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DEAR Friends,

Some of you will run a mile on hearing this, while others might be just a little bit pleased and interested: Zoe's third and final book is finished and about to go on Kindle.

There will be some hard copies available as well soon, but not many, so if you want to reserve one, or perhaps one of volumes one and two (stocks still available), just e-mail pwandersen@btinternet.com

As for Zoe, our lovely collic/springer, she is not getting any younger – 16 on April Fool's Day – but there is still a spring in her step. Age need never be an obstacle to enjoyment of life. Jesus surrounded himself with people of all ages in his ministry. He treasured the company of children ('Let them come to me for to such belong the Kingdom of God'), but he also very much observed and made the best use of the wisdom, patience and love of the elderly. Remember Anna and Simeon in the Temple, who had been waiting for decades for their moment,

when they held the Christ-child in their arms, and the old man could honestly say, 'Lord, now you can let me go in peace.' Everything he had waited for and felt reassured about came to fruition at that moment and Simeon recognised this – a wise, young head on old shoulders.

I was sad to read the last Teen Talk in the Free Press just a couple of weeks ago, not sad because it was sad but because it was the last one. What an inspiration that column was for four years, written by someone with a wise old head on very young shoulders indeed, and here is hoping that someone else will take up the challenge soon.

We all have a role to play and in terms of Christianity that role is to proclaim good news whenever and by whatever means we can, and it is not confined to age. So, let us all continue to speak, act – and yes, write – using our God-given gifts and asking Him to guide us through the storms, uncertainties, but above all very many beautiful passages of our lives together.

Rev Preben Andersen

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