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Somehow when August 1st arrives it seems we have moved on. We can no longer look forward to a long hot summer, focus turns to the autumn and even Christmas. I well remember my mother's disgust at Christmas cards in the shops when on holiday. Somehow, I think of seeing them in WH Smiths in Llandudno!

We need to remember the seasons move on, nature is just the same under the autumn sun, wheat fields change to a deeper golden brown. Autumn tints begin to show along the wayside. These are situations on which we have no control, nature has a life independent of pandemics.

We probably do not think about the progress made in our comfortable life, so many things are different to say 100 years ago, but the passing of the seasons, the nature of the countryside is the same, it is amazing but we must not forget the impacts we are having on it, the first Lockdown showed that clearly across the world. We must continue to learn more skills as we are guided to understand anew.

I was reading some of the first Musings, there are nearly 70. They all refer to trust-in the Hand of God, His being there with us never changes.

So, reflect on August, we are living in the same world as August 2020. We still need to be mindful of other people, the world around us, we need to continue to put our trust in God. Our prayers are for those with Covid today and for all who care for them, but perhaps this week also for nature and making a difference in our behaviours to support that too.

In a way we might say there is nothing new under the sun. Progress with the vaccine, the move to a more normal everyday life gives a more hopeful position for the future. Life is encouraging, thankful as the year moves on and we can still make a difference in so many ways.

You might like to think of the weather wisdom
'If St. Bartholomew's (August 24) be clear,
A prosperous autumn comes that year'.