

Autumn 2025

# SPIRITUAL LIFE NEWS

## Emmaus Church of England and Catholic Primary School

We are friends journeying with Jesus in faith, hope and trust as we live, love and learn together.

Welcome to our Autumn Spiritual Life Newsletter.

In this term, we have had a busy term with three holy services on Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Advent.

We have supported St Andrew's Food Bank and Save the Children charities. We would like to thank you all for your continued generosity.

**Our Collective Worship & Christian Values in Autumn Term were 'Generosity' and 'Compassion'.**



*Our Entrance Displays*



In the Autumn Term, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 have all been enjoying learning branches from our new RE Curriculum 'To know You more clearly'.

Autumn 1 Branch 1 'Creation and Covenant.' "The heavens are telling the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1) In this branch, children will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that is comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God through Abraham and Moses.

Autumn 2 Branch 2 'Prophecy and Promise and Prophecy.' "In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets." (Hebrews 1:1) In this branch, the prophets speak of God reaching to his people, calling them back into a relationship with him. The children will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets.

Come and See is still being taught in Years 5 and 6. In the Autumn Term we consider God the Father and the question 'Where do I come from?'

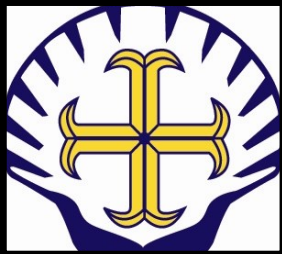
*Church Theme* – Family – Domestic Church focuses on life as a gift, myself as a unique and loved creation, the love and care that can be expressed in family groups.

*Sacramental Theme* - Belonging – Baptism/ Confirmation focuses on the call to belong, the creative potential that belonging develops; and Baptism and Confirmation, sacraments of the gift of God's life and friendship.

*Christian Living Theme* - Loving – Advent / Christmas focuses on the capacity for entering into loving relationships and the perfect gift of God's love in Jesus.

**Our Collective Worship & Christian Value for Spring 1 is 'Courage'.**

*'Do good, be rich in good deeds,. Be generous, be willing to share.' 1 Timothy 6:18*



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## Update from St. Cuthbert's

The great news is that Rev Kate Johnson, already known to Emmaus School, has been chosen to be the next vicar of St Cuthbert's. We are thrilled about this and it will be lovely to have a family in the vicarage for the first time.

During the Autumn we had a very moving Remembrance Sunday service, with the church beautifully decorated by the uniformed organisations.

At the end of November we held our annual Christmas Fair and Father Christmas was kept very busy in his grotto.

Then on December 14<sup>th</sup> we held our annual carol service. The church was packed - the atmosphere was wonderful and two Emmaus children read beautifully.

Our Christingle service is on Christmas Eve at 4pm and Midnight Mass will be at 11:30 on Christmas Eve. All are welcome to both services.

## Update from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

We had a Family of Parishes Mass on the Feast of Christ the King (OLQM & St Swithin, celebrated together with St Tereasa's, Norris Green). This took place at OLQM, followed by a Social in the Club.

Then we had a Family of Parishes Advent Reconciliation Service (which took place at St Teresa's).

Applications are available for Y4 Children who are Catholic, and who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year. Please sign up after Mass during Advent (6pm Saturday night & 11:30am Sunday morning).

*'For God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9:7*



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### Highlight of Autumn Term



#### Harvest Festival Service

We celebrated our generosity together with Fr Anthony and Deacon Justin, on 14th October. We enjoyed donating food to help families in the local area at St Andrew's.



On 11th November, we had our Remembrance Service with Reverends Kate and Kirsty. It was a special holy event, where the whole school prayed together for those who fought and those who were lost in the two world wars.



#### Advent Service

On 2nd December, Fr Anthony joined us to celebrate Advent, the period before Christmas when we all prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus. We lit the first candle on our Advent wreath.



*'Remember the words the Lord himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35*