

## **Prayers for 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The psalm set for today must be one of the best known and best loved of all. It is known world-wide by either its number – Psalm 23 – or its first line – The Lord is my shepherd. I don't think there are many psalms which are so widely known, recognised and loved. It has been turned into beautiful hymns – both ancient and modern – and even non-believers seem to be familiar with it. It is often chosen for weddings or funerals.

Whilst I do love the whole psalm, I cannot wait (whether singing it or reading it) to get to the last line, for I believe that is the best part:

“I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever”

The psalmist David puts it so well. When my life on earth is over, it's not the end because I will live with the Lord, in his house, forever. Let's use this psalm as our prayer for today and be thankful for the life after death which we believe the Lord, our Shepherd, is providing for us.

And we pray for the recently departed May Ferry and for all who are ill or may be sad and lonely, especially those who have lost family and friends recently and for whom life will never be the same again. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Alfred Edwin (Jimmy) Ross, Bernard George Ward, Annie Pretoria Griffiths and George James Hutson.

Amen