

## CONNECTING MEOTA April 24th , 2024

**This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another through love.**

**Our next church service will be**

**Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am**

**at St George's Diamond Valley, Christ Church Millarville**

The people of St. James are welcome to worship with us at Christ Church or St. George's.  
We would love to see you and worship with you among us!!



Join us for Worship  
In Person Services at 10:30am  
Christ Church, Millarville  
&  
St George's, Diamond Valley

Upcoming Events *It's not too late to join us.*

## ANGLICAN PLUS

***Let us challenge ourselves to become mature in our understanding of the faith!*** Hebrews 6:1

In Lent we had movies, zoom chats, a wide variety of church services to help us draw nearer to God.

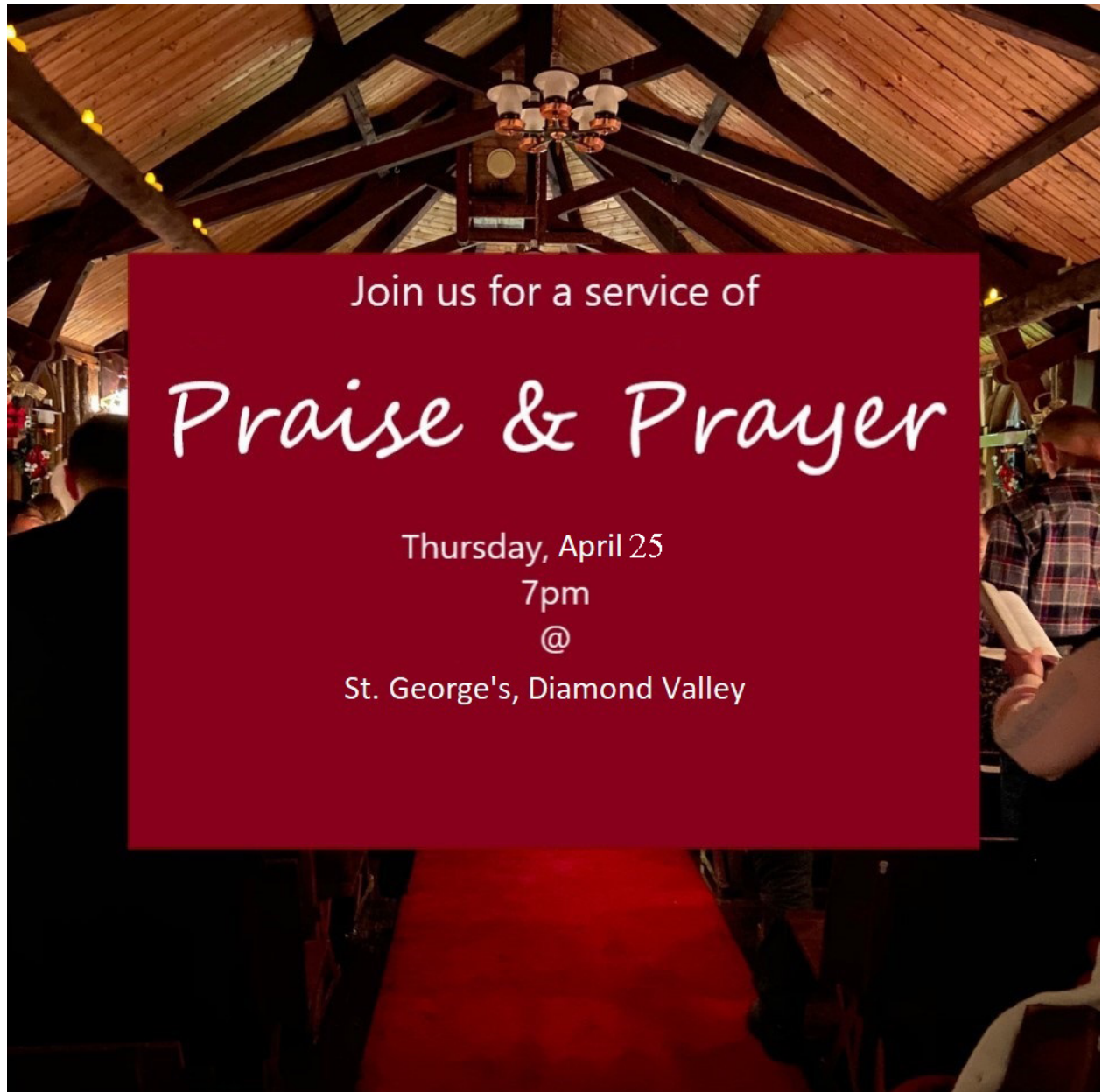
In Apr/May there will be classes to delve into our Christian Faith and how it is expressed in our Anglican tradition.

**ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH AFTER COFFEE TIME.** There should be enough time for St George people to tootle over and join the conversation! Every week is its own topic. You can drop in anytime!



Come to ANGLICAN PLUS for a time of learning, sharing and great conversation!

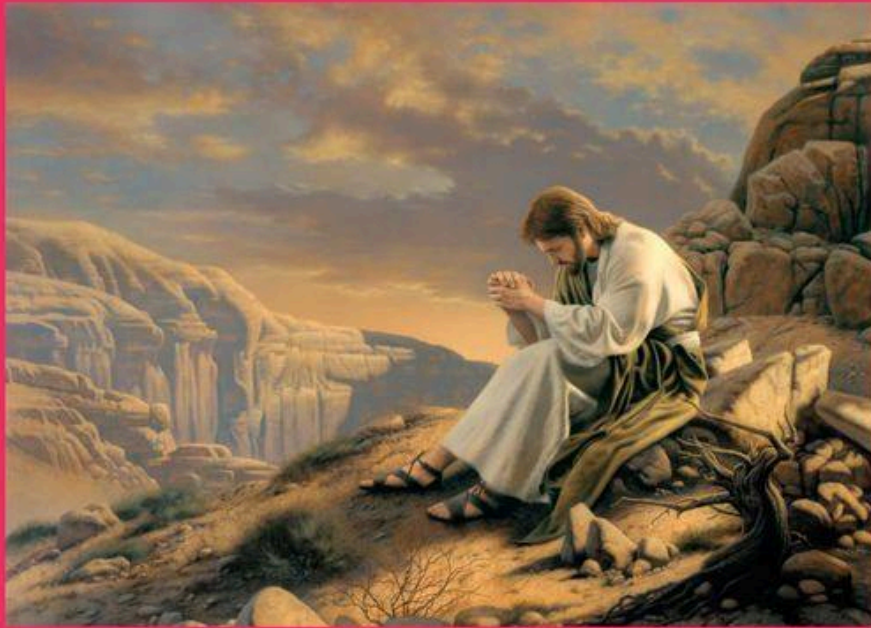
Come to the Prayer and Praise service.  
Come for the reverence.  
Come for the healing.  
Come for the joy.  
Come for the Peace.





Things sitting on my desktop waiting for me to share in Connecting Meota. In no particular order and attached to no particular theme; just for interest's sake!





**When I am alone, GOD is my comforter.  
When I am weak, GOD is my strength.  
When I am nothing, GOD is my everything.  
Amen!**



As the world fights to figure everything out,  
I'll be holding doors for strangers,  
letting people cut in front of me in traffic,  
saying good morning,  
keeping babies entertained in grocery lines,  
stopping to talk to someone who is lonely,  
being patient with sales clerks,  
smiling at a passersby.

WHY?

Because I will not stand idly by and  
live in a world where love is invisible.

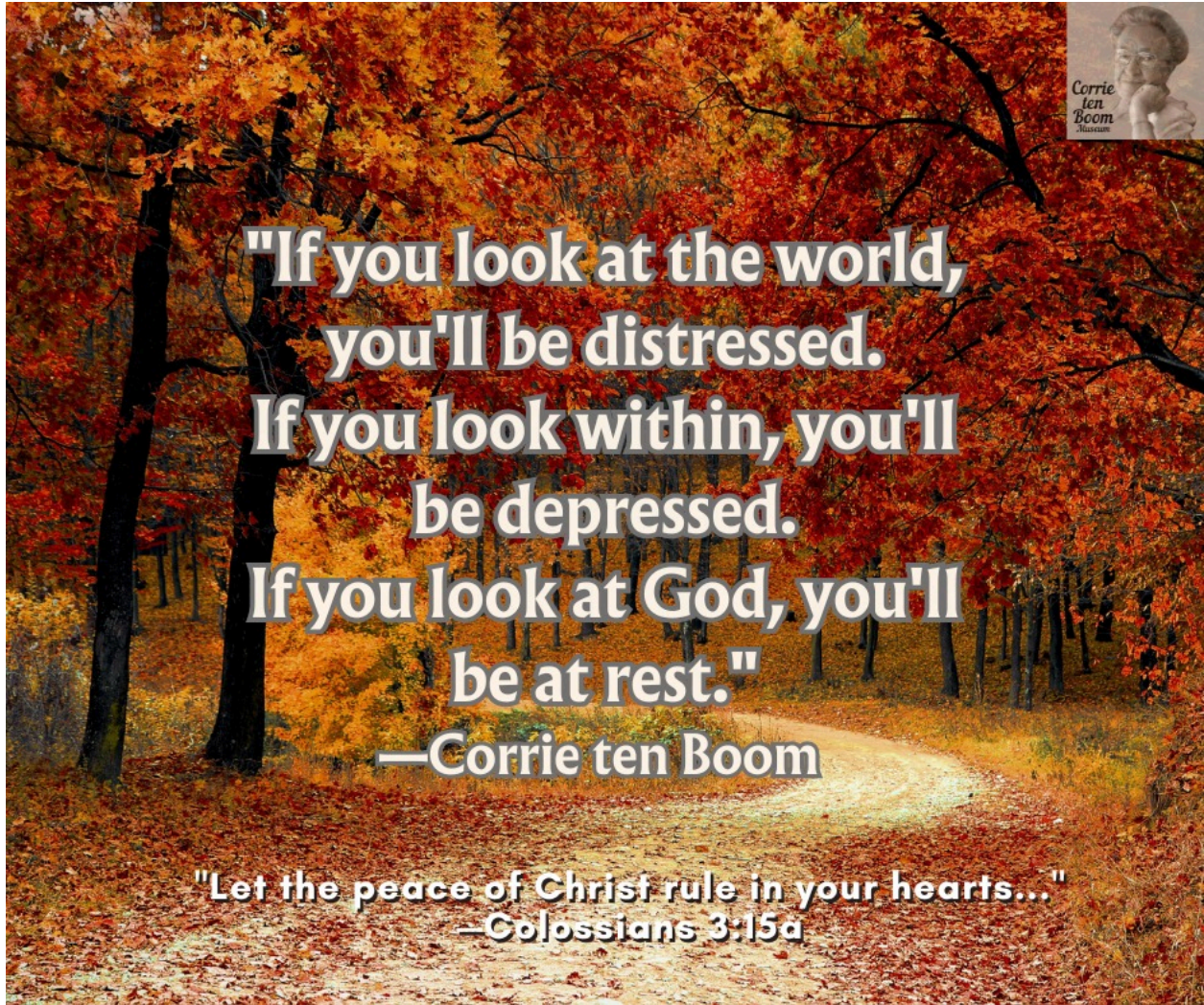
Join me in showing kindness,  
understanding, and judging less.

Be kind to a stranger,  
give grace to friends who are having a bad day,  
be forgiving of yourself - today and every day

BE the change, BE the light,  
start today and never stop.

*Audrey Loves Paris*





**"If you look at the world,  
you'll be distressed.  
If you look within, you'll  
be depressed.  
If you look at God, you'll  
be at rest."  
—Corrie ten Boom**

**"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts..."  
—Colossians 3:15a**

Just stuff that I thought would be of interest. Take what speaks to you. Ignore what doesn't.  
May God give you His message of love, guidance and peace! Amen

## Fifth Sunday of Easter. Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Readings

ACTS 8:26-40; PSALM 22:24-30; 1 JOHN 4:7-21; JOHN 15:1-8

### First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. **Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch**, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. **He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"** And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, **"About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"** Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. ACTS 8:26-40

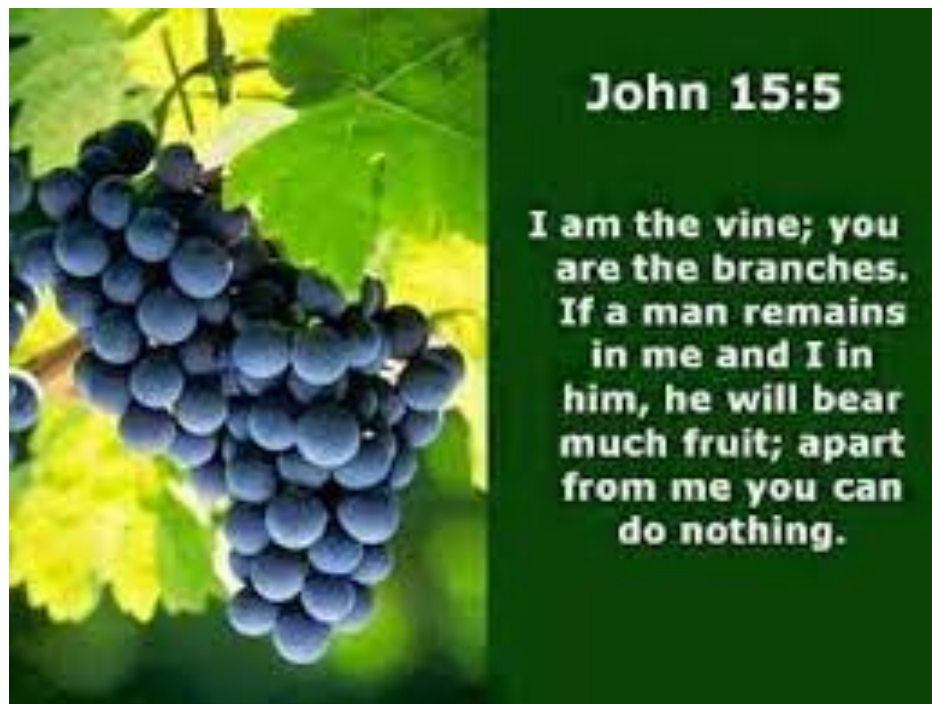
### Second Reading A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.** In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement,



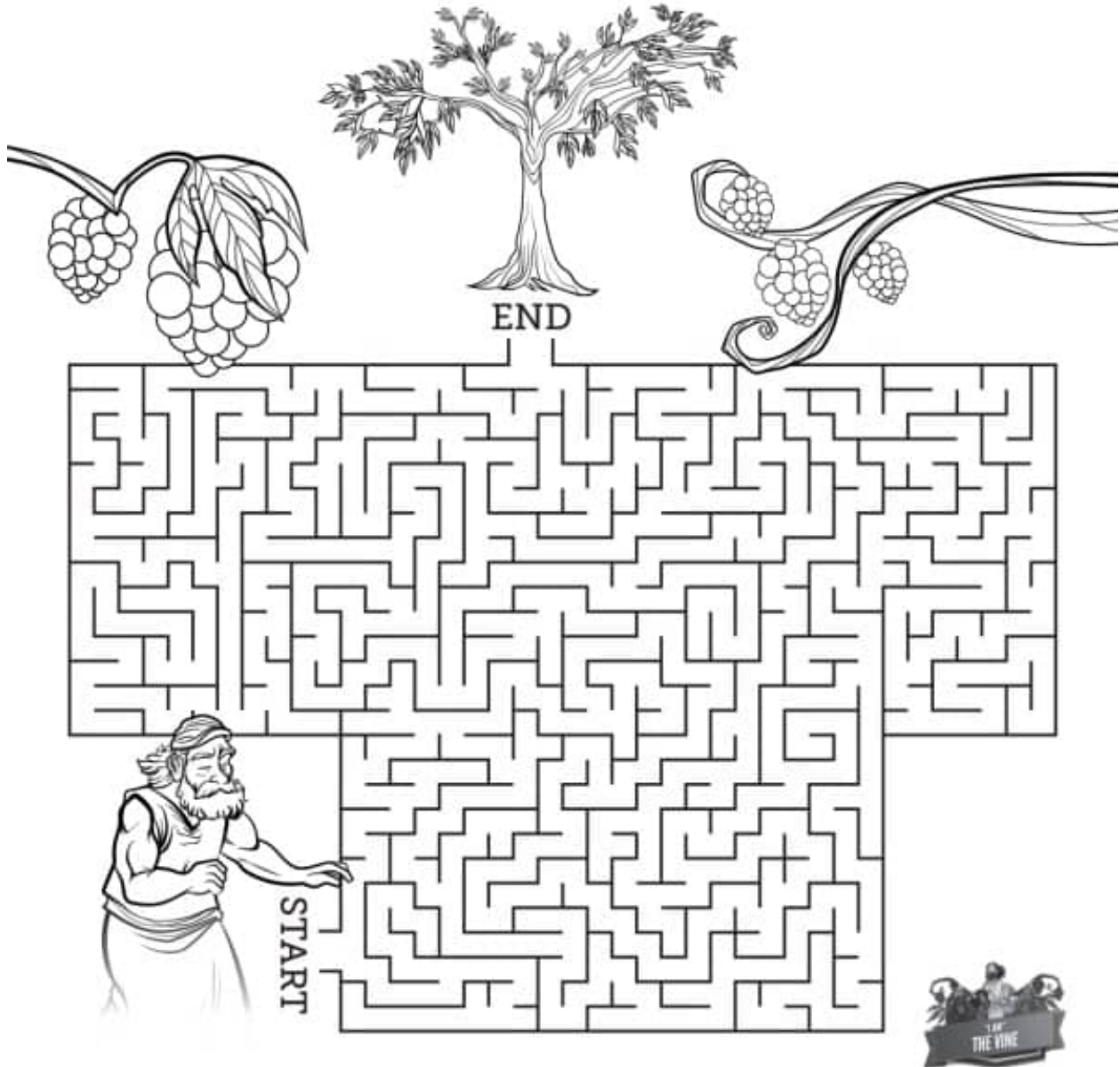
because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.  
1 JOHN 4:7-21

**Gospel.** THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN  
**Jesus said, "I am the true vine,** and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. JOHN 15:1-8



# "I AM" THE VINE

Guide the gardener to the fruit tree.

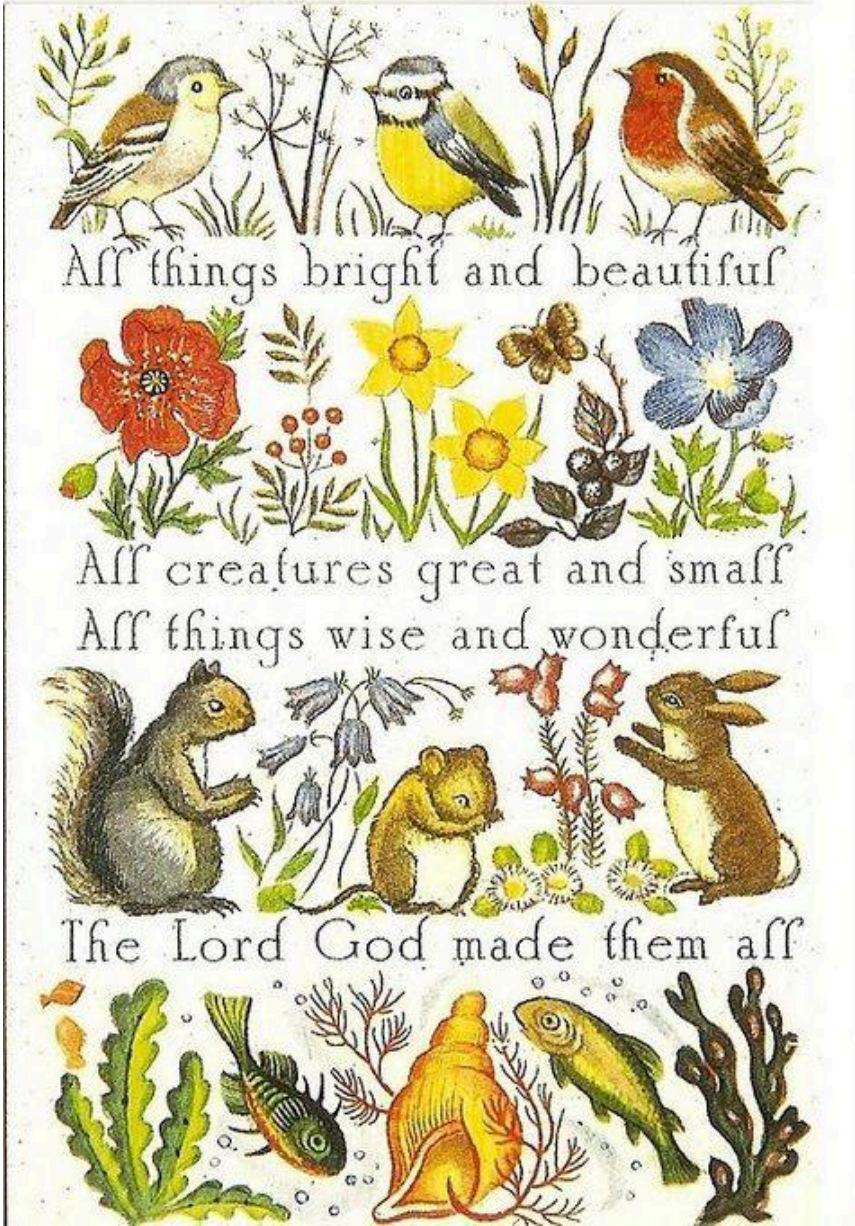


FUNNY BONES





GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD



ALLELUIA!

