

Thought for the day – Tuesday 20th July 2021

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Hamsters are ready

When Doris spoke about her career in millinery the subject of hamsters came up.

We remember, Posy, Pepper and Patch. They made a great impression on us. They were adventurous – and they took the Boy Scout motto seriously --- “Be prepared”.

Sometimes we took a hamster on holiday to Plymouth, one died in the morning, was buried and replaced. They went to visit Maggie’s Mum. We would hold them so they could look out of the window of the car; and when she was in the nursing home we would smuggle a hamster in under a shirt.

(NB these were singular hamsters --- apparently they don’t get on with each other!)

Once Maggie rescued a hamster from behind the panel in her Mum’s bathroom at 1am in the morning as her Mum was worried.

However when we finally cleared Mum’s house we found under the wardrobe enough food and bedding to last for years.

At home we discovered they had made arches for ease of access under chests of drawers – and more food and bedding.

They were ready.

Jesus urges us “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6.34

The hamsters were ready, they didn’t worry but did provide comfort and joy.