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# President's ponderings

#### **Dear Friends**

As we have been watching the events of the Covid 19 Pandemic unfold around us, I have been remembering the words of the weekend hostel receptionist that I worked with at Liverpool YMCA in the 70's.

Fred was an old retired sea dog who would easily have qualified for the label 'A Character'!

Whenever I checked in with him when I was on weekend duty, his response was always 'They don't appreciate the seriousness of the situation.!'

It was never clear what the situation actually was but it was always 'serious'.

Eventually I got into the habit of going to reception and simply asking 'How's the situation today Fred?' I knew what the answer would be!

Without doubt we cannot underestimate the seriousness of the situation that we are now in and our thoughts and prayers are for all our families, friends, colleagues and brothers and sisters throughout the world as it is apparent that neither national nor continental boundaries can block the spread of the virus.

The virus brings with it not just illness, but fear and isolation, uncertainty, anxiety and sadness.- the things which we seek to avoid.

These were the very feelings that the disciples must have felt on Good Friday as they witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus.

Their lives were thrown into uncertainty and turmoil. Yet just a few days later, as they met the risen Christ, things had been transformed.

Yes, they were shocked and surprised by the events which followed, but there before them was the evidence of the transforming power of God, bringing light and hope into a situation of darkness and death.

We see demonstrations of this happening every year in our gardens and parks at this time, as the spring flowers shoot up and the once dark borders are filled with colour and light.

Yes, we are in a serious situation which we should not underestimate, but it is a situation which we can trust God to transform by his grace and mercy. This is the message of hope that God brings to us this Easter as at every Easter.

May each one of you and those who you love have a blessed and encouraging Easter.

#### **Graham Clarke**

P.S. Someone shared this thought about being in isolation- 'You can think of your home as a prison or as a Haven. Which is yours?'

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# Cambridge Reunion Lunch 2020 Y's Retired of the UK 1st July 2020 - 12 noon for 12.30pm

#### SADLY - NOW POSTPONED

New date, possible in the Autumn at which time all the information below will become relevant.

Dear colleagues,

I have retained the same time and date as previous years for the Reunion normally convenient to the majority! The date does not conflict with school-holidays.

You will appreciate from your own experience the setting of dates and numbers is of paramount importance when booking a suitable restaurant venue for meals and ask for your full support in early confirmation of your intention, including spouses to attend. Please would you respond by email, post or telephone whichever is most convenient!

I appreciate this is early notice and all kinds of eventualities may arise before the date, however as Organiser the assurance of a good number is helpful as I have booked the Private Dining Room!

The invitation is open to all members within striking distance or further afield if by car, rail or 'Shanks Pony' to Cambridge - a delightful city for a day out!

Suffice it to share that I have been able to make a definite booking with the Girton Golf Club Restaurant with excellent car parking facilities much appreciated in past years! Expect a warm welcome, always present for visitors to Cambridge.

The Cost? I have received confirmation that the cost will be £18.50 per person per meal. Drinks are extra at the bar. Surprisingly the Chef has also sent a copy of the menu well in advance.

I look forward to meeting with you ALL for yet another pleasant social occasion! Warm regards,

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# THE SOUTH WEST Y'S RETIRED **GATHERING AT TRELOYHAN CHRISTIAN** CENTRE ST IVES CORNWALL

#### **POSTPONED**

The coronavirus has now sadly affected the annual gathering of Ys Retired colleagues in the South west and further afield. However, I am pleased to report that the five days in this warm and happy venue has not been cancelled but only postponed to the following dates - so please add it to your diary -

**NEW DATE:** 19th - 23rd APRIL 2021



KATHLEEN AKRILL - birth date was 22 June 1925. She was 94 years of age when she died. Kathleen's funeral was on Tuesday 3 March at 1.30 pm at St Peter's Church in Brackley, followed by a committal at the Banbury Crematorium

Kathleen was employed by the YMCA for 20 years as follows:

1965-74

Kathleen was initially Appeals Organiser and later General Secretary of the YMCA in Grimsby. During this time, the ambitious goal of building a completely new accommodation hostel was achieved and Kathleen was a member of the team who worked very hard to make the dream come

1974-85

Kathleen was Manager of the YMCA Hostel for horticultural trainees at the RHS Garden at Wisley. Having trained in horticulture, worked in her family's horticulture business and then in the administrative role at Grimsby YMCA, this was the perfect role for

1985 onwards After retiring from paid work, she continued her involvement with the YMCA by serving on a Regional Committee based in Guildford.

#### (Sent in by Pamela Gelder. Kathleen was Pamela's Aunt)

Dear Pamela (Gelder)

On behalf of the members of Y's Retired of UK I would like to express our sympathy and condolences to you on the death of your Aunt, Kathleen Akrill.

I have fond memories of her when she was the manager of the YMCA Hostel at RHS Wisley when I was Regional Secretary for the South East Region.

There was always a friendly welcome and atmosphere at Wisley which was very much due to her approach to her work, her Christian faith and concern for her residents. She was always keen to support the work of the rest of the movement around the region and in particular the Guildford and Surrey area.

I am sure that you will find comfort in your own memories of her as an aunt and her Christian faith. Yours Faithfully

**Graham Clarke** President Y s Retired of UK A very helpful article I've received is about "anticipatory grief" the feeling we get about what the imagined future holds when we're uncertain.

It can be confusing. It's a long article, so here is in extract. The whole article can be found on

https://hbr.org/2020/03/that-discomfort-you're-feeling-is-grief "Understanding the stages of grief is a start.

The stages aren't linear and may not happen in this order. It's not a map but it provides some scaffolding for this unknown world.

There's denial, which we say a lot about early on: This virus won't affect us.

There's anger: You're making me stay home and taking away my activities.

There's bargaining: Okay, if I social distance for two weeks everything will be better, right?

There's sadness: I don't know when this will end.

And finally there's acceptance. This is happening; I have to figure out how to proceed.

Acceptance, as you might imagine, is where the power lies. We find control in acceptance.

I can wash my hands.

I can keep a safe distance.

I can learn how to work virtually."

I CAN do this!!

#### Resilient YMCA - 27 March 2020 -

Welcome to a new regular newsletter, showcasing how resilient ymca from around the world strive to inform, inspire and connect

Coronavirus is impacting the whole world. YMCA staff and programmes have been deeply affected: offices and hostels closed, events and camps cancelled, school and sport activities shut down. The health, economic and social consequences of a prolonged crisis appear frightening.

In a time of such anxiety and instability, we're getting a real-time lesson in the value of our global YMCA family. As we strive to keep essential programmes open, working for the most part in isolation, instead of a sense of separation it is abundantly clear that we are all in this together. National, regional and local offices responded massively to World YMCA's call to share information on how they are adapting to survive. The newly launched COVID-19 YMCA Response Hub has a wealth of resources around operational planning, member communications, online learning, finance and insurance, and more. Our Global YMCA Response and Impact database contains case studies on how YMCAs are continuing to achieve impact. I urge you to make the most of these resources, and to contribute to them.

Last year, long before any of us had heard of coronavirus, World YMCA chose 'resilience' as its guiding theme. It's difficult to grasp the value of resilience until you need it; it's clear that we need it now. By helping each other to build resilience, by sharing what works (and what doesn't) in adapting to this global crisis, we can ensure that every YMCA can continue to fulfil its mission, this year and beyond.

Carlos Madjri Sanvee Secretary General | World YMCA



Rev Dr Leslie Griffiths; Lord Griffiths of Burry Port A prayer written for Premier Radio.

In the darkest and most worrying moments of life, people of all ages and every culture have raised their prayers to almighty God. We do so now. This prayer is framed by words written 3,000 years ago, words from Psalm 88.

Lord, our God, by day we call for help,
By night we cry aloud in your presence.
Let our prayers come before you.
Hear our loud entreaty:
For we have had our fill of woes,
Which have brought us to the brink of despair.

For those who are suffering from this dreadful disease, all who have lost loved ones, all those whose loss or suffering have been turned into the statistics we see on our daily news bulletins;

For everyone living in fear, shut into their homes, somehow surviving on the streets; for those afraid their jobs or their livelihoods may be at stake, for those whose fear is turning to panic;

For policy-makers, front-line workers, health workers and care providers, and all those working so hard to develop a vaccine:

For the over 70s, those with underlying health risks, for pregnant women; for good neighbours and loving friends, for those closest to us in this time of need;

Will your wonders be known in the region of darkness? Your victories in the land of oblivion?

Dear Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

# Press statement via Churches Together in England

As our nation faces the unprecedented challenge of the coronavirus pandemic, Churches Together in England (CTE) is encouraging Christians across our nations to continue uniting in prayer, praying #PrayersOfHope in their homes at 7.00 pm each Sunday evening.

Following the overwhelming response which the National Call to Prayer and Action received on Mothering Sunday, CTE has prepared a candle poster for those who would like to place a permanent symbol in their front windows of Christ's light shining in the darkness.

### Visit www.cte.org.uk/prayersofhope

This poster has been made available due to our awareness of the potential fire risk posed by lighting live candles, particularly on windowsills. We are keen to avoid adding any pressure to our emergency service personnel, particularly at this difficult time.

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' John 1:5

With best wishes. Jenny (Bond)

# **Members correspondence**

Dear David

Many thanks again for your outstanding service to all of us who are privileged to belong to Y's Retired. We were very fortunate to have such varied opportunities which YMCA Secretaryship opened up for us over the years and are now finding many new horizons in our retirement some of which are mentioned in the Newsletter. You help us to keep in touch and that is much appreciated With very kind regards and best wishes

#### Derek (Sheppard)

Dear David,

With much sadness, i am contacting you to tell you that our dear Auntie Kathleen died last week (late Feb). Although she had had a chest infection, she was progressing and we had every reason to believe she would pull through but she suddenly collapsed and lost consciousness. Thankfully, she did not suffer or have any pain but it was still a shock. We have really enjoyed having her so near to us for the last three years and we will miss her so much.

Her funeral was on Tuesday 3 March at St Peter's Church in Brackley, followed by a committal at the Crematorium at Banbury with refreshments afterwards. With kind regards **Pamela Gelder** 

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I have another tale that involves a certain **Jim Thomson** which might make amusing reading in Y's Retired.

Apart from Shauri Moyo, the Kenya YMCA state of the art sports centre in the Eastland's of Nairobi, which Jim mentioned in his letter, part of my VSO job was also to run a campsite on the shores of Lake Naivasha in the Rift Valley.

I had prepared a large smart metal sign showing the YMCA triangle to direct potential campers to the site off the lakeside road. The sign would not fit onto my Lambretta Scooter, so Jim, grudgingly, offered his very nice Citroen 19 to undertake the job of taking the sign, cement, gravel, etc enough to do the job. I took Roger Marshall, a seconded VSO, to help with the installation.

It was very hard work to dig a big enough hole for the sign, but all was accomplished in four very hot hours. As we climbed back into Jim's car a Kenyan who had been watching us came across the road and asked if we could give him a lift to Nairobi. Roger and I agreed. He then rushed to the side of the road and retrieved two large baskets which we had not noticed, and they were a trifle wet. These were duly placed in the boot.

After a very short time the whiff of fish, which had obviously not been helped by four or more hours in the sun, started to percolate every part of Jim's car! By the time we got back to the Central YMCA we also smelled strongly of fish. We left the man and his rotting Tilapia in the centre of town and started worrying how we could get rid of the smell before giving the car back to Jim.

For literally hours we doused the interior of the car with every possible cleaner and a bottle of aftershave. As the temperature came down the smell lessened, and we had to explain that we had inadvertently tainted his car but that the smell would go away with the passing of a little time. It lasted about a year and Jim constantly reminded me!! Kind regards,

### Norman (Owen)

# TWO YEARS IN THE LIFE OF WESLEY HOUSE (1952/1953)

NO! Not Wesley House Cambridge but Wesley House, Hannover, Germany!

Most of my contemporaries who completed their National Service in the Forces would if challenged share that their time in one of the three Arms - Army, Navy and Air Force was a period of their lives not to be missed! 'National Service' provided opportunities otherwise missed in an educative period of their lives.

I share my experience without rancour that His Majesties 'pleasure' ensured that I gained from spending two years of my leisure time at Wesley House, Hannover, Germany.

Yes, I did have full-time employment, living in ex-Gestapo Barracks and working in an administrative position ensuring that the two British Hospitals in Hannover and Hamburg, Field Ambulances and First-aid posts of the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) did not exceed their monthly allowance of medical equipment!

Wesley House, Hannover, was most efficiently run in serving the needs of the British Forces including Canadian servicemen under the outstanding leadership of Doris Perry, a Methodist whose church was Muswell Hill, London.

A varied programme was arranged to meet needs as they arose. Included was Sunday Morning Worship under Padre Evans, Hymn singing by choice, "Immortal Invisible, God only Wise" being regularly requested by an elderly German lady as long as we sang the first and last verses only (suffice it to say the verses are the same!). A Dance Class lead by two sisters where we learned modern Ballroom Dancing to a well weathered vinyl LP Record. I achieved a decent 'quick step' to the tune "All of me" played by Joe Loss!

A Drama Group call De Bruche (The Bridge) where we held mainly Play Reading sessions, here I recall our attempt at a production of "The Importance Of Being Ernest" when as Algernon I had to step down from the stage at the end holding the script in one hand and playing one fingered a few notes on the piano to find the piano lid locked!

I became a member of a German Rover Crew (Scout) who met in the attic of Wesley House where to be a member one should play a musical instrument, mine was a 'comb and paper! We enjoyed hiking weekends, trips to the Harz Mountains, visiting Hemeln (Pied Piper of Hameln).

The wider programme. We visited the famous Hannover Opera House and in contrast one show was 'Hansel & Gretel' but for me to attend a concert given by Benamino Gigli perhaps the greatest of the world Tenors, even challenging Caruso, was the highlight.

Valuable lasting memories was travelling with Doris Perry together with Sue Ryder in her small Mayflower car to visit Belsen Concentration Camp and to a Displaced Persons Camp called Bethel near Bielefeld sponsored by the German Protestant Church. The whole complex was run by Pastor Bodelschwingh Snr. Later by his son of the same name, two outstanding Clerics.

The son named 'Younger' in particular was recognised by his anti-Nazi stance together with Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Sue Ryder would stay at Wesley House when visiting that part of Germany in her work with displaced persons and personally conveying individuals to their homes across Germany to reunite them with their families. She was an outstanding Humanitarian.

I am indebted to Wesley House Hannover, Germany which helped in enabling a young soldier to retain and develop his faith.

Jim (Lamb)



# The late Roy Weaver

In my more impressionable days, I well remember an enthusiastic Roy Weaver who had memorized all the hymns in the Methodist hymnal and he proudly knew all the melodies that went with them. The words of those poetic hymns brought him peace and solace. Roy would agree that truth put to music remains with us. It's why we still sing the powerful lyrics of hymns written centuries ago. Speculation and questioning about theology will come and go, but truth remains.

As we all travel through this particular time of coronavirus isolation, it is with the beautiful words of this more modern hymn that I turn to, which brings me back to the reality of my Faith and I hope will also bring you comfort in these difficult months ahead.

#### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

#### David (editor)

# **Never saw it coming!!**

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century" she said, "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my ipad."

I can tell you this .....that fly never knew what hit him....

# Coronavirus notice on facebook in the land of "the pirates of penzance"

Take away beer available for the next hour at Cutty Sark, £6 for 4 pints. Cash only. Use door by car park entrance. Bring an empty 4 pint milk container. We have a tape measure!!!

# Members correspondence

Dear Graham,

It's an age since we last met, but having received your recent email, it reminded me that a greeting was overdue! My wife and I are in reasonable health, and until the onset of the virus, were able to get to church, visit friends, shop etc.

It is surprising and gratifying, that within this grim situation, neighbours go the extra mile. We are also fortunate that our immediate family live only ten miles away.

I hopefully will reach my 90th birthday in October, having enjoyed thirty odd years of active retirement. Every Blessing,

#### Des (Willcox)



#### **COVID-19 Awareness**

The **Philippines** YMCA has launched an online information drive to inform members and youth on COVID-19. **Lebanon** has started an online awareness program on COVID 19 prevention, funded by the World Health Organization and conducted over WhatsApp. **Ghana** YMCA is doing online education through its social media platforms and distributing advocacy materials to all its centers. **Senegal** YMCA volunteers are distributing hydroalcoholic gel, soap and bleach bottles.



#### **Social Mobilisation**

A **German** YMCA has initiated a local alliance of YMCA, Scouts, church parishes and a local NGO to protect the sick and elderly by taking care of their shopping, while **Yokohama** has launched a phone service to help families in crisis get food and supplies. Sierra Leone YMCA has set up local health groups to check on community members. **Colombia** YMCA staff are distributing food to vulnerable communities, while **Munich** is offering space in its YMCA building to medical staff of three nearby hospitals.In the **United States**, YMCAs are providing emergency childcare for health workers and first responders at 559 sites nationally and distributing food to the community in 384 sites.

# Members correspondence

Thank you Graham for your call to be calm and carry on, Brilliant and timely.

We continue to pray for those still on YMCA duty and having to run the hostels.

Had to pull my 33 strong group outbound to Israel and Palestine and defer to March 2021.

Thanks be to God that we got 91% of all monies laid out. The October tour is still on subject to FO advice. We can beat this together.

#### John (Drake)

Not sure how practicable this would be. We are grateful having to be told to self isolate and wait to see if our G.P. writes to us to completely self isolate our thoughts turn to colleagues unlike us who have no family to deliver provisions or even someone who they can speak to.

Could some networking be deployed to see if there are ex colleagues in that situation?

**Best Wishes** 

#### Richard (Long)

Thank you Graham! Good to have your message. My prayers also with old friends and colleagues. A very strange time - I had a very busy service schedule (for a 'retired') until Easter but now all gone.

I have never said so many Lord's Prayers each day as it takes 20 secs to say and much better that 'Happy Birthday' when hand washing. Love to all **Ron (Ingamells)** 

#### Dear colleagues:

Though sorry to note that the Cambridge Reunion has been called off, perhaps it is the right move.

It is time of grave concern to all and may we uphold one another including our colleagues all over in prayer.

Staying indoors for most of the day is rather challenging; but that is the best. Our neighbours have been extending help in various forms. I am sure this will be true in the case of all of us.

Best wishes and take care

#### Rupert (George)

#### Dear David,

The highlight of my isolation so far was taking part in a simply wonderful virtual meeting of the YMCA Norfolk board. It was so based on faith, compassion and the practical skill of members in facing up to Covid 19.

It is so encouraging that YMCA work continues even though we can't play the part we used to. I thank God that the work in Norfolk and elsewhere is in such good hands.

#### David (Bedford)

# Message from Rev Graham Clarke President Y's Retired

#### **Dear Friends**

This is just a brief note to encourage you all during the current virus crisis. I realise that many of you may well fall into the categories which require you to take careful precautions because of age and health issues.

Please be assured that you are in my thoughts and prayers for you and your wider families.

I have found encouragement in the following verses from Psalm 18:30-31, which if read slowly really touches the heart and speaks to us at this time

As for God, his way is perfect:

The LORD's word is flawless;

he shields all who take refuge in him.

- 31 For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?
- <sup>32</sup> It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.
- <sup>33</sup> He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights.
- <sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 35 You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; your help has made me great.
- <sup>36</sup> You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way. (NIV)

I am sure that you will find help or even be able to help in some of the amazing things that are being put into place by churches and community groups. But if you are in a place of isolation, and apart from family and friends the following suggestions may help

- 1. Clear out the sock drawer
- 2. Phone or email an old friend or colleague you have not been in touch with for a while. The Christmas card address book can come out early!
- 3. Keep on clearing out the sock drawer
- Jot down some of your old YMCA memories amusing or poignant and share them with our newsletter editor David
- 5. Hold a reunion party for the socks reunited with their other halves!
- 6. Get the old scrabble board out and play solo scrabble without cheating!!
- 7. Put the sock drawer back in place!
- 8. Pray for one another and our public services
- 9. Ration the number of Antique Related programmes you watch on TV!
- 10. Keep calm and carry on!

Peace and Blessings

# Graham (Clarke)

PS My weekly church podcasts are on <a href="www.mbfc.org.uk">www.mbfc.org.uk</a> click on podcasts

Dear David & Sue So sorry we won't be meeting up in St. Ives this year Following President Graham's suggestion that we clear the socks drawer, I thought I would send this poem for the Newsletter.

Do hope that you are both well and coping!

# "The place where socks go"

There's a place where socks go
When the washing is done
And the driers have dried
And the spinners have spun,
and it's past eight o' clock
and there's no one about
and the laundrette's locked--then the odd socks come out.

There is hosiery here
Of each pattern and hue—
Some plain, striped or spotted
Some black, red or blue—
Some worn only once
Some so old they have formed
to exactly the shape
Of the foot they once warmed—

Some were brought back from Sock Shops
In airports in France
Some were hideous presents
From matronly aunts—
But in all their variety
One thing is shared:
To the place where socks go
They will not go pre-paired

Then the odd socks remaining
Are placed in the chest
(They must turn up sometime--Now where was that vest?)
And new socks come at Christmas
And birthdays bring more
And the old lie, alone
At the back of the drawer

and maybe, one evening
When memory is low
They too slip away
To the place where socks go
And in silent reunion
Each one with its pair,
They join in the dance
With the other things there----

The letters unanswered
The calls not returned
The promises broken,
The lessons not learned
The lost afternoons,
The appointments unmade
The best of intentions,
The debts never paid,

And the friends not kept up
And the others let down—
In the ragbag of conscience
They waltz sadly round,
beyond the respite
of the washing machine,
no amount of detergent
can now get them clean.

Till that day when all laundry Is washed white as snow, And everyone's tumbled And soft soap must go, When nothing is hidden But all is revealed And socks shall be holy And souls shall be healed.

(From "Welcome to the Real World" by Geoffrey Rust)

# Paul (Harper)

# Member correspondence

Dear David,

I took an early 'elevenses' downloaded and read the 2019 Annual Report. Congratulations to all for it speaks well of a healthy organisation with dedicated volunteers.

It is indeed an honour to accept with Reg Wake the title of Emeritus President and thank the Committee for installing such a Title in recognition of service rendered.

Warm regards, **Jim (Lamb)** 

Hi Jim,

Well deserved. Hope it was a 'pleasant surprise'. One day we may be in a place to "present" it to you and Reg' - on or near his 100th. Would be really good. Hope the elevenses included a Hot Cross Bun! Blue, Sunny, but a bit chilly, greetings from Reading.

Vic (Hills)

Congratulations Jim on becoming President Emeritus, well deserved after a distinguished service. Regards

Ray (Allen)

David,

Thank you for sending me the AGM reports. They are a veritable treasure chest for future editions of Bridges. Wishing you safety and good health as the storms of the pandemic sweep our earth.

Joyce, yours truly and extended family are doing well, albeit hunkered down in our homes but communicating with ZOOM and text. **Len (Wilson)** 

Dear David:

Thanks very much for the well documented Annual report. Among the many interesting matters, the most significant one for me (I suppose, it will be for the rest in our fellowship) is the decision to offer Reg Wake and Jim Lamb, a well deserved "Emeritus" status. Both of them have, during their tenure, done enormous work to strengthen our fellowship. Good health and happiness for them both in the years ahead.

King regards,

Rupert (George)