

Summer Overview

w/c 25 April to w/c 18 July 2022

Eastertide 2022

The season of Eastertide is 50 days of rejoicing and celebration between Easter Sunday and Pentecost (when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples).
The theme this year is 'We are an Easter People and "Alleluia" is our song!' (a [quote](#) from St John Paul II).

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| 25 April | John 20: 19 - 31 | Jesus is Risen! This assembly celebrates the hope, joy and peace of Easter and considers the meaning of faith and belief through a dramatisation of Thomas' encounter with Jesus. Children will be inspired to continue the work of Jesus through gifts of peace and the Holy Spirit. | Traditional: 'He is Lord, He is Lord!' Contemporary: 'Christ, Be Our Light!' by Bernadette Farrell |
| 2 May | John 21: 1 - 14 | Jesus Feeds Us: Our Daily Bread Through the Gospel story of the risen Jesus sharing a miraculous breakfast with His disciples, and that of 17 th century missionary George Müller, children will learn that they can trust Jesus to provide for them – because He loves them! (<i>Note that 'Part 2' of this assembly continues after half term on Corpus Christi, with Jesus Feeds Us: Food That Lasts.</i>) | Traditional: 'Thine be the Glory' by Budry and Hoyle Contemporary: 'Your Love Oh Lord' by Brent Miller |
| 9 May | John 10: 27 - 30 | The Shepherd and the Sheep This assembly celebrates that Jesus is alive, He is our friend, and we can listen to and follow His voice. Through a role play about a wayward sheep, children will think about whose voice they choose to listen to – and that if we want to follow Jesus' voice, we need to recognise it! | Traditional: 'Because the Lord is My Shepherd' by Christopher Walker Contemporary: 'One Thing Remains' by Jesus Culture |
| 16 May | John 13: 31 - 35 | Our Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela This assembly continues the Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage . Just as Jesus' disciples were recognised by their love for each other, modern pilgrims on the Camino Way to Santiago de Compostela journey together in solidarity. Children will be inspired to consider how, working together and in the power of the Holy Spirit, they too can be recognised as disciples of Jesus. | The Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage Song here . Traditional: 'To Be A Pilgrim' by John Bunyan Contemporary: 'Follow Me, Follow Me' by Sr Madeleine Cuddy and Michael Cockett |
| 23 May | John 14: 23 - 29 | Jesus Make My Heart Your Home In this final Eastertide assembly, we rejoice in Jesus' promise to be with us always – even after His Ascension to heaven. Children will learn that with Jesus at home in their heart to comfort, guide and renew, they can truly live as Easter people with "Alleluia" as their song. | Traditional: 'It Is Well with My Soul' by Audrey Assad Contemporary: 'Build My Life' by Housefires |

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| 6 June | John 20: 19 - 23 | Happy Birthday Church! This assembly marks Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit made its home in followers of Jesus and filled them with grace and gifts. Through party games and teaching on the who, what and how of the Holy Spirit, children will learn that they are invited to receive the Holy Spirit too! | Traditional: ‘All Over The World The Spirit Is Moving’ by Tim J Spencer and Steve Vent Contemporary: ‘Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here’ by Jesus Culture |
| 13 June | John 16: 12 - 15 | The Most Holy Trinity Building from discussions of the Holy Trinity throughout the year, this assembly uses the Sign of the Cross to help children further explore the mystery of how God has revealed Himself to us in the Holy Trinity - one God in three persons. | Traditional: ‘Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven’ by Henry Francis Lyte Contemporary: ‘This I Believe (The Creed)’ by Hillsong |
| 20 June | Luke 9: 11 - 17 | Jesus Feeds Us: Food That Lasts This is the second in a two-part series about how Jesus feeds us. Children will learn that Jesus doesn’t just meet our physical needs but gives us the very best food – Himself. Children will learn that the Eucharist is God’s ultimate gift of love – a gift that will last forever. | Traditional: ‘One Bread, One Body’ by John Foley (John Michael Talbot) Contemporary: ‘Remembrance (Communion Song)’ by Matt Redman |
| 27 June | Matt 16: 13 - 19 | Our Pilgrimage to Rome Part of the Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage , this assembly celebrates the feasts of St Peter and St Paul on the 29 th June, and with it an opportunity to virtually visit Rome. Pilgrimage Guides will invite children to consider why Rome is important, leading to teaching on St Paul and St Peter (the first Pope, or ‘Bishop of Rome’) and how we can follow in their footsteps. | The Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage Song here . Traditional: ‘Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer’ by Pantycelyn and Hughes Contemporary: ‘I Have Decided To Follow Jesus’ by Leslie Tucker |
| 4 July | Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32 | Incredible Things Through the stories of bible smuggler Brother Andrew, civil rights activist Rosa Parks and the story of Saint Genevieve, children will learn that sharing in the mission of Jesus can be both difficult and rewarding. They will be inspired to know that with Jesus they can do incredible things, and whilst they may find reward on earth, their real reward waits for them in heaven. | Traditional: ‘I The Lord of Sea and Sky’ by Daniel Schutte SJ (John Michael Talbot) Contemporary: ‘Yes and Amen’ by Housefires |
| 11 July | Luke 10: 25 - 37 | Our Pilgrimage to...? The final part of the Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage for this school year, this assembly reviews the journey children have been on and the pilgrimage purposes of prayer, penance, solidarity and charity that they have been developing to help them grow in love for God. This assembly invites schools to ‘go’ on a pilgrimage in their local area, because the best time to start loving God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind is right here and right now! | The Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage Song here . Traditional: ‘Christ Beside Me’ by James Quinn Contemporary: ‘You Are Here’ by Planetshakers |
| 18 July | Luke 10: 38 - 42 | Our Only Need In this last assembly of the school year, children will take part in a creative visualisation about the summer holidays, remembering the Gospel teaching this week: Jesus says that our only need is to follow Jesus as the Lord of our lives. | Traditional: ‘To Be In Your Presence’ by Noel Richards Contemporary: ‘Trust Surrender Believe Receive’ by Emmaus |