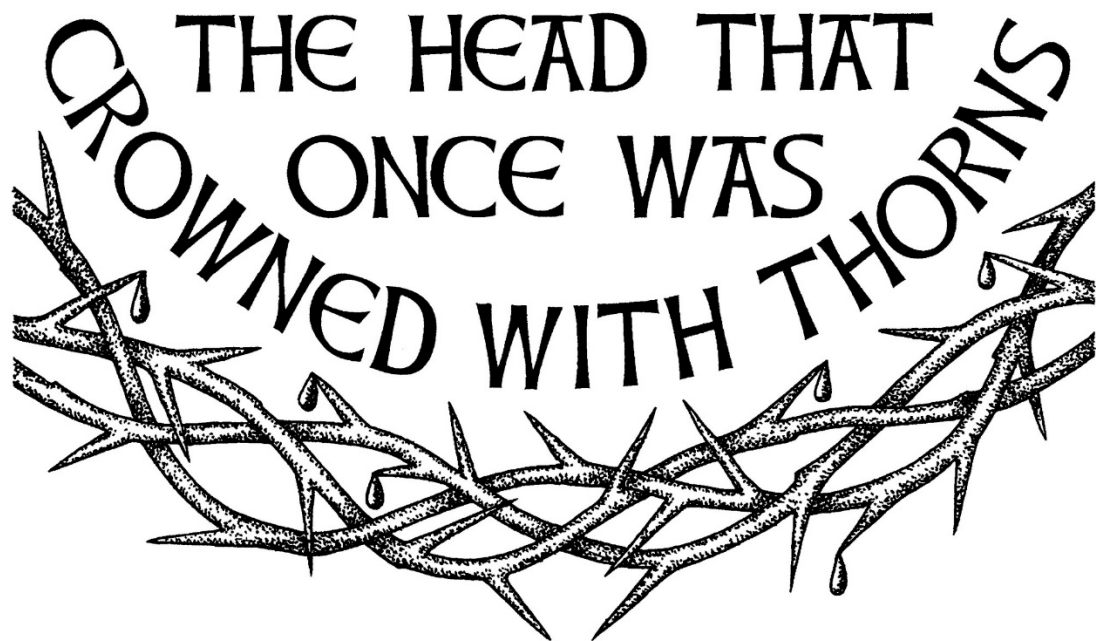


# Parish Magazine

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THOMAS KELLY

## St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens  
(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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#### Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>  
Morning Prayer April 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Morning Prayer April 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

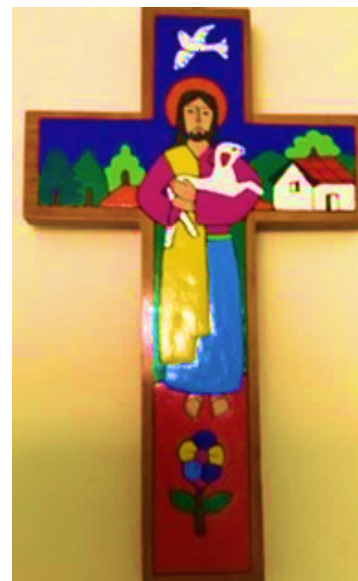
**See pages 7-8 for Easter Services across the team.**

Dear Friends

The photograph with this letter, is of a cross that I have on the wall in my office at the rectory. It is beautiful and vibrant in its colour and imagery and was made in South America.

It is a picture of Jesus Christ holding a lamb in his arms, symbolic of being the Good Shepherd, the one who seeks out the lost sheep and brings it home rejoicing.

All of us are just like that lost sheep. All of us need Jesus Christ to find us and hold us close with tenderness and love.



The cross reminds us that Jesus died and rose again from the dead and at Easter all around the world, communities and churches shout out and proclaim:

‘The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!’

.It is a traditional greeting as Christians everywhere celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is a most wonderful joyous proclamation, for in such words we are reminded of the meaning of the Christian faith, our sins forgiven, the promises of fullness of life in Christ for the whole of eternity.

But maybe we don’t feel such joy as life is so tough for us. We might not feel it but that doesn’t take away the fact that it is true!

It’s a simple but propound truth and thank goodness it is not dependant on how things are in the world around us. If that was the case, it would have no substance in times of difficulty, and we would have no hope for the future.

### ***A Prayer for Easter Day***

Alleluia to our God, praise and thanksgiving for life and life eternal.

Alleluia to our Lord Jesus Christ, conqueror of death and hell,

Alleluia to Christ, the gateway to life everlasting.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

we praise you for your life-giving and life-renewing powers,

This glorious day and evermore Amen. *(Written by David Adam)*

Yours in Christ

Rebecca

(Rev Rebecca Clarke Team Rector North Meols Team)

## News from Chris and Chrissy.

Dear friends at St. John's. We thought we'd like to tell you how life has been since Chris had to take early retirement. As you know he spent 10 weeks in the wonderful Lyndale nursing home, having both Christmas and his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday there.

He has been home almost 2 months now, and I think we have managed to get into some sort of routine. Chris has carers in four times a day, and we have some one sitting in each night, from 10pm to 7am, which is very helpful. Both Ben and Tom are here as often as they can, usually for a week at a time which is wonderful.

Hopefully, in the next few weeks, Chris can begin to get out of bed into his new wheelchair. We are having a slope made from the front door, making access much easier, then out and about perhaps!

Also, there are some very clever technical gadgets, that will enable Chris to control the internet, tv, and more importantly to read his many books on Kindle.

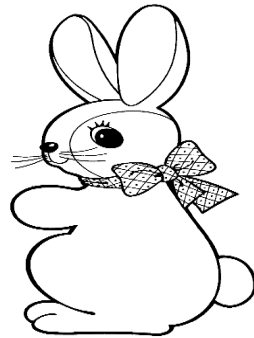
Rebecca visits Chris for Holy Communion usually twice a week, and Chrissy has been to St. Stephen's a few times.

Also thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers and lovely cards and gifts, it feels like a life belt during this tricky time. Visitors are welcome, but please phone Chrissy first, and Chris gets tired very easily, so if he nods off, please don't take offence!

Finally, please say a big Hi, and lots of love, to all the Sunday clubbers, children especially of course!

Chris and Chrissy. xx

# **EASTER COFFEE MORNING**

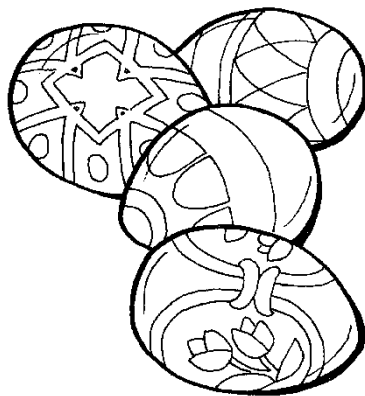


**SATURDAY 8th APRIL**

**10AM - 12 NOON**

**COME FOR A COFFEE AND START TO  
CELEBRATE EASTER!**

**THERE WILL BE CAKES, GOODIES  
AND A RAFFLE!!!!**



# ROTAS

## SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Kath & Jane
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Nicola & Andrew
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Brenda & Mavis
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Chris D & Eileen
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Chris & Bill
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Kath & Jane



Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

## WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

5 <sup>th</sup> April	Jean & Mavis
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Chris & Janet
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Brenda & June
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Jean & Mavis
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Chris & Janet
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Brenda & Janet

## Sanctuary Flowers

April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palm Sunday
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	_____
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr and Mrs J Sutton
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	_____

Thank you to all donors and helpers who have given their time and money towards our Easter celebrations. ECB.



## Holy Week

Come and join us this Holy Week and Easter for services across our churches in the North Meols Team.

### **April 2nd Palm Sunday**

#### **St Cuthbert Churchtown**

10.30am Holy Communion/Blessing of the Palm Crosses

#### **St John Crossens**

10.00am Holy Communion/Blessing of the Palm Crosses

#### **St Stephen in the Banks**

10.30am Morning Prayer/Blessing of the Palm Crosses

### **April 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Monday**

7.30pm St John Crossens

The Stations of the Cross

### **April 4th Holy Tuesday**

7.30pm St Cuthbert Churchtown

Evening prayer for Holy Week

### **April 5th Holy Wednesday**

7.30pm St Stephen in the Banks

Service led by Christian Endeavours

## **April 6<sup>th</sup> Maunday Thursday**

7.30pm St Stephen in the Banks service of Holy Communion

## **April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday St Cuthbert Churchtown**

10.00am St Cuthbert Churchtown to the village church Walk of Witness followed by 10.30am Service  
2pm – 3pm The Last Hour Prayers and Music

## **St John Crossens**

10.00am Reflective service for Good Friday  
2pm-3pm The Last Hour Prayers and Music

## **St Stephen in the Banks**

10.30 Service for Good Friday  
2pm-3pm Prayers and Music

## **April 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday**

St John Crossens

6pm Easter Concert and Lighting of the Easter Candle

## **April 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

### **Holy Communion across the team:**

10.30am St Cuthbert Churchtown

10.00am St John Crossens

10.30am St Stephen in the Banks

The Lord Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

# PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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## "SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!"

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

## Easter Raffle

I'm hoping to run an Easter raffle. Donations of small Easter eggs welcome.

Chris Jowett

# **Churches Together**

*(in North Meols)*

***Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023***

***7.30 p.m.***

***at Cornerstone Methodist Church***

**Everyone is very  
welcome!**

***The meeting will be led by:***

***Cornerstone Methodist Church***

***"Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose."***

***[1 Corinthians 1: 106]***

# WORDSEARCH

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with His disciples, He warned them He was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and His blood, was about to be ushered in. Jesus prayed in Gethsemane that this fearful cup of suffering might be removed from Him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was. Because of Easter we can approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ. He has opened the gates to heaven for us!

Jesus

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Last  
Passover  
Meal

Disciples  
Warned  
Betrayed  
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Blessed

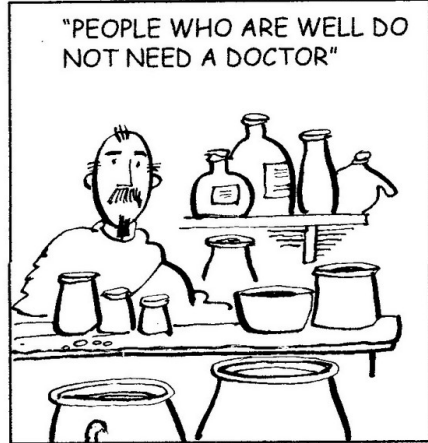
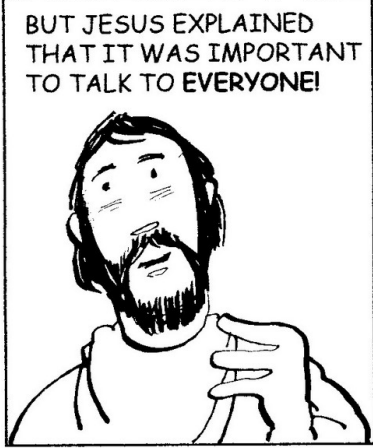
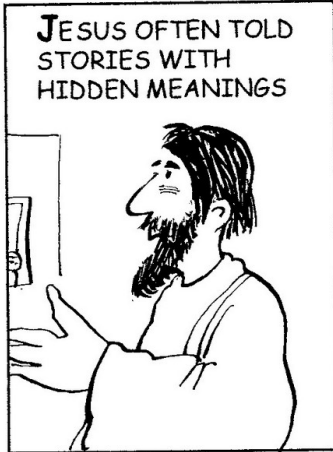
Wine  
Thanks  
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Covenant  
Law

Old  
New  
Body  
Blood  
Gethsemane

Cup  
Removed  
Will  
Easter  
Approach  
God



# The doctor and the ill person



# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-38, Jn 12:12-19

Thousands of people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast each year. This year Jesus and his friends went too.

Two miles outside Jerusalem Jesus said to two of his friends



Go into that village and bring back the donkey you find there.

If anyone asks, say 'The Lord needs it.'



So off they went...

and they found it as Jesus had said



Why are you taking our donkey?

The Lord needs it.



That's alright then

They brought it back to Jesus, and made a saddle from a cloak.



They spread more cloaks on the road to make it a way fit for a king.



Others cut palm branches and waved them.

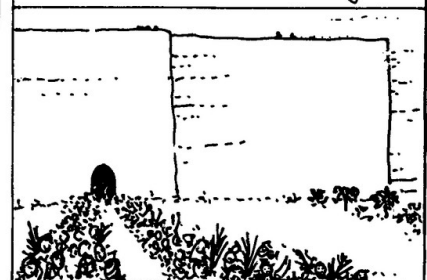


They shouted the traditional welcome to the Passover feast

God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!



As they got closer to Jerusalem the crowd grew.



Everyone shouted to welcome Jesus as king



The teachers of the laws were angry

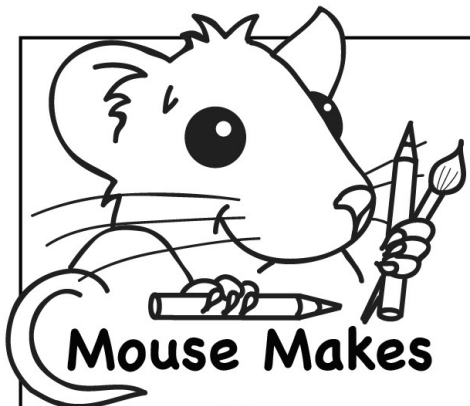


Teacher, you should stop them calling you 'king'.

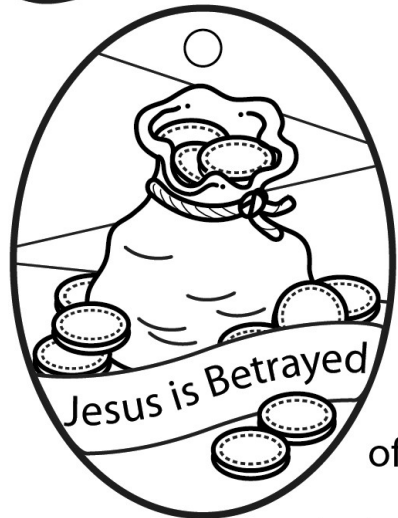
But Jesus replied



What they say is so true that even if I made them stop, the stones would shout!

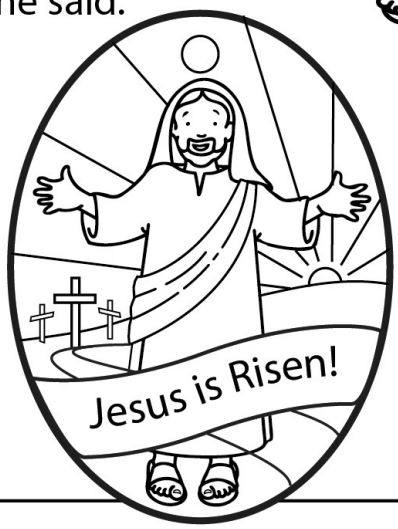
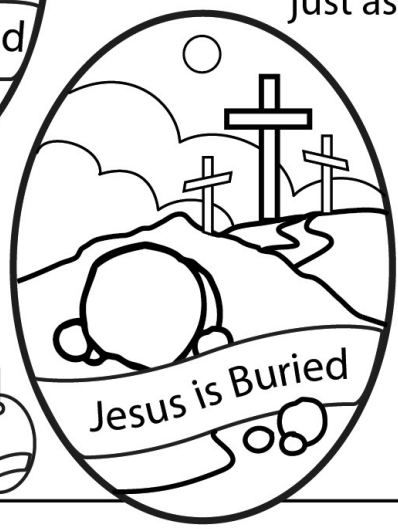
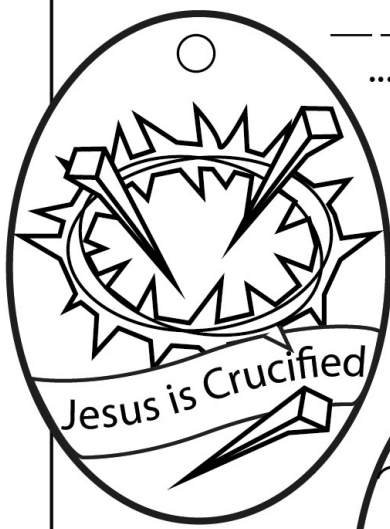
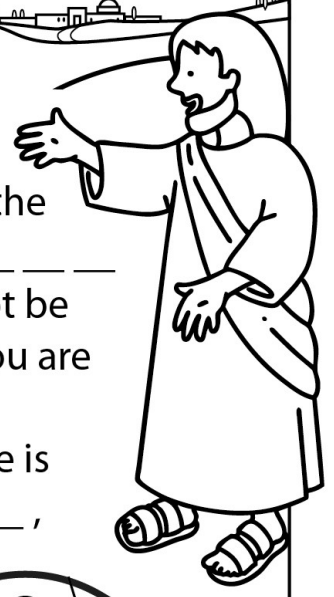


**HE IS RISEN!**  
Read the story of  
The Resurrection in  
*Matthew 28:1-20*



How many other  
words can you  
make from  
**RESURRECTION**

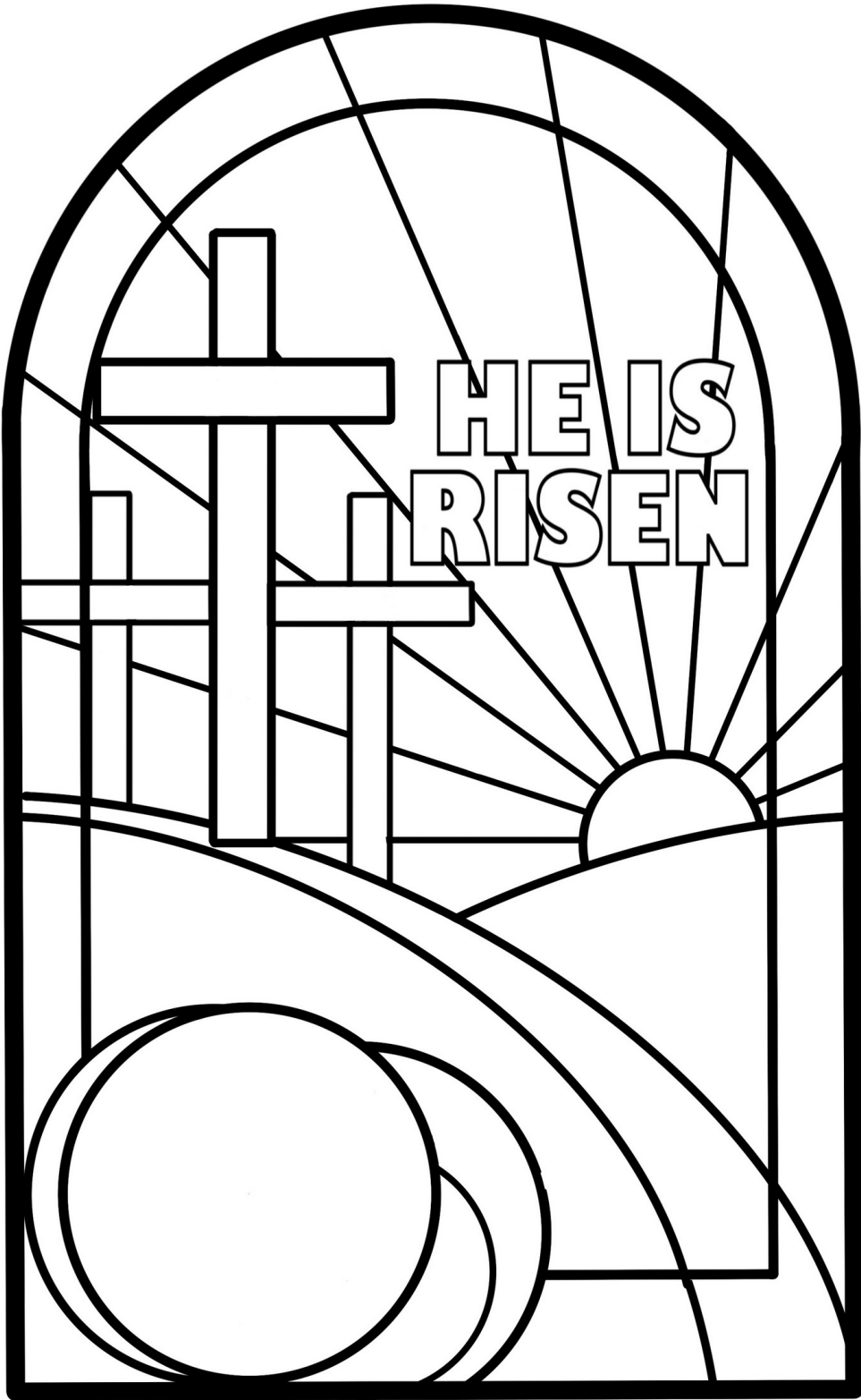
An \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Lord came down from \_\_\_\_\_  
and going to the \_\_\_\_\_  
rolled back the \_\_\_\_\_  
... the \_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do not be  
\_\_\_\_\_, for I know you are  
looking for Jesus who was  
\_\_\_\_\_, He is  
not here; he has \_\_\_\_\_,  
just as he said."



Glue this page onto  
card. **Cut** out the  
ovals then **colour** in.  
Punch a hole at the  
top and **hang** up  
for Easter

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Rev. Chris Gregory's son Tom is undertaking the Lake District Ultra Challenge - a 2 day, 100 km walk in June this year to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. If you would like to sponsor him, please visit his JustGiving page by using the QR code (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-gregory10>), or sign the sponsorship form in church.



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