

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING 6 MAY 2020

Reflections on last Sunday's Gospel John 10:1-10

- We need to listen to Jesus, not other voices that can confuse us
- We need to learn to recognise his voice
- We can trust him to know what we need and to lead us to what is good for us
- He calls us by our name - he knows each of us individually
- He calls and draws us to him - he does not drive us
- He is the gate – we enter into truth through Jesus
- He is our shepherd who brings us back when we go astray
- Just as the shepherds in Israel would lie down in the entrance to the sheepfold to protect the flock from thieves and predators, Jesus guards and defends us against enemies

Intercessions. We prayed:

- For healing of many individuals we know who are currently suffering from coronavirus in hospitals and care homes, and for all others in this situation.
- For healing of members of our prayer group who are ill.
- That all who are fearful about the virus and about their jobs and financial security will receive comfort and support from the Lord.
- That all those who have been trapped in foreign countries will be able to make their way home.
- That the Lord will give strength to all those who are caring for the sick and for people with special needs.
- That people will open their hearts to see that God loves them and is with them in this crisis
- That we will be messengers of hope and good news to those we come into contact with.

We gave thanks for:

- An increase in numbers for Carol's WhatsApp parish group
- The simple childlike trust that we are sheep who can follow Jesus where he leads and do not need to be anxious
- For a miraculous supply of fish to poor people in the Philippines

And we thank God that 20 people were able to participate in our meeting this week.