

**ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH,
AYLESFORD**



SUNDAY SERVICE

The Lost Sheep

15th November 2020

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Call to worship

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent”

Jesus is the shepherd, we are his sheep.

“Come let us bow down and worship him; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker”

Jesus is the shepherd, we are his sheep.

Come now and follow Jesus the good shepherd. Where he leads, we should follow. Help us to learn that following you is the way to the kingdom of god.

Jesus is the shepherd, we are his sheep.

Amen.

Hymn

The king of love my shepherd is his,
Whos goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

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Gathering prayer

Lord, we are all lost sheep. As we gather together today we recognise you as our good shepherd. Help us to be good shepherds, to find lost sheep and bring them into the safety and comfort of your fold. Amen.

The Collect

**Heavenly Lord,
You long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from
excess and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Confession

God our Father,
We come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will in our lives;

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without
thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do
And think and say;

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from
you
by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong
to your son;

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

The Word

Luke 15 – The story of the lost sheep.

Hear is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

By this time a lot of men and women of
doubtful reputation were hanging around
Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees
and religion scholars were not pleased,
not at all pleased. They growled, “He
takes in sinners and eats meals with them,
treating them like old friends.” Their
grumbling triggered this story.

Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep
and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the
ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after
the lost one until you found it? When
found, you can be sure you would put it
across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when
you got home call in your friends and
neighbours, saying, 'Celebrate with me!
I've found my lost sheep!' Count on it –
there is more joy in heaven over one
sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine
good people in no need of rescue.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection (talk)

Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the
Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his son, Jesus
Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our
lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the
dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will
come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting.**

Amen.

Psalm 95

Prayers

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 forever.
Amen**

Sending

Notices and News

Song

There was a funky shepherd, who had one hundred sheep.

He looked after them and in the fields he would sleep.

He knew the names of all his sheep, he'd count them every day.

So when he only counted ninety-nine, he knew one had got away.

I lost my sheep! (X 8)

But I won't give up, I won't give in, 'cause that's not the way that I should be livin'.

I won't stop. I won't sleep. I'll keep going 'till I find my sheep!

He looked up to heaven and he said a little prayer.

He looked over all his fields but could not find him there.

He went down to the beach but there was still no sign of him.

He looked out to the sea to see if he'd gone for a swim.

I lost my sheep! (X 8)

But I won't give up, I won't give in, 'cause that's not the way that I should be livin'.
I won't stop. I won't sleep. I'll keep going 'till I find my sheep!

He went down to the river and he looked under a bridge.

He went back home to see if he had got stuck in the fridge.

He went to all the café's and all the shops in town.

But everywhere he went Fluffy was nowhere to be found.

I lost my sheep! (X 8)

But I won't give up, I won't give in, 'cause that's not the way that I should be livin'.
I won't stop. I won't sleep. I'll keep going 'till I find my sheep!

To my left side! (Yo! Fluffy).

To my right side! (Yo! Fluffy). (X 4)

I won't give up, I won't give in,
'cause that's not the way I should be livin'
I won't stop. I won't sleep.
I'll keep going 'till I find my sheep! (x 3)

No I didn't give up, I didn't give in,
'Cause that's not the way that I should be livin'.
I didn't stop. I didn't sleep,
I've kept going and I found.
I found my sheep!

I found my sheep! X 7

YO! FLUFFY!

Sung by DJ Slug

Blessing

Christ the good shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep, draw you and all

who hear his voice, to be one flock within one fold;

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory! Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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