

A tiny selection of some 200 responses you've sent so far

Thank you so much for this message; much needed and very much appreciated. You prompted me to light the candle in my own 'circle of friends' before I wrote this.

I am expecting to be working from home more than usual... All tango events have been cancelled as it is a high risk activity.

I have wanted the words from your Seed Time and Harvest Time ever since I first visited Othona...

I hope the current 'crisis' does not have any serious consequences for the Othona Community.

I still think often of the weekend with Satish [Kumar] at OWD last Autumn and the peeps from Tamarisk Farm. I plan to do some more bread-making shortly.

To be reminded of the wide circle of loving community that is Othona is incredibly helpful.

We have deeply appreciated you sending this out. It made me cry with its thoughtfulness. And how. It made me feel I belong to your wider community.

The natural world is such a comfort and inspiration -the birdsong just now seems like the anthems of angels - that all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.

This is the loveliest email I have received from any organisation with regard to the coronavirus.

I live in a block with 71 people over the age of 60- many have ongoing physical and mental health issues... I am very concerned about their wellbeing. This has given me ideas and heart!

We are all finding this time heart breaking when we can't see and hug our loved ones, but also an opportunity to be imaginative and thoughtful.

I've just heard from my Lung Consultant that I must self-isolate from today, and [my partner] too, for approximately 3 months. We really needed to hear All Shall Be Well.

[We] are self isolating at the moment, driving to quiet spots to watch the sea, birds, & boats, taking our sandwiches with us and, if nobody about, having a short walk.

Home after a week 'stranded' on a cruise ship in the North Sea without Wi-fi. My 'trip of a lifetime' to see the Northern Lights was scuppered by Norway's decision to refuse us entry.

We particularly love your Covid-19 beatitudes. Would you be okay for me to send them on to folks?

Please take good care of yourselves. I think of you often. Thank you for the wonderful singing.

Have forwarded the "Seedtime and Harvest" to our meditation group and hope to get something based on it in our village newsletter.

Thank you so much for your uplifting reframing of these strange changeable times.

... an unexpected good side effect amongst all the anxiety and difficulties: celebrating our 'humanness' in all its strange vulnerability and complexity.

Having spent the last year at home with chronic fatigue, I now feel back in sync with the rest of the world, but not in the way I had imagined!!

It will give us time to reflect upon life. Miss the ones we may not have taken much notice of up to now. Time to learn to enjoy silence. To appreciate and to learn the skills of conversation with our non-human indigenous neighbours, who treat us immigrants into their world with pure love and respect. And then, there will be the time for extended periods of love making with God.

I shall tune in with you all now around 9.10am - my days are much emptier just now!

Allegedly written by a toddler: [Mummy] has forgiven me for smashing her actual circle of friends figures (now fragments leaning together in the garden next to someone she calls 'buddha?') and has had a circle of friends postcard up in the kitchen for some months now - probably safer than lighting real candles with me around.