

Tony Thinking Aloud lxvi

So, we thought we would be cheering and basking in victory! We thought we would be supporting a cup winning team! The great thing is we are still supporting.

News and newspapers have been there full on! We look forward in confidence my shirts, car flags, scarf and jacket are ready for the World Cup!

Aspects of race hatred have reared their head. They need to be and must be rejected. Politicians have had to be positive and supportive and reflect on previous attitudes about 'taking the knee' etc.

Our complete support is with Gareth Southgate and his team as we are proud to have had the heart of training at Saint George's Park. (Who would have thought the country and media would be focused on Needwood at the edge of Burton upon Trent!)

Other thoughts follow, we have in the Pandemic been near friends, families and those we do not hardly know supporting them in a demanding and difficult time. We are needed again as many people are really anxious about the government policy to 'do as you like' although reminding us we should do so with care. The vaccine has been marvellous - but folk are still concerned about shopping where wearing a mask will be optional and it does matter if others choose to wear one or not.

In some places you can make a personal choice about wearing a mask and perhaps decide to stay home.

So from many angles this week we remember we still need to support others as in the past eighteen months of this pandemic. Support in a different way is needed and perhaps even in some cases even much more.

We are told we can relax ... but to do so responsibly I am brought back to the meaning behind the verse from the other day... love...care ... look after ... think about your neighbour.