

# Easter & Holy Week Resources



## Services

[New Experimental Rites for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter](#) SEC Website, free download

[Palm Crosses](#) CPO, (£8.99 for pack of 50)

“Made in a very poor area of Southern Tanzania, these crosses give extra work and finance to people whose only other source of income is the sale of cashew nuts.”

## To Give Away

[Hot Cross Bun Serviettes](#) CPO, (£3.50 for pack of 50)

“When giving out hot cross buns at your Easter service, use these serviettes to get the message across? These napkins come with a message and details about how to find out more about Jesus.”

[Real Easter Egg Sharing Box](#) CPO, (£30)

“This box has 30 Fairtrade mini-eggs and 30 copies of the Easter story leaflet covering events from Palm Sunday to Easter. Perfect for giving away at church services.”

[Hope at Easter Magazine, Hope Together](#) (10p each)

“High quality, glossy 32 page magazine to giveaway with an invitation to your church events at Easter.”

[Day Three: Believe the Women](#) Lifewords, CPO (Free in packs of 10, but a P&P cost)

“This free Easter resource tells the story of the women who followed Jesus- and the day that changed everything. With punchy illustrations, this booklet will help you share the gospel story.”

[One Friday book](#) Lifewords, CPO (Free in packs of 10, but a P&P cost)

“This beautifully illustrated booklet tells the story of Jesus’ final day, using the tradition of the Stations of the Cross.”

[Easter in Three Words](#) William Taylor, CPO, (£0.50 each, 25 for £9.50)

“This evangelistic booklet sums Easter up in three words, showing how the events of the first Good Friday and Easter Sunday are true, wonderful and life-changing.”

[Making the Easter Connection](#) J John, CPO, (£1.00 each)

“This Easter, discover something more about who God really is, how we can know Him and how we can restore our connection with Him.”

[Why Easter?](#) Nicky Gumbel, CPO, (£0.50 each)

“An easy to read booklet exploring questions such as why is Easter so significant? Why is there so much interest in a person born over 2000 years ago? Why did Jesus die? Why do we need Jesus?”

## Personal Devotions

### [Approaching Easter](#) Jane Williams, Lion Hudson, (£7.80)

“As the author moves through Lent to Good Friday and Easter, themes are explored such as food, power, love, anger, fear, compassion and waiting. In each chapter story, spiritual reflection and quotations from scripture are blended with art to offer an imaginative and powerful way into the meaning of the season.”

### [Into your Hand: Confronting Good Friday](#) Walter Brueggemann, SCM Press, (£7.99)

“This set of seven reflections follows the traditional church sequence of The Seven Last Words of the Cross, utterances that the gospel narratives place on the lips of Jesus.”

### [This Risen Existence: The Spirit of Easter](#) Paula Gooder, Canterbury Press, (£8.99)

“We give much attention to Lent, yet the theology of the resurrection is central not only to what we believe about God and Jesus, but to our self-understanding. Arranged for daily reading through the seven weeks of Eastertide, we are fed by an exploration of the resurrection accounts in scripture.”

### [The Things He Did: The Story of Holy Week](#) Stephen Cottrell, SPCK, (£7.92)

“Providing an accessible and down-to-earth approach to Easter’s narrative, Cottrell follows the deliberate and carefully planned actions of Jesus over Holy week and draws out their political and religious significance, revealing just how extraordinary they are.”

### [The Undoing of Death](#) Fleming Rutledge, Eerdmans, (£9.99)

“In seven sections that progress through Holy Week, these sermons incorporate biblical themes of sacrifice for sin, vicarious suffering, victory over evil and death, and the new creation. They all offer a startling ability to bridge the message of the ancient biblical texts with the distinct needs of today.”

## Children and Families

### Booklets to give away

#### [Why did Jesus Rise?](#) Alison Mitchell, Good Book Company, (£0.10 each), ages 7-14

“Based on Acts 10 v 39-43, this full colour leaflet is filled with Bible passages, puzzles and questions and is ideal for giving away at Easter services.”

#### [Why did Jesus Die?](#) Good Book Company, (£0.25 each, 25 for £4.75), ages 7-14.

“Based on Mark 15 v 33-39, this full colour leaflet is ideal for giving away at Easter services.”

#### [The Easter Mystery](#) CPO, (£0.25 each, 25 for £4.75), ages 6-12

“Based on the empty tomb in Luke 24 v 1-8, this leaflet explores the first Easter and invites children to ‘crack’ the Easter mystery.”

#### [Easter Bible Comic](#) CPO, (£15 for 20), ages under 11

“Through high-quality illustration and text, this comic-strip retells the Easter story with quizzes, puzzles, facts and information to keep children engaged.”

#### [The Eggcellent Egg Hunt](#) CPO, (£0.25 each, 25 for £4.75), ages 6-12.

“This leaflet investigates the biblical account of the first Easter and the empty tomb in Matthew 28. By completing puzzles to fill in missing details, children will learn why Jesus died and rose for us.”

## Books for Children's Personal use

### [The Easter Story](#) J. John, CPO, (£5)

"Crammed full of illustrations, this book is a simple but not simplistic retelling of the Good News of Easter. Although the story is sad at times, it's also the happiest and most important story ever told."

### [A Very Happy Easter](#) Tim Thornborough & Jennifer Davison, CPO, (£3.39)

"This fresh retelling of the Easter story focuses on the emotions of Jesus' friends and invites children to copy the expressions they are making. Children have the opportunity to think about how they would have felt, helping them to connect emotionally to the Easter story."

### [The Miracle of Easter](#) Bethan James and Paula Doherty, CPO, (£1.99)

"This vibrant retelling of the Easter story covers biblical events from Palm Sunday through to after Jesus' resurrection. This book is perfect for introducing young readers to the meaning of Easter, and will renew the wonder of the cross for the young and old alike."

## Activities for Children and Families

### [Real Easter Egg Hunt Organiser's Kit](#) CPO, (£44.99)

"The 2019 National Real Easter Egg Hunt is a way for churches to have fun and share the Easter story. This kit includes a sharing box of eggs, an 'Egg Hunt Kit' instruction sheet, publicity posters, story trail posters, Easter story round sticker sheets and Mini egg hunt trail cards."

### [All Resource Easter Book](#) Scripture Union, CPO, (£11.99)

"This resource is designed to equip those in churches to deliver exciting and contemporary activities in an all-age context on an Easter theme and includes creative ideas such as crafts, dramas, talks, games and teaching outlines."

### [The Story of Easter Colouring Poster](#) CPO, (£2.95)

"This colouring poster is perfect to help kids through the Easter story. Every day there is a new picture to colour in and a bible verse to look up. Buy in A0 size for maximum impact and use for your children's groups or as a family."

### [Messy Easter: for Lent, Holy Week and Easter](#) Jane Leadbetter, CPO, (£6.99)

"A wealth of activities for your Messy Church- creative prayers, games, food crafts, craft templates and ideas for organising an Easter trail."

### [My Easter Activity Book](#), Catherine Mackenzie, Good Book Company (£3.99)

40 Activities for ages 2-8, to carry you through Eastertide including a full-colour pull-out calendar. Perfect for groups or individuals.