



Staying Connected
for the week
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Dear Friends,

I was delighted to hear from Adrian and be asked to compose this week's worship material. I felt normal again if that is possible but also I was wondering what thoughts God would inspire me to share with you. The gospel reading from Matthew seemed to be leading us on from last weeks' thoughts on what the future might hold for us as worshipping people here in the Peak Circuit. I would welcome any comments you might like to share as would Adrian and Julie and the Circuit Stewards as they wrestle with their responsibilities for future worship and pastoral concerns in our area.

There has been some good news for Moorland House. A new chaplain has been appointed and has already been in and visited with the residents. This has been a very trying time for staff and residents and a new kindly face is very welcome. Please keep Moorland House and other Care Homes in your prayers.

I am aware that not everyone is able to access Youtube for the musical backing for the hymns I have chosen. "Take, oh take me as I am" by John Bell is not very familiar but I felt drawn to the simplicity of the words which can be meditated on without the music. The photograph was taken at a memorable Circuit Activity Day at Cliff College which many of you may have attended.

The BBC have been broadcasting services on Sunday Morning and last week, it came from St David's in Pembrokeshire. At one point the area was going to lose its secondary education as they knew it so the Church decided to take on the responsibility which seems to have been a very successful move. The motto for the new school is "Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things" attributed to St David. I commend it to you.

Many blessings

Sheila Simpson