

Reflection Friday Week 29 – 2022

One of the signs of the times is networking. Churches together in Hitchin is a network that helps the different churches work together for the benefit of the whole community. The interfaith groups are reflecting on a Faith Covenant that will enable them to work more cooperatively with members of the County Council. Sports teams form networks to be able to play against each other. There are interest group networks. A common slogan is “*we are stronger together!*” The stronger and more altruistic these networks the more they benefit the whole community. This will *strengthen the Common Good* for all members of the community. Some practical examples:

My granddaughter’s dress

I saw a dress in a shop I knew my granddaughter would love. As money was tight, I asked the shop owner if she could hold it for me. “May I buy the dress for you?” asked another customer. “Thank you, but I can’t accept such a gracious gift,” I said. Then she told me why it was so important for her to help me. She’d been homeless for three years, she said, and had it not been for the kindness of strangers, she would not have been able to survive. “I’m no longer homeless, and my situation has improved,” she said. “I promised myself that I would repay the kindness so many had shown me.” She paid for the dress, and the only payment she accepted in return was a heartfelt hug.

Colour me amazed

I forgot about the rule preventing liquids in carry-on luggage. At the airport security, I had to give up all my painting supplies. When I returned a week later, an attendant was at the baggage area with all my paints. Not only had he kept them for me, but he’d looked up my return date and time in order to meet me.

1. What's the opposite of irony? **Wrinkly.**
2. What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? **A maybe.**