

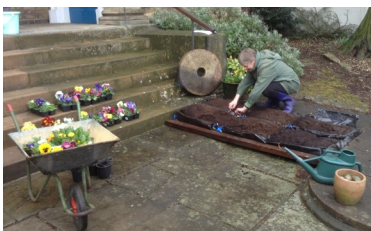
Why an Easter Garden?

Judas a follower of Jesus, brought the Roman soldiers to a garden called Gethsemane, where Jesus was praying so that they could arrest him.

Jesus was killed in the open air on a hill called Golgotha

The tomb that he was buried in was outside the city of Jerusalem, probably in a garden, this was the place where the disciples realised on Sunday morning that he was no longer dead.

This year only person is going to make our Easter Garden, but if you walk past church we hope you will look out for it.



Why Easter eggs ?

An egg on its side is a similar shape to the tombs that were used 2000 years ago in Israel. Most importantly an egg contains new life, when a chick breaks out of the shell it reminds Christians of Jesus breaking out of the tomb.



Why Easter Egg Hunts?

On Easter morning Mary went to the tomb to finish embalming his body, but the tomb was empty and Jesus told her that he had risen from the dead. The Easter egg hunt reminds us that the disciples and their enemies were searching for Jesus. The authorities needed to prove that he was dead, but they weren't able to do that.

Do you want to know more?

Google 'Mark 14-16', or read the whole of Mark's gospel, one of the account of Jesus's life.

Talking to your child about Easter.

Jesus was a good man who helped people and told them how to love each other. Bad men wanted to kill him because people liked him more than them, but he came back to life, because God's love is stronger than anything.

What is happening over Easter this year?

Normally the churches are very visible over Easter we meet on the Square on Good Friday and then all the churches celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning.

This year we are all trying to find ways to share our story. A lot of churches will have services online on Sunday, there will be services on BBC1 and the radio stations.



We are looking after our older people, some people are listening to the Sunday service with a phone next to the speaker so that people who aren't online can hear. People are checking up on each other. If you would like someone to talk to please email your number to mhcc.leics@hotmail.co.uk and we will ring you back

Rev Stephen Haward is very happy to chat, as are the leaders, we may not be able to answer difficult questions but we will have a go!

Stephen is on 01858 467378 or email stephenmhcong@aol.co.uk

Christians know these days are difficult, we don't believe that we will be treated differently but we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God and this gives us hope.