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Dear Friends,

This is my final Jottings as editor. Hubby and myself are escaping to the country - we have bought a small barn conversion in Shropshire and hoping to move there when solicitors have finalised business.

The nearest churches are in the market town of Whitchurch a few miles away and we had decided to try the Anglican parish church there.

God works in mysterious ways: a few weeks ago I visited an arts centre in Walsall as hubby was judging a camera club competition there. I sat myself down in the audience and there were a few empty chairs around me. A man came and sat beside me, shook my hand, introduced himself as George, saying he hadn't seen me there before.

People from Walsall have a very distinctive accent and I commented that he was not from there and asked if work had brought him. He told me he was from Yorkshire and he was a vicar! In fact he was the Director of Mission for the Lichfield Diocese and knows the vicar of Whitchurch very well and has a lot of dealings with her. We exchanged email addresses and the rest I hope will be history.

It is sad to leave you all but also exciting to make another new start. I have even joined Facebook to keep in touch more.

At the end of this edition I have put together some photographs which have appeared in earlier Jottings and hope they bring back some memories which they did for me.

Wendy

MAY SERVICES

Sun 5th May 10.30am Morning Worship Anglican

Sun 12th May 10.30am Communion Eddie Reubens

Sun 19th May 10.30am Communion Rev Allan Smith

This is Anniversary Service followed by a bring & share meal

Sun 26th May 10.30am Morning Worship Rev Marcus Torchon

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The tale of the Lost Sheep



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ALL ABOUT
A GOOD SHEPHERD.



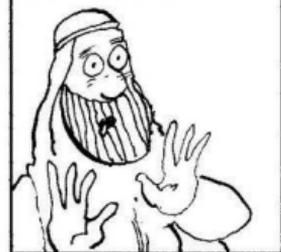
WHO TOOK GREAT CARE OF ALL
HIS SHEEP

THE SHEPHERD WOULD
ALWAYS MAKE SURE EACH
SHEEP WAS SAFE.



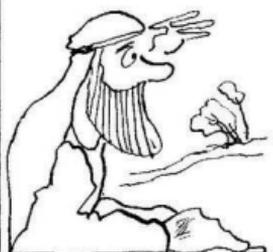
HE WOULD COUNT THEM AT
THE END OF EVERY DAY

BUT ONE NIGHT HE
REALIZED A SHEEP HAD
GONE MISSING

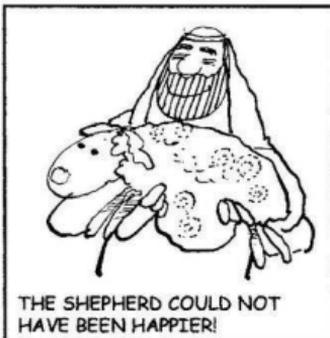


THE SHEPHERD SET OUT TO SEARCH FOR
THE LOST SHEEP

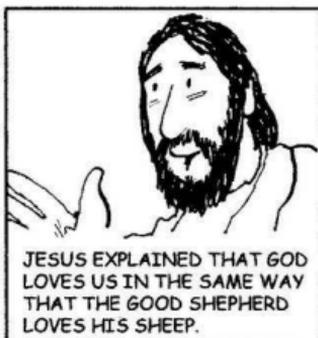
HE SEARCHED HIGH
AND LOW



AT LAST THE LOST SHEEP
WAS FOUND!



THE SHEPHERD COULD NOT
HAVE BEEN HAPPIER!



JESUS EXPLAINED THAT GOD
LOVES US IN THE SAME WAY
THAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD
LOVES HIS SHEEP.

Smile Lines

Do you know your hymns?

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away

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Epitaphs found on headstones

In London:

Here lies Ann Mann
Who lived an old maid
But died an old Mann.

In Hartscombe::

On the 22nd of June
Jonathan Fiddle
Went out of tune.

In Wimbourne:

John Penny
Reader if cash thou art in want of any
Dig four feet deep and thou wilt find a penny.

In Pennsylvania:

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake
Stepped on the gas
Instead of the brake.

In Maryland:

Here lies an Atheist
All dressed up, and no place to go.

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New mother: What is the most difficult thing I'll need to learn?
Nurse: That other women have perfect children too.

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Newcomer to local: Are they very strict at that church?

Local: Are they?! Why, when a man dies during the service, they prop him up in the seat until the end of the sermon.

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A new pulpit had been installed in the Baptist church, and the young pastor and his elders were testing the acoustics. "We'll stand way at the back and see how you sound," said an elder.

"What shall I say?" faltered the pastor.

"Say the first thing that comes to your mind."

He blurted: "I've not had a pay rise in two years. How does that sound?"

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I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom.

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What is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy?

One is a strong will, and the other is a strong won't.

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The Sunday school teacher asked if the class knew who the twin boys in the Bible were. "That's easy," said Charles. "First and Second Samuel."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered that it was Mary. The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

A little boy said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The boy said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

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Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

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Please don't criticise our church's coffee. You may be old and weak yourself someday.



