

St Mark's Holy Kids and Holy Kids 2

Weekend 3rd/4th April 2021



Happy Easter everyone,

This is the weekend we celebrate Jesus rising to life again, following his crucifixion three days before. Crucifixion is a long word, meaning that Jesus died on a cross.

When Jesus rose to life again, he showed that he was more powerful than anything else in the world, and he let us know that he is always with us.

If you and your family would like to come to church on Easter Sunday to learn more about this, then our service is at 11.00am. An Easter service will also be uploaded to our facebook page on Sunday morning at 10.00am.

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. A map of where Easter displays can be found is included with this pack again this week. These displays will be available to visit from Fri 2nd April - Mon 5th April. Information about this is also available on our facebook page: [StMarkOnThePark](#).

This will be the last of our home activity packs for the time being. We're taking a break from deliveries the weekend after Easter, and we hope to resume children's activities at St Mark's soon after that. We'll deliver some information to keep you updated, details will also be posted on St Mark's facebook page [StMarkOnThePark](#) and on our website <http://stmarks.wrexhamparish.org.uk>.

Included in your pack this week is an activity book, an Easter card to decorate and a small yummy chocolate egg.*

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.

If you have any feedback about this pack, or if you'd rather not receive information from us in the future please let us know by texting 07933 667065.

Thank you,

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

*(Ingredients: Sugar, Vegetable Fats (Coconut, Palm), Whole Milk Powder, Cocoa Butter, Cocoa Mass, Buttermilk Powder, Lactose (Milk), Butterfat (Milk), Emulsifier, Lecithins (Soya), Flavourings).

Here's the story from the Bible about a special person, called Mary, who was a great friend of Jesus, and about how she found out that Jesus was alive.

By the time she reached Peter and John, Mary was out of breath and very upset. ✪ She'd been running. 'They've taken Jesus,' she announced. 'I went to the tomb, but the stone's been moved from the entrance and the Lord's gone.' Distressed, Peter and John went running to the tomb. John got there first and saw the cloth that Jesus' body had been wrapped in, abandoned inside. ✪



Peter rushed past John into the tomb. He saw the wrappings, but noticed that the cloth that had been on

Jesus' head was rolled up and placed on its own. John came in and saw it too. Neither of them understood the Scripture saying that Jesus must rise from the dead. Having seen the empty tomb, they went home. ✪ Mary, who had followed after them, was too sad to go home. She stayed there, crying.

Through her tears, Mary could see into the tomb. She was shocked. There were angels in there now, sitting where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and one at the feet. The angels spoke: 'Why are you crying?' 'They've taken away my Lord,' said Mary. 'I don't know where they've put him.' Mary glanced away from the tomb and saw another man standing there. 'Why are you crying?' the man asked her. 'Who are you looking for?' Thinking he was a gardener, Mary said, 'If you've taken him away, please tell me where he is.' The man replied with a single word: 'Mary!' As soon as he'd spoken it, Mary saw that the man was Jesus.

'Don't hold onto me, Mary,' Jesus said. 'Go and tell my brothers that I'm going up to my Father, to my God and your God.' And so Mary went running off again – this time to tell the disciples that she'd seen the Lord. **John 20.1-18**

✪ See *Share the Word*.

First of all, Mary was really upset, because she thought that Jesus body had been stolen. Then she realised she could see angels, then a man Mary thought was the gardener - she was so upset that she didn't realise it was Jesus and that he had risen from the dead!

As soon as Jesus called her name, Mary knew that he was alive, and she ran to tell the disciples that she really had seen Jesus.

This was the most amazing news; it meant that Jesus had overcome all the bad things in the world and now he is with us forever. Jesus has gone back to heaven now, but he is still near us to help us in our lives if we ask him to.