Sunday 15 November

Safeguarding Sunday

Hymns

365, 669, 604, 712, 569

Collect

Loving God,
you keep us as the apple of your eye
and hide us under the shadow of your wings:
keep us watchful, yet caring,
trusting, yet ready to question,
that all who worship here may do so in safety
and in the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 4. 1-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in ove, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Gospel John 10. 1-10

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Communion Motet

Ave verum corpus *Edward Elgar*

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Organ Voluntary
Rhosymedre *Ralph Vaughan Williams*