

### Parable of the Lost Sheep

A teacher instructed her students to rewrite Jesus' Parable of the Lost Sheep, putting it in a modern setting. One student wrote:

*"Suppose you have just finished typing a 100-page essay. You discover one sheet is missing. What would you do? You would forget about the other 99 sheets and go looking for the one lost sheet. When you find it, you are so happy that you take the other 99 sheets, throw them into the air and say, 'Yippee! I have found my lost sheet.'"*

Sometimes the distractions of life mean that we wander away from the presence and guidance of our 'good shepherd.' There can be various reasons why this happens. But when we reconnect, God is overjoyed and welcomes us back with open arms.

'In the same way, heaven will be happier over one lost soul who returns to God than over ninety-nine others who haven't strayed away.' Luke 15:7.

### Two Services

In the meantime, we will continue to hold just the one service at 9.30am on Sunday mornings. We will review at next month's vestry meeting. You will receive plenty of notice if and when we move back to two services.

### Build

Considerable progress has been made over the past few weeks. The land swap is very close to being signed off and it is our hope that construction can get under way next month. Meanwhile, the waste water and storm water project is making its way across the park and it is envisaged that this will be completed by the end of next month.

### Car Boot Sale

Do join us for our fundraising event on Saturday 18 November 8.00am – 1.00pm. Dig around in your garage and cupboards – I am sure you will find enough surplus-to-requirement items that would justify booking a car boot slot. Give me a call to make your booking.



**Word for Today**

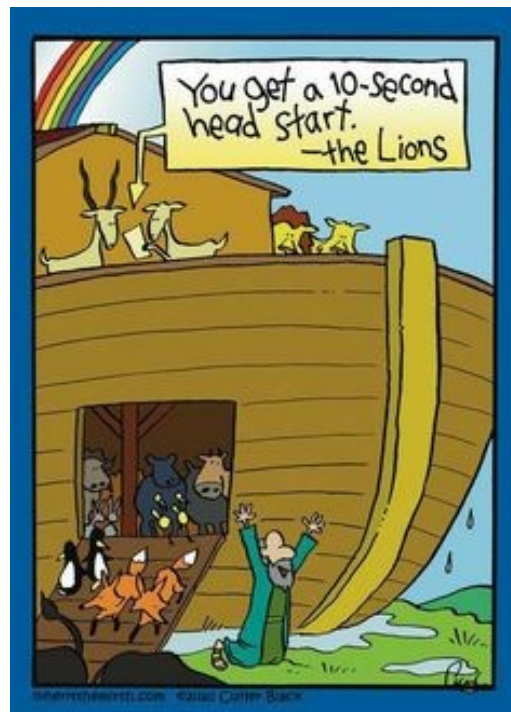
The latest edition of Word for Today has arrived. You can pick up a copy from the hall or if you would like me to post you a copy, I am very happy to do so.

**Time for a Smile**

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. 'What's the matter?' she asked. Johnny said, 'I don't feel well. I think I'm having a wife.'

**To Ponder**

'There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.' Josh Billings

**Food Bank**

Your contributions are valued immensely. Keep them coming!

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