

An Art Trail for Holy Week

Created by students at Leintwardine C of E Primary School and hosted by St Mary Magdalene Church, Leintwardine.

Our Holy Week trail offers visitors a chance to reflect upon the Easter story and what relevance it might have for our lives. All are welcome to visit the trail and enjoy the beautiful artwork and words that the children have created. For those who cannot visit the trail in person, we hope that this leaflet will help to share something of the children's work and provide a source of inspiration for reflection during Holy Week.

If you are visiting the trail at St Mary Magdalene Church in Leintwardine, the trail begins in the church porch and continues through the churchyard, travelling around the church building in a clockwise direction. Please take care when following the trail, as the ground may be uneven in some areas of the churchyard.

Palm Sunday

Our children in Year 3/4 have produced artwork to depict the importance of Palm Sunday. They have created large palm leaves, which were sculpted out of wire, covered in Modroc and then painted. The children wanted the leaves to make a significant visual impact to celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.



The children have also written the Hosanna prayer [John 12:13] and decorated them with palm leaves they cut out of paper.

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" —John 12:13

The people who watched Jesus enter Jerusalem were dreaming of a time when they would be free from the Roman soldiers who ruled their land. What does freedom mean for you? What hopes do you hold for people and places in our world that are not free?

Jesus washes his disciples' feet

Our Nursery and Reception children have produced this artwork in response to the story of the humility of Jesus as he washed his disciples' feet. The water was created by the children spraying diluted acrylic paints from spray bottles in varying shades of blue. This was very much enjoyed by all our artists. The children that wanted to, then had their feet painted black and made foot prints across the 'water'. This led to a lot of our own foot washing! When reflecting on the actions of Jesus, and his service to others, the children in Reception class took on their own acts of service; litter picking in the local park and cleaning the church.



Jesus took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet, drying them with the towel —John 13 v 4,5

Jesus encouraged his disciples to follow his example in serving and loving others. Who might need your help or care this Holy Week? How might you serve them?

The Last Supper

Our Last Supper artwork is a collaborative piece produced by our Year 5 and 6 children, with each of the children choosing a section to complete. The children chose to use an array of vibrant colours when completing their artwork, which we felt represented Jesus' final meal with his friends.

Jesus shared a final meal with his friends, knowing that he would soon be betrayed by one of the people who was at the meal. You might like to take a moment to reflect on the different emotions Jesus must have felt at that time.



Garden of Gethsemane

Our Year 1 children have created a special piece of artwork inspired by the Garden of Gethsemane. Using smooth stones gathered from the river at Leintwardine, the children painted beautiful scenes that reflect the peacefulness and emotion of that sacred garden. As they painted, they took time to reflect on the story of Jesus praying in Gethsemane, thinking about feelings of love, courage, and stillness.

Jesus knew that soon the soldiers would come to arrest him and he would be sentenced to death. He went to a garden, called Gethsemane, with his friends and asked them to keep watch for him while he prayed to God to help him. But his friends were tired and they fell asleep. In the darkness of that night Jesus felt very alone, but he trusted himself to God's care.

Are there areas of your life where you feel in need of love, courage or stillness?



Good Friday

To build our crosses, the children were tasked with using only natural materials. As well as exploring the different structures of crosses that they could make, they also embellished these with their own, individual touches. The selection of crosses made by the children can be described in different ways, from primitive to elaborate, rugged to charming. We felt that the contrast between the different designs perfectly represented the contrast in feelings 'Good Friday' provoked, as well as a celebration of what can be made using natural materials from our environment. .

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23, v 46

What feelings do these crosses provoke for you? Why do you think this is the case?



As you walk along the side of the church, on your way to the final station of the trail, you might like to think about how Jesus' disciples may have felt after Good Friday. They didn't know how the Easter story would end, they didn't know that hope was waiting around the corner...

Resurrection

Our Year 2 children explored the story of the Resurrection of Jesus through a vibrant and joyful piece of art. They painted the scene onto a large, cardboard frame, capturing the empty tomb and the miracle of new life. We spoke about the hope and joy that Christians feel with Jesus rising again, and how that moment changed everything. The children used their handprints to represent the radiant rays shining out from behind the tomb - a symbol of light, life, and love. This creative process made us feel happy, uplifted, and full of hope.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe...he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

- Mark 16 v5-6

What brings you hope this Easter? How might you share that hope with others?



We hope that you have enjoyed our Easter artwork trail. If you would like to leave a reflection or comment about your experience, for the students at Leintwardine Primary School, then you can find a visitors' book in the church porch.

