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To:David Clarke

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Dear David,

I refer to your email dated 24 March, and apologise for the delay in replying. Regrettably, my health is not good, and I have to be very careful that I do not do anything that may aggravate it by undue stress. I hope the following rather belated response will be of assistance to you.

I recall that I used to preach at Berton Chapel in the 1980s (including during the year 1984), and have very clearly recollections of you being both a member of that church and an itinerant minister approved by the church to preach amongst the Strict Baptist churches. The church was at the time on the Gospel Standard list of churches and associated closely with them. It was only a small congregation, but nevertheless it was a very spiritual body of people who sought to adhere closely to Scriptural principles as they understood them. I do not recall them having any association with the Association of Grace Baptists churches either then or at a later date. As far as I recall, they had been previously an independent church that had in the years leading up to when I first went there, begun to affiliate themselves with the Gospel Standard churches.

I have received a number of communications from you over the years, although I could not state when in which years they were received. The last time we met was I believe when we sat next to each other in Swanwick Shore Chapel at the funeral of the late Mrs Cooke, the deacon's wife.

I hope the above statements relating to Berton Chapel and my knowledge of you will be of some assistance.

May the Lord be with you, and richly bless you with His presence, grace, wisdom and mercy!

Kind Regards,

Paul Rowland