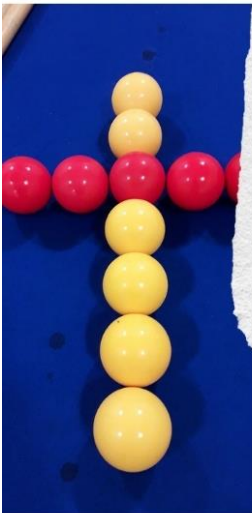




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Introduction

The Lent Cross Challenge provides a simple daily focus in the 40 days leading up to Easter, aiming to keep the cross at the heart of Lent. It is aimed at children and young people in churches and schools as well as encouraging families and individuals of any age to take part at home.

The challenge is to spot, find, discover, make, bake or create a cross shape each day during Lent. These can be photographed and made into a display in your church or school, a scrapbook at home or shared online.

This guide suggests where you might find or how to make the cross for each day as well as offering a short Bible reading that points towards the cross. As we journey through Lent, we hope the Lent Cross Challenge will help you to focus on Jesus and the journey to the cross.

For further help and support, contact the Go Team. We would love to hear from you if you are taking part in the challenge, see some of your pictures and add them to a collage we plan to create on a large wooden cross. You can email us at goteam@bathwells.anglican.org or tag us on Instagram and X @goteamadvisers using the hashtag **#lentcrosschallenge**

For more Lent and Easter related ideas and resources visit <https://linktr.ee/LentEasterIdeas>

Daily Lent Cross Challenge

You can see it, stick it, bend it, make it, shape it, bake it, draw it, be creative and use your imagination. Then take a photo to share with your church group, class at school or family at home. The picture below is a guide.

Wednesday March 5 (Ash Wednesday)



Hebrews 12:2 - Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A door or doors**

Thursday March 6



1 Corinthians 1:18 - For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Plastic**

Friday March 7



Colossians 1:22 - But now, by means of the physical death of his Son, God has made you his friends, in order to bring you, holy, pure, and faultless, into his presence.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A book or books**

Saturday March 8



Luke 9:23-24 - Jesus said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A wall**

Sunday March 9 - Rest Day

Monday March 10



Philippians 2:8 - And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A picture or painting**

Tuesday March 11



Acts 2:23 - "[Jesus] was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A screen**

Wednesday March 12



John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Metal**

Thursday March 13



Luke 14:27 - And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A floor**

Friday March 14



Colossians 1:19-20 - For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace with his blood, shed on the cross.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Wood**

Saturday March 15



Isaiah 53:5 - But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Food or sweets**

Sunday March 16 - Rest Day

Monday March 17



Galatians 6:14 - May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Tiles**

Tuesday March 18



Philippians 2:7-8 - but [Jesus] made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A building**

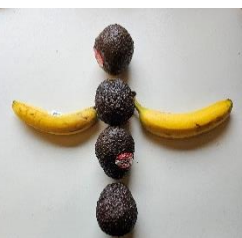
Wednesday March 19



Acts 5:30 - The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A fence**

Thursday March 20



1 Peter 2:24 - "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Fruit or veg**

Friday March 21



Acts 10:39 - And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Lights or lighting**

Saturday March 22



Matthew 16:24 - Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Items of clothing**

Sunday March 23 - Rest Day

Monday March 24



Matthew 27:42 - "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A game or pack of cards**

Tuesday March 25



1 Corinthians 1:17 - For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Shoes or footwear**

Wednesday March 26



Mark 8:34 - Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A car or vehicle**

Thursday March 27



Galatians 6:12 - Those who want to impress others by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A window or windows**

Friday March 28



Colossians 2:15 - And having disarmed the powers and authorities, [Jesus] made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Rocks or stones**

Saturday March 29



Ephesians 2:16 - And in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A box or boxes**

Sunday March 30 - Rest Day

Monday March 31



Matthew 10:38-39 - And anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever find or creates his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find or create it.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **An electrical appliance**

Tuesday April 1



Mark 8:31 - Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law. He will be put to death, but three days later he will rise to life."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A mirror**

Wednesday April 2



Colossians 2:14 - Having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Pavement or paving slabs**

Thursday April 3



Luke 9:23 - Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Paper or card**

Friday April 4



Acts 5:30 - The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead — whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Furniture**

Saturday April 5



Galatians 3:13 - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Somewhere outside**

Sunday April 6 - Rest Day

Monday April 7



Matthew 27:22 - "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A bathroom or shower**

Tuesday April 8



John 19:19 - Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King"

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Musical instruments**

Wednesday April 9



Mark 15:21 - A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A bedroom**

Thursday April 10



Matthew 27:35 - And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Money**

Friday April 11



John 19:25 - Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A toy or toys**

Saturday April 12



Matthew 27:40 - And saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A school**

Sunday April 13 - Rest Day (Palm Sunday)

Monday April 14



Luke 23:34 - And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **People or a person**

Tuesday April 15



Matthew 27:46 - And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A kitchen**

Wednesday April 16



John 19:30 - When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A sign or road sign**

Thursday April 17 (Maundy Thursday)



John 19:38 - After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A parcel or package**

Friday April 18 (Good Friday)



Revelation 1:17-18 - When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the first and the last. I am the living one! I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I have authority over death and the world of the dead.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **Twigs or branches**

Saturday April 19



John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Today's challenge is to find or create a cross or cross shape on, in or using: **A church or churchyard**

Sunday April 20 (Easter Day)



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