

February 2017

I was due to return to Bryn Chapel on Saturday 4th February for Connexional Committee – The report was written, as was the handbook preface, everything was prepared, but it was not to be. At the end of January I had been struck down by the flu like virus that has been doing the rounds – Sue’s birthday was something of a washout with neither of us being well and, unusually, I had to take several days off work. By the time Saturday came I was still in bed and not fit company for man or beast. My thanks go to all who covered for me at the meeting, especially Ray who was nominated to chair it. My thanks to my son Phil too who covered my preaching appointments on the Sunday.

On Friday February 10th I managed to get to the Admin Meeting and to Friars Coffee Morning on Saturday. Sunday February 12th saw me preaching for “Coffee Bar Sunday” at Holy Trinity in the centre of Warrington. This is the Anglican church that I work at during the week: Once a year they invite me to share with the congregation something of the work that is done in the daily, drop in, café. It was a good time of fellowship and renewal in vision.



(Above and right Mill Lane Chapel, Bristol)

The following weekend, Saturday and Sunday the 18th and 19th of February, was the Circuit Bristol Visit. Sue was able to accompany me so, by 9am on Saturday, we hit the road.



God provided wonderfully and the journey was straightforward and without delay. We arrived at the hotel and were able to book into our room early and freshen up before the afternoon meeting. Ten minutes from the hotel was or Mill Lane Chapel at Warmley – We were warmly greeted and made to feel very much at home by folk that had come together from both churches of the circuit. Ray gave the welcomed from the Circuit and the meeting went well as the Holy Spirit blessed. A fellowship meal followed and it was good to affirm that Bristol are very much a part of the Connexion even though distance separates

God’s blessing continued to flow in the evening as Sue, who had given up watching her beloved Warrington Wolves to be with me, was unexpectedly able to watch the match on a tablet in the room – Thank you Lord!

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Sunday morning was another short trip to Bethesda Chapel at Staple Hill (*left*) and some friends from Warmley made the trip down to be with us. The worship was sweet and the fellowship warm, followed by a lovely lunch put on by Janice and her team. It was particularly good to see Molly Shepherd who



made special effort to come after very recently coming out of hospital – Thank you Molly ☺. The message of love that I shared touched hearts and minds and I pray that the Circuit was as encouraged as Sue and I. God’s blessing continued and the journey home was a tiring but straightforward one.



Sunday 26th February was much closer to home with a trip to our Tyldesley Chapel (*below*) in the morning. Worship was led for me by Stuart and it was a joy to be in God’s presence – Geoff and Margaret Mort were a great encouragement as usual, as were the fellowship as a whole. I pray that my message was also an encouragement to all present.



The evening of the 26th was shared at Kent Street Community Church and Merle Astley (below) led the service for me. It was so good to see new faces as God builds His church here in a corner of Warrington.



February also had me officiating at two more funerals – My prayers are with both families. Please continue to pray for strength and wisdom as I seek to serve in this role to the glory of God.

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