

## Friday Evening Message – 31 July 2020

I have been living with my young people Jo and Adam for four months now and the situation has been both natural and wholly unnatural. I've always known the huge value of family but this has been something quite different. Three adults with entirely different sets of emotions and perspectives have been trying to support one another and at times failing miserably. Then my young people had this idea that we'd get some kittens. I had my reservations but was persuaded that they would bring new life, new energy and give us all a safe place to dump our emotions.



*Pugwash*



*Bella*

So in mid June, just three weeks after Adam had come out of hospital, we got Bella and Pugwash. It turns out they are both girls but Pugwash's name has stuck with the occasional prefix of Lady Pugwash. Bella is the cutey with a tortoiseshell back and white underbelly and legs and Pugwash is longhaired, almost Persian in appearance. They are so very different but both equally entertaining. I can sit with them and let the hours while by. They bring a new dimension to our home and I am pleased to say that Jasper, our collie dog gets on with them famously, particularly Bella, whom he adores.



*Good views*



*Jasper with new friends*

Bella is staying here in Norwich with Adam and I and Pugwash is going down to live in London with Jo and Phil in their flat in Tottenham. Next week Adam and I are going to stay with friends in Ludlow, Jo and Phi are going to an Airbnb in Wales and Bella and Pugwash are holidaying with Phil's parents in rural Worcestershire. We are all looking forward to our time away but perhaps wouldn't have got there with such ease had it not been for these two adorable little bundles of fluff. Thank you Bella and Pugwash, you've restored our faith and given us a degree of positivity that I would not have thought possible.

Shabbat shalom,

Annie

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