

Palm leaf



Holy week



Resurrection



Hot cross bun and Simnel cake



Easter and Surprises

Key vocabulary:

Easter – is the oldest and most important Christian festival.

Christian – people who follow the religion of Christianity.

Jesus – the son of God.

Disciples – the twelve followers of Jesus.

Resurrection- when Jesus came back to life.

Traditions

At church at Easter. Parts of the Bible are read and special hymns are sung. Hot cross buns are eaten. The cross reminds people that Jesus died on the cross. Many Christians send Easter cards. Simnel cake is eaten. It is a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls on the top. These represent all of the disciples. Eggs are painted and chocolate eggs are given. The eggs symbolise new life and are the same shape as the rock that was rolled in front of Jesus' tomb.

Key facts

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. Christians remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and people placed palm leaves in front of him.

On Maundy Thursday, the story of the Last Supper is remembered. At his last supper, Jesus told his disciples to love one another. Jesus knew that this would be his last supper.

During the Last Supper, Jesus shared some bread and wine with his disciples. Jesus said the bread was his body and the wine was his blood.