



Dear Friends,

As we are in an ever-changing time of uncertainty, the question that arises is “What will church look like”? Well, this is an opportunity to re-imagine...

It is because of this that Holy Trinity has put this pack together for you so that as people of God we can still worship and be in the presence of God even in our home if not together.

The pack contains a short Family worship along with some ideas you may like to consider doing with your family. Have a variety of voices leading, not just the oldest!

Please know that if our paths do not pass in the coming days that you are being held in prayer by the staff team at Holy Trinity and that you are not alone.

With our love and blessings

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A message from The Bishop of Kensington Graham Tomlin

Reflecting on St Paul's trinity of Christian virtues: Faith, Hope and Love,

**FAITH:** We are in uncharted territory where there is no clear trajectory for spread of Coronavirus and no obvious cure as yet. Yet our Christian faith tells us that we can trust the God who holds our times in his hands. We do not believe that the world is governed by blind fate or random chance but Providence – the sure and trustworthy hand of the God of Jesus Christ working his purposes out through all the confusing and bewildering swings of history. Fear can be as infectious as the disease, so why don't we try to counter it with the even more infectious influence of faith? Faith, especially during this time of Lent, urges us to pray with greater urgency, as the church has always done in times like this in the past, for those at the frontline in the NHS, for the most vulnerable and for a turning of the tide of this virus.

**HOPE:** one thing that will not be cancelled is Easter Day. We may or may not be able to celebrate it together in person, but it will still happen. We have in our faith the greatest message of hope in the world, and this is the time to hold onto that hope and make it known where we can. When we reach the end of our own resources the risen Christ meets us there, and so to counter despair, try to find ways to practice hopeful action, looking forward to the day when this crisis will pass, and even more, when Resurrection comes. Light a candle in a window. Keep one burning in your home as a sign of hope

**LOVE:** perfect love casts out fear.

### **As you prepare**

Choose when the best time is, It might be first thing in the morning, before your lunchtime meal, or before bedtime begins. • Choose a place where you can sit comfortably – it might be on the floor, round a table or even in the garden (if the weather is good enough). A rug or cushions might make it more comfortable if you are sitting on the floor.

Think of ways in which all the family can help participate. • Gather the things that will help create a sacred space – we suggest a cross, Bible and candle (fake or real). If you do not have these as physical objects, find or draw pictures that could be used. • Look through the service and gather any materials you might need – paper, pens, modelling dough, Lego etc. • If you enjoy singing, decide one a song or hymn to start with and one to end with.

### **Let's Begin**

### **TIME TO GATHER**

Leader: We usually go to church to worship God with God's people, but today we are being church here in this place.

**Everyone: God is with us.**

Place the cross in the middle of your gathering.

**Everyone: God is with us.**

Place the Bible in the middle of your gathering.

**Everyone: God is with us.**

Light the candle and place it in the middle of your gathering.

**Everyone: God is with us – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Sing a song or hymn.

### **TIME TO SAY SORRY**

Leader: Let us think about the times we forgot we are followers of Jesus. The times we were unkind or hurtful, the times we did not care for the world or other people. When we say sorry to God, God promises to forgive us.

*(Either use this Confession or one of the creative ideas suggested.)*

Leader: We are sorry for the times when we lacked love. Lord have mercy.

**Everyone: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We are sorry for the times when our words and actions were hurtful. Christ have mercy.

**Everyone: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: We are sorry when we failed to care for your world. Lord, have mercy.

**Everyone: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Everyone: Amen.**

### **TIME TO READ THE BIBLE**

Choose a passage or story from the Bible. Read it from the Bible or a Bible story book, act it out or watch a video that tells the story. (You may like to use one of the suggested passages.)

Leader: For the Word of the Lord,

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

### Ideas for Bible passages

Psalms 23 – The Lord is my shepherd

Psalms 46:1-7 – God is our strength and refuge

Psalms 100 – Make a joyful noise to the Lord

Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes

Matthew 6:5-14 – The Lord's Prayer

Mark 1:16-20 – Jesus calls the first disciples

Mark 6:30-44 – Jesus feeds the 5000

Luke 2:41-52 – Jesus in the Temple

Luke 15:1-7 – The Lost Sheep

John 15:12-17 – A new commandment

John 20:19-23 – Jesus is alive

Galatians 5:22-26 – The fruit of the Spirit

Philippians 4:4-9 – Living the way of Jesus

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

How might you think together about what you have just heard? You could:

Wonder together: I wonder what was your favourite part of that passage/story? I wonder which part surprised or puzzled you? I wonder what it tells us about God? I wonder how it helps us to live as Christians?

Draw or sculpt: Use paper and pens, modelling dough, Lego or pipe cleaners to respond to the passage or story. Share with each other something about your drawing or model.

Bring something to the circle: Look around where you have gathered and find something to bring to the circle that helps you think more about what you have heard. Share why you chose that object.

### TIME TO PRAY

Leader: God hears us when we bring our prayers to him.

You could use these prayers, or one of the creative suggestions at the end.

Leader: Lord our God, we pray for your Church, for our church leaders.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Everyone: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord our God, we pray for your world. Help us to care for it. We pray for our Government. Help them to govern wisely and justly.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Everyone: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord our God, we pray for our community of Twickenham. We pray for health workers, our schools, our shop keepers and local businesses (add anything you particularly want to pray for).

Lord, in your mercy,

**Everyone: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord our God, we pray for people who suffer because they are ill, anxious, sad or lonely. Especially we pray for (names).

Lord, in your mercy,

Everyone: Hear our prayer.

Everyone: Say the **Lord's Prayer** together in whichever form is most familiar to you.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come;  
your will be done;  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory, are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

(or)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **TIME TO END**

Leader: May God keep us, may Christ shield us, may the Spirit bring us healing and peace. May God the Trinity keep us in light and grace today and forever.

**Everyone: Amen.**

You might sing a song or hymn to finish.

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## WORSHIP AT HOME IDEAS

Ideas for confession/saying sorry

Sorry bins

You will need paper, pens and a bin

Write or draw something you are sorry for on a piece of paper. If you don't want to write it down, just hold the paper and imagine it. Say sorry to God and ask God to forgive you. Screw the paper up and put it in the bin to show that God has forgiven you and taken your sin away.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/01/sorry-whiteboards-sorrybin.html>

### Sorry boards

You will need whiteboards (or laminated white paper), whiteboard markers, wet wipes

Write or draw on the whiteboard what you are sorry for. Ask God to forgive you. Wipe the board with a wet wipe to show that God has forgiven you and wiped the sin away. (You could also use a blackboard and chalk.)

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### Sorry stones

You will need some heavy-ish stones, a basket, a cross

Place the stones in a basket. Say something like, 'When we do wrong things, it can feel as though we are weighed down. Take a stone from the basket. As you weigh it in your hand, think of what is weighing you. When you are ready, place the stone by the cross.'

When everyone has placed their stone by the cross, use the words at TIME TO SAY SORRY.

## Creative ideas that Cara has collated that you can do as a family.

Main thing is to have fun and good conversation whilst doing them. Enjoy.

### Praying with sweets



You will need a packet of coloured sweets e.g. M&Ms or Skittles (Change the colour code to fit the colours of the sweets you use.)

Open the packet of sweets and take it in turns to pick one. Before you eat your sweet, say a prayer asking God to help or do something for someone or something in that category (see below).

**Red:** family

**Purple:** friends

**Green:** the environment/animals

**Yellow:** the world

**Orange:** school/work

### Playing card prayers



You will need a pack of cards, shuffle them then take it in turns to pick one and say a prayer:

**Red** number- Pray for the world

**Black** number- Say a thank you prayer

**King**- say a word that describes how great God is

**Queen**- pray for a girl or woman you know

**Jack**- pray for a boy or man you know

**Ace** – pray for Holy Trinity church and its congregation

## The 5 Finger Prayer



Thumbs up – Pray for pray for those closest to you, your family and friends

Index finger – pray for those who point you in the right direction, teachers, doctors, church leaders

Middle finger – Pray for wisdom and guidance for those that lead us the Prime minister and the government.

Ring finger – pray for those that are ill, or anxious, or worried and need God's care

Little finger – pray for yourself and your own needs.

## Prayer spinners



Spinning prayers to bring people to Jesus! You will need: circles of card (one for each child); felt-tip pens; string. Stick a pen or pencil through the middle of the circle to make a hole. Ask everyone to use the colouring pens to decorate the circle with bright colours.

When they have done this, write the names (or draw a face) of each person you want to pray for. Thread a string through the hole and hold tightly to each end. Give a wrist flick and the circle should start to spin on the string. The coloured prayers will all blend together as the circle spins and you can picture leaving those prayers and those people with Jesus.

## Static electricity prayers



A very visual way to pray that Jesus will draw people close to him. You will need: small pieces of tissue paper; pens; balloon; hair or a woolly jumper. Ask everyone who they would like to pray for and then ask them to choose a colour of tissue paper to reflect that person. They can write or draw on their tissue piece if they want to.

Take it in turns to rub the balloon on a woolly jumper or on (their own!) hair. This will build up some static on the balloon! Talk about giving our prayers to Jesus and ask him to show his love and power to each person. They can hold their tissue prayer close to the balloon and watch as it is pulled on to the balloon and sticks there. Pray that, as the paper sticks to the balloon, Jesus will draw those people close to him.

## Lego prayers



Use Lego to pray for people to build a relationship with Jesus. You will need: Lego baseboard; Lego pieces. Use the Lego to make the initial letter of the name of each person you are praying for. Either build a freestanding letter or make the letter on the baseboard. As you build, pray that your person will know Jesus at work in their lives and will build a relationship with him.

## Wax resist painting prayers



Use wax and paint to pray that Jesus will be revealed to friends and family. You will need: White card or paper; white wax crayons or white wax candle; watercolours (or watered-down paints); brush Write the name 'Jesus' or draw Jesus on the paper with the wax crayon or candle. Pray that people who don't know who Jesus is will come to discover how much he loves them. As you pray, paint over the wax and the picture or writing will be revealed in the midst of all the colour.

## Feed on God



Our Spiritual health depends on what we take into our hearts and minds. The Bible talks about being as sweet as honey. Will we feed on the truth of God's word? By using plain cupcakes or biscuits, homemade or bought and some icing sugar, and colourings and an icing bag and some nozzles you can write words from Bible verses in icing on them and give them to one another to eat, encouraging them to feed on God's words.

Play some worship music in the background while you are making them and then choose a Bible text, for example Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan. As you decorate the cake/biscuits with a word or image say a word or verse that you have read meditate on it and think how it applies to you. Once decorated give one to someone else and tell them what your word /image is inviting them to eat it whilst meditating on God's word.

You could also set challenges to help others like calling/emailing friends' family or making them a picture and after a few days of completing them you could then make superhero badges and wear them.

## Water Ping Pong



Play a game where you try and bounce ping pong balls into cups of water. Observe how the balls float on the water in the cups. Give thanks that God supports us and doesn't let us sink.

## Handprints



Make handprint pictures with paint and ask Jesus to touch people who are unwell with his healing hands. When dry you could hang them up to remind you to pray.

## That's a Pigsty!



The Babylonians burned the Temple and took the Israelites as slaves. When the Israelites went back home 70 years later, they found a big mess. The people started rebuilding the Temple, but their enemies kept slowing things down. Read Ezra 4! Good thing God kept things going. You can see how by reading Ezra 6:6-18.

Find a messy part of your house, as a family work really hard to clean it up, don't stop until the job is done then sit back and enjoy the result of your hard work celebrating with a lemonade or fruit juice. As you sip your drinks discuss these questions:

- ✚ Why was important to rebuild the Temple?
- ✚ How do you think the Israelites felt when the Temple was finally rebuilt?
- ✚ How do you feel when you look at our clean room?

## Pouring Station



Create a pouring station where you can investigate tipping water in and out of different receptacles (good to do in the garden if the weather is nice) Thank God for the love that He pours out on each of us.

## Potato Printing



Build a wall by potato printing brick shapes onto pieces of paper. Ask God to show us ways we can encourage and build each other up.

# 30 day Lego Bible Challenge



**Something to read and build each day - imagine, build, reflect and have fun!**

**Genesis 1:1-2:3**

God created the universe.

Build some stars and planets

**Genesis 6:9-7:4**

Noah builds an ark

Build some pairs of animals

**Genesis 9:8-17**

The flood ends

Build a rainbow.

**Genesis 37:1-11**

Joseph's colourful coat

Build Joseph with his colourful coat



**Genesis 41:1-36**

Joseph explains the king's dreams

Build some healthy and skinny cows

**Genesis 44:1-34**

Joseph tricks his brother

Build a silver cup

**Exodus 2:1-10**

Baby Moses

Build a basket, like the one Moses' mother put him in.

**Exodus 3:1-14**

Moses meets God

Build a bush with flames.

**Exodus 14:5-31**

Moses leads the Israelites to safety

Build a parted sea to walk through.

**Exodus 20:1-19**

Moses tells the people God's rules

Build the holy mountain where Moses spoke to God

**Jonah**

Jonah and the Big Fish

Build a big fish with Jonah inside

**1 Samuel 17:1-58**

David and Goliath

Build Goliath and David as a minifigure

**Psalms 23**

God cares for us

Build a peaceful scene with some sheep.

**Luke 1:39-45**

Mary visits Elizabeth

Build Mary and Elizabeth in Elizabeth and Zechariah's house

**Luke 2:1-10**

Jesus is born

Build a stable with animals, Mary, Joseph, Jesus and shepherds

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Visitors from the East

Build the visitors and/or their gifts.

**Matthew 3:13-17**

Jesus is baptised

Build the River Jordan with John the Baptist and Jesus

**Mark 4:35-41**

Jesus calms the storm

Build a boat and a stormy sea

**Luke 9:10-17**

Jesus feeds the crowd

Build some fish and loaves

**Mark 6:45-56**

Walking on water

Build some waves for Jesus and Peter to walk on.

**Luke 10:25-37**

The kind stranger

Build the street with the wounded man, horse and the stranger

**Luke 15:1-7**

The lost sheep

Build a flock of sheep and a shepherd

**Luke 15:11-32**

Two sons

Build a welcome home party

**Matthew 6:7-15**

The Lord's Prayer

Build God in heaven

**Matthew 6:7-15**

The Lord's Prayer

Build some palm leaves and a donkey.



**Matthew 26:26-29**  
Supper with friends

Build a cup of wine and some bread.

**Matthew 26:47-50**  
Jesus is arrested

Build the soldiers, Jesus and Judas.

**Matthew 27:32-44**  
Jesus is killed

Build the three crosses of Jesus and the robbers

**Mark 16:1-8**  
Easter!

Build the empty tomb

**Acts 2:1-4**  
The Holy Spirit

Build the room and the disciples with flames on their head



# 30 day Dough Church Challenge



Something to make each day - imagine, mould, reflect and have fun!

God created everything; the universe, planets and stars  
Can you make some planets and stars?

God created everything; trees, flowers and grass  
Can you make a garden?

God created everything; the land and sea  
Can you make some waves?

God created everything; everyone, including you  
Can you make you and your family?



God asked Noah to build a big boat because there was going to be a flood.  
Can you make a boat?

Noah filled the boat with animals to save them from the flood  
Can you make some animals?

When the flood ended God promised that the earth would not be flooded again, a rainbow is a sign of God's promise  
Can you make a rainbow?

A shepherd looks after their sheep, God looks after us like a shepherd looks after their sheep  
Can you make some sheep?

Jesus is God's son, he was born in a stable in Bethlehem  
Can you make a stable with some animals and a place for Jesus to sleep?

Angels told the shepherds where to find the baby Jesus  
Can you make an angel?

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus  
Can you make a star?

The wise men brought Jesus presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh  
Can you make three presents?

Jesus is the light of the world, that is why we light candles in church  
Can you make a candle?

Jesus was baptised by a man named John, who ate insects and honey  
Can you make some insects and honey?

When Jesus was baptised God's spirit came down as a dove  
Can you make a dove (a kind of bird)?

When we are baptised, we use water  
Can you make some things that use water?

Jesus fed a huge crowd with just a few loaves and fish  
Can you make some loaves and fish?

Jesus healed many people, making them well  
Can you make some bandages?

Jesus loves and welcomes everyone  
Can you make a heart?

Prayer is when we talk to God, we can thank God for good things  
Make something that you would like to say thank you for

We can talk to God about what we are worried about  
Make something that makes you feel safe when you are worried

We can talk to God about the people we love  
Make the people you love

We can talk to God about the big things that are happening in the world  
Make the world

We can talk to God about the big things that are happening in the world  
Make the world

Jesus loves us and the whole world so much that he died on a cross  
Can you make a cross?



But after three days his friends found his tomb empty, he was alive again, this is what we celebrate at Easter  
Can you make an empty tomb?

A few days later Jesus saw his friends fishing on a lake, he made them breakfast on the beach  
Can you make a boat for Jesus' friends?

After 40 days Jesus went up to heaven through the clouds  
Can you make Jesus in the clouds?

God then sent his Holy Spirit to Jesus' friends, it looked like flames of fire on their head  
Can you make one of Jesus' friends and the flames?

We remember this day as the birthday of the church  
Can you make a birthday cake?

