



## Religious Education



Year: 5/6

Teacher: Mr Fannan

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Our RE topic for this half term focuses on the local community. The experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. The cycle of a year and the span of a lifetime contain occasions for regular celebrations as well as unexpected surprises, when people want to celebrate with family, friends and communities.

The Church's celebrations are community occasions. On Sundays, the parish family gathers together. It is a time to remember how much there is to celebrate; a time to say thank you; a time to know that God's love is offered and made visible here and now in Jesus and in people. Sacraments are more formal special moments: signs of 'God-with-us', who journeys with his people; signs of strength and blessing for life.

Read [God's Story 3 page 95, Luke 4: 14-22](#). *Jesus begins his mission*. Think about the way that Jesus was able to fulfil his mission, through the twelve apostles who shared his mission. Consider the way that continues today, through priests and lay people who continue to share the mission of Jesus.

Parish families form part of larger Christian communities called dioceses. Our diocese is the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, which is led by Bishop Robert from the Cathedral in Newcastle. This is where the bishop, as leader of the Christian community in the diocese, has his seat and celebrates Mass. The name Cathedral comes from the Greek word '*Cathedra*' meaning chair or seat.

### **Activity**

Read the [adapted letter](#) from Bishop Robert and write a letter to respond to him. Consider how he tries to inspire, support and shape the lives of people in our diocese.

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