



# Spring Term RE Newsletter 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on the 8th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'The Light of the World'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us

We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

As the first teachers of faith to your children, you will find a list of suggestions for home activities to support your children's RE learning. Please do send in pictures or pieces of work to be shared and celebrated with the school community.

## TOPIC 1

- EYFS Celebrating People celebrate in Church
- KS1 Families and Celebrations Becoming a member of the Church family, through Baptism
- LKS2 Being a Christian
- UKS2 God's Covenant

## TOPIC 2

- EYFS Gathering The Parish family gathers to celebrate the Eucharist
- KS1 Following Jesus Discipleship

## TOPIC 3

- EYFS Growing Looking forward to Easter
- KS1 Giving A Time for Change
- LKS2 Call to Change Reconciliation
- UKS2 Reconciliation

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

### ALL

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our Bishop.

### KS1

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism about their memories of this celebration. If you have been Baptised, bring in pictures of this celebration to share with your class.

### LKS2

Talk about how you use your gifts and talents to help others.

### UKS2

Reflect on God's covenants with Noah, Abraham and Moses by reading these Bible stories.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family, talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

## Important Dates from the Church's Calendar

- Mary, Mother of God** (1<sup>st</sup> January)
- The Epiphany of the Lord** (6<sup>th</sup> January)
- The Baptism of the Lord** (8<sup>th</sup> January)
- The Presentation of the Lord** (2<sup>nd</sup> February)
- Our Lady of Lourdes** (11<sup>th</sup> February)
- Ash Wednesday** (22<sup>nd</sup> February)
- First Sunday of Lent** (26<sup>th</sup> February)
- St David's Day** (1<sup>st</sup> March)
- St Patrick's Day** (17<sup>th</sup> March)
- St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (20<sup>th</sup> Mar
- The Annunciation of the Lord** (25<sup>th</sup> March)
- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** (2<sup>nd</sup> April)
- Maundy Thursday** (6<sup>th</sup> April)
- Good Friday** (7<sup>th</sup> April)
- Easter Sunday** (9<sup>th</sup> April)