

## Faith at Home Lent and Easter at St Mary's

As lockdown continues for now and Lent begins, here is an opportunity to breakup the sense of 'groundhog day' and start some new rhythms or activities that help you as a family to look towards the celebration of Easter and celebrate it when the time comes. See below for some resources and ideas and do share your own.

**#Live Lent 2021: God's Story, our story** – This Church of England resource for Lent is available as a booklet and a free app to download for a daily devotional – this year including a family activity for each day. You can download the app or find a pdf of the family activities here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

**40 Acts project** – 40 ideas for generosity through lent – check their social media for an idea each day or download the family wallchart: <https://40acts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/40acts-Family-Wallchart.pdf>

**Climate Change Challenge** - Here are 40 ideas to help grow in awareness and combat climate change as a family:

<https://livinglent.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Lent-Family-Challenge-FINAL.pdf>

**Lego Lent Challenge** – Starting 15<sup>th</sup> March a new Lego challenge each day inspired by the Easter story: <https://www.facebook.com/LEGO-Lent-Challenge-117586773527075/>

**Flame Creative Kids** – LOADS of creative ideas for Lent, Holy Week and Easter here: <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/>

**Bible Society Ideas and Videos** – Lots of ideas, colouring sheets and tellings of the Easter Story by video on the Bible Society website here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/easter/>

**Resurrection Eggs** – A simple way to tell the Easter story gathering different props to illustrate the story:

<https://biblegamescentral.com/resurrection-eggs/>

**Easter Gardens** – Create a scene telling the Easter story, you could use lego, cardboard and paper, play-dough, or my personal favourite – using food:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/309481805625621645/>

**Mini Egg Prayers** – Choose a category to pray for different colour mini eggs – eat and pray <https://godventure.co.uk/news/mini-egg-prayers/>

**Bible Chat Mats:** Gather round, doodle, colour and talk about God:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-children/youth-children/resources/bible-chat-mat/>

**Other resources on St Mary's website:** You could rehash some of the ideas we shared for Advent or Lockdown in general but give them a Lent/Easter theme: <https://www.stmarysbarton.com/resources>