



St John the Evangelist, Bexley
Part of the Bexley Team Ministry

Sunday 12th April
Easter Sunday

Toddler Church Fun!

This Week's Story: *The Empty Tomb*
(Based on John 20:1-18)

Two nights had passed after Jesus had died, and Mary Magdalene went to His tomb first thing in the morning.

When she got to the tomb she was shocked to find the stone at the entrance had been rolled away and Jesus' body was gone!

She told two of the disciples, who came and looked: Jesus' body was indeed gone! They went to tell the others leaving Mary alone in the garden by the tomb to cry.

As Mary cried she saw two angels sitting in Jesus' tomb. They asked her why she was crying and she told them: It was because Jesus had been taken away. Then she looked round and saw a man (the gardener, she assumed) who also asked her why she was crying.

Then the man said her name: "*Mary*" and she suddenly realised who he was! It wasn't the gardener at all, it was Jesus! Alive! He had been raised from the dead!

Mary went to tell the other disciples what had happened.

Toddler Church activities will be sent out every week during the current Coronavirus emergency.

Feel free to send them on to other families you may know.

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Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, when we are sad and confused help us to know that you are with us. Please help us to bring joy to everyone we know who is worried, or frightened at this time. Amen.



Easter Gardens:

Find a seed tray or plastic box with holes in the bottom for drainage.

Fill with compost or earth, but leave some space at the top.

Heap the dirt in one corner to make a hill.

Plant with little plants, weeds from the garden, moss and whatever you can find to make it look like a little garden.

Make a tomb out of a pile of stones, modelling clay or plasticine (even blue-tack would work!), and remember to make sure it's opened on Easter Day.

Top the little hill with three crosses, you could make them out of cocktail sticks, or cardboard.

There's an example from Pauline on the next page, but you can be as creative as you can.

We'd love to see your gardens, why not get an adult to email a picture to Edward?: fr.edwardbarlow@gmail.com

Pauline's example:



Happy Easter from all
of us at St John's!