



15th July 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings to you all.

I write to you on behalf of the Circuit Leadership Team to inform you of this summer's changes as they relate to the Circuit staff.



We say farewell to the following persons who will be moving on to a variety of pastures new from this summer:

Rev Stephanie Njeru, Zak and Elisha, who will be moving in August to take up a new appointment in the Forest Circuit in the London District.

Rev. Dr. Helen Jenkins, Colin, Caitlin and Oran, who, for personal reasons, made the decision not to be stationed this year. Helen will remain in her own home and become a 'Minister without Appointment' in the Strathclyde Circuit for the next two years.

'Rev.' Julia Reid, a member of Stirling Methodist Church in this Circuit, who has been doing her student placement at Rosyth, will begin her appointment as a Probationer Presbyterian in the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit in the Darlington District.

We are grateful to all of them for their contribution to the life and ministry of the Forth Valley Circuit. We pray for them, and their families, God's wisdom, strength, grace and peace, as they discern the calling God continues to have on their lives in their new contexts.



We welcome Rev. James Patron-Bell, Joanna, Rebekah and Esther to the Forth Valley Circuit. While their manse is being built, they will live temporarily in the Tranent manse. James comes to be with us from the Mid-Cheshire Circuit. He, along with Rev. Hilda Warwick, will be a minister at CEMC as well as being the Methodist student chaplaincy contact in Edinburgh. We pray for them as they move and adjust to life in Scotland and as James joins us as a member of the Forth Valley Circuit Leadership Team.



We are mindful, too, of the ministry at Livingston United Parish Church for whom a URC or SEC minister has yet to be appointed to succeed Rev. Stephanie Njeru; and for Grahamston United Church, for whom a minister is yet to be appointed to succeed the late Rev. Ian Wilkie. Please keep these congregations in your prayers.

May God guide, protect and bless all of us as we journey together through this time of change.

Grace and peace,

Eddie