

Friday Evening Message – 17 April 2020



Oulton Broad in April

Some say it's the journey that matters, not the destination. But that may well depend on the journey. Some are easier than others.

On a recent walk along Oulton Broad, where I snapped the photo you see, my thoughts turned once more to our current circumstances. My world –our world– as remembered has changed in ways that are hard to reconcile with the present. Some changes have been subtle, most have not.

We might all be in this together, but our individual experiences will be different. No one will be unaffected.

Reflecting on life, made all the more real rambling through new spring growth along the broads, as the sun set on another day, I realised life is truly tenacious. More than that, it has the ability not just to continue but to flourish under the most harsh conditions. We ought to celebrate that.

Let's remember how things were, of course; but also think about how things can be, and about the way we want things to be. Life, like a memory, evolves. It may be erased, recovered and reformed, but it's there all the same. It's how we maintain a bridge to the past yet build for the future.

Wherever our current path takes us, my hope is that the destination is better than the journey. Be kind to yourself, too.

Shabbat shalom,

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