



When God created the universe, there was set in motion a process through which has evolved a vast array of living creatures on this precious planet. We humans share this world with other animals, and some are very special to us – our beloved pets. In the first book of the Bible, Genesis, there is a story from ancient Hebrew literature about the creation – when it was all done, including the animals, God said it was GOOD. Jesus was born amongst animals in a stable and was called “the Lamb of God, who gave himself for us” - he spoke of God’s care for the birds of the air and the beasts of the field.

Our pets bring us comfort, companionship, therapy, service, friendship and fun. They teach our children how to care and nurture, and they become very much part of our families. On most Sundays if you come to Christ Church you will probably find at least one dog present. My wife, Karen, and I have a Fox Red Lab named Barley and when she comes to church she wears a white collar so that she and I, as Vicar, are both wearing our ‘dog collars’!!



Barley - the Vicar's dog



Village Pet Blessing Service On Sunday 6 November at 10am at Christ Church, South Nutfield, we are going to hold a service to which we can all bring our pets of all types and sizes. This is a family village pet blessing service to which all are welcome, whether you normally come to church or not – just come and join the joyful chaos.

You can bring your pets on leads, in cages or boxes, any way which is safe and under control. Larger pets (horses etc.) will not come into the church but could still come to be blessed outside the church. After a short talk about how special our furry, scaled or feathered friends are to us and God, and how we all need to care for the world which we all share, each pet will be blessed by name by me as Vicar and by the other ministers.

Revd Len Abrams, September 2022