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BLESSING THE ANIMALS.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hereford, animal lovers bring their pets to an open-air service arranged by the local branch of the R.S.P.C.A. The service commemorates the life and work of St. Francis of Assisi, perhaps the greatest animal lover in Christian history.

Before a very mixed congregation, the blessing is given by the Vicar, Prebendary Snell - himself an R.S.P.C.A. Council member. With so many different kinds of pet around, their owners have to keep a firm hold on them - just in case anyone should start an argument. But everything remains peaceful.

As for me, I'm Chapel.

And when the cat's away, there's only one thing for a self-respecting mouse to do!