to follow an 'Easter Trail' organised by the churches in Wrexham - there will be displays in gardens across Wrexham for you and your families to find, which tell the story of Easter. We've included a map of where Easter displays can be found with this pack. These will be available to visit from Fri 2nd April - Mon 5th April. Information about this will also be available on our facebook page: [StMarkOnThePark](#).

Why not send us a photo of your colouring, and we will post it on our Holy Kids website page <http://stmarks.wrexhamparish.org.uk/index.php/holy-kidz/> . You can contact us on 07933 667065 or via Jonathan our vicar's email address: jonathan@plwyfwreccsam.org.uk. Please state if you give us permission to upload your pictures to our website and social media.

Thank you,

**Elaine Smith and all the leaders,
St Mark's Church Holy Kids**

Here's the Bible story about the time when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey:

Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives. They were almost near enough to hear the noise of the pilgrim crowds in the city.

Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead, and they went, his surprising words echoing in their minds. He had said, 'Go into the next village, and as soon as you enter it, you will find tied up a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you what you are doing, just say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' ❁

So they went off and found a colt in the street, tied up near a door. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then the disciples brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks on it and he sat on the animal.

There was a crowd of people and many of them spread their cloaks ❁ out on the road in front of Jesus, while others laid down leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And these pilgrims sang their ancient song:

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' ❁



And in these words, they heard the cries of the prophets of old. Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple. He looked around at everything, and as it was late, he went to spend the night at Bethany with his twelve disciples.

Mark 11.1-11

❁ See *Share the Word*.

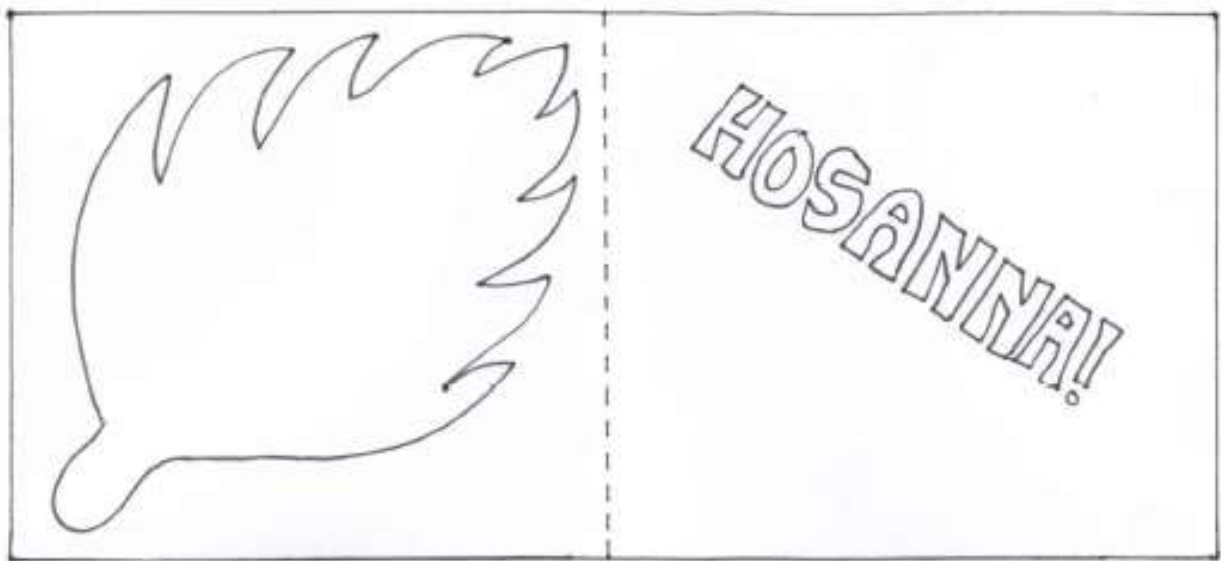
Everybody came out to welcome Jesus as their special King. They were very excited - they thought he was going to lead an armed battle against the Romans who were occupying their country. But this wasn't God's plan!

Sadly, the people who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem on a donkey didn't understand that Jesus was the Son of God, and that he wanted to welcome in a different sort of new kingdom.

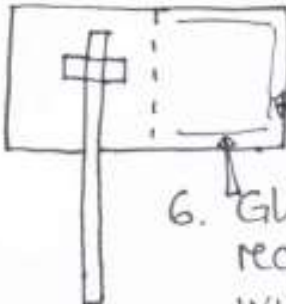
Just a few days later things got very bad, everyone was angry and Jesus was put to death. BUT...three days after that, he rose from the dead to show everybody that he really was in charge! More about all this next week.

Included in your pack this week is a spinner for you to make and a picture to colour. We've also included a colour-in window decoration - there are different ones, each one tells a part of the story of the week when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Your window decoration can be coloured with felt tips, then you can hang it up, a bit like a sun-catcher.


Palm Sunday Spinner



1. Cut out the rectangle above
2. Colour in the palm leaf and the 'hosanna'
3. fold along the dotted line
4. Open the rectangle up again and place picture side down

5.  Stick a straw on the back like so.

6. Glue along the edges of the rectangle and stick together with the straw inside.

7.  Twizzle straw between your hands and watch what happens!

