

# Messenger

*Solihull Methodist Church*

1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

## Active Year for the Scouts



The year started well for 11<sup>th</sup> Solihull (Methodist) Scout Group, with all sections running at capacity and a healthy waiting list.

Beavers, our youngest section, have continued with their varied programme guided by Beaver Leaders, Rene (Mouse) and Claire (Otter). Up until we had to stop

face to face meetings due to the Virus the Beavers had been cooking, attended Flash Climbing Centre, singing Carols, learning about disability, learning first aid and tried out various hobbies. They also progressed with their Challenge Badges and two Beavers, Freddy and Oscar achieved their Bronze Chief Scout's Award.

Cubs, under the direction of Akela (George) have had an equally active programme. George now has the assistance of Louisa, Lawrence, James and Daniel. The Cubs have had a programme at the District Woods, been bowling, made puppets and performed puppet plays, cooked a meal, explored Solihull for their Local Knowledge Badge, worked on their Disability Awareness Badge etc.



Scouts have also been successful in spite of their strong leadership team being greatly reduced to 3 active assistants, Chris, Piers and Belinda. Also, as we found ourselves with no Scout Leader when Gareth left, I had to step in to 'hold the reins'.

At the beginning of term, three of the Scouts, Malachy, Leo and Katie, who were leaving for Explorers, were present at the Council House to receive their Gold Award Certificates from the Mayor

Before our activities were interrupted by the Virus we were taking part in such activities as bouldering, scuba diving, geocaching, hiking, orienteering and were gaining such badges as the Mechanic, Hobbies etc.



While we were meeting face to face the Sections were pleased to have help from 4 young people as Young Leaders; Ben, David, Abigail and Daniel. (All of whom had been members of the Group before having to leave at 14).

When Lockdown came in March all Sections had to move to 'online' meetings.

The Leaders stepped up to the challenge although



we were scrambling for ideas to keep it interesting. (Sadly we were only able to engage about half to three fifths of the membership.

In order to progress the badgework we also set a series of challenges for members to complete at home which resulted in just over 100 badges being awarded including 2 Chief Scout Gold Awards. (Awarded to Fred and Tom).

It is important to note that the restrictions we are under are dictated by the rules of the Scout Association. The church is keen to welcome us back, [ it has now been set up to be fully compliant to Covid regulations ] and is keeping our 'slots' open for us, for which we are extremely grateful.

When we are finally given the 'go ahead' by the Scout Association we will only be able to go ahead when we have had risk assessments approved by a County Panel, when we have received the permissions of parents to go ahead and when we have enough leaders willing to run face to face

meetings. This is all designed to keep everyone safe.

I also want to mention that this year we have reached the milestone of being 50 years old. We have wanted to celebrate this milestone but it has been delayed and we plan to take these celebrations forward to early summer next year. This means we are designating September 2020 to August 2021 as our Anniversary Year.

Following a competition amongst our young people to design a badge for our 50<sup>th</sup> Year, we have selected a design by Scout Fred Kinney. This will be made into a badge for all members of the Group to wear.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to all the Leaders, Members of the Executive (including thanks to Liz Pickles for her quiet work on processing DBS applications) for the tremendous work which has taken us through a very difficult year!

Iain Waddell,  
Group Scout Leader.

# Church Family News

## Death

We are sorry to announce the death of Revd Derek Shaw.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

## Ministerial cover

Revd Nick Jones is the Circuit Superintendent, who will have ultimate oversight of Solihull until a new minister is appointed, hopefully for September 2021. During this interim period Revds Peter Bates, Chris Giles and Donald Ker will be supporting him and the Stewards.

## Church Council Report

The Church Council met on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October by Zoom. The main headlines were that the Church Council

- Heard the draft accounts for 2019-20 that showed the huge impact lockdown had had on the finances. We lost much of the cash collections, lettings monies, donations from church groups, and the car park income from Prime Accountants, which was suspended for 3 months.
- Approved the budget for 2020-2021. This had been very difficult to put together. At the end of the financial year it is projected that we will have £41,420 left in general funds. This represents 2.47 months of expenditure. We need to find ways of saving money.
- Agreed that the property committee could look into solar panels.
- Heard from the group overseeing the spending of the Pam Brown legacy of £247,998. It had been agreed at the last meeting that the main focus for spending this money should be Mission. The group are now looking for suggestions as to how we could spend this money. In the current year we may need to use some of the legacy to balance our books. It was agreed that this should not become a regular event.
- Agreed to proceed with fixing some acoustic panels to improve the quality of

sound in the church building.

- Heard the Quinquennial inspection had been completed and was very positive.
- Heard that the property committee are going to produce a costing budget of what will need replacing over the next 10 years and present it at the next meeting.
- Expressed thanks to Peter Handley for the many years of work he has given to the property committee.
- Were updated about the church and church hall reopening. Groups have been given help to fill in risk assessments and some groups have returned. Others are unable as nationally, they have been told they cannot meet.
- Were informed by the stewards that a profile had been written for a new minister and we should hear in November if we have been successfully matched in the first round
- Heard there will not be a new church project this year and the monies from any events we can run will go to Camp Joy and money raised from the Christmas card will go to the Sweet Project as it was felt they might not get as many toy donations this year.
- Received reports from groups within the church.

Helen Banks, Church Council Secretary

# Minister's Message from Revd Donald Ker



There's a part of me that struggles with the month of November. I like light and I like warmth. When the hour changes and it gets more chilly life can seem to close in a bit. You may well feel the same.

November also brings with it the solemn season of Remembrance. The secondary school I attended always had an extended assembly on the Friday morning before Remembrance Sunday. Year on year it followed the same pattern. The Assembly hall was filled with pupils, all of whom had been well warned about their behaviour before they went in. School staff and a couple of Governors sat on the stage, many wearing medals which reflected their own war service. After a hymn (which only a few sang – it was school assembly after all), a prayer and a reflection, came to the reading of the names. It was like a huge roll call of people who weren't there. First those of the school community who had been killed in the First World War – perhaps eighty names or so. Then those who had been killed in the Second World War – another eighty or so. The two minute silence was observed, wreaths were laid, another hymn and we were out into the second or third period. I was always glad when the service ended. It all seemed a bit too sombre.

In due course the circle of life brought me back to school as one of the Governors. So on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday I returned to the Assembly Hall, which seemed very familiar. The service seemed remarkably similar as well. Staff, Governors and a few brave pupils did their best with the hymn. There were prayers and readings, and then the lists of names. But now three things were different. First, there were still poppies

but no medals now. We were a post-war generation. Second, from the vantage point of the stage I could watch the pupils as the names were read, and could quietly count along them name after name, imagining what it must have been like as so many young lives were snuffed out. Third, there was now a new list of names: those who had died in the Northern Ireland Troubles which had flared up the year after I left school. I knew some of these people. One was a close neighbour. The service still seemed sombre even more so, but now it had new purpose and meaning.

Remembrance will be different this year. There won't be the same parades or community services at War Memorials. I doubt my old school assembly will happen in the same way. But we will still remember the devastation caused by war throughout the world. We will still remember those for whom this time is particularly poignant. We will still ask God to make us not just peace lovers but peace makers.

November can be a difficult month. But there's light both at the start and end of it, for we start with the joyful season of All Saints, and we end with the supremely hopeful season of Advent.

May you have a good November.

Donald



# Church Christmas Card



Planning for the annual Church Family Christmas Card is starting early this year. Due to the pandemic the card will be sent electronically when possible with printed cards for those receiving a paper copy of the Messenger.

If you would like to send Christmas greetings to others in the Church Family please let Karen Handford have the names of your family you wish to be included in the card, by **Sunday November 22nd** at the latest. This can be done by completing the details on the envelope which will be on the chairs in church from Sunday 25th October

and left in the offertory box by the Fire Exit doors. If you are unable to get to church at the moment, details and donations can be sent to Karen.

Donations can be as large or small as you wish and can be gift aided. Make cheques payable to Solihull Methodist Church, please. This year proceeds will support the Sweet Project, which supports deprived families in Birmingham. Details can be found at [www.sweetproject.co.uk](http://www.sweetproject.co.uk) In previous years toys from the annual Toy Service have been sent to Sweet.

Karen Handford

## Soupa Talks Christmas Lunch

Although this is booked for **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at the Old Sils (cost £25), it is very much dependent covid restrictions.

Since the last Messenger was sent out, tier 2 restrictions have been imposed on Solihull.

It is still 6 weeks off and things could well change by then. I am the eternal optimist!

If you would like your name to be added to the list of those interested in going please contact Sue Balmer.

## Remembrance 2020 Royal British Legion



The Royal British Legion has been supporting Service men and women, ex-serving personnel and their families since 1921, and they continue to do so in many different ways.

Today the Royal British Legion makes around £50 million annually from the sale of poppies.

This time last year I had an extensive range of Poppy Merchandise for you to purchase in support of the Royal British Legion.

This year things will be a bit different, can I encourage you to consider contributing via RBL website, [www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal) browse their range of Poppy Merchandise so we can continue to support the work of Royal British Legion and enabling that work to continue in these challenging times.

Diane Webb

# Meet The Chaplain

I have been a Retail Chaplain for almost 20 years.

It all began when Revd. Simon Lloyd was appointed as a Chaplain to the building site which would eventually become the Touchwood Shopping Centre in Solihull. Simon, realising the value of Chaplaincy, continued the work by developing the Solihull Town Centre Chaplaincy team which began shortly after the Centre was completed in 2001.



As retail Chaplaincy was in its infancy, people across the country were interested in setting up their own teams. As a very novice volunteer Chaplain, I found myself demonstrating Chaplaincy to Bishops, Senior Clergy, Student Ordinands, and even the Mayor.

Much to my great amusement I was placed as Chaplain in the two stores I most used, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury's. Being allowed behind the scenes and seeing how the business worked from the inside was very interesting but, most of all, being a Chaplain to the staff has been a huge privilege. Sharing the highs and lows of

people's lives, listening to their stories, being there in the bereavements and the joys continues to be a humbling experience.

What an honour when people share their deepest thoughts, talk about their fears and anxieties or show me pictures of their new babies, dogs and even their building projects.

I always pray that God will direct my steps during a Chaplaincy visit, so can feel disappointed when nothing much happens during the visit. Then, so often, the most important conversation is the 'accidental' meeting in the street on the way home! The staff member who needs to talk, away from the confines of the workplace! the person who had just that day returned to work after a bereavement, or the relative whose elderly aunt had been on the news following an attack; and memorably, the lady who had completely ignored me for the previous 6 months charging across the store when I was shopping after she had heard some bad news, saying "You need to know this"

Ann Polson



# 75 years of Mission – a brief story of MAF

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation”. Mark ch16 v15

These are recorded as spoken by Jesus after his resurrection before He was taken to heaven. The world of today is very much larger than the known world over 2000 years ago but Christians believe it still applies.

In 1945, after his RAF war service, Flight Lt Stuart King decided his future was not with the RAF or the aircraft industry. It was to be with something still unknown and he had to step out in faith to use his skills to serve God. His vision was to use small aircraft to bring help, hope and healing to remote communities. He and other fellow Christian airmen established Mission Aviation Fellowship in 1945.

In 1948 Stuart and his colleague Jack Hemmings, a former Squadron Leader, flew a tiny 2-seater Miles Gemini from Croydon to East Africa 4,000 miles away. With little more than a map and compass the fearless pair plotted a route across Libya, Egypt, Sudan and Belgian Congo using the river Nile as their guide. They miraculously survived a mountain crash which threatened to end the charity almost before it had begun.

After the initial survey flight Stuart based himself in South Sudan and many adventures followed, each one bringing its own unique blessing as MAF planes and partners helped to sow a million gospel seeds. In 1952 Stuart married Phyllis, an American Missionary, who acted as secretary and accountant for the first MAF programme in Sudan; they were married for 51 years.

Led by Stuart as General Director, MAFs' work developed mainly across Africa but also worldwide. As the organisation grew, Stuart returned to the UK and had a base at Folkestone, Kent. In 1987 he handed over the leadership after more than 40 years of service although he remained very much involved.

From small and struggling beginnings in post-war Britain, MAF now flies 138 light planes to over 1500 remote locations across 26 developing countries – more than any other airline in the world! It now works with about 2,000 partner organisations. Over the decades churches have been planted, schools built and bibles translated. The sick have been treated, the hungry fed and countless lives saved.

In 2016 Stuart wrote a prayer encapsulating all that MAF holds dear.

*Lord thank you for your peace, protection and provision, We pray that MAF will always have: One purpose - the glory of God; One pathway – the will of God; One passion - the love of God*

Stuart died on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020 aged 98.

All this would not have been possible without the skills and dedication to service of MAF staff from many nations and financial support and prayers from all over the world. During the early stages of overseas recruitment, potential staff are advised of the need to raise financial support towards living costs. The majority of staff are recruited from the host country which includes engineers, IT personnel, bookings staff, vehicle maintenance, ground operations, finance and security guards.



Each country has a Country Director. For example in Chad, he is responsible for 12 national and 5 international staff. In Angola MAF partner the HALO Trust which has removed more than 100,000 land mines from the civil war. These had previously claimed 1.5 million deaths. In Papua New Guinea, MAF's largest programme, there are 130 staff from many nationalities and tribes where MAF planes reach very isolated landing strips in a mountainous country. In Uganda MAF serves over 400 organisations in many ways from medical to missionary. Amphibious planes are used in Bangladesh, a low lying country subject to flooding and cyclones.

Please pray for the safety of MAF staff and for the many organisations they serve who promote the Christian gospel. MAF issue a 3 monthly Prayer Diary with news every day about their work. This is available from MAF UK, Castle House, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2TQ or from [www.maf-uk.org](http://www.maf-uk.org).

Peter Handley



## Preparing for Methodist Conference in Birmingham 2021 (hopefully!)

Plans are underway as the District hopes to host The Methodist Conference in Birmingham from

**24th June 2021 to 1st July 2021.**

You are encouraged to please volunteer if you are able, for the following roles:

- ✓ Steward
- ✓ Helpdesk
- ✓ Collation and paper distribution
- ✓ Crèche

Now your appetite is whetted, please make initial contact with The District Office, emailing [office@birminghammethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@birminghammethodist.org.uk).

Go for it!

## “O Lord, the clouds are gathering”

The district service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October included a video of “O Lord, the clouds are gathering” from One Sound, including Graham Kendrick himself leading the singing and Rosie Howarth on the violin.

It features the massed ranks of Methodist music: · National Methodist Choir of Great Britain · MAYC Orchestra and Singers

You can see the video here :

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJEL93ORHaA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJEL93ORHaA)



# News from Educaid Africa

Dear Supporters of EducAid Africa,

This year, as you will understand, things have been very different with all schools being closed and pupils sent home on March 15 with no organised preparations for home learning. Thus – to those who are currently sponsoring pupils – you will not be getting the usual termly reports and letters until schools return. The Kenyan government have announced that all schools will remain closed for the rest of the year and will plan to reopen at the start of the next academic year that is January 2021.

The year 2020 has been written off for schools, with no national exams taking place. All pupils will return and retake the year whether in Primary or Secondary, even those in their final year.

From our point of view, financially, all fees were paid up at the start of the year, in advance, which is the normal situation. Our pupils were there for the best part of one term before being sent home. Schools are intending to keep the money, but two terms worth will be used for next year and for this year they will just have used the first term's amount.

You will be pleased to know that, just as we

are locked down here, Jenni our treasurer was able to send an extra sum to our Mombasa account to be used to support any of our students who fell on hard times through the ensuing period, whether through lack of food or ill health.

So far, some 20 young people have been assisted from this fund with varying amounts to help keep them safe. So, we may not have been helping them in school but hopefully they will be well enough to restart their education when the time comes.

One of those we helped writes: "Hello, how have you been since our last meeting in Mombasa? Hope the Lord has kept you safe. I would like to inform you that I am fine - despite the challenges caused by the ongoing pandemic. I was working as a teacher under the school board of management and since the closure of schools there has been no salary which has made life to be very hard. I wish to pass my gratitude to EducAid Africa, through Mr Arome for giving me enough money to enable me to open a cafe that has been sustaining me through this period."

Yours faithfully,  
Ian Carnell

## Circuit Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Justice Round Table Event

**Monday 9th November**

**7:30pm, via Zoom,**

This event will be facilitated by the Circuit EDI Champion Rev Sue Shortman. To attend please email Sue for the zoom details on [sue.shortman@methodist.org.uk](mailto:sue.shortman@methodist.org.uk)

# How do you spell Love?

*This reflection was written by David Green – local preacher, from Millhouses Methodist Church, Sheffield. David put it in his weekly church Newsletter - AllSmiles - an acronym for After Lockdown Something For Millhouses Each Sunday!*

As those of you who will be at Church in the morning (4<sup>th</sup> October) will learn, we have just returned from a short self-catering holiday in Porthleven in Cornwall being accompanied by a friend whom we knew well from our days in Plymouth . We'd been several times before to the same apartment and knew the area well, yet visiting places that we'd been to previously threw up some surprises.

At St. Michaels Mount by one of those strange co-incidences we bumped into some friends from Solihull whom we knew well. They saw us first crying out "Vera: it's Vera isn't it?" much to both our surprises as well as other visitors around! We looked up at them and exclaimed "It's Richard & Sue. (Balmer) Well I never, fancy meeting you here! How lovely to see you!" It was about 5 years since we'd last met one another though we had corresponded each Christmas and were pretty up to date with each other's lives and families, but we recognised one another immediately prompting rapid recollections of our times together and each other's voices and idiosyncrasies.

On another day we visited some gardens and saw varieties of strange trees and shrubs not seen up here – save perhaps in the Botanical Gardens' greenhouses - ice

plants too – some enormous ones! We quickly recognised that the climate in the far south west enabled them to thrive.

Then in a gift shop by the harbour I saw a picture.

*Piglet: "How to you spell love?"*

*Pooh: "You don't spell it, you feel it."*

Just so: we recognised friends from long ago from their facial features, and recognised that some plants need the right climate if they are to thrive.

Reminders that we recognise love when we see it in action there, and that love can thrive when the climate is right. Our task as we may touch upon in this morning's service is to help create the climate where love can thrive and demonstrate so by enabling others to feel it.



# Greener Matters Caring for God's Creation

## Christmas Jigsaws? Gibson goes Green.

Restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic have given more leisure time for many people and some have used it enjoying jigsaws. I am grateful to Alison Faulkner for alerting me to the Gibson Company who have set up a 'Green Gang' to make the production

of their jigsaws in as sustainable way as possible. They have already done away with plastic wrapping and bags on some puzzles and are close to making their boxes almost 30% smaller, reducing both material use and transport costs. Their office is also going greener. Solar panels are being installed and staff encouraged to walk or cycle to work.



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Gibson make a range of puzzles including those with large pieces for the young or poorly sighted.

## Recycle or Renovate your Spectacles

As you know the spectacles' recycling service organised by Vision Aid is in abeyance but a company called **Peep** will replace lens in well-loved frames or refurbish the frames or just take them for their spare parts. They are especially keen to have vintage frames from either ordinary or sun glasses.



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Their address is Peep Donations  
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Loughborough LE12 8EY  
[www.peepeyewear.co.uk](http://www.peepeyewear.co.uk)

Richard Balmer/Greener Church Group

## Eco church – update from Arocha

In almost 5 years more than 3,000 churches in England and Wales have registered for Eco Church. It is now likely to reach its original 10 year target (of 4,400 churches in England and Wales) at least 3 years early.

The scheme has given 940 awards, including 14 Gold awards to churches of an expanding range of denominations: Baptist, Quaker, Methodist, URC and Anglican.

We were delighted to have many denominations represented at our recent online Eco Church conference on 10 October, Denominational and leadership-level support schemes continue to accelerate the take-up of Eco Church at grass roots level, providing sub-networks where people can get support,

encouragement and learning from those in a similar denominational context.

Methodist areas can register as Eco Districts and Eco Circuits, and A Rocha UK presented the first Eco Circuit award in April.

One challenge of the burgeoning demand for Eco Church's work is finding the capacity to meet it. Please pray for their small team of Helen and Sara and the many volunteers who have worked hard to keep up with the rapidly expanding Eco Church family and to plan new initiatives. Please also pray for the success of grant applications and that they are able to raise the funds to expand services to churches, and for more volunteers to support the core Eco Church team.

# Sunday Morning Services in November

**1<sup>st</sup> November**

Revd Donald Ker

**15<sup>th</sup> November**

*Communion*

Jonny Bell  
Revd Donald Ker

**8<sup>th</sup> November**  
*Remembrance*

Revd Donald Ker

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Revd Nick Jones



**29<sup>th</sup> November**

*Advent Sunday*

Community Choir

**To reserve a seat for Sunday morning worship  
ring or text 07928 818562  
or email [reservations@solihull-methodist.org.uk](mailto:reservations@solihull-methodist.org.uk)**

## Autumn Colours in the Church Grounds



## Extra Church Council meeting

There will be an extra Church Council meeting on

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** at 7. 30 pm

by Zoom. This will be to discuss the questions posed by the circuit about shaping its future.

- **How can we work together as the people of God in a Circuit where there are less ordained Ministers?**
- **What do you think of a model involving Lay Pastors and specifically, how might we explore pioneering ministry (new and innovative mission work) within it?**
- **What ideas do you have for making our circuit smaller, smarter and more focussed on mission?**

## Tuesday Morning Communion Service 9.30 am



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This will be held in the church and not the Margaret Wharam room

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## The Wednesday prayer group

is now meeting by Zoom each  
Wednesday at 9.30am.



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If you would like to join in,  
please contact Chris Giles  
details.

## Prayers

If you have any specific prayer requests, we have a dedicated email address to send them to:-

**prayers@solihull-  
methodist.org.uk**

You can also text us on:

**07928 818562**

These requests will be given to a team of people who will offer prayers for the specific situations.

## Church Team



**Rev Andrew Orton**  
Minister



**Dean Taylor**  
Children and Youth worker



**Diane Webb**  
Pastoral and  
Community Worker



**Janice Smith**  
Church Administrator



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### The Messenger Team

Sue Balmer, Bryan Fitter,  
Jeff Horton, Sue Kelley,  
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Rumens

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month.

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Please send photographs  
**separately** as jpeg files

# Get Creative – Competition Winners

The Children, Youth and Family Ministry of the Methodist church are thrilled to announce the winners of the Get Creative competition this summer! They said it was a joy to receive so many entries and hear from children and young people about how they've encountered God during this time. Here are some of the Art winners –

other categories can be seen online at [www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/the-well-learning-hub-equipping-and-supporting-workers/resources-from-the-well-to-download/discipleship-spirituality-and-exploring-faith/get-creative-competition-winners/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/the-well-learning-hub-equipping-and-supporting-workers/resources-from-the-well-to-download/discipleship-spirituality-and-exploring-faith/get-creative-competition-winners/)

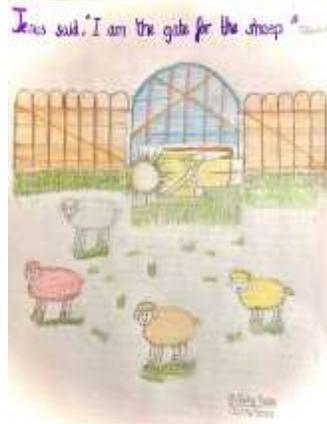
4 – 7 year olds



11 – 14 year olds



8- 11 year olds



15 – 18 year olds

