

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MARY'S

SPRING TERM 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

During the Spring term at St Mary's, we will be studying exploring Christianity in more depth as well as looking at other faiths.

In the second half of the Spring term the children will be learning about Easter and why it is so important to Christians.

Spring term 2018

Reception	Why do Christians believe Jesus is special?
Year 1	Parables of Jesus and Why are Saints important?
Year 2	What does the Lord's Prayer mean? and Noah
Year 3	The Bible and Jesus' New Commandment
Year 4	The Miracles of Jesus and Proverbs – Wisdom
Year 5	What does it mean to be a Hindu? and Monastic traditions
Year 6	The Journey of Life and Death and the Contemporary Anglican Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Help your child to find out about the religion they are studying in class by using books from the library and websites.

[HTTP://WWW.PRIMARYHOMeworkHELP.CO.UK/RELIGION.HTML](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/religion.html)

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about responsibility and why and how we need this quality in our lives. Ask your children to tell you the Easter story and the meaning of Jesus' death for all mankind.

Find out about Shrove Tuesday, Lent and why a cross of ashes is marked on the forehead on Ash Wednesday.

'But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.'

Isaiah 53:5

EASTER

In the second half term every class will learn about Easter and why it is so important to Christians

Reception	The Easter story
Year 1	Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?
Year 2	Easter symbols
Year 3	Easter people – who is the most important?
Year 4	Holy Communion
Year 5	What happens in Churches at Easter?
Year 6	Easter hope

The children will also write prayers for their individual prayer books on Easter.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

EPIPHANY

(6 January)

We remember the many ways in which Christ reveals himself to be the Son of God and Saviour sent to atone for the sins of mankind.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)

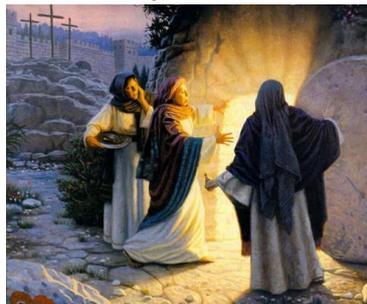
(2 February)

Today is a day of hope and light. It is a time to honour Jesus as the *Light of the World* and to remind us that we too have that light within us.

ASH WEDNESDAY

(14th February)

This is a time for self-reflection, repentance, prayer and fasting as we prepare for Easter. 'Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.' (Psalm 51:10)



EASTER DAY

(1st April)

We thank you, Lord, that Easter is not about a people, but all people, that your love and your salvation are for all who confess with voices, hearts and lives that the tomb is empty because Jesus is risen, that we might know forgiveness and your name might be glorified now and for eternity.