

Make an Easter Garden

An Easter garden is a way to help teach children about Jesus and how he died for us and rose again. It's a small garden with items that represent the Easter Story.

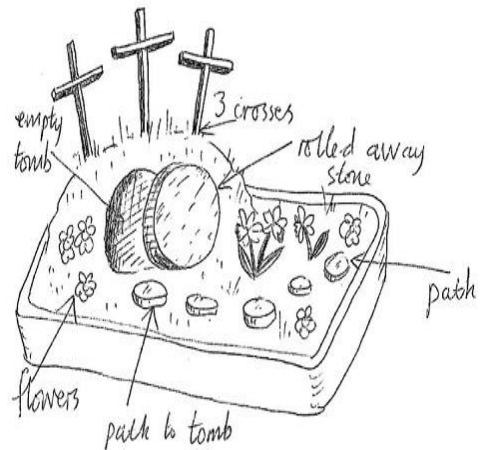


For your own garden you will need:

- A shallow tray, pan or dish
- Garden soil or potting compost
- Moss or cut grass
- Small stones or gravel
- A large stone
- A small flower pot or plastic cup
- 6 sticks or twigs
- String or sewing thread
- A small piece of white cloth or ribbon

To make your Easter Garden

1. Place your flowerpot on its side in the tray. (this will be the tomb)
2. Cover the tray with soil.
3. Cover the side of the flowerpot with soil to make a hillside. (You might find it easier to dampen the soil a little first)
4. Cover the soil with moss.
5. Use the sticks to make 3 crosses tying them string or thread.
6. Stick them into the top of the "hill". If you have one cross that is bigger than the others, place it in the centre to represent the cross on which Jesus was crucified.
7. Make a path to the tomb with the small stones & gravel to show how the women ran to the tomb on Easter morning.
8. Place a folded piece of white cloth inside the tomb to represent the risen Lord.
9. Place the large stone to the side of the tomb entrance to represent the stone that was rolled away.



Optional extras:-

- A ribbon/cloth over the central cross.
- Flowers/foilage.
- A woven crown of thorns on the central cross.
- Cut out figures to represent the people in the Easter Story.

Here are some ideas:-



When you have completed your Easter Garden please take a photo and send it to the Parish Office with your name. We will make a display of the photos so only include yourself in the picture if you are happy for us to use it. When we all meet again at church we can show the rest of the parish what you did over Easter - there may even be an Easter egg for you!