



# Charing CE Primary School

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What another very strange week.

On Sunday in Charing we had snow flurries but the sun has continued to shine this week and for that we can be thankful.

We managed a very long two and a half hour walk last week! That definitely won't be a regular occurrence, even our dog Megan had had enough by the end!

I hope you are managing to settle into this strange new normality. Home learning presents us all with challenges whether it's accessing computers, tablets or laptops or trying to persuade reluctant children to continue some sort of regular learning. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher if something on the website isn't clear or you are having difficulty downloading or accessing some of the work which has been set. It's always possible that they can suggest an alternative. We are working hard to make sure there is enough, but not too much, to keep the children practising all they have learned and to help keep up those great learning habits. Our emails are on our class home study pages. From a personal point of view, I have so enjoyed hearing from some of the parents of Rabbits class.

Please also get in touch if there are any concerns with your sons' and daughters' well-being. We will endeavour to support, advise and guide in exactly the same way as we would were the school open as normal. A fundamental value of the school is that we look out for members of our school community and times such as these are proof of that.

As a staff team, we are keeping in touch with each other via phone calls and messages, keeping all our spirits up and looking out for and supporting each other. Mr Bird is keeping us all busy too, making sure we are ensuring support is provided behind the scenes for those who need it most and making sure our school is ready for when we return.

Do encourage your children to keep in touch with their friends through messaging or video calls. It is very strange for them not to see their friends regularly and this can be a vital way of keeping up some contact and sharing experiences.

On behalf of all the staff at home, we miss you all and look forward to the time when we are all back at school, safe and healthy.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Golden



A friend recently sent me this recently and it gave me hope. It's from a teacher in China.

We are just finishing our 7th week of E-Learning, seven weeks of being mainly housebound and seven weeks of uncertainty. We are healthy, we are happy, and we are humbled.

We are allowed to move around freely now with a green QR code that we show when we get our temperature taken. You get your temperature taken everywhere, and it's just become part of the routine. Most restaurants and shopping centres are now open, and life is coming back to our city.

As we watch the rest of the world begin their time inside; here are some of my reflections on the last seven weeks:

1. Accept that you have no control over the situation. Let go of any thoughts of trying to plan too much for the next month or two. Things change so fast. Don't be angry and annoyed at the system. Anxiety goes down, and you make the best of the situation - whatever that might be for you. Accept that this is what it is and things will get easier.
2. Try not to listen to/read/watch too much media. It WILL drive you crazy. There is a thing as too much!
3. The sense of community I have felt during this time is incredible. I could choose who I wanted to spend my energy on - who I wanted to call, message and connect with and found the quality of my relationships has improved.
4. Appreciate this enforced downtime. When do you ever have time like this? I will miss it when we go back to the fast-paced speed of the 'real world'.
5. Time goes fast. I still haven't picked up the ukulele I planned to learn, and there are box set TV shows I haven't watched yet.
6. As a teacher, the relationships I have built with my students have only continued to grow. I have loved seeing how independent they are; filming themselves to respond to tasks while also learning essential life skills such as balance, risk-taking and problem-solving, that even we as adults are still learning.
7. You learn to appreciate the little things; sunshine through the window, flowers blossoming and being able to enjoy a coffee in a cafe.

To those just beginning this journey, you will get through it. Listen to what you are told, follow the rules and look out for each other. There is light at the end of the tunnel.



## Prayer



God our strong deliverer: when those charged with the urgent mediation of your healing power feel overwhelmed by the numbers of the suffering, uphold them in their fatigue and banish their despair. Let them see with your eyes, so they may know all their patients as precious. Give comfort, and renew their energy and compassion, for the sake of Jesus in whom is our life and our hope. Amen.

We'd love to hear from you! Please send us photos of some of the things that you have been doing during lockdown. We'd like to share your photo's in our next newsletter after the Easter Break. Please send photos to [office@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@charing.kent.sch.uk)



Dear Charing School,

What strange times we live in!! I finish my curacy (vicar training) at Easter, after 3 years with Charing and our other churches and schools. But instead of saying goodbye to our churches and schools, I am stuck in my office at home. However, there will be time to say a proper farewell when life starts to return to normal.

In the meantime, as I think of the crazy situation we find ourselves in, I am reminded of Peter, one of Jesus disciples. Peter was always getting things a bit wrong to start with because he didn't understand all the changes in the world around him. As we remember Easter next week, we remember how Peter denied knowing Jesus 3 times because he was afraid of what might happen.

But the power of Jesus' Resurrection at Easter filled Peter with courage and the Holy Spirit. In spite of all the chaos around him, Peter found the strength not only to stand up as a follower of Jesus, but to lead others in hope and courage.

My prayer for us all at this Easter time is that we can have the strength and courage of Peter to shine as a light, and lead others in hope. Children, do enjoy the Easter Fun Worksheet at the end of this newsletter, and if you want to watch a short video poem of the Easter story check out : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NF7ERI2\\_3IQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NF7ERI2_3IQ)

May God bless you all this Easter

Rev Jack

The clergy from Canterbury Cathedral are recording prayers from the precincts of the Cathedral for anyone who is interested. This is the link for last night's prayers.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dqr\\_xFiUB3I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dqr_xFiUB3I)



## Answers to last week's trivia page

### Cryptic countries

- 1) Skinny area – **Finland**
- 2) Freezing area – **Iceland**
- 3) A bird found on the coast with an n in the middle – **Senegal**
- 4) Hurry the lady up – **Russia**

### General knowledge

- 1) Who was Henry VIII's 4<sup>th</sup> wife? – **Anne of Cleaves**
- 2) What is the capital of Qatar? – **Doha**
- 3) Who holds the record for the highest score in test cricket? – **Brian Lara**
- 4) What is the chemical symbol for gold? – **Au**



### Countdown

- 1) Letters. Try to make the longest word you can out these 9 letters  
B A E R T O I P L - **Please check your answers in the dictionary.**
- 2) Try to make 654 by using 1,2,4,5, 10 and 25. You can only use each number once!

$$10 \times 2 = 20$$

$$20 + 1 + 5 = 26$$

$$26 \times 25 = 650$$

$$650 + 4 = \underline{654}$$

- 3) Conundrum – Make the word out of these letters:  
G I N G R I P S N **SPRINGING**



Remember, we will update the website during term time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please also look out for emails and texts though parent mail and messages on Facebook. We will keep you up dated as regularly as we can.

Easter Fun

# Jesus is risen

John 20:19-31

*Word*

*Search*

*Puzzle*

Y J M N P S M B J D J Y D J S  
C X I T A T F M L H O Y W A X  
W X R K N Y G X P O F O M E D  
X M A D V Y G E A X C O R E H  
R X C C J V D R L X H K V S A  
T L L U V E D A E T N E E D M  
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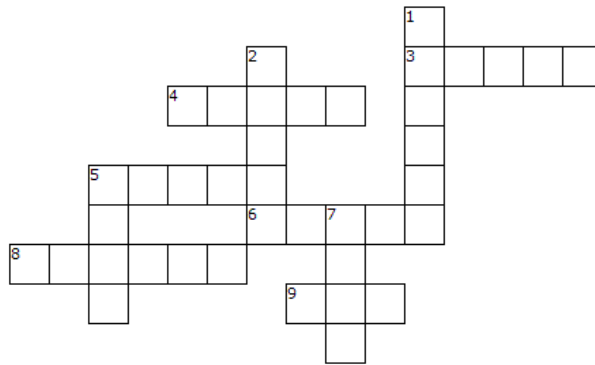
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MIRACLES  
DOORS  
TOUCHED

TOGETHER  
SIGNS  
LIFE  
THOMAS

DOUBTING  
SHOWED  
HANDS  
SIDE

RECORDED  
BELIEVED  
DISCIPLES  
LOCKED

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

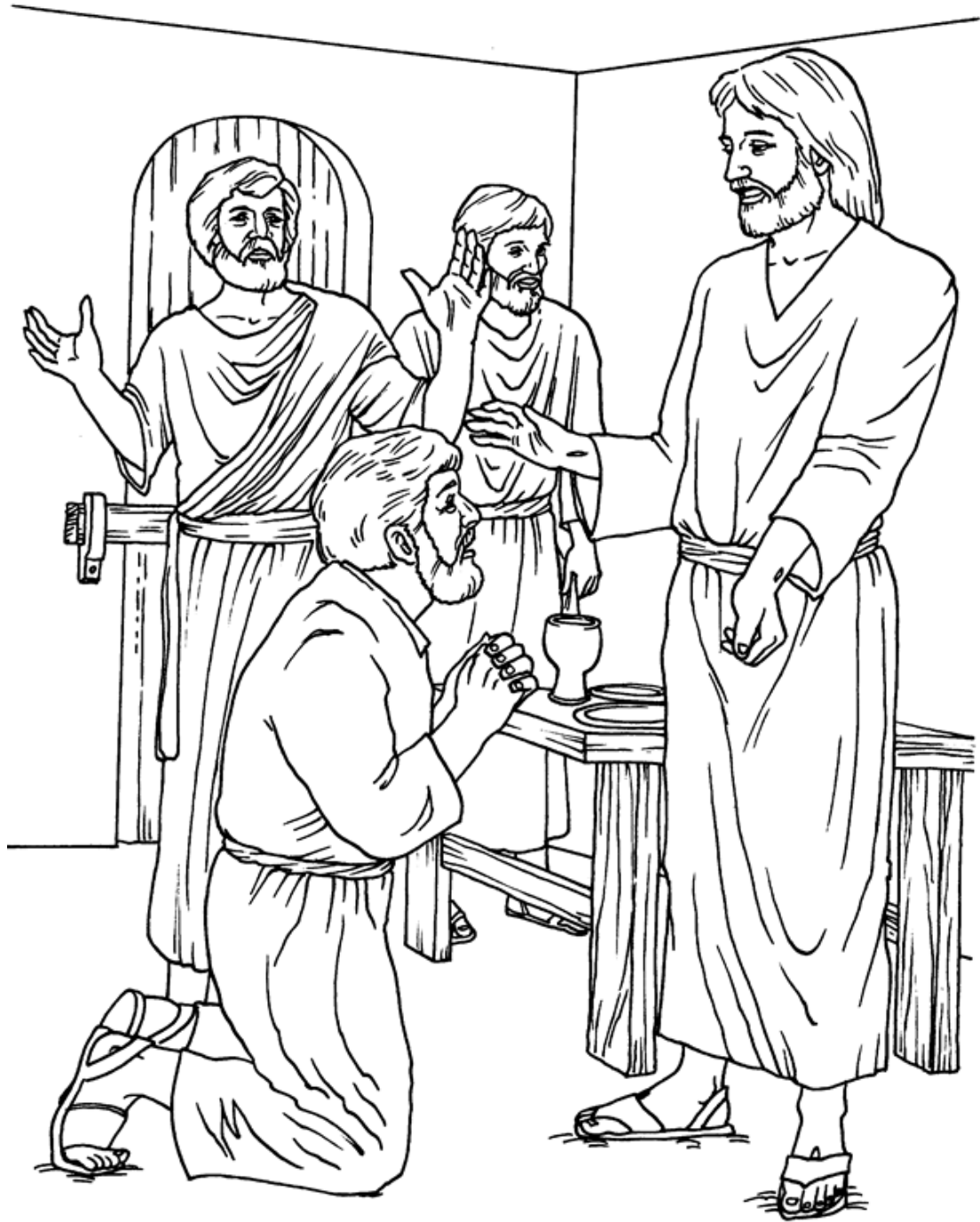
## DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT



# Colouring Page



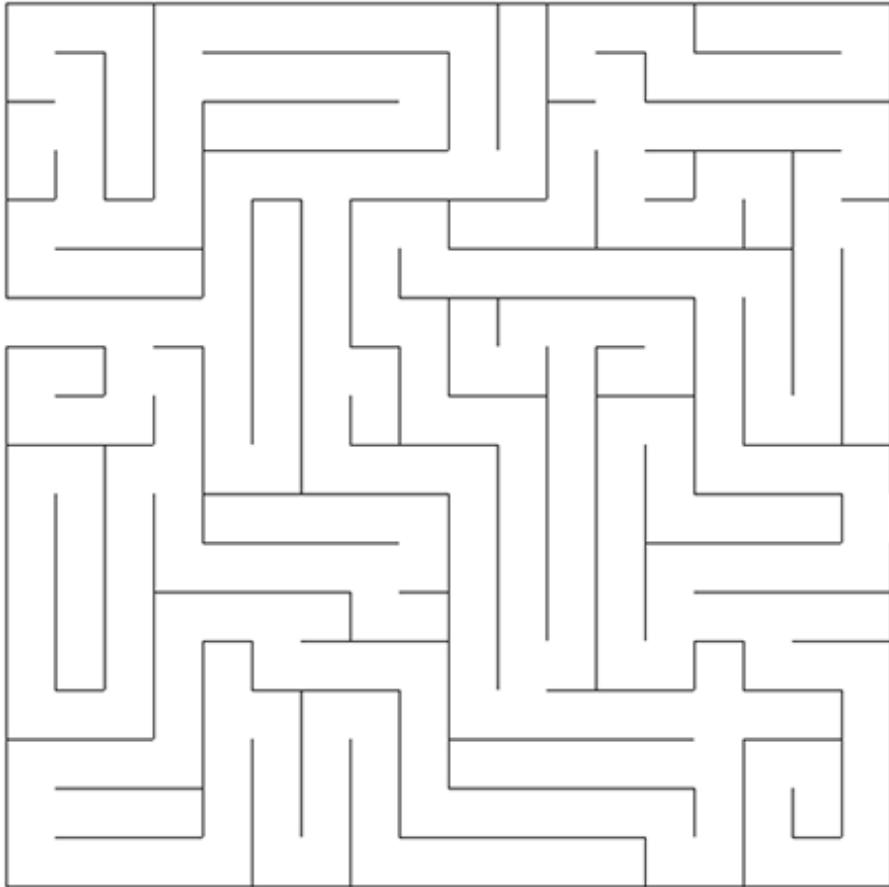
Jesus Appears!

# *Maze*

# *Puzzle*



**From  
Doubting**



**To  
Believing**