



Wadestown Wilton Young Person's Easter Garden Exhibition 2009 Entry Form.

Welcome to the Wadestown Wilton Easter Garden Exhibition.

You are invited to submit an entry into the Easter Garden Exhibition.

You are to use a pot plant tray or plate between 25 & 30 cms in diameter

and depict your interpretation of the Easter Story or part of it. The story is attached to this entry.

Entries are invited to be submitted in these categories – preschool, 5 – 8years, 9 – 11 years and 12 years and over.

There will be commendations for good use of materials, depiction of the story, composition and creativity.

Although Easter Gardens traditionally use elements from the garden you can use what ever medium you like.

You are invited to bring your exhibit to the St Luke's Centre (on the corner of Wadestown Rd and Pitt St)

Between 3: 15 – 4. 30pm on Wednesday 8th April 2009 or between 12 noon & 5pm on Thursday 9th April 2009.

**The exhibition is open on
Thursday 9th April from 3.30pm – 5pm.**

Friday 10 April 9am – 4pm

(There is a quiet church service at St Luke's 2.30 - 3pm please be considerate of that.)

and Saturday 11 April 9am – 4pm.

The Exhibition will be judged between 5 pm on Thursday and 12 noon on Saturday.

Prizes will be awarded at 3pm on Saturday.

Exhibitions can be picked up from 3.30pm Saturday 11 April, Sunday 12 April after the 10 am Easter Service (approx 11.30) & 1pm, and Tuesday 14 April from 10 – 11 pm. Please let us know if you are unable to pick your exhibit up in the allotted times & we may be able to arrange to hold it for you or dispose of it.

For more information check the St Luke's website or contact Tric Malcolm ph 473 6472 vicar@slw.org.nz

Holy Week & Easter Weekend Services at St Luke's & Wadestown Presbyterian Church.

The St Luke's church and chapel are open for the whole week leading up to Easter
Monday 6th April, Tuesday 7th April & Wednesday 8th April 7am Service (20 minutes long)

Maundy Thursday 9th April 7.30pm – last supper & prayer vigil

Good Friday 10 am All Age combined service at Wadestown Presbyterian Church

Stations of the Cross – available during the day in the church finishing at
2.30pm with a Reflective Service.

Easter Day

St Luke's - 8am Reflective Easter Eucharist (includes Holy Communion).

10am All Age Easter Eucharist (includes Holy Communion).

Wadestown Presbyterian Church - 10am Easter Service.

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(Please bring this with your exhibit to St Luke's church on Wed 8th or Thurs 9th April)

Entrant number:

Name of entrant:

Phone number:

Age of entrant:

Title of your exhibition.

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The saddest and the happiest day ever.

The story of Easter.

Along time ago there was *a man* who lived in Israel. Some said that he had been sent by God to change the world. Some said that he was God, come into the world, to change the world. Some said he was just a man. He hung around with a group of friends and spoke out against the local authorities and the Governor. His name was Jesus.

Jesus had been travelling with his friends talking to people, healing people and encouraging people for about three years. This story takes place after he & his friends had journeyed to Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel, to share the Passover meal with his friends.

When Jesus had eaten a meal with his friends he went off into the garden at Gethsemene to pray. Gethsemene was an Olive garden, where the olives were harvested and pressed.

Jesus prayed there with a few of his friends. He pleaded with God not to have to face the hard time which was ahead of him.. He prayed long into the night. He knew what he had to do.

As Jesus and his friends got up to leave the garden one of Jesus' friends Judas entered the garden with some soldiers. They had come on the orders of the Jewish chief priests. Judas walked up to Jesus & kissed Jesus – so that they would know Jesus was the one they wanted. The soldiers grabbed Jesus. Jesus' friends were frightened and scattered into the night, except Peter who tried to defend Jesus.

The soldiers took Jesus away. They mocked him, teased him, took his clothes, whipped him & spat on him. They put a crown of thorns on his head – hurting him, and they laughed at him some more. The chief priests questioned Jesus and then turned him over to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. Pontius Pilate could not find anything wrong with what Jesus had done but asked the Jewish crowd if they would like him to release Jesus or Barabas a thief & a murderer. The crowd called for Jesus to be crucified – to be hung on a cross to die.

Jesus walked with his cross through the city of Jerusalem. They stopped beyond the city wall at a place called Golgotha, the place of the skull. There they nailed him to a cross and he was left to die with a criminal on either side of him. Jesus' friends stayed with him.

At noon the sky turned black. At 3pm Jesus cried out to God and died. The curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom.

Jesus' friends asked for his body to be returned to them. One of them had a brand new grave in a garden, a tomb dug out of rock like a cave. They took Jesus' body and placed it in the tomb & rolled a big stone over the entrance. This was the saddest day.

The next day was the Sabbath, the day of rest, and they could not return to the garden. They were very sad.

Early in the morning on the third day some women friends of Jesus returned to the tomb at dawn. When they arrived they found the stone had been rolled away. The tomb was open. They went in and found the tomb empty – there was no body. At first they thought that someone had stolen it. But the burial cloths were there. One where his body had been and one folded where his head had been.

One of the women, Mary, went into the garden crying. She saw a man & thought he was the gardener. She said to him "Where have you put him!!" And the man said her name "Mary!" That instant she knew it was Jesus.

He told her to go and find the others to tell them that God had done something amazing. God had changed the world forever. To tell them that Jesus had been dead but now was alive. This was the happiest day!

Bible references: Matt 26: 36 – 56, 27: 11 – 28: 10, Mark 14: 29 – 16: 8, Luke 22: 39 – 24: 12, John 18: 1 – 20: 18

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