



Sunday 22nd March

Welcome

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him. *Nahum 1.7*

Worship – Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. For you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Sunday Club Idea

If you're at home with younger children, you could try drawing a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and all of your family, friends and neighbours as his 'sheep'. Which ones need his help most right now?

Talk – Called by Name, Not Overwhelmed, Bringers of Good News

Isaiah 43.1-3a

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and

the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Luke 4:18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Declaration

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.

We are your people God: giving and loving,

Wherever we are, whatever it costs.

For as long as it takes, wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

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 for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Heavenly Father, we pray that this week your blessing, your love & your protection would be our source and our strength, our joy & our tears, our hopes and our comfort - today and forevermore. In Jesus' Mighty name, Amen.