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Dear Sheila,

It is exactly nine years ago that I first met you and Bill. I had heard him on the radio nearer 20 years ago when he told a big conference here of his experience of renewal in the Spirit, and a tape of his talk found its way to the BBC.

That tape (I still have a copy of it) was one of those things - like hearing Dennis Bennett in 1965 - that stay with us for evermore. Renewal was spreading widely then, but an Anglican Bishop witnessing to the Spirit in the way Bill did was unheard of; a brilliant burst of light in the murk of our stiff and agnostic C of E.

Then I met you both at Chorley Wood and so many conferences since: heard Bill speak so often and grew to know you and value you both as friends. Thank you both for that friendship: thank you also that my wife was able to meet you both at Brighton not so long ago. We grow familiar with the experience of meeting people within the Lord's fellowship, irregularly and at long intervals, then knowing them again as friends, brothers, sisters at the next meeting however many years later. I have known and loved you and Bill like that, and hope to know you both again in the Lord's time.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you his peace, now and always.

Yours in his love,

Brian Favell
(Brian Favell)

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Have written to enquire about 2 copies of the tape.