

Tony Thinking Aloud lxxiv

I saw in the Burton Mail on Monday a small picture of theme park rides at Alton Towers underneath were the words 'Part of theme park closed to treat visitor'. I was looking to read about a ride being closed to enable someone to have special trip. However, I was wrong, part of the park was closed for an ambulance to come post haste to treat someone who had fallen ill!

This made me think there can be so many meanings to what we say. Closing could have been a treat to have the ride just for family and friends. A treat can be a birthday present or a special fun event at Alton Towers. A treat can be special food, a celebration cake. Treats are so different for everyone and usually arranged in secret, so that is not an open book!

Inevitably, we have been thinking about supporting each other in the pandemic, it is still with us! Even in the support we give there are so many aspects, like the word 'treat'. My mate called yesterday to support me with a chat, a cup of coffee and doing a couple of things which I now find difficult (he also brought me a new Liverpool Cap, for my birthday!!!). Help, support can still be with shopping. I bashed my head on Saturday, a neighbour came to treat it for me! There are lots of ways we are able to be there for others. We forget how ambidextrous we are in a general way! I guess now is a time to think about and give thanks for what we have been able to do - and not forget that our support and skills are still needed.

Sometimes things may be too demanding, that we do not know how we can best give help. This is the time to ask for help and guidance that only God can give us.