

Church in a Bag



Easter



St Thomas's Osbaldwick with St James's Murton



Welcome to Church in a Bag

Our bag includes activities all about the Easter story.

Listen

The Easter Story

Play

I Spy, Colouring & Easter Hunt

Make

Jesus loves us Bracelet

Think

What difference will it make?

Pray

Paperchain Prayers

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Pet Blessing & Easter Sunday

Listen

The Story of Easter

Watch the Easter story video on the Church website: www.osbaldwickandmurtonchurches.org.uk

At the end of the video there will be some questions about the story. Have a think and talk about them together.

- I wonder what Mary felt like, when Jesus called her name?
- Why do you think she was so happy?
- What makes you happy?



Play

I Spy activity sheet

Can you spy them all?

Easter Card to colour in

Can you make the Easter Card more colourful?

Easter Hunt

For Children:

You will need an adult's help with this. Ask them kindly if they have time to do this, perhaps sometime over the Easter weekend.

For (grand)parents/carers:

There is a sheet with instructions in the Easter Hunt envelope.

Make

Jesus Loves Us Bracelet

(Not suitable for children under 3. Please supervise to avoid swallowing of small beads)

1. Find the **cross bead**. The cross is the symbol of Jesus. Put it in the centre of your elastic string. This is the start of your bracelet.
2. Find the four **shiny glass beads**. These beads are for you and the people you love. They should go on either side next to the cross, always close to Jesus.
3. The **wooden beads** are for all the colourful people in the world. Put them on the string, as if they are all holding hands!
4. Ask someone to tie the ends of the cord together to finish the bracelet.
5. Well done! As you wear your bracelet, remember that **Jesus loves us all**, and that he asks us to love one another.

Think

Something to think about, for young and old.

Goodness is stronger than evil.

Love is stronger than hate.

Light is stronger than darkness.

Life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours through Him who loved us. (Desmond Tutu)

Do you think this is true?

*Early in the morning on **Good Friday***

surrounded by respectable liars,

religious leaders,

anxious politicians,

and silent friends,

Jesus accepted the penalty for doing good:

he shouldered and suffered the cross.

*Early in the morning on **Easter Sunday***

a voice in a guarded graveyard

and footsteps in the dew

proved that Jesus had risen,

that he came back to those and for those

who had forgotten, denied and destroyed him.

Think: If this is true, what difference will it make?

Pray

Over the coming weeks we will be making a paperchain of prayer.

In your bag are 2 strips of paper with prayer hands printed on them, one with 'Please' and one with 'Thank you'.

Talk together about one thing you are grateful for and write it on the 'thank you' strip as a prayer.

Then think about something you would like to ask God to do - perhaps to help you or someone you care about. Write this on the 'please' strip.

Bring the two strips to church, so we can add them to our paperchain of prayer.

Meet

You are always welcome to join us in church on Sunday mornings. Our services start at 10am, and we love to see young families. (Honestly, no worries if the little ones are a bit noisy!)

Sunday 24th March **PET BLESSING**

A Service of Thanksgiving for all animals. Bring your pet, or a picture of your pet, for a blessing. All creatures, great and small, are welcome! However, please contact us in advance if you would like to bring a pet with special needs or larger than a family dog.

Sunday 31st March **EASTER**

Join us to celebrate the power of life over death. Young and old welcome. 10am at St Thomas's Osbaldwick (including an Easter Egg hunt) and 4pm at St James's Murton. (Remember that the clocks change this Sunday)