

Thought for the Day – Thursday 28th January 2021

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On Sunday Songs of Praise was celebrating 60 years. I enjoyed the nostalgia of it, but I didn't cry. The week previously on Sunday 17th of January, I found myself crying tears of joy at the people who were being interviewed on Songs of Praise.

There was such love being expressed.

There was a walking Baptist church from East London, where each Sunday they met around a football field, stopping off for socially distanced prayer stations. They ended up together with a socially distanced communion. The Pastor was the third generation of women who had been in the church; her grandmother and mother had important roles, her daughters continued the tradition. The church was providing help and comfort and showing the love of Jesus. The congregation were grateful for care in lockdown.

We were introduced to WAVE. It was a church and a café – it means We are All Valued Equally and was an opportunity for adults with learning difficulties and their friends and families to worship together and to socialise together making friendships and sharing their love of Jesus. Once again I was in tears as these young people expressed their faith.

Meanwhile Chris Lee a young Vicar has been delivering 1 minute sermons on instagram – expressing the gospel clearly in one minute. I was touched.

Praise God because people are praising God on Songs of Praise and are showing the love of Jesus and witnessing via the television.