

# Children's Officer Easter News



Hello! I have put together this short newsletter for you all, with more resources, ideas, websites that can help you with Lent and Easter and your work with children.

Below is a list of Easter Workshops I am running - these will run much like the Christmas workshops did and you will be able to borrow the resources as I go around, please make use of this facility and come along.

Remember, I am here for you and your parish! Please don't hesitate to call or email me about anything and I will try to help as much as I can.

Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy this season of preparation!

Love and prayers, *Emma*



## Easter Workshops

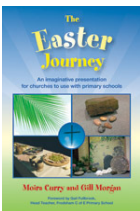
Wednesday 24th February 7.30 - 9.00pm at Holland House  
(Main Street, Crophorne, Pershore, WR10 3NB)

Thursday 4th March 7.30 - 9.00pm at Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath  
(Dudley road B4175, across road from school DY6 9AH)

Tuesday 9th March 7.30 - 9.00pm at St John's Brockmoor  
(Opposite 5 Leys Road, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 3UR)

Wednesday 10th March 7.30 - 9.00pm at St Michael's Norton  
(Maynard Avenue, Norton, Stourbridge, DY8 3EE)

## Useful Books

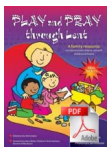


**The Easter Journey** by *Moira Curry and Gill Morgan*

The Easter Journey .... aimed at Year 5 children, the material unfolds the Easter story through storytelling, simple drama and artefacts. The book accompanies the website, [www.easterjourney.org.uk](http://www.easterjourney.org.uk). The material includes information for preparing the church and school communities for Easter, & instructions for setting up and presenting the eight story-based scenes, suggestions for follow-up assemblies and ideas for the Classroom.



Scripture Union's Easter Cracked is full of talks, services, activities and prayers – and is available electronically as well in print: [www.scriptureunion.org.uk](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk)



BRF's Play and pray through Lent – designed for families and churches to use with 5 – 7s and is now also available as a PDF download: [www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk](http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk)

**All of these books are also available from our resources room in the Diocese**

You can contact the Diocesan Children's Officer by post to The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester  
WR1 2JE on email via [epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk)  
or via telephone 01905 732823 or 07754 501660



## Resources

### Lent

Lent is traditionally a time for Christians to consider others in as they prepare for greeting the mystery of Easter. Here are some ideas which might be useful for your group this Lent:



**Love Life Live Lent** ... Has some brilliant resources. Love Life Live Lent is a new way of marking Lent. Instead of giving up chocolate or going on a detox, it encourages people to undertake a simple act of generosity each day. The actions are small and fun to do, but make a real difference in homes, families and communities. It began in Birmingham in 2006 and since then over 250,000 people nationwide have participated.

The new Love Life Live Lent booklets feature the best actions from the previous two years' booklets in a new design. Also new for this year, the Love Life Live Lent Family Book includes the actions for both adults and kids, plus lent and Easter facts, activities, recipes and prayers.

[www.livelent.net/index.html](http://www.livelent.net/index.html) for more information.

[www.livelent.net/about.html](http://www.livelent.net/about.html) for 15 Facts about Lent



**Christian Aid** has included a 'Count your Blessings' calendar ..... And a ..... Children's Up for the Challenge - Visit their site for a full list of their resources... Also see attached calendar...

[www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent/index.aspx](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent/index.aspx)

**Redemptorist Publications** has a full colour, A3 Lenten Activity Sheet for children (Cheap too!!)

[www.rpbooks.co.uk/product\\_details.php?category\\_id=14640&item\\_id=1405](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/product_details.php?category_id=14640&item_id=1405)

**CAFOD** offer ideas for reflection on the Gospel reading with children, along with intercessions and suggestions for preparing the worship space. [www.cafod.org.uk/worship/children-liturgy](http://www.cafod.org.uk/worship/children-liturgy)

**Relive** This is a great new resource for Easter - not only for use in Churches as part of children church, or a lent course or Easter Holiday Club/ fun day but also a schools resource with RE lesson plans and Assembly outlines. The resource includes 4 short films, family service outlines, craft ideas and templates for them. I will be showing the short films and the outlines during the Easter workshops, we do own the Churches Easter Resources in the diocese which you can borrow and use - please see the flyer attached for further information though.

Need to know **how to make a palm cross** & loads of other Lent & Easter resources & ideas?

[www.ctdiocese.org/Content/Holy\\_Week\\_and\\_Easter\\_Season.asp](http://www.ctdiocese.org/Content/Holy_Week_and_Easter_Season.asp)

**Want to buy some palm crosses?** <http://africanpalms.co.uk/>

**Make prayer pots for Lent** - [http://catholicism.suite101.com/article.cfm/lenten\\_activity\\_for\\_kids](http://catholicism.suite101.com/article.cfm/lenten_activity_for_kids)

**This simple liturgy for children** includes a veneration of the cross which could be used on Good Friday. [www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/friends.htm](http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/friends.htm)

## Around the Diocese

I know there are a lot of amazing Easter activities happening with children in your parishes over the next month, so please email me your photos and information by 18th April please so I can put them into the Summer mailing and others can be encouraged and see what is happening around the diocese!



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