

Year 1



Advent Term

Domestic Church - Family: **Families**

The children will explore the love and care shown in their families. We discuss the different roles family members have. The children learn about different families they belong to. They learn about God's love and care for every family. They learn about how Jesus grew up in a family who loved and cared for him just like us. Finally, the children will celebrate God's love for them with a class liturgy.

Baptism/ Confirmation - Belonging: **Belonging**

The children will explore the different groups they belong to. We talk about babies and how we care for them. We learn the story of Jesus and the Children. We learn about what Baptism is and the symbols used within it. We learn that Baptism is an invitation to belong in God's family. Finally, the children will celebrate their knowledge of baptism and feelings of being welcomed with a class liturgy.

Advent/ Christmas - Loving: **Waiting**

The children will explore about the times that is it necessary to wait and the use of that time. We learn all about Advent and discuss the use of the Advent wreath. We learn that Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. We read the story of Christingle (sharing our love) and make Christingles to take home. We learn about the different parts of the Christmas story e.g. Angel Gabriel, Shepherds, Wise men... Finally, the children will celebrate Christmas with a class liturgy.

Lent Term

Local Church - Community: **Special People**

The children will explore that there are special people in our lives who are there to help. We learn that on Sunday in church we meet people who do special jobs as we gather to celebrate the good news of Jesus. We read the story of Jesus being taken to the temple as a baby and his meetings with Simeon

and Anna. We learn that Jesus is a very special person for the parish family. Finally, the children will celebrate Jesus, the light of the world with a class liturgy.

Eucharist - Relating: **Meals**

The children will explore families and groups and the special meals they share together. We discuss how mass is a representation of Jesus' special meal that he shared with his disciples. We learn about the story of 'The Last Supper' and act it out. We discuss the 'Our Father' and what it means to us. Finally, the children will celebrate their learning about meals with a class liturgy.

Lent/ Easter - Giving: **Change**

The children will explore that we all change and grow. We talk about Lent which is a time to change in preparation for the celebration of Easter. We learn about how Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and that Lent is the time of preparation for Easter. We read the stories of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Finally, the children will celebrate Easter through a class liturgy.

Pentecost Term

Pentecost - Serving: Holidays and Holidays

The children will explore how holidays are days to be happy. We learn about Pentecost; a holy day- the feast of the Holy Spirit. We recap what a holiday is and then what a holyday is. We know and understand what happened on Ascension day and Pentecost day. Finally, the children will celebrate how to spread the good news of the Holy Spirit with a class liturgy.

Reconciliation – Inter-relating: **Being Sorry**

The children will explore the choices we have- sometimes we choose well and sometimes wrongly. We learn that God helps us to choose well and to be sorry. We understand that God forgives us all if we ask for forgiveness. We learn the story of Zaccheus and how he was forgiven by Jesus. We discuss the importance of saying sorry and forgiving someone if they've apologised. Finally, the children will celebrate the love of their friends and Jesus with a class liturgy.

Universal Church - World: **Neighbours**

The children will explore that Neighbours are all around us. Everyone is our Neighbour and we are all loved by God. We learn about how Jesus taught his friends to be a good Neighbour and how we can be a good Neighbour. We discuss being a global Neighbour and discover new ways of helping our neighbours. Finally, the children will celebrate the wonderful world that we live in and how we can be good neighbours with a class liturgy.