NEW PEW By lan Menzies

I was in my usual place at the sound desk at the rear of our church for the funeral of a congregational member.

A large gathering of family and friends had filled the church, so many members of the congregation found themselves seated well away from their regular Sunday places.

One, who usually sat over by the organ, came and sat near me instead.

"You know," she remarked as an aside later, "I have never really looked at that window properly before. It's lovely, isn't it?"

Another commented on how different the sound was, seated as she was on that occasion more directly under one of our "sound ball" speakers.

A third noted what a splendid view there was from "your spot".

Wryly amused, it got me thinking about how routines can be both comfortable and confining.

How simply sitting in a different place could change one's perspective and experience.

I resolved to choose a new pew at my next opportunity.

Reflection:

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

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