

Life to the Full:

Living faith within our families

Monthly newsletter for parents: **June 2019**



A Season of Peace

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will lead you to the complete truth."

John 16: 12-15

This month is a busy one in the church calendar! Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday take us to the end of Eastertide; then the church celebrates Trinity Sunday; and lastly the Feast of Corpus Christi, where we celebrate Jesus' gift of His body and blood to us on the cross and through the Eucharist.

A common theme across these celebrations is that of peace:

- Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He spent 40 days with His disciples on earth, giving them proof of Jesus' resurrection

and personal peace in their faith.

- At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought peace and unity by giving the apostles the ability to speak different languages, enabling communication with all.
- Trinity Sunday celebrates the loving, peaceful community of the Trinity. This week is also Refugee Week, which calls for the global spread of peace.
- Finally, at Corpus Christi we celebrate Jesus' sacrifice, as a result of which peace is restored between man and God!

It is our prayer at Ten Ten that all children, their schools and families will know the peace of God this month and beyond. In

the Ascension Day 'And Now We Wait...' assembly of the w/c 3rd June, children heard a story about a girl who misses her Auntie Summer but maintains personal peace about their relationship through a diary. A version of this story is below, which you might like to discuss with your child using the questions beneath.

Prayer

In the assembly for w/c 10th June, 'Peace At Pentecost', children learned about the peacemaker Saint Francis of Assisi. This is the first part of his famous prayer:

Lord,
Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Amen.

Isn't that great?! Now everyone can see that I really did have the best summer ever with my Auntie Summer!

Discussion Questions:

- How does Thea remember the good times she shared with her Auntie Summer?
- After Jesus went back to heaven, how did the disciples remember Jesus?
- How can we learn about and remember Jesus today?

'The Best Summer Ever'

Hi, my name is Thea and I just had the BEST summer ever because my Auntie came to stay for all of it! Her name happens to be Summer, and she is the best Auntie Summer ever!

My Auntie Summer works as a doctor in Ethiopia, and she was back here between jobs for TWO MONTHS! It was amazing! But Auntie Summer left yesterday and I'm feeling a bit sad. She knew I'd find it difficult though, so all summer she made me keep a diary. She said that when she'd gone, I could look back over this diary and remember her! Shall I show you some of it?

July 11th School broke up today for the holidays, AND Auntie Summer picked me up from school!

July 18th Auntie Summer showed me lots of pictures from her work in Ethiopia, it looked amazing.

August 19th Today we went swimming and went in the deep end when the wave machine came on.

August 24th Auntie Summer tested me on my spellings and maths. She said I was a hard worker and could do whatever I wanted to in the future. I said I wanted to be a doctor like her. She smiled and said she'd send me postcards!