



## MANCHESTER CARES

### **#AloneTogether March 2021**

Happy March Everyone! Let's hope we'll be saying goodbye to frosty weather and hello to more sunshine! We have a good mix of quizzes and games in this month's #AloneTogether pack to keep you entertained through this month! We hope you take joy from the fact that lots of neighbours across Manchester will be completing these activities at home, at the same time as you.

**March** celebrates Craft Month! Created back in 1994 by the Craft and Hobby Association, Craft Month is intended to help everyone rediscover the joy of crafting, its a month that's all about learning new crafts, finding a new favorite handy hobby or perhaps revisiting a hobby you used to love back in the day.

**Task:** Can you create a picture that's inspired by spring? The picture could be drawn or it could be a collage. It could focus on the brightening of the days, the blooming of flowers or even the feeling of hope on the horizon. If you create something- feel free to share it with us, or call us and tell us about it.

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on **17 March**, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

**Task:** See how many words you can find in our St Patrick's Day word search.

# St. Patrick's Day Word Search

**Instructions:** Try to find all of the hidden St. Patrick's Day words in the word search puzzle below.

(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



## Word List

CELTIC	LIMERICK	SEVENTEENTH
DANCING	LUCKY	SHAMROCKS
FOOD	MARCH	SPRING
GOLD	PARTY	STONE
IRELAND	POEMS	WISH

In 2021, the **spring equinox** occurs on **Saturday, March 20**. This event marks the astronomical **first day of spring** in the Northern Hemisphere. The word *equinox* comes from the Latin words for “equal night”—*aequus* (equal) and *nox*

(night). On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world. With the equinox, enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.

**Task:** Try your hand at the March quiz.

All the answers start with the letters MAR...

### Questions

1. Small ball of baked glass used in a children's game.
2. Shrove Tuesday; the last day before lent.
3. Indian hemp.
4. A harbour for sailing boats and yachts.
5. Spaghetti sauce made of seafood.
6. Puppet moved by strings.
7. Long distance foot race.
8. A golden flower.
9. Cooking herb with fragrant leaves.
10. Australian animal that carries its baby in a pouch.
11. Type of jam.
12. High-ranking officer.
13. Party tent.
14. Stranded on an island.
15. Wonderful.
16. Sweet made of sugar and gelatine.
17. Substance found inside bones.
18. Open space where people meet to sell and buy items.
19. Paste made with ground almonds.
20. Butter made from vegetable oils
21. Bushy-tailed rodent.
22. Planet closest to Earth.

**Holi Festival** is a **Hindu** Festival celebrated on the **28th and 29th of March**.

The festival celebrates spring, love, and new life and the triumph of good over evil. Some families hold religious ceremonies, but for many Holi is more a time for fun. It's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and celebrating. It's also

known as the "festival of colours," as on the second day of the festival people young and old, gather in the streets to cover each other in colour.

**Task:** Can you bring some more colour into your life, do you have a bright shirt or blouse you can wear? Or do you have any bright pictures or tablecloths you could bring out to brighten up your home for the celebration.

Finally here is a poem written by American poet **Emily Dickinson** in 1864:

**‘A Light Exists in Spring’.**

A Light exists in Spring  
Not present on the Year  
At any other period –  
When March is scarcely here

A Color stands abroad  
On Solitary Fields  
That Science cannot  
overtake  
But Human Nature feels



**Task:** Can you write a Spring Poem? You could try starting like Emily with ‘A light exists in Spring,’ or with ‘If ever there were a spring day so perfect’ or start however you want.