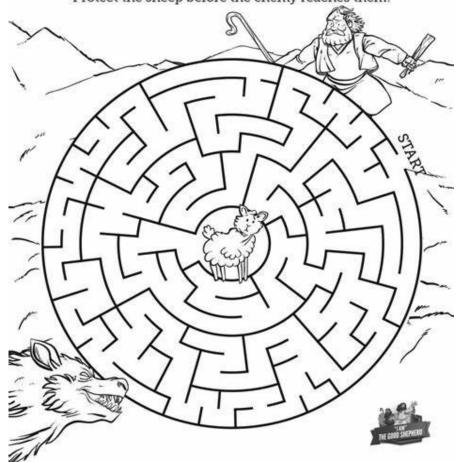
Engage your inner child!

"I AM" THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Protect the sheep before the enemy reaches them.



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PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME TO READ AND SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Cheriton Benefice St Nicholas, St Martin and All Souls 21st April 2024 Easter 4

Welcome to our churches for Sunday Service this morning.

If you are new or visiting us today, do make yourself known to the minister or church wardens.

Collect Prayer

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

UPCOMING SERVICES

<u>DATE</u>	ST MARTINS 9.30am	ST NICHOLAS 9.00am	ALL SOULS 10.45am
April 28th	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
5th May	Eucharist 10am	No service	No service
12th	Worship & Praise	Eucharist	Eucharist
19th	Eucharist	No service	Worship & Praise

Notices in the Church Family

- **APCM** please do stay for the All Souls meeting this morning. St Nicholas APCM is after the service on 28th April.
- Worship and Praise practice session 24th April 1pm in All Souls Hall and 1st May in All Souls Church. We will be looking at the next story. All welcome.
- Midweek Communion Thursday 25th April 10am at St Martin's
- 'Wolf by the Hearth' how the prehistoric domestication of animals changed our lives, fascinating talk by Anne Beecham at St Nicholas Friday 26th April 7pm. Tickets £5 at the door.
- May Day Celebrations Saturday 4th May at St Martin's Church and on the field 11am to 2pm.
- **Memorial Concert** arranged by friends and family of Rev Canon John Wright on Saturday 4th May 6pm at St Leonards Hythe. A varied programme of choral, organ and instrumental music. Free admission with retiring collection. All welcome!
- **Folklore Festival** at St Nicholas Church Saturday 11th May 10am to 5pm. Tickets £25 to include lunch and talks. Contact Greta on 01303 488091 for a ticket.
- All Souls Drama Group Murder Mystery evening Sat 18th May at 7.30 in All Souls Hall. Tickets £10 to include fish or sausage and chip supper. Call Hugh 278157 or Sheila 07923 604034 to book.
- Spring Fete in All Souls Church Saturday 25th May 9.30am to 12pm.
- Christian Aid St Martin's will be raising money on Sunday 26th May with coffee and cake after the morning service. Please stay behind to support this worthy cause and enjoy chatting with friends over a cup of coffee and delicious cakes.
- **All Souls book of Remembrance** and Mothers' Union book have being updated. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of this work please see Sheila Cinelli.