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Dear Friends

Louise and I first met each other over 20 years ago as “Freshers” at Bristol University, she was studying to become a Vet and I was studying to become a Dentist. We were not to know that years later we would end up living in the same little village in West Sussex, bumping into each other at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick with a smile and an “I recognise you!!” It’s funny how things turn out isn’t it? Meeting up again is always such a joy; as we all experienced after the Pandemic, when we’d had so long apart.

It was wonderful to be together again as a village this year at Rudgwick Day! A huge THANK YOU is due to Lauren and her amazing team for organising all the stalls and entertainment, but also to so many from the village who took part in dance displays, entered produce for the gardening show, tried sumo wrestling, tasted yummy food or simply enjoyed just being together as a community. It was a great day! Happy 80th birthday to EGRGA!

We loved welcoming so many people onto our church stall and it was super to see so many people getting stuck in to hanging prayer requests on our prayer tree. As a church we will be lifting all those precious people and situations in prayer to our awesome God over the coming days. Perhaps you were offered one of the “Try praying” leaflets and took up the challenge to try praying for 7 days to see what happens? Let us know! As a child at Sunday School, I remember a song that said: “Prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to Jesus, prayer is like a telephone for us to talk to God... Pick it up and use it every day!”

Back to those Freshers all those years ago... When I called home from University my parents would always say “It’s so lovely to hear from you. We were waiting for your call.” Perhaps this Summer you’ll pick up the prayer telephone and talk to the God who made you. I know He’ll be waiting for your call. Have a great Summer!

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