

Connect with the Community

- Join in with some of the things already started and going on in the local community. Pause and spend time listening to the community. Link with local events that would have been happening, address particular local concerns or worries.

- For example there has been an idea on social media to draw a rainbow and put it in the window - if this has happened in your community you can comment on that or suggest it as an activity and make a simple link with Noah, who saw a Rainbow at the end of the flood and since then it has been a symbol of God being with us and not abandoning us. See Thought of the Week 30/4/20

Create a Shared Experience

- Think who the children may be spending time with in their homes and who they may chat on-line with; give them ideas of things they could do with each of these groups. Keep it simple so that all can join in

For example maybe asking a grandparent to read them a bible story or something that they and a friend could make and show each other. Include a few 'I wonder' questions that children could answer and be encouraged to ask their carers.

Build Fellowship

- Helping people to know that they are together in their worship across households can reduce isolation and create a sense of fellowship.

- For Example provide a simple biscuit recipe so people across the community can 'eat together' or make a suggestion of a simple colourful activity that can be displayed in a window so others can see it; lighting a candle; sharing a prayer of the week by email/social media/a sheet in the church porch.

Keep it Simple

- There is plenty to organise and adjust to at the moment, so you don't need to create everything from scratch. If you have a normal model of worship, where possible, use this as a start so it is familiar, but simplify it where necessary.

- Many organisations are developing resources to use at home, ones we would particularly recommend are shared on the accompanying resource sheet and will be added to on the diocesan website. Do send us yours! by email to emma.waters@salisbury.anglican.org

- Use spiritual practices that don't require resources - for example Ignatian Spirituality where you invite people to place themselves in the story as one of the characters or perhaps as a bystander and imagine what you see, hear smell and feel.

Remembrance and All Souls with Families and Schools

When planning how to help schools and families to mark remembrance consider the principles laid out in the guidance to help create something meaningful and accessible.

Resources The following resources will need adapting to take into account Covid restrictions. Resource kits could be made available for families to collect or a box of resources could be provided to each class in a school.

Faith at Home resources for schools, churches and households to engage in worship www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home

Prayer spaces in schools creative ideas that family or classes could use – churches could provide the resources in individual activity packs for the class or for use at home www.prayerspacesinschools.com
Search for resources on their site linked to loss and remembrance

Barnabas resources that explore the symbol of the cross in different cultural settings around the world, including the remembrance cross <https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/remembrance-cross> You could encourage families to make and display a cross in their window.

BRF Outline for an all age service of remembrance <https://ideas.brf.org.uk/ribbons-remembrance> This helps to see how important it is to include children in remembrance.

Messy Church has some remembrance resources here <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-remembrance> but please take into account their Covid suggestions <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/covid-19>

Light Parties Scripture union provide resources to run light parties, keep an eye on their website to see if they make suggestions for this year www.scriptureunion.org.uk

