

Tony Thinking Aloud L

We come to Palm Sunday. The day to remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, a sign of peace. The palms were cut down by the crowds who waved them joyfully. Rather like the waving of small flags when the Queen drives by.

We are accustomed to Palm Crosses being distributed at church. Sometimes they are made in the parish, Barton a good example. During the war it was not possible to obtain the palms. I remember pussy willow being used, sometimes branches, sometimes made into little hand crosses. Pussy willow has always featured in the observance of Holy Week and Easter in northern countries, being a great distance from where palms grow.

We frequently keep special objects as forms of commemoration or remembrance. I have palm crosses from years back. It is important to replace tokens such as palm crosses when they are not available – along came the pussy willow!

In a corner of my dining room you will see a small vase which was on our wedding cake! I expect you have pictures, objects, mementoes to remember special occasions.

Perhaps this is time to reflect on the pandemic. Things we might continue to do, a reflection, a memory of what has happened. How shall we thoughtfully remember? As palm crosses are so much in a position of remembrance at this time of the year, it would be good to find something that similarly keeps the pandemic in mind for each of us. All who so positively help each other, all who now mourn, and those at rest?

Next Sunday, Easter Day is one of positive hope. Perhaps the Easter Egg can be a symbol too. We will think about that together.

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