

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!'

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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!	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	Home Is Where The Heart Is Through the story of a young man who becomes homeless, children will discover that it is not always easy to love: which even Jesus found to be true. But after being tempted not to go through with it, Jesus showed the greatest love imaginable when He died on the cross. Like Jesus, children will be inspired to choose the path of love.	Traditional: 'This Is My Body' by Jimmy Owens and Damian Lundy Contemporary: 'Love Is On The Move' by Leeland
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 Family of God Building from discussions of the Holy Trinity throughout the year, this assembly helps 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	Mustardseed Faith This assembly explores the nature of faith and God’s incredible power. Through an animation, children will learn that it doesn’t matter how big or how small our faith is; in fact, even with faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, God can do amazing things. This is because the results don’t depend on us - they depend on God.	Traditional: ‘Lead Kindly Light’ by C.H.Purday Contemporary: ‘Faith As Small As A Mustardseed’ by Doug Horley
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 Contemporary: ‘Yes and Amen’ by Housefires
11 July	Luke 10: 25 - 37	Who Is My Neighbour? In this assembly, children will perform a contemporary version of the story of ‘The Good Samaritan’. Children will consider who their neighbour really is and what it means to be a good one, and be inspired to reach out to those in need.	Traditional: ‘Christ Beside Me’ by James Quinn (John Michael Talbot) 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