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## Thought for the weak



with the Rev Preben Andersen

**I WONDER** if you have managed to stay clear of the dreaded virus this year? In the Andersen household, first my younger son fell victim, sharply followed by my wife, then our dog went poorly (mind you, having chewed the door mat did not help!) and finally, after two or three days, I succumbed too (to the flu not the doormat!)

One morning I said to Margaret, "I feel like my head is disengaged from the rest of my body and one big vacuum" to which she kindly replied, "Well, nothing new there then..."

However, I am sure that when this Thought is published, spring will be well and truly here and with that a new freshness and optimism about everything. It is wonderful how a bit of sunshine and warmth can make everything look more positive and promising, don't you think?

And living where we do, in Caldicot, there is in my view a lot of positive vibes to pick up on, and not least the opportunities for Churches Together to get involved and make their presence felt in the community, working with the police, street pastors and community associations and our town council not least.

You know, it is impossible to stay quiet when we feel the Spirit guiding and directing, and importantly guiding and directing us to work amongst those who need help the most, using our time and abilities to act voluntarily and by the Grace of God for others.

Being a minister for three very different churches is exciting and a great privilege. And I sense that there is a vision and a mission for each of them that in time will bring now growth and opportunity.

As we all share and care together, even if sometimes we have to make some sacrifices in the process.

I finish with a true story I like very much and which illustrates the importance of working together and all do our best in moving forward.

It is the note that King George V wrote in a friend's Bible when he was still a young naval Lieutenant with no thought of the future before him as King.

This is what he wrote, "The secret of life is not to do what one likes, but to try to like what one has to do."

And this goes for Churches Together as for all other organisations in our community. God bless you until next time.

**Preben Andersen**