

Summer Term Theme: Serving Year One

Topic: Holidays and Holydays

Based on John 13:33; 14:18

Jesus' friends were delighted that God had given Jesus new life. But they remembered that he had said he was going back to his Father. The thought of that made them sad again and they worried about how they would manage without him. They remembered his promise to send a new helper. We can read Jesus' message to them in John's gospel.

I shall be with you only a little longer. Don't worry. I will not leave you all alone. I will ask my Father and my Father will give you another friend to be with you forever. This friend, the Helper, will help you to remember all the things I have done and everything I have told you."

"I am going back to my Father who sent me. It is better for you if I go away. If I go I will be able to send someone else to help you - the Holy Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit will guide and lead you. The Holy Spirit will help you to understand all the things I have done and everything that I have said to you. The Holy Spirit will teach you everything that I have learned from my Father. The Holy Spirit will help you to know how you are to live, now and in the future."

Based on Acts 2 :1-4

In the second part of Luke's story, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the story of Pentecost.

After Jesus had gone back to his Father, his friends stayed together with Mary, Jesus' Mother.

Peter was there and James and John and all the others.

They missed Jesus very much.

They felt weary and lost.

They couldn't get up and get on with their lives.

They didn't know what to do.

They talked about their time with Jesus, and wondered about his promise, 'I will not leave you alone'. Then on Pentecost day everything changed.

It was as if they had been made new, re-created.

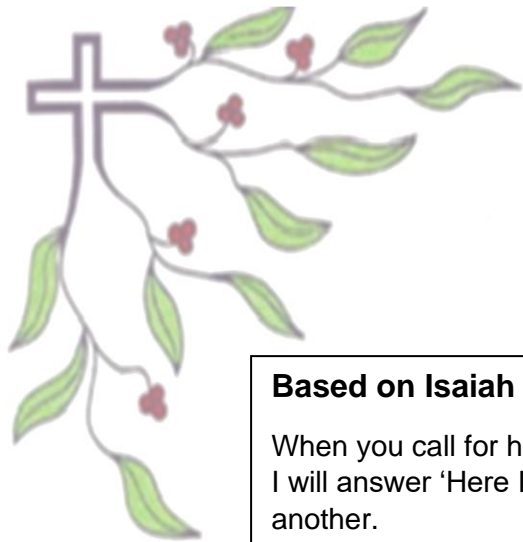
They were different people.

They were filled with life, joy, peace and happiness.

They knew that Jesus had kept his promise to send the Holy Spirit, who would be with them always.

They wanted to share this happiness and they got up straight away to go out to tell everyone.





Summer Term

Theme: Inter- relating

Year One

Topic: Being Sorry

Based on Isaiah 58:9-11

When you call for help
I will answer 'Here I Am', and I will help you. You, in your turn, be ready to help one another.

Be a kind friend and never a bully.

Don't pick fights and be ready to make friends.

Instead of making fun of someone or telling hurtful jokes about them, try to find something good to say.

Share what you have

especially with people who have little or nothing.

When you act like this everyone will be happy.

You are like a light that shines in the dark;

you never know who will be cheered up.

Everyone who acts in this way is working with God.

Everyone who acts in this way makes the world a better place.

Based on Luke 5:27-31

Levi was a tax collector. Tax collectors were not liked by the people. As well as taking taxes for the Romans, they would take extra money from the people and keep it for themselves. The only friends they had were other tax collectors, who also cheated the people.

One day Jesus was passing by and he saw Levi sitting in his office. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Levi got up, left everything and followed Jesus. He gave a big feast in his house for Jesus. He invited his friends - the other tax collectors. He also invited some other people who weren't usually invited to dinner. They were outcasts. Respectable people wouldn't have anything to do with them.

Some important people complained to Jesus' friends. "Why does Jesus eat with people like this?" they asked. Jesus answered them, "I am here for people who need me." Levi became one of the Twelve friends of Jesus. His name was changed to Matthew.





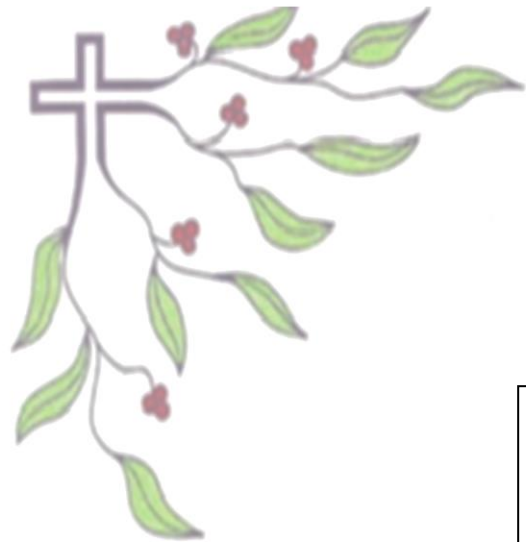
Based on Luke 19: 1-10

Zacchaeus was lonely, but then he never expected to be anything else. After all, he was a chief tax collector and nobody liked tax collectors. His job was to collect the people's money for the Romans. Everyone hated him for it, and he paid them back whenever he could by taking too much money and then keeping it for himself. No wonder he was rich! But then that didn't make him any less lonely. One day, there was a crowd gathered in the streets of Jericho because Jesus was passing through. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he couldn't because he was a small man. He ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up a sycamore tree. He could see Jesus quite clearly now. Jesus came near the tree, looked up at Zacchaeus and said, "Hurry down, Zacchaeus. I want to stay at your house today." Zacchaeus couldn't get down fast enough! His heart was beating fast, he was so full of joy. He could hear some of them muttering and complaining. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house," they said. Zacchaeus looked at Jesus. "Look, sir," he said, "I'm going to give half my belongings to the poor and if I have cheated anybody, I will pay him back four times the amount." Jesus smiled at him and said, "I am glad, Zacchaeus. This is indeed a happy day for you because I have come to your house today specially to help you change, so that you will please my Father."

Based on John 13: 34-35

Jesus said, "I'm going to give you a new rule. It's this: Love one another. I love each one of you, and I want you to love each other. When you're all happy together, everyone will know that you love one another, and that you are my friends."





Summer Term

Theme: World

Year One

Topic: Neighbours

Based on Isaiah 12: 4-9

The day will come when everyone will say, Praise God:
when everyone will know God by name;
when everyone will tell of God's greatness all over the world;
when everyone will sing for joy because God is here with them.

Based on Mark 6: 30-32

Jesus and his friends worked very hard. They travelled on rough, dusty roads to towns and villages all over the country. Sometimes they had to walk a very long way to get from one village to another. All day long they told the people in the villages and the towns the Good News of God's love for everyone. They answered lots of questions that people asked them about God, sometimes very hard ones.

In the evening, they felt very tired. Sometimes they all went to a quiet, lonely place to eat, to share with each other what had happened during the day, to rest, to be quiet and still.

