

Seed ideas

It is possible that we shall not be able to handout items to worshippers as they arrive for the service on 4 March. These seed ideas are for different ways of preparing seeds to be put out on the seats of a church. Hopefully most of these ideas are relatively inexpensive to produce, and can be prepared by the committee during the course of a meeting.

1. Use a **big seed** like a sunflower



or a runner bean



This is an inexpensive method and it can be a productive idea as March is a good time to plant seeds.

2. **Seeds in bags or envelope:** Use small wedding favour bags and a small tie-on label with the name of the seeds on one side and the text on the other. (The bags do not have to match so they can be from a number of friends who have some leftover bags).

Or use a very small envelope which can be decorated with possibly a picture of the seeds e.g. Sunflower and the text.

Instructions for making craft folded envelope type containers can be found on the internet.

3. Used **grow mats** seeds; they are made of bonded paper fibres and are easy to cut. Most Garden centres will stock mats made by the major seed companies. The picture shows Bee Mat made by Bee Gifts. They can be cut into strips that can look like bookmarks or as a square just to lay on the chair or mounted on to a picture of flowers with a short message as a reminder of the service.



4. Make **tissue paper twists** containing seeds with the name of the seeds written on the paper.

5. **Seed bombs:** - these can be made as a committee group activity. See note* below



6. **Small mustard and cress grow packs** suitable for places where there are no gardens.

Use a milk bottle top, a little cotton wool, and some florist's cellophane and a little bit of ribbon and some mustard and cress seeds. Put a small amount of cottonwool in the top, sprinkle in some mustard and cress seeds. Cut the cellophane into a circle approx. 10 inches diameter/25cm (dinner plate size) and tie with either ribbon or string. Add a label with growing advice, on one side and the text or suitable words on the other side.

7. Make a World Day of Prayer Presentation seed packet using an A5 handbill. See note** below.

* What you need to Make Seed Bombs

- Household Flour
- Compost
- Wildflower seeds or mixed flowers for the garden
- Water

How to Make Seed Bombs

Use the ratio of one cup of flour to 3 cups of compost and combine it well before adding the seed. Once the seeds have been added handle it gently so not to damage any of it! Add just enough water so that the mixture holds together.

Roll small portions of the mixture in floured hands to form a ball about the size of a walnut. Leave to dry out for 24 hours or more before wrapping up. It is helpful to put the advice for planting on a tie-on label



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A SUGGESTION FOR MAKING
A PRESENTATION SEED PACK
FROM AN A5 HANDBILL

A5 size handbills are available from the WDP office.

The choice of seeds is up to you, but when you do the printing please make sure that they are correctly identified on the upper part of the label. We have only used Sunflower Seeds as an example of what you can do.

