



*"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another."* Pope Francis Laudato Si

Dear Parents

During January, we have been focusing on how we can have a positive impact on God's creation; on the people around us and in the wider world. Our Gospel values for the month was Simplicity and we focused on Pope Francis' letter—Laudato Si, (Care for our Common Home) to recognise our responsibility to care for the world; to protect God's creation for future generations; to embrace a lifestyle change for our own good and to take care of people who are poor and more vulnerable. The school's faith leaders also produced a new School Mission Statement, which encourages everyone to live out God's desire for them, whilst following in the footsteps of Jesus. We also began our Schools Kindness Project, recognising that we need to be kind to one another. We hope that our children can now and in the future be the positive change the world requires.

*God Bless Mrs Mitchener*

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(3<sup>rd</sup> January – 28<sup>th</sup> January)

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.  
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

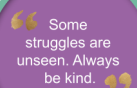
#### Pope Francis Prayer Request for January

##### True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## School Kindness Project

St Chad's has joined the 52Lives School Of Kindness Project.



It is led by a charity whose aim is to empower children, by helping them realise that the little choices they make every day have the power to change lives and change the world, while also improving their own physical and mental health.

At St Chad's we agree that **kind** is the most important thing a child can be. We believe kindness exists inside all of us – sometimes we just need to unlock it. We aim to help to create a culture of kindness in our school. We will continue to update you, on what we are doing to promote this.

# Children's Mission Statement

The Faith Leaders and Student Leadership have been working really hard on developing a Children's Mission Statement, to drive growth in everyone's understanding of how their faith can guide their choices and behaviour. After lots of consideration, they have decided on the following statements. They wanted each to begin with, "I will..", so that they are positive statements, which all children can strive to achieve in the present and future.



*Grow in Love, Live in Peace*

## Our Mission Statement

**At St Chad's Catholic Primary School, we are committed to:**

- I will love God and I will speak to Him everyday
- I will respect myself and all people, because we are all created in God's image
- I will live our Gospel Values and encourage others to live them too
- I will come to school to learn, achieve and use my gifts from God wisely
- I will make St Chad's a happy place, where all people feel welcome
- I will continue the work of Jesus Christ on Earth

These statements are now on the front of every R.E, Literacy and Numeracy book, so that the children can be reminded of them daily. Each year group, also took one of the statement and designed a display to help the children to try and live their mission daily.

## I will love God and I will speak to Him everyday.



**Created  
By  
EYFS**

**I will respect myself and all people,  
because we are all created in God's image.**



**Created by Year 6**



**I will live our Gospel Values and  
encourage others to live them too.**



**Created  
by  
Year 3**



**I will come to school to learn, achieve  
and use my gifts from God wisely.**



**Created by Year 5**

**I will continue the work of  
Jesus Christ on Earth.**



**Created  
by  
Year 4**



**I will make St Chad's a happy place,  
where all people feel welcome.**

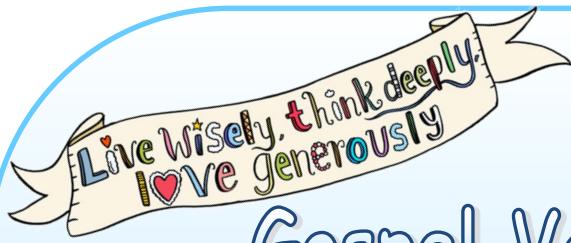


**Created by**  
**Year 1 and Year 2**



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# RSE

## Gospel Value - Simplicity



Live Simply



This month we have been focusing on what it means to live 'simply'. We have been using the Encyclical written by Pope Francis and the materials adapted by CAFOD to teach the children about how God wants us to live and how our actions should help to care for His creation and all who live on it. We have looked at how climate affects us all, but particularly the poorest communities around the world, who suffer the most.

The children have been challenged to think about how they can: 'Live wisely, think deeply and love generously'. The school and staff, have also considered ways that we can use less of the world's resources and how we can create a fairer world.

I would encourage you, to share the CAFOD resources with your children at home, as there are some excellent videos and articles, which explain the problem and provide solutions. There are also some reflective and beautifully thought provoking prayers for you to say as a family.



## The Epiphany

We began the new term and year, with a liturgy to celebrate the Epiphany. The Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that, like the three wise men, we should have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen, however hazardous the journey; that the light of our faith, like that of the wise men, should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord; and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty.

# Parish News

## First Holy Communion 2022

Just a reminder to everyone who has registered for First Holy Communion 2022, that our first Parents meeting is in St Chad's Church Hall at 7pm on Thursday 24th February. This meeting is for adults only and it is hoped that a representative from every registered family will be able to attend this important meeting, where the programme of preparation for the children will be outlined.



Classes to prepare for First Holy Communion begin on Saturday 26th February. Every registered child attending St Chad's primary school will be in our Emerald class which is from 9am-10 am each Saturday morning.

We very much look forward to meeting you and your children very soon.

God bless,  
The First Holy Communion Team



Altar servers' enrolment or application forms are out in the porch. If you are interested in having your child serve at the Altar of the Lord please endeavour to get one, complete it and return it to the presbytery by the 23rd of January, 2022.



# R.E Pupil Voice Survey 2021 - KS2

I am really pleased to share with you the results from our KS2 children's survey. As you can see the children of St Chad's are overwhelmingly positive about their opportunities to spend time with God each day and the opportunities provided for collective worship. I am also really pleased to see that the children are trying hard to live the gospel values and that they know their mission is to continue the work of Jesus.

The staff will continue to work on providing feedback for the children's work and ensuring that they make RE lessons as enjoyable and creative as possible.

KS1 children will have their opportunity to feedback in the Summer Term.

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly agree/agree combined
At St Chad's I have the opportunity to spend time with God every day.	85%	13%	1%	0%	0%	99%
I know what our school Gospel Values are and I am trying hard to live them.	67%	33%	0%	0%	0%	100%
At St Chad's I gain a clear sense of right and wrong.	72%	26%	2%	0%	0%	98%
I have had the opportunity to serve others this year.	74%	24%	2%	0%	0%	98%
My class has a Mission Display, which is linked to how I should continue Jesus' work on earth.	85%	15%	1%	0%	0%	99%
I have attended liturgical services, such as Mass or reconciliation this year, with the school.	88%	12%	1%	0%	0%	99%
I enjoy RE lessons.	67%	26%	4%	1%	0%	95%
RE is an important subject in the school.	96%	4%	1%	0%	0%	99%
I am given feedback on my work in RE.	69%	26%	2%	1%	1%	96%
I am given the opportunity to wonder and question about my faith.	60%	35%	4%	0%	0%	96%
I am making good progress in my RE understanding.	58%	37%	4%	1%	0%	95%
I am proud of my RE book and work.	77%	19%	1%	2%	1%	96%
I enjoy collective worship in our school.	85%	14%	1%	1%	0%	98%
There are regular liturgies and assemblies.	77%	22%	1%	0%	0%	99%
I have helped to plan collective worship.	70%	27%	2%	1%	0%	97%
I have lots of opportunities to pray in school.	92%	6%	1%	0%	0%	99%

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