

## *People of Prayer* *Linking School, Parish and Home*



### **Religious Education**

#### **Key Idea: People of Prayer**

Initially, the learning focuses on the Epiphany in order to align with the liturgical year. Following this, the pupils then develop a greater understanding of prayer in their daily lives. They start by focusing on the Beatitudes within the Sermon on the Mount as described in Matthew's Gospel, with KS2 pupils recognising the similarities with Moses sharing the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament. The pupils across the school then learn more about the Lord's Prayer, gaining awe and wonder from the fact that these were the words that were spoken by Jesus himself. Through the exploration of prayer, the pupils understand that prayer is communication with God, and consider the many different types of prayer.

#### **Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions**

*It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of wonder for Creation
- A willingness to learn from Scripture
- An appreciation of the truths contained in Scripture
- A sense of the value of prayer

#### **Activities to try at home**

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- Focus on the symbolism of stars and how they led the wise men to Jesus at Epiphany. Consider how we can be like stars – leading people to know more about Jesus.
- Practise praying the Lord's Prayer with your child, and thinking about what the words mean. Why did Jesus tell his disciples to pray using these words?
- Read the Beatitudes with your child, and think about what each one means and how they can show that quality in their daily lives.

