

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Deuteronomy 15:7, 8 *“If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight fisted towards your poor brother. Rather be open-handed and freely lend him whatever he needs.”*

Isaiah 58: 10 *“and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry*

*and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,*

*then your light will rise in the darkness.”*

There was a story in the newspapers last week about a young teacher who had been told by one of her young pupils that he didn't have a bed in his home. On visiting his flat she discovered that not only did the accommodation have no beds but only one chair and one light bulb. The boy's mother had to move the light bulb from room to room. The teacher set up an organisation to provide beds which she called Zarach, a Hebrew word meaning 'rising light'.

Isaiah spoke volubly on considering others needs before one's own. Just as relevant today as in Isaiah's time.