

Watch the Clouds! Looking up and above helps us to remember that the world is larger than our own cares or worries. The beauty, size and space of the sky helps us to remember we are part of something so much bigger than ourselves, part of God's intricate and glorious creation. Watching the clouds helps us to slow down, take a moment, relax. Maybe to find a new picture in the clouds, a new way to be part of God's creation. Maybe sit or lie back, watch the clouds, relax and enjoy.



A Prayer

Dear God, as I may find a sense of peace and awe watching the clouds above me, so fill me with a sense of peace and awe as I rest in your presence. Amen.



Other places to look: *the empty tomb near the Cross; *the compost bins; *the Cross, *bench in lower churchyard



The Cross reminds us that Christians believe that Jesus was killed, and the empty tomb reminds us that he overcame death to rise to new life. The Cross reminds us of God's great love for us. God sent Jesus, his only son, to show us how much God loves us by his life, his teaching and by helping people. Jesus taught us to love and care for our world. He said: "love your neighbour as yourself." He said that *everyone* is our neighbour. Especially now.

Maybe think about how we can show love and kindness to family, friends and neighbours - *smile, say hello, make a cake, pray for them, send a letter/card, a phone call*

What other ideas do you have?

A Prayer

Fill us with Love, O Loving God;
that we may Love as you Love!
That we may show patience,
kindness, care and love to all!
Bless us with your Love O God.
Bless us with your Love. Amen.



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The Empty Tomb is a place, of hope, joy and new life. The women disciples, friends of Jesus, find the stone rolled away, light in the darkness. Jesus' body is gone, and the risen Jesus appears to his friends, bringing them new hope. The plants in this garden spring into new life, themselves symbols of that Easter hope and joy. Much needed.

The painted stones represent hope, joy, and life - light in the darkness. Please leave them here for others to enjoy - but if you really need one, you're welcome!



Maybe look around/listen, here and in other places in our lives, for things that bring hope, light or joy. Give thanks. Maybe go and paint a rock and add it here!

A Prayer

The resurrection of Jesus has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as people with hope.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it. Amen.

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*bench outside church

The Compost Bins are a place where dead plants and vegetation are recycled. They break down and form compost which can be dug into the soil to make it more fertile and grow new plants. Nothing is wasted. Nothing is thrown away as rubbish! Brilliant!



The Bible tells us that God saw all that God had created - and it was GOOD. Often we spoil the beauty of our world - dropping litter, air and water pollution, climate change, using too many chemicals, too much plastic that won't compost can you think of other ways we spoil our world?

How can we help to make our world GOOD again? What actions might you take, big or small, to improve our environment for all life? What might you "reduce, recycle or re-use"? For example, get someone to look up "Lichfield Litter Legends" on facebook -it might be an action you would like to take.

A Prayer

Creator God, you surround us with good things, with the wonder and beauty of your creation, with kindness, patience, and creativity. Help me to contribute to these good things as I follow you. Amen.



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I Spy Spring! Sometimes things look sad, difficult, or dark - "always winter never Christmas", like Narnia! But in Narnia the spell was broken, and signs of spring emerge. The Christian faith recognizes the sad, difficult and dark times, and that God is with us in those times offering comfort and love. And, above all, hope for the future - the message of Easter!



Maybe spend 5 minutes searching for signs of spring - buds, new growth, flowers, birds building nests, butterflies Look high and low! What can you find? There is new life as spring takes over from the darkness of winter. Sometimes we have to search.

A Prayer

Dear God, help me to trust you through the sad or dark times, when I can't see my way. Help me to notice the signs of light and life on my journey. Amen.



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