



Compensations

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As we look back at the trials and tribulations of 2020, I am reminded of something my late husband used to say – that in all these things there are still God's compensations. We should look for them and be thankful.

So here are some of mine in 2020:

Complete lockdown announced in March, not allowed to meet together in church as is our habit. Compensation – ZOOM! Not only was it lovely to see all our friends on the screen and to worship the Lord together (but apart), three or four times weekly, it gave continuity and structure to what was suddenly an empty diary.

Long 2m distanced queues outside for the supermarket. Compensation – the weather was glorious especially in April and May! Not once each Friday morning were we rained on.

My son was furloughed. Compensation – he brought me my morning coffee and prepared my lunch every day, came shopping with me every Friday and packed the bags taking them to the car while I had a look round Morrison's plant centre. I think he was quite glad when he was called back to work!

Birthday in lockdown – I received cards "hoping I would manage to have a nice day". Well, my lovely daughter prepared a "spa day at home". Croissant for breakfast, soak in hot bubbly bath, facepack, massage, manicure, glass of Prosecco! And later when I went out for my walk I was amazed; it must have gone viral on Facebook because everyone was celebrating! There were street parties, with food, music and dancing, people raised a glass as I passed by. It was wonderful. Yes, **8th May 2020** was my most memorable and enjoyable birthday!

The Lord bless you in 2021.

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