

From your Rector

Fourth Sunday of Easter

I'm hoping that this week's letter finds you all well? This Sunday is often known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because in the gospel reading Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd.

I was reflecting on this title as I was on one of my walks along a footpath that took me through a field of sheep with young lambs. In my last parish, I would occasionally help out during lambing on the farm which was next to one of the churches. I remember that sense of joy as a new lamb was born, especially after a fairly difficult birth, and seeing it thrive in those first few days.

It was at times such as this I would reflect on the theme of resurrection... that promise of new life which Christ offers us. This was brought to mind, this past week, as I watched the young lambs in the field and saw the trees with their newly acquired green canopies of leaves.

Resurrection is at the heart of the Christian Gospel and, even in these times of social distancing and other necessary measures, I give thanks that our gracious God gives us hints and reminders of this and calls each one of us, by name, to new life.

With my love and prayers and good wishes

Your friend and Rector

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