

EXPERIENCE EASTER -

a series of reflective workshops

for primary-schools



Hundreds Experience Easter in Abingdon

Nearly 300 children and 50 adults visited the Easter Experience in Trinity Church, Abingdon. The church was transformed into a new Jerusalem, with six tableaux surrounding a huge labyrinth. Storytellers from many Abingdon churches recounted excerpts from the Easter story to small groups of primary school children and their staff. Children and adults then joined in reflective activities that explored the relevance of Easter to their own lives.

During the two days of Experience Easter, the tableaux settings themselves became metaphors of the Easter message. Gethsemane started out as a dark, bare corner, but slowly beautiful little creatures and plants crept into the garden. The children had been asked to imagine they could roll up nasty feelings they had felt into balls of plasticine, then work them into something better.”

*“ We are going on a journey to a place far away & long ago.
To prepare for your journey, shut your eyes.....
and listen to all the noises around you.....
Imagine you are travelling far away, leaving all those noises behind*

*Now listen to all the noises inside you - your breathing, your heart beating.....
Quietly take a deep breath.....
Let it out very slowly. As you let it out, imagine you're travelling on, leaving
everything behind.
You've arrived. Everything is new & exciting. Now quietly open your eyes.”*



“Did the people get the sort of king they were expecting? Sometimes we have dreams that don’t work out, but better things happen instead”.

***“Try & think of something you’d like to happen”
Draw or write something on your cross that symbolises your hope.
Take it with you, or leave it at the end of the road.”***



***Christ has no body now but
yours.***

***Yours are the only hands with
which he can do his work
Yours are the only feet with
which he can go about the
world”***



***“Every Springtime,
the Jews remember how they
escaped from slavery
by celebrating a special
Passover meal like this.
Jesus & his friends met
for this meal just before
he was arrested.”***

Gethsemane

“Jesus says “Remember all the things I have told you. Don’t be upset or afraid. My parting gift is a feeling of peace deep inside you.

Jesus knew God was with him when He was frightened in the Garden.”

“Now imagine you could roll up all your horrid feelings into the plasticine.

If we work at it, the plasticine gets easier to manage and we can turn the horrible feelings into something better. “





In the memory of
and in loving memory of
Sally Carmack
1921-1982
Alice Maxwell Carmack
1922-1982
Pastor Emerita of First Church
We thank God for the loving
dedication of these

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“At the crack of dawn on Sunday, the women came to the tomb. They found the entrance stone rolled back from the tomb, so they walked in. But once inside, they couldn't find the body of their Master, Jesus.





RESURRECTION

"There were some truly precious moments as the children thought about Jesus' friends' feelings. The best was "God smackt" which just sums it all up – God hitting us with the truth!"



“I liked the labyrinth, because it got me thinking”
Jamie, Thomas Reade School

