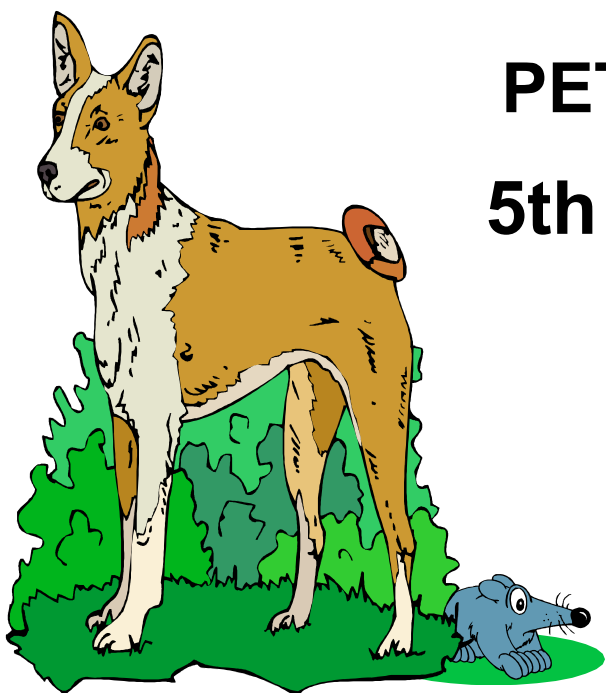


PET SERVICE

5th June 2011



On Sunday 5th of June we at St Faith's celebrated our annual Pet Service.

We started the service with the hymn All things bright and beautiful, followed by All creatures of our God and king and the first reading was from Genesis 7. 1-5 God telling Noah to take his family and all the animals into the Ark, before the rains came and flooded the earth.

In her address Charmaine pointed out to us how St. Faith's wood beamed roof represented an Ark and indeed with the presence of the pets that were there, it did not take too much imagining.

The congregation was made up of new pets with their owners and pets who had been before. We had ten dogs, one cat, one tame rat called Hercules, who took a liking to our organist Tim Mitchell, one budgerigar who seemed oblivious to the danger of being sat so close to Molly the cat, and a Giant Land Snail which stereotypically was late and the last pet to arrive, all be it just in time for a blessing. We also had a collection of much loved stuffed toys my favourite of which was Anneliese Barnes' green and white rabbit called Lettuce.

We were reminded in the prayer how very lucky we are to have pets and how much joy they bring to their owners and that we should thank God for them and look after them always.

It always amazes me how well behaved the pets are, no fights, no accidents and no escapes, well in Slimeys case of course he would not have been too hard to find, just follow the trail.

