

Lent ideas and Resources 2026

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[Lent and Easter - Diocese of Guildford \(cofeguildford.org.uk\)](http://cofeguildford.org.uk)

Muddy Church Marking Lent outside

40 Moments is taking some time through Lent to enjoy the things around us, connect with nature and God.

40 finds would be fun to do with EYFS

40 steps might be great for staff

40 Bags might work as a class or whole school project. Designed to help people to think about lifestyle and choices and how it affects the world. [Download for free from here](#)

Experience Lent

Designed to be hosted by a church for a local school.

[Experience Lent – Jumping Fish Publications](#)

Draw Near This year's Church of England material. They have linked it with 40Acts (see below) As well as an act of generosity, each day also offers a simple Bible verse, reflection and prayer ideal for families, children, school and church groups to do together.

[Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent | The Church of England](#)

40 Acts of Kindness 2026

40 Acts have refreshed their materials for schools this year. There are assemblies written for key stages 1 to 4 for each week which include both a Bible story and an age-appropriate book that explore that week's theme. Downloadable wall charts that suggest an act of kindness for each day, or pupils may wish to create their own 40 acts of kindness. Everything is here [40acts Resources](#)

'An Easter journey around the world' This joyful celebration of Lent and Easter traditions around the world helps churches and schools explore the Easter story in Matthew's Gospel and opens opportunities to celebrate diversity in their own communities

Free (registration required). [Easter journey around the world](#)

'The Most Eggs-traordinary Week in History' uses eggs in various forms as visual aids to help primary-aged children consider the Christian experience of fasting through Lent in preparation for Easter, linking Shrove Tuesday and pancakes to the Easter story and the feasting that celebrates the risen Christ.

[Eggs-traordinary week](#)

Wild Lent by Rachel Summers £9.12

[Wild Lent by Rachel Summers | Fast Delivery at Eden | 9781848679351](#) or buy second hand online.

Discovering God Through Creation

Wild Lent will change how we all experience and think about Lent. It's time to get up close and personal with creation and share God's creation with others.

Lent Appeals and Fund Raising

Traditionally people give to a charity or good cause during Lent. You may wish to do this as a school; this is a decision to be made by school leaders.

You could support a local project that is linked to your school or church community.

If you wish to support a global project, there are some suggestions below.

Gifts for Life

[View All | Gifts for Life – The Leprosy Mission Shop](#)

A range of items that will make a difference to the life of individuals or communities. These range from 2 chickens for £10, a tonne of bricks for £36 to a water well for £410

Toilet Twinning

[Twin a Toilet Today - Toilet Twinning](#)

Vet popular with the children! Twin your school toilets with a latrine in an area of need. £60 per toilet.

Water Aid

[Lent Appeal | Fundraising | WaterAid](#)

Raise money for clean water using the charity Water Aid, they have useful resources for schools.

Collective Worship Ideas

Video Ash Wednesday and Lent in 3 minutes

A new Lent video by Busted Halo. This is a catholic website, so the final part refers to attending mass and the statins of the cross. You have to read from the screen which may be a challenge for the youngest children.

[WATCH: Lent in Three Minutes - Busted Halo](#)

Weaving a Journey Through Lent – by Rachel Nichols

This a hard copy book available second hand online

This book includes 28 assemblies for each school day in Lent. They cover a range of gospel events including the story of the resurrection, which approaches the death of Jesus in a sensitive and appropriate way for primary-aged children.

The best bit is that you weave a different colour wool around a cross to fit each assembly. This creates a great centrepiece.

Ash Wednesday

Many schools like to mark the start of Lent with a special collective worship or church service on Ash Wednesday. Each year a few schools get in touch to ask our advice about children being marked with an ash cross on their forehead as part of this service. In an adult service this would always be optional.

Our view is that schools should have parental permission for this to be done, the children opting in without their parents' agreement is not sufficient permission.

Ash Wednesday Service - for ash crosses

At Send Primary School last year they had an Ash Wednesday service in which they laid a long white sheet down the aisle of the church. The members of the worship team held

bowls of ashes and if the pupils wished to do so they dipped their fingers in to the ash and made a cross on the white sheet.

Then at the Easter service they put a flower on each cross to celebrate the resurrection. The script for these services is on our website [Lent and Easter - Diocese of Guildford \(cofeguildford.org.uk\)](http://cofeguildford.org.uk)

BRF Resource Hub.

This website contains many of the ideas for lessons and collective worship that were developed by Barnabas in Schools. Use the search facility to find materials for lent, Easter and about crosses around the world.

<https://www.brf.org.uk/resources/>

These are the SPCK Assemblies with a lent focus

Lent Jesus in the Wilderness Primary Assembly includes a set of PowerPoint slides
[SPCK Assemblies - Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness](#)

What is Lent? Primary Assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - What Is Lent?](#)

Lent: a Time to Persevere Primary Assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - Lent: a Time to Persevere](#)

Pause for Thought Time to get Ready Primary Assembly includes PowerPoint slides
[SPCK Assemblies - Time to Get Ready](#)

Ash Wednesday Key Stage 2 assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - Ash Wednesday](#)

Giving it Up Secondary assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - Giving It Up](#)

Fasting What's it all about? Secondary Assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - Fasting: What's It All About?](#)

Lent and Temptation Secondary assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - Lent and Temptation](#)

Desert Experiences Secondary assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - Desert Experiences](#)

An Easter New Year's Resolution Secondary Assembly
[SPCK Assemblies - An Easter New Year's Resolution?](#)