

Summer 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 Summer Spiritual Life Newsletter.  
In this term, many of our Year 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church and some children from Years 4, 5 and 6 celebrated their Confirmation at St Cuthbert's. These were two special holy events.

**Our Collective Worship & Christian Values in Summer Term were 'Service' and 'Truthfulness'.**



*Our Entrance Display*



In the Summer Term, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 have all been enjoying learning topics from our new RE Curriculum 'To know You more clearly'.

### Summer 1 - Branch 5 'Ends of the Earth'

"Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19). Pupils study events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church.

Summer 2—Branch 6 'Dialogue and Encounter' .  
'For "In him we live and move and have our being"'. (Acts 17:28). Pupils will learn how Christians work together with people of different religious convictions and all people of goodwill towards the common good, respecting the dignity of all humanity.

Come and See is still being taught in Years 4, 5 and 6. In the Summer Term we consider God, the Holy Spirit and the question, 'Who am I?'

Church Theme – Serving – Pentecost focuses on the on-going mission of Jesus Christ in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit.

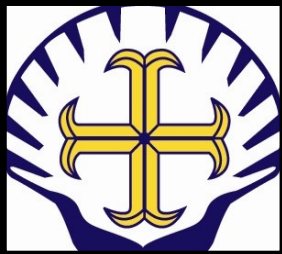
Sacramental Theme – Inter-relating – Reconciliation focuses on the love, compassion and forgiveness of God the Father revealed in Jesus and poured out by the Spirit to bring forgiveness and reconciliation in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christian Living Theme – World – Universal Church focuses on the same love revealed in the diversity of the world and its people, and in the gifts of the Spirit that bear fruit in love, joy, justice and peace for all people.

**Our Collective Worship & Christian Value for Autumn 1 is 'Generosity'.**

*'Let us give ourselves to service.'*

*Romans 12:7*



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## Update from St. Cuthbert's

Confirmation Service—Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 were confirmed by Bishop Sam, the suffragan bishop of Stockport. None of our Liverpool bishops were available on the 29<sup>th</sup> June so we 'borrowed' Sam from the diocese of Chester. He was truly amazing. He was wonderful with the candidates and combined great humour with great spirituality. He sent an email the following day saying how delighted he was to have been with us and that he would love to come to St Cuthbert's again. Rev Kate from St Andrew's claimed that it was the best confirmation service she had been to.

The next event was our Summer Fair on July 12<sup>th</sup>. What a scorcher – far too hot really for going round the stalls at a fair. BUT – people did come, the ice cream man did a roaring trade, the scouts provided one of their amazing BBQs and we managed to raise £2000.

Finally, St Cuthbert's welcomed a visit from Year 1 Emmaus pupils, which was a great success. We would love to welcome the children to church any time.

## Update from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

There have been many celebrations this term.

Our Year 4 children received their First Holy Communion on 10th May at 11:00am. This was a wonderful celebration of commitment to their faith. Well done all!

On 10th June, Archbishop Malcolm led a Confirmation Service for candidates from OLQM parish and St Teresa's, Norris Green.

Last week of the summer term:

Tuesday 15th July—A celebration of St Swithin's as a Mass Centre, including a Mass on the site of the old church at 6:30pm with Bishop Tom Neylon. This will be followed by a social gathering in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 16th July—a Leavers' Service for our Year 6 pupils at 5:00pm. A special event for all involved.

*'Each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another.' 1 Peter 4:10*



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### Highlight of Summer Term



#### Our Dedication Day Service

On Tuesday 20th May, we celebrated the day Emmaus Church of England and Catholic Primary School was first opened, 27 years ago. We were very pleased to be joined by Mrs Newton, Fr Anthony from OLQM Church and Mr Doran, one of our governors. This service was extra special because our Year 6 pupils, with roles in school, led the event. They spoke beautifully and clearly, expressing their own feelings and beliefs in prayer.

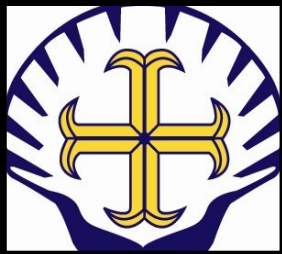


We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 6 pupils for their hard work this year and we wish them luck, love and happiness in their future endeavours at their secondary schools. They have done so well; demonstrating the mission statement of Emmaus School by 'Travelling Together with Jesus' in their daily actions.

We are so proud of the Year 6 RE Ambassadors, who have given up their own time to plan, write prayers and deliver amazing whole school services.

Thank you to everyone and well done for your commitment and service to our wonderful school. We know that you will lead by example, demonstrating our twelve Christian Values in all that you do. Good luck and God bless you all and your families!

*'The truth will set you free.' John 8:32*



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## RE in Action

Pictures of some Collective Worship tables from classes showing the value of Truthfulness.



## FAITH in ACTION

In the summer term, we have supported some different charities, including The Whitechapel Centre.

On Thursday 22nd May, we had a visitor from The Whitechapel Centre in town. This charity supports homeless people in many ways and the assemblies we had were very informative. The following day, we had an 'own clothes' day to raise funds. We are delighted to say that the total amount raised was £568. Once again, we would like to say a huge **thank you** for your continued generosity.

## RE Ambassadors

A special thank you to our RE Ambassadors, who have excelled in their roles throughout the year. They are all enjoying RE and Collective Worship at Emmaus.

This term, we began learning how to plan Collective Worship sessions for others. The children will deepen their understanding of Scripture in the autumn term. Then, they will be ready to plan sessions and deliver CW on the next six Christian Values, to the children in different classes.

*'I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.'* 3 John 1:4



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### Pope Leo XIV



Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected the 267th Bishop of Rome on Thursday 8th May 2025, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

Please join us in praying for Pope Leo XIV.

Let us pray for Leo, our Pope.  
May the Lord protect him  
and grant him length of days.  
Amen.

May the Lord be his shield  
and deliver him from all harm.  
Amen.

May the Lord give him happiness  
and peace  
all the days of his life.  
Amen.

### New Archbishop of Liverpool

John Sherrington was appointed by Pope Francis. His installation took place at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday 27th May 2025 .



### Holy Communion Service

On Saturday 10th May at OLQM Church, many of our Year 4 children received their First Holy Communion. Thank you to all who helped to make this such a meaningful event. Well done!



### Confirmation Service

On Sunday 29th June at 4:00pm, some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils were confirmed by the Bishop of Stockport, Sam Corley, at St Cuthbert's Church. This was a special holy event for all involved. The candidates each received a candle to light to remember this wonderful day, in the future. We would like to thank everyone involved, including Bishop Sam, the children, plus their families and friends. A special thanks goes to Mr and Mrs Simm, who helped to organise this event. Well done to everyone! Please join the children in attending future services there.



*'Speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body.' Ephesians 4:25*