

# A NEW VIEW

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Away on holidays, I thought I'd take the opportunity to visit the small local church, hoping to sit quietly at the back and simply enjoy the service.

A small gaggle of folk at the door greeted me enthusiastically.

"Welcome! Welcome!" This looked promising.

"We don't have a minister today, so we are just going to discuss the lectionary."

"We'll look forward to what you have to say. It's always nice to have a new view."

It was not quite what I had in mind. I was expecting to see, not be, the "new view".

The genuineness of the welcome, the interesting discussion, and later a delicious morning tea all placated me.

That day remains, many years later, a warm memory.

And I did come away with a "new view".

One of welcome, hospitality and graciousness.

God working in mysterious ways indeed.

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