

## Tony Thinking Aloud lxxix

I have been thinking about how we give each other news/information. Politicians have advised us not to be persuaded that things will become scarce before Christmas. Against this the toy shop owners advise that toys may not be able to be imported from other countries as usual. Although there is no pressure – may be wise to order the turkey in good time!

It is only October but different to the October that we know each year. The October which is not usually worried about supplies for Christmas. ‘I have booked my space at Morrison’s for Christmas week delivery,’ I heard someone say, and ‘I have put in most of what I will need.’

October with its deep bronze colours ... the progress of nature has no concern for the supply of toys.

Folk are very anxious to share the message of ‘No Toilet Rolls’ at Tesco, perhaps no toys at Christmas. We are rightly anxious to share our concerns and good news with others.

Saint Luke is the Saint of the month; his day is October 18<sup>th</sup>. We learn he was a doctor and as such is associated with many aspects of medical care. In Barton, Saint Luke’s Road leads to the site of the former Cottage Hospital.

Saint Luke wrote a gospel (which means Good News) a book in the New Testament of the Bible. He wanted to share the message of Jesus, which was important to him, with everyone. He added the Acts of the Apostles to record the early Christians sharing the message of Jesus.

It is only because people have shared the message of Jesus over the centuries that we know about Christmas. This may, or may not, be important to you – but the life and message of Jesus influences all our lives. You may not believe but

what he did and said still effects all of us in the way of the general thinking of the law of land, for example...

Let us reflect on how we share news and good ideas, ways which should rule our lives for the good of all.