Caroline Haslett Primary School – RE		
Topic: Unit 4 - Easter; Baptism; Church	Year 2	Is Easter important for the Church?

## Knowledge

The events of Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Foot washing and Passover Meal on the Thursday, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

The cross is significant for Christians because of the crucifixion

A traditional greeting for Easter Sunday is "Alleluia! Christ is risen" "He is risen indeed, Alleluia" is the response from the congregation.

## **Activities**

- Find the things that the different churches have in common. Focus on the crosses – what is the significance of the cross? Why is it something all churches have in common?
- Find out how Lent and Easter are celebrated in the church – focus on how the stories behind the two festivals impact on the life of the church at other times of the year too.
- Baptisms used to happen always on Easter Sunday, confirmation as part of the Easter celebrations. Find out why Christians get baptised at Easter.
- Design an Easter egg that communicates the meaning of Easter.
- Play Kim's game with items connected with Easter in the church – see what you can remember.

## Vocabulary

- **Congregation** group assembled for religious worship
- Crucifixion the killing of Jesus Christ on the cross
- **Easter** the most important festival of the Christian Church
- Holy Week the week before Easter
- Palm Sunday the Sunday before Easter celebrating Christ's entry into Jerusalem
- Resurrection Jesus rising from the dead



## Skills

- Retell the story of Easter sequencing the main events in the right order
- Match some items in church with the Easter story
- Suggest a meaning the Easter story may have for a Christian
- Ask questions about the importance of Easter for a Christian
- Suggest which aspects of the Easter story are most important for the church and Christians