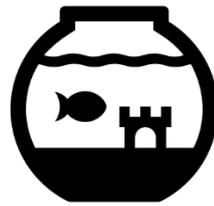
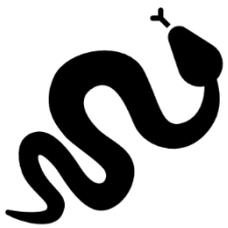


KNOW CHRIST MORE

MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



Pet Service

Sunday 15 July 2018

11.00am

WELCOME AND NOTICES

All are welcome to our pet service this morning. Please do keep your pets on a lead or in their box for their own safety. If they get restless please do feel free to go for a little walk with them and bring them back.

Refreshments will be served after the service, please do stay and chat.

Song If I were a Butterfly

(During this song the colours will be presented, and a collection will be taken)

**If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and
I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me, me.**

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me, me.*

**If I were an elephant, I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo, You know I'd hop right up to you
If I were an octopus, I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father for making me, me**

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile

**If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
If I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear, I'd thank you Lord
for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair
If I were a crocodile, I'd thank you Lord for my great smile
But I just thank you Father for making me, me**

For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile

Words and Music by Brian Howard

PRAYERS TO SAY WE ARE SORRY

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us particularly the way some humans treat animals.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others, habitats and woodlands, rivers and seas.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of Earth and Heaven
cleanse you of all sin and draw you
to His wonderful light.
Amen.

A READING FROM THE BIBLE

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 11 verses 6-9

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PRAYERS

Dogs are our faithful friends-they romp and play and chase their tails, they guard us at home and take us on long country walks.

Thank you God for their wagging tails!

All your creatures praise you Lord **And we give you thanks.**

Thank you God for our cats- for their long yawns and stretches-their contented purrs and their warmth when they sit on our laps.

Thank you God for their long whiskers.

All your creatures praise you Lord **And we give you thanks.**

Thank you God for our hamsters, gerbils, chinchillas, mice and rats- for their scurrying agility and the cute way that they play in tunnels and wheels.

Thank you God for their big front teeth.

All your creatures praise you Lord **And we give you thanks.**

Thank you God for our fish- for their gliding and swimming, and their mouths which open like a big O.

Thank you God for their bright shiny scales.

All your creatures praise you Lord **And we give you thanks.**

Thank you God for our budgerigars and pet birds, for their bright colours and singing voices. Thank you God for their wings.

All your creatures praise you Lord **And we give you thanks.**

Heavenly Father we thank you for all of our pets and for all the animals in this world both great and small. Thank you too for Vets and for all those training in veterinary medicine at the college in Brookmans Park. We thank you for the RSPCA and Blue Cross charities and for all who care for our animals when they are sick or hurt. We pray for all animals who are sick or badly treated, overworked or underfed.

All your creatures praise you Lord **And we give you thanks.**

We give you thanks for the animals that have been our friends in the past, those who have been special to us and we remember them now in a moment of quiet. Help us to be true friends to all animals and to know that we are all creatures of your love. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING OUR PETS

During the next hymn, you are welcome to bring your pets (or a picture of them) to receive an individual blessing. If you would like to stay where you are, then we will all receive a group blessing after we have sung.

Song All things bright and beautiful

***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

**Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings. *All things bright and beautiful,***

**The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *All things bright and beautiful,***

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one. *All things bright and beautiful,*

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day. *All things bright and beautiful,*

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *All things bright and beautiful,*

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR PETS

Lord God our creator, we praise you for the love and friendship of these animals. We promise that we will do our best to care for them, and to treat them and all your creatures with respect. Help us to keep this promise and to work with you to maintain the beauty and wonder of your creation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song Give Me Joy in my Heart
(during which the colours are collected)

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
Keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.*

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
Keep me loving till the break of day: *Sing hosanna, sing hosanna...***

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart, I pray;
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the break of day: *Sing hosanna, sing
hosanna...***

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you, your pets and all whom you love, this day and always.

Amen

Our next church parade will be

Harvest festival on 16 September at 1030 (*note the different time*) when we will join together with the whole church family to celebrate.

We will be collecting donations for
Bishop's Harvest Appeal Give Peas a Chance, run by Christian aid
www.christianaid.org.uk/harvest-appeal

And

Potters Bar food bank (non-perishable food only please)
www.pottersbar.foodbank.org.uk

Come along and get involved with the other activities at your church:

Messy church is a free afternoon of fun activities which includes arts, crafts, games, singing and a short act of worship. Messy church is held once a month on a Sunday afternoon from 3.00 – 5.00pm. Tea is provided afterwards for free.

Messy Church in the Autumn Term is on:
9 September, 14 October, 4 November, 9 December.

Charlie's Angels is a baby and toddler group and is run every Wednesday during term time from 1.30 – 3.00pm in the church halls. The next meeting will be after the summer on Wednesday 19 September. No need to book, just turn up to meet with other mums and children.

The KCM Community Cafe is open every Thursday for good food and good company. The cafe is run entirely by volunteers, and all of our profit goes to a variety of worthy causes. The Café reopens after the summer break on Thursday 6 September.

Once a month in the autumn we will be running a series of talks on things that might interest you, do watch the website for further information as it becomes available. All are welcome.

Do join us for our weekly acts of worship

Sunday Mornings

- 9.15am Sung Eucharist with choir and organ
- 11.00am Morning Worship with worship group

- During August we join the services together for a joint communion service at 1030
- Tuesday mornings at 1000 we celebrate a short service of communion
- Morning and Evening Prayer is celebrated in the church at 8.30am and 5.00pm each day.

Please see the notice sheet for more details.