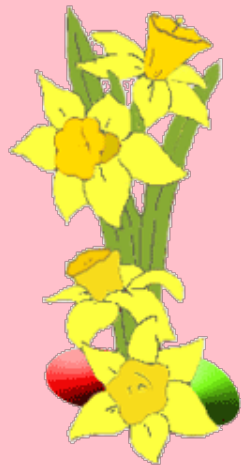


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I can recall the events surrounding Easter Week

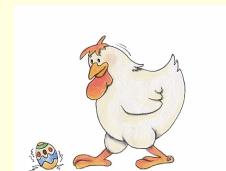


What do you know about Easter?
What do you know about the Easter Week?



The life of Jesus

He was a carpenter from Palestine. He belonged to the Jewish faith. Christians believe that he was the son of God. He had come to Earth to teach people how to live better lives. He knew that these beliefs would make some people angry and that one day these people would want him dead. He performed some amazing miracles. He gathered 12 followers (disciples) called the apostles.





Palm Sunday

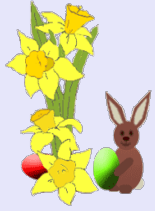


On the Sunday before Easter, crowds of people lined the streets of Jerusalem, waving palms and cheering - Jesus and his apostles were coming. People waved palms to show that someone really important was coming. Jesus rode in on a donkey. Even now palms are sometimes paraded through churches and some people wear small pieces of dried palm twisted and tied into the shape of a cross. Some churches keep them into Lent (to remember the time Jesus spent in the desert). On the first day of Lent (Ash Wednesday) the palms are burned. The ash is drawn in people's foreheads in the shape of a cross.

Maundy Thursday



Jesus and his apostles were celebrating the Jewish Festival of Passover. It was called the Last Supper. The bread symbolised his body and the wine symbolised his blood. People still consume these at services called Mass or Communion. He announced that he knew one of his disciples had betrayed him, but he said that he forgave them.



Good Friday

Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem. He prayed. Judas betrayed him and showed the Roman soldiers where he was. He was arrested, beaten and put to death on a cross. On this day, churches are stripped of all decoration. Some Christians sit quietly between midday and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, as it is believed that this was the time Jesus hung on the cross. Penitents carry wooden crosses through the street. Penitents are people who are sorry for their sins.



Easter Sunday

The churches are now bright with flowers and light.
Jesus had risen on this day. This is to celebrate the time
when one of Jesus' close friends went to visit his tomb
and realised that his body had gone.



