

PASTOR'S PATCH



Going to the supermarket recently, I parked the car and I realised that I didn't have any cash: so I had no pound coin for the trolley and no money to exchange in order to obtain one. Now this was the week when it was "the big monthly shop", so a little basket just wasn't going to be sufficient.

I searched the trolley bay in the hope that there would be one where the chain wasn't attached meaning I could just take one. But there wasn't, not even a wheelchair trolley!

Please don't tell anyone, but in my desperation I decided to stick my key in the coin slot hoping to release one of the trolleys just like those people on the telly who pick a lock. I couldn't... and before you judge me I wasn't going to steal the trolley permanently!

I approached a gentleman just returning his trolley. I don't know quite what I expected, but I explained my predicament to him. He swiftly clicked his trolley to the spare ones and drew out his trolley token (I normally have one on the car keyring but for some reason it wasn't there). Looking me up and down, he said "I tell you what" and delved into his pocket, drew out a pound coin and handed it to me. I was so overjoyed I could have kissed him (you'll be glad to know I didn't). Here was a shopper-turned-rescuer in a moment of my need and I thanked him (and God) for a small but welcome predicament that I couldn't resolve myself.

This week in the Down to Earth sermon series and daily reflections we will consider Jesus who brings "**The Unexpected Rescue**" (*go to licc.org.uk to get a daily email on the series*). Jesus offers us not a pound coin, but an act of immeasurable worth to set us free from all that chains us.

For [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians chapter 1 verse 13-14)

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