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## Alive!

### Luke 24.1-12

Jesus has been crucified and laid in the tomb. The women go to the tomb first and find it empty. They are told by two angels that Jesus has risen. Later Peter goes to see for himself.

Now read Luke 24.1-12 see p.2 for text.

### A note on the passage

The last thing that the women expect to find is an empty tomb. They feel confused and terrified, but then the message of the angels gives them a new context for what Jesus had told them, so they begin to understand what has happened.

## GROW

Save (deep) eggshells to make some cress heads. Keep the cleaned shells steady in an egg box or egg cup. Add damp cotton wool to the inside and sprinkle on cress seeds. Leave in a sunny spot. Think about the emotions of the women and the disciples and, with marker pens, draw appropriate expressions on the eggshells. When the cress has grown, you can retell the story using the eggs as an illustration.

## Write

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry made of short, unrhymed lines. The most common is a three-line poem with a 5-7-5 syllable pattern. Write an Easter haiku where the first line describes how the women felt on the way to the tomb, the second line, how they felt at the tomb and the last line, how they felt as they returned to the disciples.



What does the empty cross or tomb mean to you?



Make some Easter Day chocolate nests.

**You will need:** 225g/8oz chocolate, broken into small pieces, 50g/2oz butter, 1 tbsp golden syrup, 100g/4oz cornflakes, several chocolate mini eggs.

Melt the chocolate and butter in a heatproof bowl over a pan of gently simmering water. Stir in the golden syrup and then remove from the heat. Add the cornflakes a few at a time, stirring well between additions to ensure they're all coated. Spoon the mixture into paper cases and decorate with mini eggs. Chill until set.

As you make the nests, ask yourself how the women felt on their way to the tomb. As you eat them, give thanks that Jesus rose again.



Remember how the women dashed back to tell their friends what had happened. Think of a way that you can share your Easter joy. It can be by making a cake for someone, or giving them a small bunch of flowers – preferably with a simple card which says 'Alleluia He is risen'. If you have been adding things to your Hands-on Lent bowl over the past few weeks, why not share your gifts with others.

## Be Still

Find a quiet place to be still. Feel your pulse, and thank God for life. Feel your heartbeat, and thank Jesus for lifegiving love. Feel your breath, and thank the Holy Spirit for the life that is given to you in the Spirit.



Welcome to our worship today! Happy Easter!

**Dates for the diary:** The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting will be held after the morning service at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 at the Community Centre. Report packs will be available next week and forms for various nominations available from today. Please put this important date in your diary.



St Matthew's Quiz Night on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start - in Lincoln Green Communal Lounge, WR5 1QU. £2 per head (inc nibbles) - teams of 4 or join on arrival. Tea/coffee available or bring your own drinks! Plus raffle.

100 Club winners for April. 1<sup>st</sup> no. 24 Julia Tolley. 2<sup>nd</sup> No. 44 Dave Southall.  
 Congratulations!



Please continue to pray for Olga, Orest and their three children as they make their way to Worcester and thank you for your generosity towards them. We have put together a shopping list of things they will need – this is available as a separate sheet to the newsletter. Please also continue to pray for all those in the Ukraine.

**Please note, there will not be a newsletter next Sunday.**

Daily Readings for week commencing 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022		
<b>Monday</b>	Exodus 12: 1-14	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Exodus 12: 14-36	1 Corinthians 15: 12-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	Exodus 12: 37-end	1 Corinthians 15: 20-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Exodus 13: 1-16	1 Corinthians 15: 29-34
<b>Friday</b>	Exodus 13: 17-14:14	1 Corinthians 15: 35-50
<b>Saturday</b>	Exodus 14: 15-end	1 Corinthians 15: 51-end

**Pray for those in need...** Please pray for the people of Ukraine...for those in need of God's healing touch...Heather, Dorothy, Pat, Sue, Joyce, Maureen, Pamela, Shane, Bryn, Katie-Lou, Margaret...  
**Please pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, remembering the souls of ...Dennis, Pauline, and Kath.**