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So, what has been happening just now?

All the chat shows last week were ensuring their listeners and viewers remembered 'Love Island' is back. Five girls and five boys on a sun blessed island looking for relationships with each other...and a £50,000 prize! Viewers have a chance to vote.

I looked up the meaning of 'love' ... two answers. 'An intense feeling of deep affection'. Somehow, I feel those on Love Island are quite a long way from that! A second event related to love was certainly a focus for the week – 'the Match' on Tuesday evening. The streets were so quiet, no one about! 'Love' also means a great interest or pleasure in something! Guess the live Football fits into that!

Folk do go over the top! 'The most important day of my life' one person said – and we have not come as far as the final! One hopes that the most important day in one's life might be a Wedding Day or the like within a family!

It is good however, to realise the great result on Tuesday followed a considerable amount of training in the productive Staffordshire air at Saint George's Park. Barton is not often close to the action!

So the third aspect of love. Sunday July 4th is a Focus day for saying 'Thank you' for everyone who has supported us in the Pandemic in so many different ways. Many churches are involved in this Day of Thanksgiving. Monday July 5th (The anniversary of the day the NHS began in 1948) is the National Health Service, Social Care and Front Line Workers Day. The Mayor of East Staffordshire will be present at the Town Hall to raise the flag on the first such day.

Love and thanks go together. Remember 'Love changes everything' from 'Aspects of Love' - *'Love changes everything, nothing in the world will ever be the same'*.

You may wish to reflect on the New Testament. The First Commandment which is – 'Love the Lord your God' – the source of all – and the Second 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.