

An unexpected consequence of zooming services

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An unexpected consequence of zooming services, has been the opportunity to see Songs of Praise on Sunday. Recently we were introduced to two and more amazing, inspiring people.

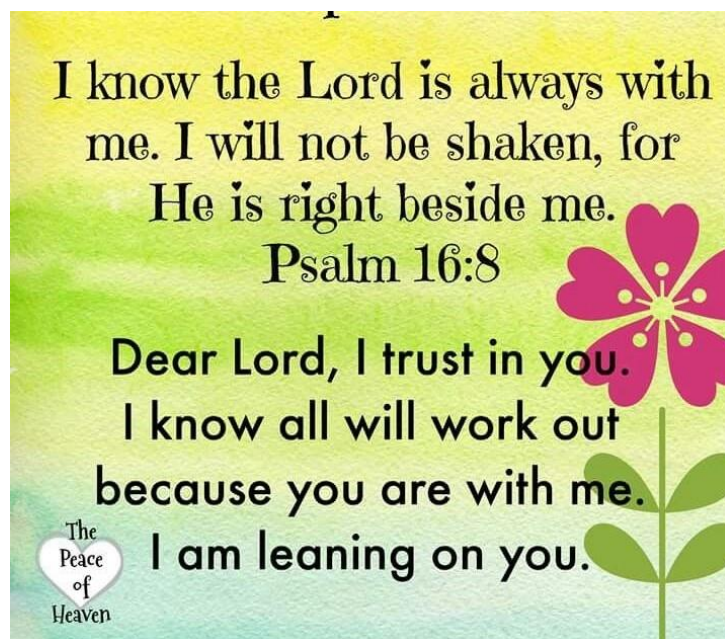
We met a Grenfell Tower survivor. Fatima Alves and her husband came home to find the fire had started. Her husband went up and collected their children, he also woke up their neighbours. The family were uplifted by their Catholic faith, and being cared for by friends. The next day their daughter went to school and took her exams.

Fatima said “We lost everything, but we have everything.” She recognised that “God loves me and gives me strength; He’s my friend.”

We also met Harry Billings, a D day veteran. His comrades recognised his Christian faith and asked him to pray for them.

He said of D day “the men were baptised in their own blood.” At his advanced age, Harry is still upholding people in prayer as do many of our community of St James.

Go well, stay well



Song: As the deer pants for the water - you can listen to it here
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peZudXt9faU>

[Verse 1]

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship You

[Refrain]

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship You*

[Verse 2]

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye

[Verse 3]

You're my friend and You're my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything