



# Learning at Churches Conservation Trust

## Easter Learning Resources

The Easter Hare or Rabbit is the theme of this Easter resource pack. Wildlife is a very common sight at CCT churches, including hares and rabbits. They can be found outside in churchyards, and also inside these historic buildings, within beautiful carvings, stained glass, wall paintings and textiles.

The pack is a 'Pick and Mix', allowing you to choose content based on the time available and the needs of your class. Below is some information on each part of the resource. We hope you enjoy learning with CCT.

To request the full resource pack, as a file transfer, contact [learning@thecct.org.uk](mailto:learning@thecct.org.uk)

### 1. CCT Easter: Introduction – The Easter Hare or Rabbit?

This PowerPoint presentation introduces the topic of hares and rabbits, their links to Easter, and other Easter traditions.

There are eye-catching photographs, showing images and examples of these mammals in our churches, with notes for teachers on every slide.

The slides have a sound clips, read by one of our Heritage Learning Officers. In the top right hand corner of each slide you will see a speaker icon, if you wish to play the sound clip, clicking on this icon should start playback.

#### Ideas for using the presentation – before viewing

- Have you ever seen a hare or rabbit?
- Where were you? In the countryside or in a town?
- Do you know any stories which feature rabbits or hares?

#### Ideas for using the presentation- after viewing

- What is a mammal?
- Can you think of any similarities and differences between a rabbit and a hare?
- What else can you find out about Easter traditions around the world?

### 2. CCT Easter: Hare and Rabbit Factsheet

Hares and rabbits are often mistaken as being the same animal. This factsheet compares the appearances, behaviours and habits of these two mammals in a simple format, for students to use in the classroom or at home.

The factsheet is designed for teachers to utilise for their own teaching and outcomes, e.g.: A scientific investigation, fact file, creating a story, reading or an art activity.

There is lots factual information but also other information for further learning, collective nouns, famous examples in literature and also where you can see these mammals inside a CCT church.

### 3. CCT Easter: Scientific Investigations and Further Ideas

These are suggested ideas for hare and rabbit themed scientific investigation, with challenges that are inspired by the behaviours of these mammals.

The challenges are varied for different circumstances and can be undertaken in and out of the classroom.

The questions are designed to prompt scientific thinking.

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### 4. CCT Easter: The Hare and the Tortoise

Listen to this traditional story, by Aesop, read to you by our Heritage Learning Officers. This tale, with a moral message of perseverance and determination, has been enjoyed for over 2000 years.

What do your students think is the message of the story? Could they write their own animal story with a lesson or message in it?

### 5. CCT Easter: Easter Puzzles

A seasonal printable word-search and word-scramble.

### 6. CCT Feedback Form

Your feedback is important to us and it will help us in the development of other Learning resources.

Please take the time to complete and then email it back to us, thank you!

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This resource was created by CCT's Heritage Learning Team. To book a workshop, or if you have any feedback, questions or notice any problems with the resource, please get in touch via email [learning@theccct.org.uk](mailto:learning@theccct.org.uk)

Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) is the national charity caring for historic churches and their heritage. With over 350 beautiful church buildings in its care, CCT's collection includes irreplaceable examples of art, architecture and archaeology from over 1,000 years of history.

Our churches are unique spaces that inspire creativity and learning at every age and stage of life. For centuries, these special buildings have witnessed personal moments and the collective histories of the local community they sit in. Today, we work with diverse communities across England to encourage the use, enjoyment and appreciation of these important places; a fundamental part of our shared heritage.

CCT's Learning and Participation Team offers a range of inclusive activities for schools, families and adults taking place in local churches, within communities and online. We welcome people of all faiths and none to engage with the stories and investigate the questions contained in these historic places. Our churches are free to access and open to all.

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