

Thought for the Day – Wednesday 31st March 2021

Revd John Marshall

Radzi Chinyanganya

You may have watched Radzi on Blue Peter, or now sometimes presenting Songs of Praise, or commentating on a wide variety of sporting events.

In the Daily Express he was interviewed and among other things he spoke of intergenerational relationships.

He still gets stopped by children who remember him from Blue Peter – and he always encourages them.

He believes that the guidance of Bryan Johnston, a fellow Christian in his 70s, who along with Radzi's mum, steered him away from the problems that pulled down many of his friends in the tough part of Wolverhampton where he grew up. He attributes his success to the crucial life lessons his mentor taught him.

"I speak to Bryan most weeks and I learn from him with every sentence that he says because he's lived." Radzi explains there were difficulties in his post code but he says "I had a mother who supported me and loved me. I went to a grammar school which gave me an awesome education, and I was encouraged to dream, to give 100%."

Radzi is convinced of the value intergenerational relationships and is encouraging children to send a message to older people via their prescriptions.

I was remembering our Messy Church sessions and how children and adults of all ages worked together and relationships were developing.

Church is remarkable because it establishes relationships among people of diverse character and ages.

As we worship God and seek to show the love of Jesus a wide variety of relationships develop.

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