



Responding to God's love in worship and mission.



7th October 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Greetings to you all.

I write this letter at a time when many of us would be celebrating Harvest Festivals. The churches would be decorated with examples of God's provision, reminding us of the gracious generosity of the Creator. Together we sing our favourite harvest hymns and are reminded that the best way to show 'thanks' is by sharing what God has blessed us with. For some, this is a special donation to the local foodbank, to those who are homebound, or indeed to the wider work of the church overseas; through agencies such as All We Can.

Sadly, this year, we are not able to celebrate as a community together in the ways we would prefer – we are not even able to sing in church. For the good of all, we are worshiping differently, yet still thankful to the God who provides and uses us in supplying that provision so that all may experience the harvest.

I would like to encourage you to support All We Can. If able, please send a donation via your church treasurer. The campaign for the year 2020/2021 is 'Change Begins with a Bicycle'.
<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/>



Within the Forth Valley Circuit, with all necessary protocols and guidelines being completed, the following churches are now open for worship: Livingston, Rosyth, Dunbar and Grahamston. Stirling, Wallacestone, and CEMC are presently going through the risk assessment processes to discern action plans.

In the meantime, though, the following churches, plus myself, are offering weekly on-line worship opportunities on Zoom or YouTube: CEMC, Stirling, Livingston, Dunbar. I encourage you to go to the Circuit or individual church websites for details on how to join these services.

Despite these restricted times, I am delighted to see that there is much going on that is creative, hopeful and kingdom of God inspired – as we continue to serve together, but apart.

Take care, and please stay safe.

Give thanks - live in hope.

Grace and peace,

Eddie