

## 5th May 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Living in love



#### **SHARE**

share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following avestions:



Have you ever let someone down or been let down? How did Peter let Jesus down?



Jesus gave Peter a new start. How has Jesus given vou a new start?



Do you find it hard or easy to give others a new start? Why?



# Devotions



## Daily Bible Readings

S	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples
М	Acts 9: 1-20	Saul's conversion
Т	1 John 4: 7-19	Love for God
W	1 Peter 4:12 – 5:4	Shepherds of God's flock
Т	Revelation 5:1-10	The throne and the elders
F	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Jesus appeared to his followers
S	Psalm 30	You restored my health
S	John 10:22-30	Jesus promises life to his sheep



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

# Rituals and Traditions





**PRAY** 

Risen Lord Jesus, come to us today. Help us to love you, serve you and follow you. Amen.



May you always rely on God's love.

## Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. Jesus' resurrection has changed our lives forever. WHITE or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

# Creative Response

The fish has been used as a Christian symbol from the earliest times of the church.

The Greek word for fish is 'ixthus' or 'icthus'. In the Greek language, the five letters making up the word form an acrostic for "Jesus Christ is God's Son, the Saviour." The first letter (i) represents the name "Jesus" in Greek; the second letter (x) the title "Christ"; the next two ('thu' in English) "God's Son"; and the final letter (s) the word "Saviour".

Many early Christians were put to death for practising their faith, and so worshipped secretly in their homes. A fish was painted on the outside door of a house to let other Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside. Make up an IXTHUS symbol to display in your home as a sign of your faith in Jesus as your Saviour.



## mealtime prayer

Bless this meal, Lord, we pray, and bless us too throughout this day. Keep us safe and close to you, and kind in all we say and do. Amen.

verse for the week And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 JOHN 4:16



While Jesus had shown himself to be the Son of God and Lord of all by rising from the dead, he was still willing to serve his followers in humble, practical ways. In John 21 we read that he cooked breakfast for his disciples!

Follow Jesus' example this week by being "breakfast servants" to one another e.g. preparing food, setting the table, doing the dishes. Take turns in carrying out your morning acts of love and service.

