

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Welcome to this weeks service, based around the story of the good shepherd. We hope it will be a blessing in the week to come. There were many people involved in this service, thank you to everyone.

## 1. SOMETHING TO STILL YOURSELF

The Lord Is My Shepherd by John Rutter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOtsuzM6h7M>

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## 2. OPENING WORDS

We come because we know we are welcome, O God  
We come because we know we are welcome, O God.

**We come in the name of Jesus.**

We come because you call us by name, O God.

**We come in the name of Jesus.**

We come together to offer you our worship, O God.

**We come in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

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## COUNTING SHEEP

There are a lot of sheep in this service, they just flocked in when you opened it! How many can you find?  
Just try not to doze off while you are counting!





### 3. THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

Singing the Faith 481

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?Rv=xXPPzuCJMCs>

Chosen by  
Rosaria

It gives me  
reassurance that God is with  
us in all situations

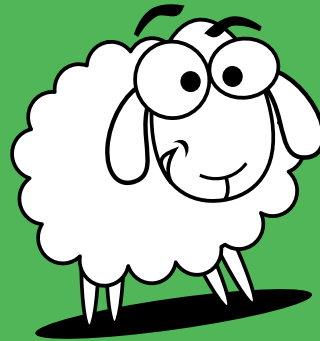
### 4. PSALM 23

Read by members of the congregation

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/the-good-shepherd/>  
Text version also available.



From Barbara



From Margaret



From Jo



## 5. LEAKY BOATS

A reflection from John Logan

*'He leads me by still waters.'*

I'm not sure the waters are particularly still.

In fact, I'm not sure any of our waters are still at all.

For some people, the water is very rough indeed at the moment. Academic Cynthia Enloe put it: *"We aren't all in this together. We're in the same rough seas, but we're in very different boats. And some of these boats are very leaky."*(Guardian 30th April)

Whilst we might feel at the moment that the waters are still, for many the water is very rough indeed. They are on the rough sea, being tossed and turned; often they feel like they are in 'leaky boats'. We hear lots about the amazing work of the doctors, nurses and other hospital staff, the care workers and all those who take immense risk to ensure that we can sit by still waters. But we also hear of lack of appropriate equipment, lack of testing. All of them 'leaky boats'. In fact there are so many people in 'leaky boats'; the homeless, those victims of domestic violence, the food shortages at foodbanks and on, and on, and on. There seem to be so many 'leaky boats' that it seems impossible to plug the holes and all we want to do is give up and despair.

But the psalmist tells us that God plugs so many of those 'leaky boats': He makes me lie down, leads me, refreshes me, guides me, walks with me, comforts me, prepares a table for me, anoints my head and follows me all the days of my life.

Remember that when you are trying to plug your own 'leaky boat' God is busy doing all those things for you.

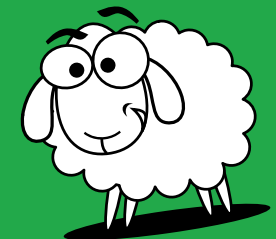
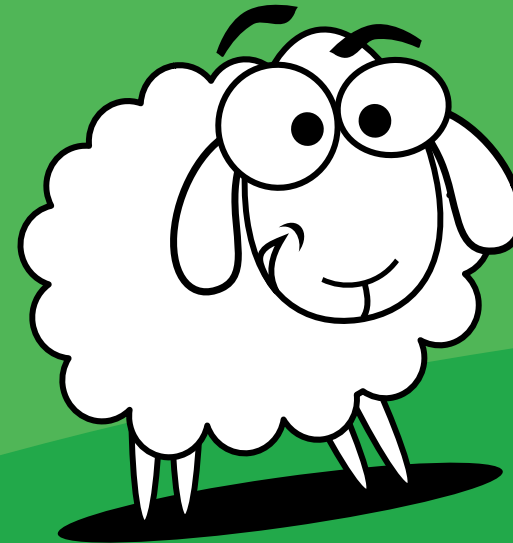
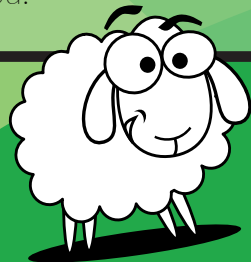
This is an emotional hymn for us both. It reminds us that God's love is not only for us but for everyone. It's words open our hearts and connects us all.

Chosen by  
San and Gifty

## 6. BROTHER, SISTER, LET ME SERVE YOU

Singing the Faith 611

[https://youtu.be/G\\_ufwqwquqY](https://youtu.be/G_ufwqwquqY)





## 7. JOHN 10:1-10

(NRSV)

Read by Clare

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/the-good-shepherd/>

Text version also available



From Diane ('Greetings from Northumberland')

## 8. THE LOST SHEEP

A Video

<https://youtu.be/tyWZeOlaRo4>



From Katrina



From Rev. Adam



From Ella and Louie



## 9. THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Sermon with Rev. Adam

Available in text and video form at:

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## 10. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

with Janet Wilson

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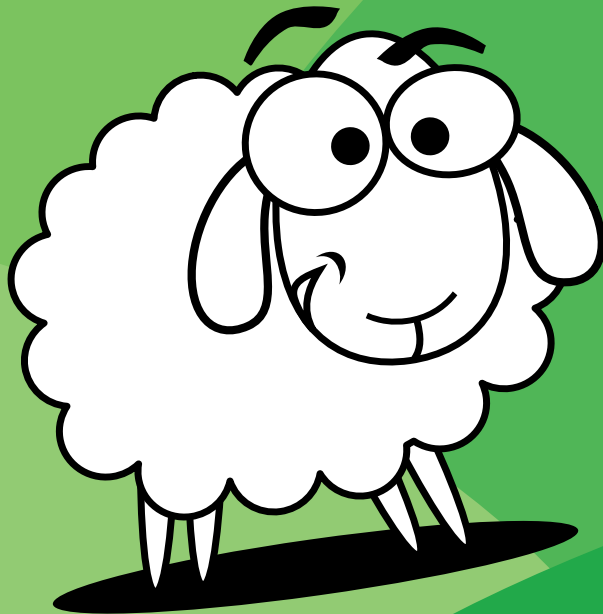
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## 11. BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

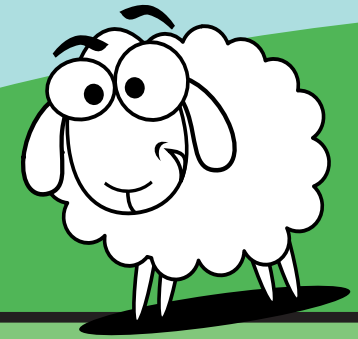
Singing the Faith 41

<https://youtu.be/Rw4H5t3TwHM>

Chosen by  
Katrina



These words  
have been in mind lately. I  
feel so blessed to have so many  
people to share life with - our joys,  
sorrows, small details of everyday life,  
frustrations, confusion, learning,  
worship, study, making  
decisions, pain and fears.



1 Blessed be your name  
in the land that is plentiful,  
where your streams of abundance flow,  
blessèd be your name.  
And blessèd be your name  
when I'm found in the desert place,  
though I walk through the wilderness,  
blessèd be your name.

Every blessing you pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord,  
still I will say:

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,  
blessèd be your name.*

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,  
blessèd be your glorious name.*

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2 Blessed be your name, administered by Kingswaysongs, a division of David C Cook  
when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's 'all as it should be,'  
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Matt Redman (b. 1974) and Beth Redman



## 10. THE GRACE

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,  
now and evermore. Amen.