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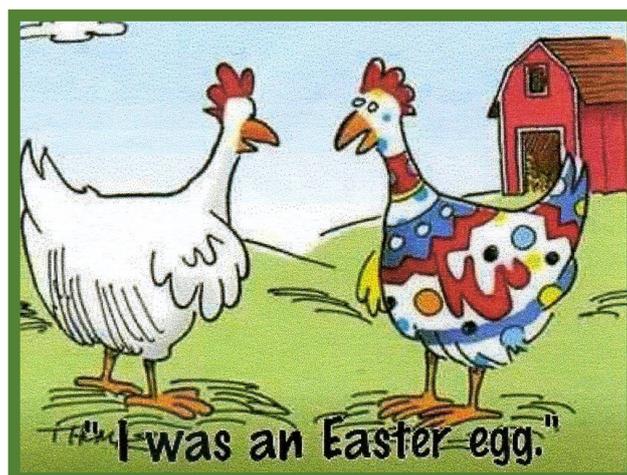
## AT HOME

*...issued monthly to keep  
you in touch, with things to read  
and things to do.*

In this edition we are getting ready for

# Easter

so we have the story, an Easter picture for you to complete, recipes you might like to try and more ....



Welcome to this Easter edition of **CHRISCROSS AT HOME**.

With it being the celebration of Easter, have you ever stopped to consider what the word 'cross' means. It can be confusing! You will have read the word in books and it can have different meanings - here are a few to think about.

**Crossroads** - where two roads meet and cross, one over the other. (You need to take care, particularly on your bicycle, to see there is nothing coming on the other three lanes.)

**Zebra Crossing** - where you are safer to go over from one side of the road to the other (once you have checked and checked again both ways to make sure nothing is coming).

**Getting cross** - when someone gets annoyed, especially if we don't do as asked the first time or keep doing something we shouldn't. (I'm sure that's not you!)

**Cross of Jesus** † - this is the shape that symbolises the Christian belief for all his followers. Jesus was crucified on a cross but he didn't stay there - what comes next is important and it's why we remember an empty cross.

Now it's time to read about this important time on the following pages. It is a story for today, tomorrow and every day.

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## Letter for Easter

My name is Jill Earley. I moved to Radstock in 1997 when my husband Rev. Brian Earley became the minister at Trinity Radstock Methodist Church. I have been to CHRISCROSS several times and been able to share in some of your activities and meet some of you.

In 1992, a long time ago now, Brian and I were able to go on a visit to Israel with a group of other Christians, to visit a lot of the places which we read about in the bible. We visited Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, Nazareth where he grew up, the Sea of Galilee where he sailed with his disciples and the places around the lake where he performed a lot of his miracles. We spent a week in Jerusalem seeing the site of the Temple, many of the churches and the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was betrayed and the hill where Jesus died.

On the Sunday morning, whilst we were still in Jerusalem, we gathered in the place called The Garden Tomb for a special service with lots of other Christians. This was a lovely garden and to one side was a cave or tomb where many was buried after he sang hymns said remembered the place the service we were and see that it was



clever historians think Jesus died. We sat in the sunshine, prayers and looked at and where Jesus died. **But—after able to go and look in the tomb empty!!**

**Jesus was not there** and that is the greatest thing we can remember at Easter time **Jesus is not dead---he is alive** and we can be so glad about this because he is still with us today. We are able to thank him for being with us to listen to our prayers, help us when we are worried or afraid and be happy with us as we eat our Easter Eggs and hot cross buns and join in our Easter Egg Treasure Hunts.

## A Happy Easter to you all

### A Prayer

Thank you Jesus for being willing to die for us so that we can talk to you today and know that you are with us always. Amen.

## Holy Week

Holy Week is the name given to the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

It starts with Palm Sunday. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people lined the streets cheering and waving palm branches. They were happy to see him.



But some important men were jealous of how much the people loved Jesus. They gave Judas, one of Jesus's disciples money to tell them where Jesus was so they could arrest him.

Jesus knew what was going to happen and he called all his disciples together for a special meal. This meal is now known as The Last Supper.

Jesus himself washed the disciples' feet (although usually a servant washed people's feet, because they wore open sandals and it was very dusty), before serving them bread and wine. He then told them that one of them would turn against him. The disciples were very upset when Jesus said that, but Judas just quietly left the room. Jesus told Peter, another of his disciples, that he would pretend not to know Jesus before the cock crowed in the morning. Peter protested that he would never do that.

After supper, Jesus and the disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane. The disciples fell asleep and Jesus prayed.

Judas came to Jesus, kissed him on the cheek and told the important people where he was. Jesus was arrested and taken away.

Peter followed Jesus and when he was asked if he was a friend of Jesus, he said that he didn't know Jesus. The cock crowed and Peter remembered Jesus's words and was very sad.

The important men wanted to punish Jesus so they spread lies about him and asked the crowds what they should do. The crowd said he must die.

Jesus was made to carry a heavy cross through the streets of Jerusalem. He died on the cross on the day we call Good Friday. When he died, the earth shook and the curtain in a special place called the Temple split in two.



Jesus's body was placed in a tomb and a large stone was

rolled in front of the entrance.

On the day we know as Easter Sunday, when the birds were still in their nests and the sun hadn't yet risen, three women walked slowly towards Jesus's tomb.

They talked in sad whispers, they cried and they held each other's hands. They missed Jesus very much.

As they approached the tomb the ground began to shake, the air began to tremble and, quick as lightning, an angel flashed down from heaven and rolled away the stone from the entrance.

Everything went quiet. The ground stopped moving. The women shook with fear.

"Don't be afraid," the angel said. "Come and see. The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive!"

Arm in arm the women crept past the angel into the tomb. The sheets that Jesus had been wrapped in were there but there was no body.

"What have you done with him?" asked the women.

"I told you," smiled the angel. "He's come back to life and he wants you to let everyone know."

The women looked at each other. They didn't know whether to laugh or cry. They could hardly believe it - until they hurried out of the tomb and ran straight into Jesus.

"Oh, Jesus!" they cried. "It's true. You are alive!" And they fell at his feet, amazed.

"There's no need to be afraid anymore," he said. "God has made everything alright. But I have a job for you. I want you to tell all of my friends that I am alive."

The women waved goodbye and hurried off to Jerusalem.

Now the birds were up and singing. Now the sun was shining brightly in the sky.

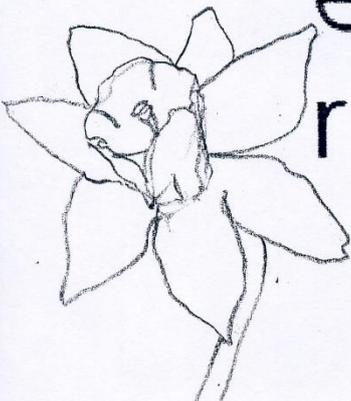
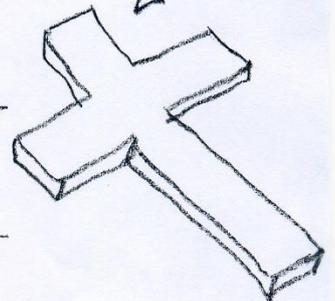
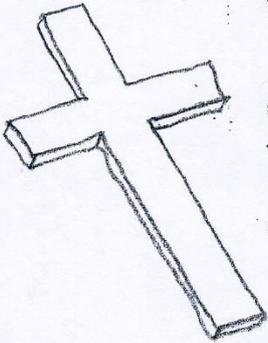
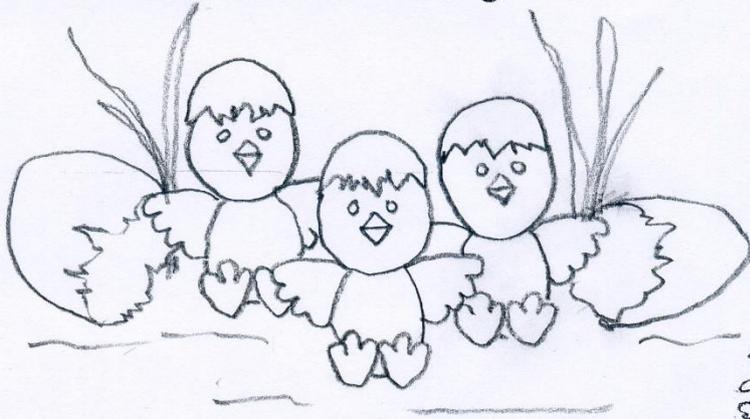
The women had the most amazing story to tell.

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***Now you might like to complete the sticker picture of the tomb with the stone rolled away. (Included in the hard copy pack.)***

**Acrostic Poem.**

We thought you might like to write your own Easter acrostic poem. Hope you enjoy colouring all the Easter things around the edge too. We like seeing all the things that you do so if you can send a picture when it is finished that would be good.



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Here are some recipes for you to try.

### Easter Bonnet Biscuits

You can use any bought biscuits for these or make your own using the recipe below. If using bought, then skip to the decorating.

#### ***Biscuit Ingredients:***

200g softened butter or margarine

1 egg

400g plain flour

200g caster sugar

Essence - vanilla, almond or anything you choose

#### ***Equipment:***

Bowl

Tablespoon

Baking trays

Grease proof paper / baking parchment

Electric mixer or a whisk

Teaspoon

Rolling pin

9cm cutter or glass

#### ***Method:***

1 - Heat oven to 200C / 180C fan / gas 6

2 - line a baking tray with paper

3 - put butter or margarine in a bowl and whisk until creamy

4 - whisk in sugar followed by the egg and essence and finally the flour

5 - make into a dough

6 - roll out on a floured surface until as thin as a £1 coin

7 - use a cutter or glass to cut out biscuits. I made 24

8 - place on baking trays and bake for 8 - 10 mins until edges are golden

9 - leave to cool on cooling rack if you have one or on the tray.

10 - decorate

#### ***Decoration:***

##### ***Ingredients :***

Icing sugar / Food Colouring / Marshmallows

Decorations - sprinkles, stars, eggs, writing icing, flowers etc

#### ***Method:***

These quantities are enough for 2 biscuits.

- 1 - mix 1 tablespoon of icing sugar with a little colouring and half a teaspoon of water. Add more water one drop at a time to get the right consistency. It should coat the back of the teaspoon.
- 2 - put 1 teaspoon of icing on a biscuit and spread it evenly.
- 3 - dip a marshmallow into the icing and coat the sides thinly.
- 4 - stick the marshmallow off centre on a biscuit and spread a little icing on the top.
- 5 - decorate however you want.

I only decorated 8 of my biscuits for the picture, because they go soft the next day once they have been iced. The uniced biscuits will keep in a tin for 3 - 4 days so you can ice just enough for how many you are going to eat each time.



## Easter Nests

### Ingredients:

200g chocolate

Mini eggs - chocolate or jelly

100g cornflakes or 85g shredded wheat

### Equipment:

12 cake cases

Wooden spoon

Tablespoon

Bowl for melting chocolate

Large bowl

(Optional - saucepan)

### Method:

1 - break the chocolate into the bowl

2 - either melt gently in a microwave, checking every 20 seconds, or put boiling water in a saucepan and place the bowl over it making sure no water gets in the chocolate (Adult supervision needed).

3 - put your chosen cereal in the large bowl and pour over the melted chocolate

4 - mix well with the wooden spoon until everything is covered in the chocolate

5 - put a tablespoonful of the mixture into each cake case. Use the back of the spoon to make a hollow nest

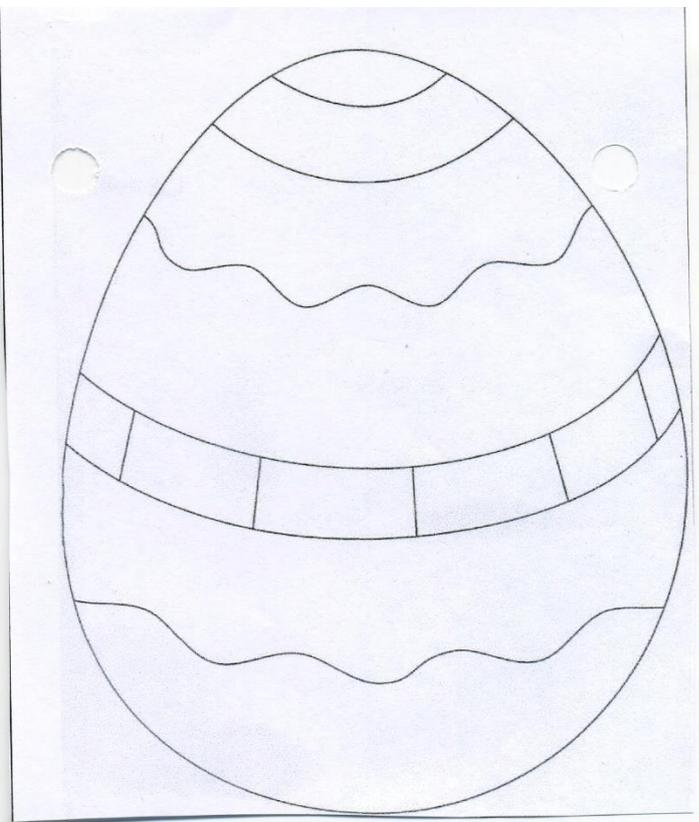
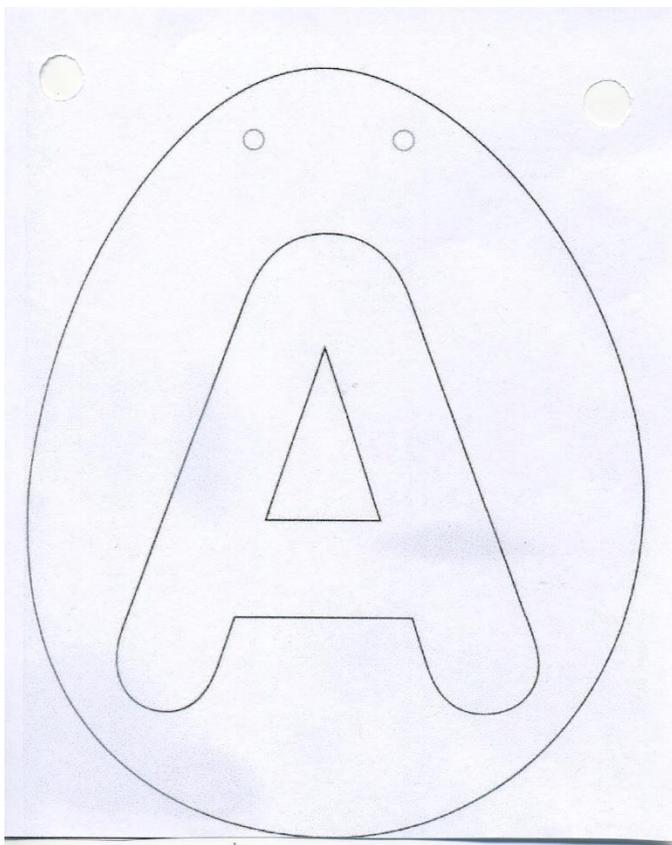
6 - put eggs into the nests and leave to set

7 - Eat!





Thread the wool through the holes, taking care not to tear the paper. Spread the letters evenly along the length. Tie the ends and hang the banner.

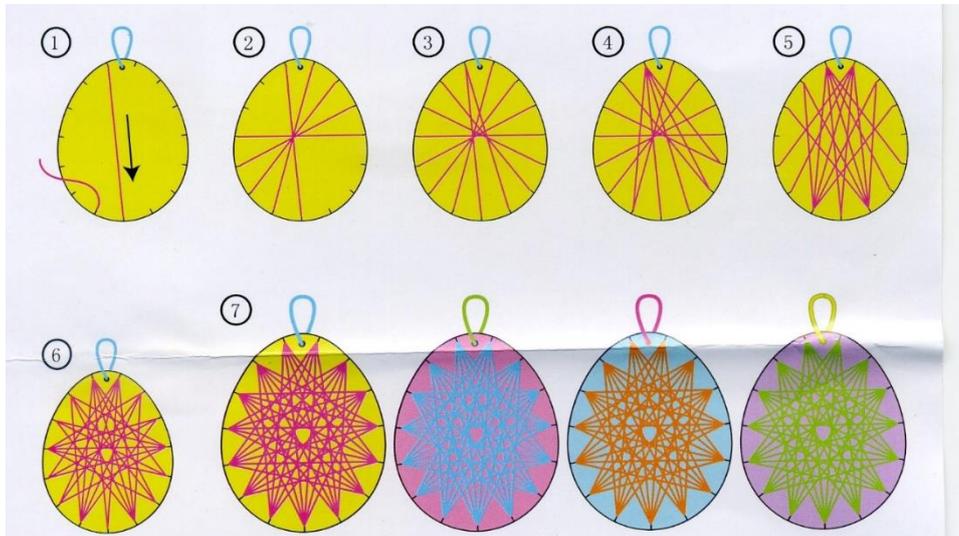


*(Banner letters and egg decoration included in hard copy as example above.)*

## Easter Egg Weaving Instructions

*(Pack included in hard copy -*

*Easter Egg shape with slots cut in perimeter and thread)*



Be careful not to tangle up the thread when unpacking.

*Not suitable for children under 36 months.*



## Some of the Mothering Sunday cards and bookmarks.

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From Revd. Martin

I was asked recently, "which is more important, Christmas or Easter?" What do you think?

I suppose Christmas is the bigger celebration. We love the parties, the presents and cards, the Christmas dinner with our families, and hopefully, coming to church to celebrate the birth of Jesus. And I am sure you all love Easter eggs as well, but it is just not the same as Christmas, is it?

But of course, Easter is not just about the death of Jesus on Good Friday, but it is all about the fact that he rose from the grave on Easter Day. We celebrate the new life that Jesus gives us with Easter eggs. Without Easter Day there would be no Christian faith at all. And that is what makes Easter so special, and the most important day in history that we should celebrate.

Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank you that you sent Jesus to us, but at Easter we thank you most of all that he died and rose again, so that we could be forgiven for all the things we have done wrong. Easter shows the world how amazing you are, and that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love. Help us to share your love and forgiveness with everyone that we meet. **Amen**

**God bless  
Martin**

