

## New Life

Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in each person and, in a special way, in the community of believers, which is the Church. It is the work of the Spirit to enable people to hear God's message and to live Jesus' way of service. In this unit we will be learning about the feast of Pentecost and about St. Philip and St. Paul. We will be thinking about how the experiences of the apostles, St. Philip and St. Paul affected their actions.

### Who was St. Philip?

Philip was a follower of Jesus. He, too, spoke of the Good News of Jesus everywhere he went. He baptised the Ethiopian in the river before embarking on his journey spreading the message of new life.



### Key Knowledge

- The descent of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the apostles.
- The feast of Pentecost.
- The power of the Holy Spirit.
- The gift and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- The witness to the Resurrection of Peter and John.
- The journeys of St Paul.
- The beginning and growth of the Christian Church.

### Key Vocabulary

**Resurrection:** the idea of a living being coming back to life after death.

**Pentecost:** the festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples which takes place 50 days after Easter.

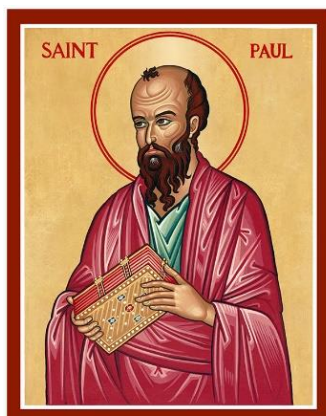
**Holy Spirit:** the third person of the Holy Trinity (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit).

**Fellowship:** a group of people who share common interests; companionship; friendship.

**Pharisee:** a Jewish leader who wrote and enforced religious law at the time of Jesus. Pharisees thought that they were better than everyone else.



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### Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- How can good news change the way you feel?
- How good news can bring life?