

Dear church family

With September we are entering into a new church year. It's been a very unusual year indeed, and will be remembered for a long time. Closing our churches and cancelling Sunday services did not happen even in war time, yet we had to do it.

Now, 6 months since lockdown started we all dearly miss our Sunday services and all other activities.

Much of our ministry has shifted into phone calls and virtual meetings. A big thank you to you all for your contributions which has meant that our church family has not ceased to exist. This time has proven that the church can exist without the building! It has also clearly pointed out how much we can do if we simply remember others, give them a call, send them a letter or say a prayer. Throughout the time of lock down we established church activities based on ZOOM, Live stream Broadcast and deliveries of printed services. These are the vital channels how we operate now and will remain probably a much longer. We had to make decisions via emails and organise our AGM and Church councils likewise. This has put an extra demand on people and I would like to express a huge thank you to the Leadership team and the Church council for going an extra mile. Everyone is sharing their talents and experience and it is a great blessing for our church family.

I am aware that some members, friends have not got much of all that we created as an alternative church. I pray that we can continue to reach out in our ministry and keep the fire alive so even more people will hear the wonderful message of Jesus.

Unfortunately the situation with Corona virus has not vanished. We have to remain careful and follow the latest government guidelines. At the moment our latest decision is not to open the church building for Sunday services until Advent season.

With September starting, we normally welcome new stewards and people nominated from the last AGM. Mavis R. stepped down from being a steward and Jenny G. is taking this role. We thank to Mavis for her service and pray for Jenny in her new role.

I pray that we will be able to find God and fellowship with one another in our new way of doing church. Please ask questions, be informed, and stay in touch.

Rev Robert