

Bishop Sutton Community Church Letter

A couple of weeks before Christmas there was a knock on our kitchen window early in the morning, it was Sarah to say a black sheep had been spotted going down Parkfield Gardens towards the main road ... was it one of ours?

We had just had 13 sheep into our field to cut the grass and one of them was black; I rushed out to count 12 white sheep, the black one had escaped!

Normally if one gets out, the rest follow but they were bunched together as though something had scared them, giving the black one an adrenaline rush to jump the fence. All morning we walked the village rattling tubs of sheep food pellets that will normally attract them from 100 yards and Sam the farmer toured the village but there was no sheep to be found. Dog walkers and postmen spread the word about the lost black sheep, all the children at the school knew about the lost black sheep but no phone call came to say he had been found.

It reminds me of the story Jesus told of the lost sheep: the good shepherd left the rest of the flock and searched for the lost one. When he found it, he carried it home on his shoulders. Then he called his friends and neighbours together and said, "Rejoice with me for I have found my lost sheep." Jesus went on to say there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. The next day Sam rang me to say the black sheep had been found in a field beside Bonhill; he lifted him onto his shoulders, took him home in the van and we rejoiced, thankful that the sheep was safe and well.

Thank you to all who helped search for our lost sheep. Do you know of any other lost sheep? Are there any black sheep in your family? Pray for them that Jesus, the Good shepherd will lead them safely home.

Happy New Year!

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Bishop Sutton Community Church Activities:

Sunday gatherings: 10:00am on Zoom for a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer; we can include live transcription for those with hearing difficulties.

Connection: 7:30-9:00pm ish on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the month on Zoom for going deeper together in worship, prayer and connecting with the Holy Spirit.

Mid-week courses and fellowship meetings: Our mid-week meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30pm on Zoom. We also offer a range of bible courses that can be arranged at a time to suit you. More details are on our facebook page and web site, please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Ukrainian Hub: Thank you to all who have been supporting in many different ways. Please continue to hold these broken families and the situation in Ukraine in your prayers.

Keynsham Food Bank: The following items are needed and can be donated at the Co-op in Chew Magna: Chick peas, Peanut butter, Squash, Sponge puddings, Instant custard sachets, Crackers, Mayonnaise, Razors, UHT milk (semi-skimmed, and whole). If you hear of people in difficulty, contact Dave/Jenny to help these needy people.

Lonely or self-isolating? If anyone is lonely or self-isolating and would appreciate a call, internet meeting or in need of help, please contact us.

To join us online on Zoom: Click on the link on our facebook page / web site or use the Meeting ID: 871 1725 3595 and Passcode: 578732.

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