

LETTER FROM THE POST OFFICE

We don't know who replied, but there is a beautiful soul working in the dead letter office of the US postal service.



Our 14-year-old dog Abby died last month. The day after she passed away my 4-year-old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abby. She asked if we could write a

letter to God so that when Abby got to heaven, God would recognise her. I told her that I thought we could so, and she dictated these words:

Dear God,

Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I'm happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick. I hope you will play with her. She likes to swim and play with balls.

I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.

Love, Meredith



We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abby & Meredith, addressed it to God in Heaven. We put our return address on it. Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letterbox at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had received the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abby & Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abby arrived safely in heaven. Having the picture was a big help and I recognised her right away. Abby isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abby loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your

picture in, so I'm sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abby by.

Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you.

I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I'm easy to find.
I am wherever there is love.

Love,
God



Received by email

PASTORAL GROUP

Several new names have been put forward to be included on our Housebound List. Visitors will be allocated and will call with a small birthday gift, and keep in touch throughout the year.

The "Sunday Lift to Church" service still operates every week and is much appreciated by the current users.

Anyone requiring a lift should contact Bill Anderson
☎ 01324 711882



The yearly social for our housebound members, the local Homes and over 70's is being organised at the Pastoral committee meeting in January.

Watch this space for further details!!!



The Lunch Bunch operates every Thursday during school term and continues to donate a very considerable amount to the Church and charity.

All are welcome.

Services at the local Care Homes take place each month as follows:

Oakbank and Summerdale on the last Thursday in the morning;

Ivybank and St Margaret.s on the second Sunday in the afternoon.

If anyone is interested in the work of the Pastoral Group, please speak to Bill.

Bill Anderson
Convenor