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10.30am Morning Worship
Daphne Savage
What do we proclaim?

Church Stewards on duty: Tricia Cook & Val Dalby
Organist: Louissette Johnson

A **special welcome** to any visitors joining us today

There is an **Open Prayer Book** in the Welcome Area for you to enter the name of any situation or person you wish to remember during the service. There is also a **Prayer Box** for requests which, for any reason, need to remain confidential, and each individual will be prayed for by name later in the week, and in confidence, by the Prayer Group.

Our **Jesus & Me (Children's) Group** will not be meeting today. Children are welcome to stay in the Service, or take advantage of the toys and activities in the Welcome Area.

Welcome

Time of Quiet

Call to worship

Loving Lord, we live in a world full of noise.
Social media, instant messaging, endless opinions.

**So we have come here to seek time and space,
that we may hear your voice:
of encouragement, of challenge,
of peace and comfort and joy.
Speak into our hearts today. Amen**

 **God is love, his the care**

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Prayers

Loving Lord,
Thank you for being with us on life's journey.
We praise you for the times when all is well.
We thank you for walking with us through our dark days.
We look back and see how you have protected and defended us
but also encouraged and challenged us when we needed it.

**Thank you for meeting our needs,
for knowing us by name;
for holding each single one of us as precious in your sight.**

Lord, we confess there are times when your living word just washes over us;
Even the much-loved twenty-third psalm.
We have said and sung it throughout our Christian lives.
In sad times, on joyful occasions and in our services.
.....It is so familiar.

**We know the words by heart,
yet sometimes fail to take them to our hearts.**

**We take them for granted, even stray from that deep trust
in a loving God and our living Lord.
Failing to recognise our shepherd's voice,
sometimes even failing to listen.
Forgive us, Good Shepherd. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

We read together

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Amen

Time of Reflection

including

 **The Lord's my shepherd**

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Reading

This is the Word of the Lord
Reader: Rosemary Richards

John 10: 1-10
Thanks be to God

 **Seek ye first the kingdom of God**

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Sermon

What do we proclaim?

 **What a friend we have in Jesus**

StF 531

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus, you call us by name
and surround us with love and protection.
Thank you for our sense of belonging:
to our church family,
to all our other family, work, and community groups.
May we never lose our sense of inclusion.
May we know our true identity in you
and offer our lives in your service.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, help us to listen to the voice of Jesus:
and follow where he leads.

Offertory & Dedication

 All I once held dear

StF 489

Prayer as we leave

Lord, as we leave this place,
we go out in the safety and security
of knowing we are part of your flock.

Go with us and guide us through the coming days.

Protect us from harm and help us to hear your voice.

Create opportunities for us to share your love
with those we meet.

We go in your name, gracious Lord,
Amen.

Blessing

May the arms of Jesus enfold and protect you.

May God's word inform and inspire you.

May Christ's love fill and transform you.

May God's Spirit bless and empower you, now and always.

Amen

Sending out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

You are very welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea
after today's service. Thanks to today's Coffee Rota volunteers:

Heather & Stuart Townsend

Thanks to Lindsay Busby
for the flowers in memory of David Hutchins

Next Week at Trinity

28 April

10.30am Morning Worship led by Elizabeth Bolton