## A Family Lent Calendar

## The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, which this year is 26th February. Our calendar gives suggestions for special ways to mark every day through Lent in preparation for Easter.

## *This calendar is based on the 2019 family Lent calendar by Jane Tibbs*

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  |  | February 26 Make a Lent tree. Place a large branch in a vase and hang an egg shaped decoration on it each day until Easter | 27 Give a compliment to each member of your family today | 28 Try to drink just water today and pray for everyone who lives where there is only dirty water to drink | 29 Make a list of five things you are grateful for |
| March 01 Look for signs of new growth in your garden or on a walk and thank God that he brings new life | 02 Choose an MU project to pray for and help in some practical way through Lent | 03 Give up social media for the day | 04 If you hear a siren today pray for the person or people who are needing help | 05 Do a helpful task without being asked- such as tidying up or clearing the table | 06 See if you can go through the day without eating anything sweet | 07Get in touch with someone you’ve not seen for a while |
| 08Bake some tasty treats and share them with family, friends or neighbours | 09 Sort out some unwanted clothes or toys ready to take to a charity shop | 10Check the news today and pray about something that concerns you | 11 Give up television or computer games for the day | 12 Make a special effort not to argue or say unkind things to anyone today | 13 Choose something to watch together as a family and enjoy each other’s company | 14 Scour your home for loose change to donate to your MU project |
| 15 Cook extra for Sunday  lunch so you can invite someone on their own to join you | 16 Go without eating snacks or dessert today | 17 Say thank you to someone who has helped you today – like a teacher or shop assistant | 18 Find a time to go for 30 minutes without speaking then pray for lonely people with no-one to talk to | 19 Try and think of new ways to re-use any plastic containers you have | 20 As a family talk about the story of Jesus in the wilderness. What would you have found most hard to cope with? | 21 In a group pick up litter in your street or local area |



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| Mothering Sunday 22 Think of ways to make mums and those who care for you feel extra special today | 23 Say a special grace before your meal thanking God for farmers and all who work to provide us with food | 24 Collect some food items and donate them to a foodbank | 25 Count the number of radiators and heaters in your home then pray for people who are homeless and in the cold | 26 Plant some Spring bulbs in a pot and give to someone you think needs a treat | 27 Try hard to remember to turn off lights and electrical equipment when you are not using them | 28 MU members pause at midday to pray. Can you stop at 12 o’clock and say a quick prayer to God? |
| 29 Find out if there is some way you can help at church today – like giving out hymnbooks or notice sheets | 30 Try and make a journey on foot today, instead of using the car | 31 If you have family or friends in other countries try and find out if they have special Easter traditions | April 01Share favourite jokes with family and friends. Thank God for fun and laughter! | 02 At bedtime pray for people who have to work at night | 03 Cook a meal using what you have in your cupboards and freezer. Give any money you’ve saved on the meal to your MU project | 04 Make some Easter cards to send or give out. |
| Palm Sunday 05 Make palm branches with paper to wave at church or home when singing a hymn or worship song | 06 Think of anything that has made you happy today and say thank you to God | 07Look at the MU website together and pray for something featured on it | 08 Whenever you pass a chemist or surgery today say a quick prayer for people who are ill | Maundy Thursday09 Over a meal with family and friends chat about how it would have been like to be at the Last Supper with Jesus | Good Friday 10 Eat hot cross buns or decorate cakes with a cross as a sign of how Jesus died for us all | Holy Saturday11 Make an Easter garden to symbolise and celebrate Jesus’ resurrection |