

## Tony Thinking Aloud xc

No one can deny that politics and the future of the Prime Minister is at the front of the news just now. So perhaps the fact that last Monday was Blue Monday might seem significant. However, Blue Monday is rather negative. It is the day when we may be a bit worn out! Christmas is some time ago. The credit card accounts are coming in. It is really cold, what is there to be looking forward to that is not depressing?

Over the weeks we have thought about other people especially lonely folk, those who need some support. Now, the cost of living has become a major concern for the whole population, a vast increase in energy bills in a couple of months, petrol prices remain high. The weekly shop is getting much more expensive. Although many may find it a nuisance rather than a problem, we do not know half the story.

We must not 'close our eyes' to people in need. The couple who both work, struggling with the bills, concerned to do right for their family, sitting by candlelight to save the cost of electricity. Elderly folk wrapped in two dressing gowns putting the central heating on for two hours a day and the rest.....

How can we help? Still make meaningful our concern for others as in the height of the Pandemic?

We may each find our own way. It seems very basic... food for food banks can now be left at Barton, Dunstall and Tatenhill churches and in many supermarkets. Perhaps a really meaningful gift.

I have often found that opportunities to give support come unexpectedly. We can but be alive to this and respond.

As we have thought before. We are all God's children, here to live with each other, and support one another. It that way Mondays just now may not be so blue!!!