**WELCOME**  *Hi* everyone! *Welcome* to . . . . . !

I'd just like to say a big 'thank you' to you all for coming today, people *and* animals!

Also a huge 'thank you' to all those who've helped with the arrangements in any way.

It's wonderful to see so many beautiful companion animals, guide dogs, hearing dogs and therapy pets; and I always say that these, whom we love so dearly, represent *all* of God's animal kingdom.

And that includes those who are *not* loved and cared for by humans, especially those who suffer horrifically in this age of consumerism.

All of God's creatures need our love - His love is *indivisible* and our very first mandate (our very first job description) was to care for His animal kingdom.

One way we can help do this is to provide a loving home for a rescue animal and we are delighted to have here today, *. . . . .* , from . . . . . Shelter and also . . . . . from . . . . . Welfare.

They will be at the back of church after the Service with details of animals desperately in need of a loving home, so please *do* seriously consider whether you could help.

I've also left a few leaflets and prayer cards at the back of church, which you are welcome to take home with you.