

Ministry @Home



Sunday 21st March - 5th
Sunday of Lent



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:
**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:**
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

Welcome.....

Song: Live like Your Loved

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfHyAMjLLdA>

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Look at the images below and match the seed to the plant/flower it becomes



Plant/Flowers: Apple, Daffodil, Sweetcorn, Geranium, Avocado, Nasturtium. (answers page 2)

Bible passage: Read Together **John 12.20-33**

AND/OR WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kfa1KKlcc6Q> OR

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJ1vs_bYFRc (use this clip to generate discussions amongst your group)

A seed must stop being a seed and be planted to become a plant or flower. A plant can give us food and a flower can give us enjoyment, but it cannot do that if it remains a seed. In our bible reading Jesus was telling the disciples that after his death & resurrection he would be something different, Jesus was warning the disciples because he knew that he will soon stop being Jesus in the way his disciples knew him. He used the illustration of the grain because he wanted them to realise that he would become new like a new plant that gives new seeds and new life, he is a new life for all.

Interactive Learning.....



National Day of
Reflection
23 March

This week there is the National Day to remember those who have died during the pandemic, and to show support for everyone who has been bereaved

Outline of the day, Tuesday 23rd March 2021:

- One minute silence at midday.
- Daffodils (fresh, drawn or crafted) placed in windows.
- Nation appearing on doorsteps with daffodils, candles or simply torches and lights from their mobile phones for a minute of silence in the evening (timing tbc). Create, draw or colour pictures of daffodils – ideas can be found here:

<https://www.pinterest.es/pin/7529524366155260/> - colouring page

<https://blogs.aupairinamerica.com/lie/2013/03/19/make-a-daffodil-pinwheel/>

Psalm Meditation.....

Psalm 119:10-11

"I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Find a quiet safe space and sit comfortably. Read these words several times over and rest in God's stillness, don't concentrate on what is around you; but focus on these words and how God is talking to you through them. You may have a picture, image or words that come into your thoughts which you can write down and use to pray.



God Speaks

R	N	E	T	N	E	M	E	G	D	U	J	R	N
E	T	N	A	A	L	O	A	N	G	E	L	E	N
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L	S	A	L	I	E	E	H	E	A	V	E	N	V
A	H	L	O	S	S	S	F	H	Y	E	E	N	W
N	O	I	R	R	T	E	E	A	E	R	L	G	H
R	N	L	I	E	I	L	T	T	L	S	P	L	E
E	O	E	F	A	V	E	L	E	C	E	O	S	A
T	U	E	Y	J	A	E	O	U	O	R	E	E	T
E	R	R	F	G	L	O	E	T	R	V	P	R	G
P	E	E	O	S	O	V	R	E	E	A	T	V	O
F	N	T	R	O	U	B	L	E	D	N	E	E	N
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G	V	O	I	C	E	S	T	N	E	E	V	I	D

WHEAT
SERVAN
JUDGE
ME
SON
TROUBLE
FESTIV/
HEAVEN
SERVES
GLORIF
PEOPLE
HONOUR
GALILE
ETERNA
ANGEL
VOICE

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2033594/>

Leaf Collage....

Take a walk and collect leaves for a leaf collage, whilst creating remember God's new life for us to have new life and a life lived with him.



Whilst creating chat about the following questions & Share stories.....

- I wonder what Jesus would say to us about new life if we could ask him now...
- I wonder how Jesus' presence is recognised today....
- Think of those people who you have missed recently, how can you share Jesus' new life message with them?

Answers to Reflection matching game.
1 = Daffodil, 2 = Nasturtium, 3 = Apple, 4 = Geranium, 5 = Avocado, 6 = Sweetcorn.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: King of Kings Majesty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGnpfYqwO8k>
(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Song: You are Life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKknxZoWSos>

This video can be used as a reflection and prayer
Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: How Great is our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDgmJFw6F64>
(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- Watch the following clip and think of ways of how you could respond to the questions at the end. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Kck6pQ_P6k
- <https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/bible-themes-growing-in-gods-garden.html>
- To aid talking about death & trauma <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/under18s/bereavement-trauma/>