

The Salvation Army Hadleigh Temple.

Songster Devotions Wednesday 15th July 2020

We are now well into the time traditionally that we would be looking forward to the holiday season, although for some of us are able to take holidays at different times of the year. This year for the people who are able to consider a holiday comes with many questions.

Is it safe? Should it be a staycation? Maybe venture abroad?

It may also be the first opportunity to see family or friends for many months, this has to be a very personal choice, with this year we will have to weigh up the risks we have not had to consider previously, as we all have different circumstances the choices are not easy.

While it is good to see different places across the world, we should also be aware of the lovely places and environment around us nearer home, we have to thank God for where we live. There are times when we think perhaps the grass is greener somewhere else.

We have thoughts of: if only we lived in a different place, if only our circumstances were different, if only we had more money etc.

God has not promised to take us out of our situation but to be with us in all things. We are to be rooted in his love and show his love and kindness where we are. When our roots are in Christ we will show the fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians Ch.5 v.22.

'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'.

It is good to travel the world and to understand we are only a very small part of God's world.

May we cherish the memories and visual reminders of our journeys, may we give thanks for where we live, work and worship.

Prayer.

May we accept each day at your hand, O Lord, as a Gift to be treasured, a Life to be enjoyed, a Trust to be kept, and a Hope to be fulfilled; and all for your Glory.

Stanley Pritchard. (Prayers through the Centuries).

STAY SAFE, STAY WELL.

GOD BLESS.

LOUISE