

Advent 2025



Crocuses
in early
Spring in
Oakhill
Park, East
Barnet.

WE WISH YOU A VERY
HAPPY AND BLESSED
CHRISTMAS FOLLOWED
BY A PEACEFUL AND
FULFILLING NEW YEAR.

"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for." (Jeremiah 29.11)

Dear Friends,

First of all, most of you will already know the sad news that our beloved Founder and Chairman, Fred George, passed peacefully away on Wednesday 27th August in a lovely nursing home where he was receiving end-of-life care, after spending several weeks in Barnet Hospital. We held a beautiful Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 23rd September in East Barnet Baptist Church, where he had served as Minister from 1969 until 2009. Many of you - although unable to be present - shared in the service on line. For those of you who missed the zoom version, there is a recording of the service on our website (stillwaterstrust.org.uk) plus a slide show, and if any of you would like a copy of the order of service, I have spare copies.

Some of the now grown-up children from Still Waters held their own Service of Thanksgiving in memory of George Uncle, as they called him, and Premalal and Devika (centre, front row) joined them at the home in Tangalle:



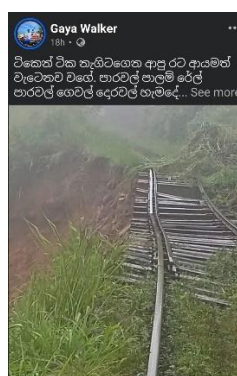
Also in the picture
are Anoja &
husband,
Chaturangha -
extreme right
(who look after
the premises) and
Mahinda - front
row 2nd from left
(former Manager).

"Well done, good and faithful servant! ... Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matt.25.21)

Thank you! Hilary would like to thank you for your prayers, letters, phone calls, emails, cards, flowers visits and support, and you'll be pleased to learn that so far we have received £1,790 in donations in memory of Fred.

We are currently supporting 25 poor and vulnerable families in the Tangalle area of Sri Lanka, - enabling their children to remain at school and, where possible, take O-Levels and A-Levels.

With your generous help - as in recent years - Premalal and Devika are again planning to put on a Christmas lunch party for the families we support, and as usual the children will receive gifts. This year the plan is to hold the event at Still Waters itself, and to give the children gift vouchers to enable them to buy new clothes. However this has now been postponed until 20th December because of the dreadful flooding throughout the island, causing the schools to close and we don't know when they'll reopen but when they do the children will have exams to take.



Thank you so much for all your support - your prayers and your generous donations. We would hope at least to be able to supply dry rations to those most badly affected.

Still Waters bank details:

Bank: NatWest

Sort Code: 60-23-36

Account No: 82564078

Account Name: Still Waters Trust Society

With much love from Hilary and the other UK Trustees of Still Waters, Dilly Dias Bandaranaike, Andrew Edrupt and Shanaka Katuwawala.