

## **Year 8**

### **Autumn Term:**

**Topic 1: Creation and Covenant-** This unit focuses on the account of the Fall in Genesis 3 and the implications this has for human beings and the world, coming to an understanding of what the Church means when it speaks of 'original sin' and how this is distinguished from 'personal sin'. the mystery of God and how human beings come to know God through the Church's teachings on the two types of revelation.

**Topic 2: Prophecy and Promise-** This unit focuses on an examination of how God tried to deal with faithless humanity by holding out the promise of a new covenant and a coming messiah who would restore human beings to covenant fidelity.

**Topic 3: Galilee to Jerusalem** -This unit presents us with Jesus who, as the announcer of the reign of God, holds out signs of what this final restoration of all things will look like in his treatment of sinners and outcasts, in his parables of the kingdom, and in his miracles.

### **Spring Term:**

**Topic 4: Desert to Garden-** This unit deals explicitly with the mystery of suffering, or the problem of evil as it is sometimes called, and places this in the light of an understanding of suffering that has been transformed by the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

**Topic 5: To the ends of the Earth–** This unit focuses on the final consummation of all things and the end to all suffering as death is defeated in the Resurrection of Jesus, the first-born from the dead.

**Summer Term:**

**Topic 6: Dialogue and Encounter-** Eastern World Religions: The beliefs and practices of Buddhism and Sikhism.