



Paws News

Sunday 13th September

10am The Pet Service, outside The Sun Inn

The Collect

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers

The Sick: Marilyn Bailey, Sandra Baxter-Brown, Ginny Fraser, Jacquie Griffiths, Fr Shane Griffiths, Sheila Jones, Stacey Medalyer, Christine Miles, Dean Perkins, David Rivett and Hazel Wiltshire.

The Departed: Jacky Williams

The Pet Service

This Sunday sees the return of the most important service in the church calendar—the Pet Service. This statement isn't entirely true, but we are looking forward to welcoming you and your pets to a fun celebration where anything can happen.

Please be prepared for September sunshine, howling winds and rain.

If it's raining cats and dogs, we will hold the service in the pub. **If possible, please bring a chair.** Please tell neighbours and friends about the pet service; it is truly a village event for everyone. Our children and families from our Funday@4 group will be there. So join us outside the Sun Inn at 10 am for the fabulous chaos that is the pet service.



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I am lucky — I have the most beautiful girl in my life. When she looks into my eyes, my heart melts. She gives the most incredible cuddles, and when she shows affection, it's the most extraordinary feeling. At night, when I feel the warmth of her body beside me, I feel safe and comforted. I love her face, her smell, and her little mannerisms.

I am, of course, referring to our dog Milly.

What I love most about Milly is her simplicity. Her affection is uncomplicated, and her happiness is found in the smallest things. She can be entertained for hours with a stick. As much as we love her, she loves Catherine and I infinitely more — because we are all she has, and all she wants in life.

I don't want to be controversial, but Milly is the best dog in the world. Not just Dunsfold. The world.

Admittedly, her recall is terrible, she jumps up at strangers, and she barks uncontrollably at big black dogs. Despite these shortcomings, she is the best dog that has ever wagged a tail.

But do you know what — you probably think that you have the best dog in the world too.

We invite these four-legged creatures into our lives, and somehow they leave a paw print on our hearts. For many of us, that joy comes bounding toward us on four legs. Dogs greet us with an explosion of full-body enthusiasm. There is nothing more joyful than watching a dog go “zoomies” — their way of expressing uncontrollable delight. Cats, on the other hand, offer affection on their own terms, but when they choose us, when they curl up beside us or nudge our hand, it feels like a quiet honour.

And beyond cats and dogs, all pets bring a wonderful energy to our homes. They make us laugh, comfort us when we are quiet, and teach us how to love.

The Bible tells us that God looked upon His creation and saw that it was good. I sometimes think that the joy we find in our animals is a small glimpse of that goodness — a reminder that creation is not simply something to look at, but something to enjoy, cherish, and care for.

Our pets are part of the richness of God's creation, and we should celebrate the central role they play in our lives.

Of course, their lives are usually far shorter than ours, which makes the time we have with them all the more precious. Anyone who has lost a beloved pet knows the emptiness they can leave behind in our hearts and homes. But perhaps that is also a reminder to treasure the gift while it is ours.

So the next time your pet settles beside you, looks into your eyes, or enthusiastically welcomes you home, pause and enjoy the moment.

Because sometimes God's gifts don't arrive with great fanfare. Sometimes they have four legs, a wagging tail, a vibrant purr, and absolutely no understanding of personal space. And sometimes, they bring us exactly the joy we need.



