



## Lessons from Life



*Many people have contacted me to say how much they appreciated Roland's 'Lessons from Life', and ask 'why are they no longer in the Methodist Recorder'? Unfortunately Roland is no longer able to write them. He is suffering from dementia and has had a severe stroke, and so is completely disabled.*

*However, with the help of friends & the cooperation of the recorder, where the articles first appeared, we have been able to bring together collection of 37 articles into a small book to enjoy once again or for the first time.*

*Roland loved writing them. They express his personality. His greatest joy was people. He cared about them and he cared for them. He observed life and how ordinary things touched their lives. He was able to relate to old and young. Children loved him and found he talked to them without condescension. The old found in him a sympathetic friend. He was able very naturally to pray with people and meet their deepest needs. Yet he had an ordinariness about him that related to anyone. He talked to everyone he met, often to the annoyance of his family when we had other things on our minds. He was able to minister successfully as a prison chaplain, industrial chaplain, and most of all as a hospital chaplain. He considered this ministry as an immense privilege.*

*All this came out also in his preaching. It always started with some ordinary incident that had happened to him, or that he had observed. It was laced with his Lancashire sense of humour and the congregation would be laughing at the stories he told. In fact he often said that he married me because I laughed at his jokes. However then he would carry the congregation to some profound truth that was the whole point of the exercise.*

*Glennys Bamford*

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