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RESURRECTION PEOPLE

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. Indeed, the resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian faith. St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" 1 Corinthians 15.14, 17-20.

Without the resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People might remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. The reality is that all the

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doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the resurrection. Christian joy, the joy of Easter, is offered to the world not to guarantee a permanently happy society, a society free from tension, pain or disappointment, but to affirm that whatever happens in an unpredictable world there is a deeper level of reality, a new creation where love and reconciliation are ceaselessly at work, a world in which we are able to live honestly and courageously despite the challenges constantly thrown at us.

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. What was it like those first few hours after the empty tomb had been found, after Mary Magdalene had delivered her message? It must have been a period of alarming doubt, half hope, and half terror. One of the things that make the stories of the first Easter so believable is just that sense of unexpectedness.

The disciples don't come to the empty tomb and say: well, there you go, just like he always said. No, they arrive and find themselves in a new world. What makes the joy of Easter so irresistible? The wounds and the scars. The resurrected body of Jesus bore the scars from nail and spear, and these scars identified the risen Christ to his followers. And yet, the wounds of Jesus took on new significance in the light of his resurrection.

While reminders of the violence of crucifixion his wound marked resurrected body demonstrated God's power over evil and death. The resurrection of Christ is central to our faith and gives profound value to how we view, and what we do in, this world. The struggle for justice and mercy, the creation of beauty and the celebration of truth, acts of love, and the establishment of communities of kindness and forgiveness, all these are the fruits of the resurrection.

Take away the resurrection, and these things may still be important for the present but irrelevant for the future. Indeed,

Paul's great exposition on the resurrection of Jesus in 1 Corinthians 15 ends by reminding the Corinthians, "Therefore, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." The resurrection reveals that cynicism, despair, and death, do not have the final word either for human beings or for God's creation. We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for Christ is risen, wounded yet glorious.

The belief in the resurrection brings us to Mass each Sunday and while some people still dispute the facts, we, Resurrection people that we are, use them to profess with confidence the two words that shape our lives: "I believe." Christ is risen! May His victory over death bring you strength, joy, and everlasting hope.

Your priest and friend,

Joseph

Springs Quiet Return

Beneath the stillness winter wove
The earth has held her patient love.
Now morning light in soft gold spills
Across the waking daffodils.

The crocus lifts its purple flame,
A small, brave spark against the gray.
The cherry trees in robes of pink
Unfold their beauty, wordless, pink.

The streams, once bound in icy sleep,
Now dance and sing—their joyful leap
Reminds us how the coldest heart
Can warm and open, part by part.

What seemed so lifeless starts to rise,
New green beneath the widest skies.
Each bud, each blade, each tender shoot
Whispers promise of coming fruit.

The season turns, the colors bloom,
Dispelling every trace of gloom.
In every blossom, every breeze,
We feel the world find its release.

Renew our spirits as the land
Awakens gently, hand in hand.
For here in colour, song, and light
Comes the long-awaited sight
Of life returning, fresh and bright.

May this season remind us all:
What rests through winter will rise again.



Easter Wordsearch

P	A	S	S	O	V	E	R	X	K	L	M	Q	Z	T	Z
E	U	C	H	A	R	I	S	T	J	Y	B	N	W	P	O
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M	A	U	N	D	Y	T	H	U	R	S	D	A	Y	S	S
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T	R	E	D	E	M	P	T	I	O	N	K	L	P	Q	U
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M	C	R	U	C	I	F	I	X	I	O	N	T	U	M	B
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RESURRECTION

EUCCHARIST

CRUCIFIXION

HOTCROSSBUN

REDEMPTION

LILIES

PASSOVER

LAMB

GETHSEMANE

TOMB

CALVARY

DAFFODIL

LENT

VIGIL

MAUNDY

When You Know Ur Yorkshire



- 1) To you 'chuffed' is an emotion.
- 2) Word 'the' int even a thing.
- 3) Ur referred to as 'r lass' or 'r lad'.
- 4) A Sunday roast int just a tradition, its LAW.
- 5) 'M'off t'shop' meks perfect sense.
- 6) You understand the phrase ,tin tin tin'.
- 7) U actually talk to folk on public transport n in in street.
- 8) U've said, "Ow much!"
- 9) "It'll b'reyt" can be answer to any problem.
- 10) Nowt starts wi letter 'H'.
- 11) U know someone who used t'werk darn pit.
- 12) That 'ouse in middle of M62 is a sign ur cumin 'ome or going t'dark side.
- 13) Ome med Yorkshire puddins are onny option.
- 14) Tha luvs a bargain.
- 15) When ur sick someone will allus tell you 'its summat going raand'.
- 16) Yorkshire tea is onny tea that exists.
- 17) If you ask for 'Spice' you know tha'll get sweets not nutmeg or paprika.
- 18) Red roses simply dunt exist.
- 19) Thas ad a few clips raand lug oyle as a young un.
- 20) Ur in your bikini or shorts at owt above 15°

Spring Wordsearch

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

BUNNY

EGG

CHICK

BASKET

HOP

CARROT

FLOWER

SPRING

HUNT

CANDY

RABBIT

NEST

DUCK

LAMB



Easter Scramble

Unscramble the letters to make Easter words. Draw a line to connect each picture with the right word.

Color the pictures to decorate the page.

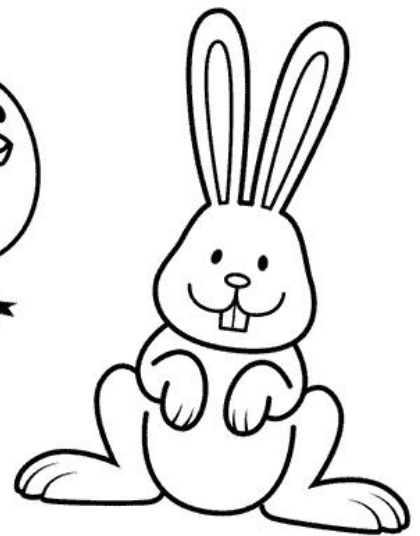
K T E S B A

N B Y U N

K C I C H

S G E G

L W R F S O E



Hop, Hop, Hop, Easter Day

Hop, hop, hop goes the bunny so white,
With a basket of eggs in the soft morning light.

Red eggs and blue, yellow and green,
The prettiest colors that you've ever seen!

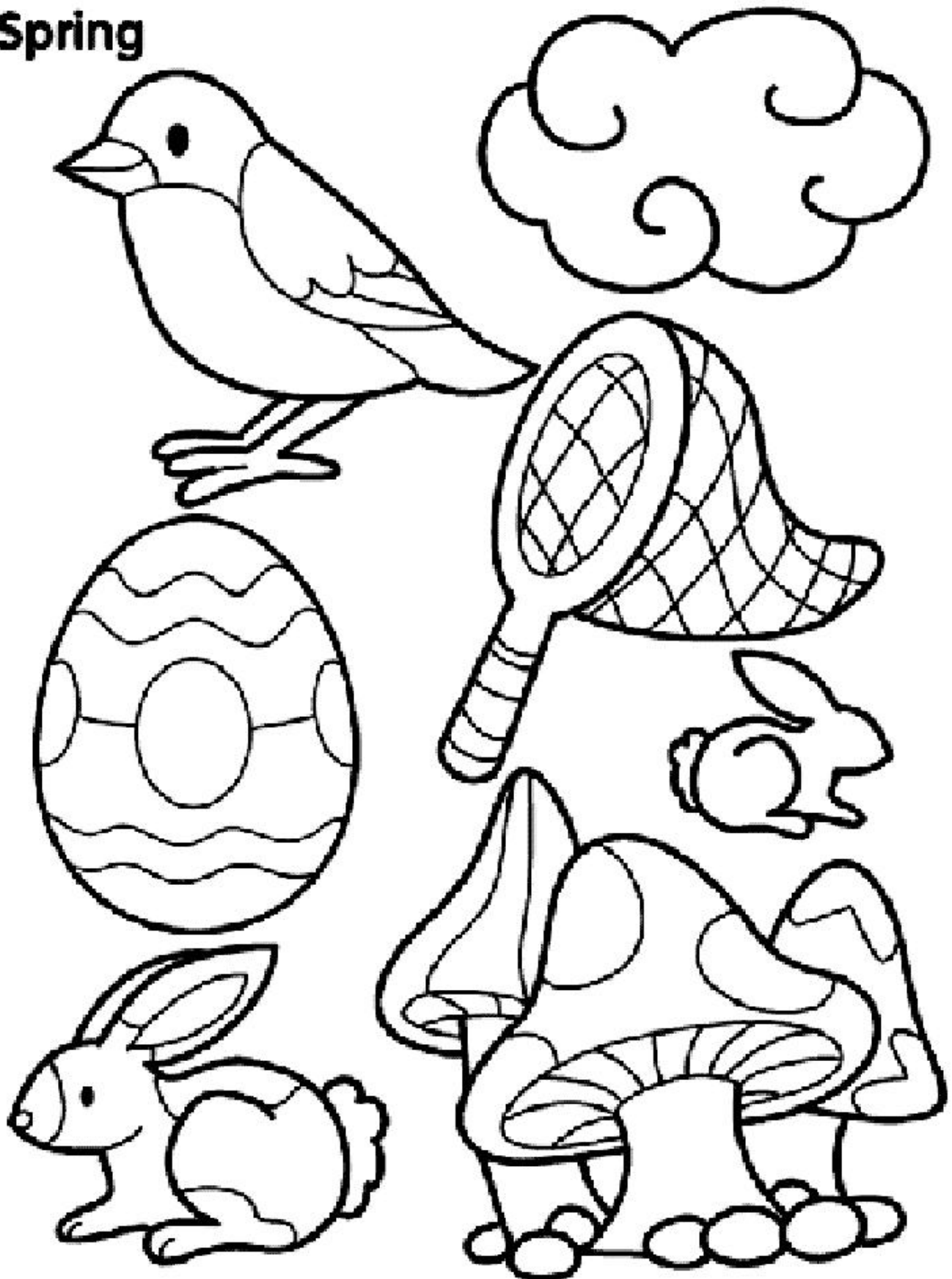
He hides them in grass, under bushes so tall,
"Find them, find them!" he whispers to all.

Crack, crack, open—surprise inside!
Chocolate and jelly beans, what a wonderful
ride!

Chicks go "peep peep," flowers bloom bright,
Easter is here—yay, what a delight!

Hop with the bunny, giggle and play,
Happy, happy Easter—hooray, hooray

Spring



Coconut Tart

Pastry

2oz marg

2oz lard

8oz SR flour

Mix until it resembles bread crumbs then add a drop of water to turn it into pastry (you know how to make pastry)



The topping

4 oz marg or butter (butter is best)

4 oz sugar

5 oz coconut

3 oz SR flour

2 eggs beaten

- Beat butter and sugar together
- Add the eggs
- Then add coconut and flour
- Makes a soft paste
- Line a 7" tin with the pastry Cover it with jam
- Spread the coconut paste over the jam
- Place in oven on Gas 4 elect 150 for about 1/2 to 3/4 hr
- Until firm to touch
- When cool cut into squares

This continues to be busy and raises lots of funds for Charities. People donate home made cakes and savouries, such as quiche and sausage rolls. We also have toasted teacakes and sometimes bacon sandwiches as we try to provide variety. We keep our charges very low as we want everyone to be able to afford to come We choose a different charity each month and usually send them £100. Last month our charity was our link church of Kemange in Tanzania.



This link was formed 20 years ago after we visited Tanzania and saw how poor people were. We pray for them and send them money to help with whatever projects they have at the time. Over the years this has meant many things. We paid for a clean water scheme, which we felt was vital as they were collecting water from the river to use. They have asked for help with paying for lots of things from bicycles for the teachers to use to get to school, building their first small church, vicarage, goats to provide milk for their children (cows are very expensive to buy and keep) and their latest venture building a much bigger church as Christianity is spreading fast.

Do come and join us if you are free. If you can bake and donate that even better!



Share Your Thoughts & Ideas

We believe that every voice matters. Whether you've been uplifted by a sermon, inspired by a community event, or have ideas to help us improve this magazine — your feedback will help us.

Tell us:

- What touched your heart this month?
- How can we improve our magazine?
- Any stories or articles you'd like to share?

Drop us a note via email at mmillermatthews@yahoo.co.uk or speak to Mike or Father Joseph.

Let's build a stronger, more connected church family — together.

MESSY CHURCH DAY

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH
10 a.m. – 12 noon**



Parents and Children of all ages, the Messy Church Day will have activities about:

MAKING SHEEP, EASTER CARDS, EASTER GARDEN, QUIZ WITH PRIZES AND HOT CROSS BUNS AND DRINKS FOR ALL.

Please join us and take part in the fun we have planned.

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