



## RE Newsletter 5

SUMMER TERM 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 23rd May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.

**Prayer Cycle of the Church for Eastertide:** *New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church*

Dates from the Church's calendar:

21 <sup>st</sup> April St. Anselm	13 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Ascension Thursday</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>St. George</b> , Patron of England	14 <sup>th</sup> May St. Matthias, Apostle
29 <sup>th</sup> April St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe	23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> May <b>St. Joseph the Worker</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May Mary, Mother of the Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> May Ss Philip & James, Apostles	25 <sup>th</sup> May St. Bede, Doctor of the Church
4 <sup>th</sup> May English Martyrs	27 <sup>th</sup> May Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

## Reception— New Life

**“Jesus’ life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith”**

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This half term, the children in the Reception classes will be learning about new life. They will learn about the story of the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father and learn that one day we shall hopefully go there too.

At home you could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden
- looking for signs of new life
- practise the Sign of the Cross, ‘Our Father’ & ‘Hail Mary’
- encouraging them to write their own prayers

