



Hello and welcome to 'The Week Ahead Update'

In this Update, we bring together a range of Easter resources for those of all ages.

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Yours, in prayer,  
[the Communications team](#)



## Holy Week and Easter at home

Holy Week and Easter is a time when Christians travel together towards the cross and beyond to transformation. We know that our isolation from each other over the coming week will be painful for many. We offer these resources to all in the hope that they will help sustain and grow your faith at home.



## Reflections for Holy Week

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Dr Barbara Glasson and Clive Marsh, have written [short reflections](#) for Holy Week. We will add a new piece each day as the week progresses.

## Holy Week for adults

Including resources from from the Iona Community and the Methodist Modern Art collection, [this series of services](#) for each day during Holy Week allows us to focus on the seven last words that Jesus speaks from the cross, according to the four Gospels. [A new approach to the Lectionary](#) has been devised for this year. Each day we set out the four Lectionary readings, a short summary of the main themes that run across the readings, a selection of hymns suitable for the day and reflections on the themes.



# Holy Week for children and young people

For young people we offer a week long journey in the form of a [reflective journal](#) to complete. Why not make Holy [Week in a Box](#) using simple objects tucked into a small box, along with scripture, to tell the story of Holy Week?

## Daily resources

### Monday – Wednesday of Holy Week

#### Monday

The [Lectionary](#) and a [short service](#) including music suggestions.

#### Tuesday

The [Lectionary](#) - and a [short service](#) reflecting on the pain of Mary.

#### Wednesday

The [Lectionary](#) and a [short service](#) reflecting on our thirst for Jesus in our own lives.

*Younger members of your household can continue with their reflective journal and Holy Week in a box. You can start preparing your materials for making an Easter Garden too. Or how about making some hot cross buns or a simnel cake? All you need for this is [here](#).*



## Maundy Thursday

Join in with worship from [Wesley's Chapel](#) – services at 10am, 12.45pm, and 7pm or at [Swanbank Methodist Church](#).

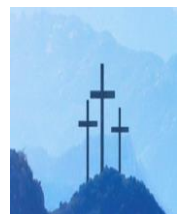
Use the [Lectionary resources](#) to reflect on the readings of the day or use one of the [service sheets](#) to reflect on times in our lives when we have felt abandoned.

[Creative ideas](#) for younger people for today include turning the top of your Holy Week box into a table to decorate as a Passover meal and using your feet to make some art.

## Good Friday

Join a reflective vigil at [Wesley's Chapel](#) from 10am, [Methodist Central Hall, Westminster](#) or from [Swanbank Methodist Church](#).

Our [Lectionary resources](#) for the day include some beautiful hymns to sing. A [short service](#) includes powerful art from the Methodist Modern Art Collection to reflect upon.



## Holy Saturday

Join the Easter vigil at [Wesley's Chapel](#) from 8.30pm

Move from darkness into light with [these resources](#) for Holy Saturday.

Take a look at the [resources and links](#) that our Children and Youth team have provided as we get near to Easter.

## Easter Sunday

Service sheets to use at home can be downloaded [here](#).

Join in worship at:

[Wesley's Chapel](#) at 9.45am, 11am, or 7pm, or

Methodist Central Hall Westminster, or

[Swanbank Methodist Church](#)



How about a Methodist Easter Day [love feast](#) or have a go at some [messy Easter activities](#) for children for this special day?

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