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Dear friends,

As the waiter came over for our order, Trevor stated clearly what he wanted. "Good choice!" was the waiter's reply. "Really?" said I, continuing, "I was thinking of having that but have gone for this, is that nice too?" "Hmm yes", came the waiter's reply. Trevor looked at me, he knew what was coming, a minute or two of indecisiveness! When the order was eventually placed, Trevor informed me I was getting worse at deciding! He is, I think right.

This event reminded me of another conversation about procrastination. "Janet, you can talk forever about, when, why and how to cut the lawn, but the grass keeps on growing, and someone has to pick up the lawnmower!"

I once saw a poster which went something like "God so loved the world that he didn't call Church Councils!" That seems a bit harsh, but maybe a reflection, that at times we can be good at talking, but not acting.

I wonder what you have been putting off doing. Carrying out an Eco tip? Changing to Fairtrade coffee? Reading your Bible more often? Volunteering for a job? As a circuit we are still looking for a Circuit Steward, a manse steward, and an extra pair of hands is always welcome on the various church rotas. Is it time you picked up the lawnmower?

You may think it is ironic that I have used this illustration when lawnmowers are being put away in autumn, however I always remember one mild winter someone cutting their grass on Boxing Day! We need to be open to God's leading, and always ready and willing to fulfil our calling as Christians to play our part, to act, within the body of Christ. Time to roll up those sleeves?!

With love and prayers

Janet



ECO WIN!



Leave a wild patch in the garden for bees and bugs over winter.

A bit ironic considering the letter theme, but this is intentional inaction as opposed to dithering!!

