



8th April 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Easter greetings to you as we continue to celebrate the wonder of the Resurrection of Jesus.

I am encouraged that we are now able to emerge steadily from these past few months of lockdown – still observing restrictions, yet able to see new possibilities for worship, mission and service. As we are reminded on the news, we are not out of the pandemic yet! However, with the vaccine rollout there is hope that we will be able to see family and friends again, travel more widely, and do those things we enjoy and have not been able to for over a year.

I ask you at this time to hold the members of Kirkcaldy Methodist Church (KMC) in your prayers. At the end of April, the KMC congregation will, in Methodist language, ‘cease to meet’, and the church building will be put up for sale. Unfortunately, it has not been possible for the congregation to worship together in the building since March 2020, which has meant that those hoped for celebratory activities were not able to take place.

KMC began its journey in 1883 and has maintained a focus throughout its history on serving and caring in the community. This has indeed continued up to the time of closure, as during the past five years the Methodist Church supported this work by employing a part-time Family and Community Worker based at the church building. The decision to take this step to close, after 138 years of being present in Kirkcaldy, has been one of faith, courage and trust. We give thanks to God as together we seek to discern what God has in store for them, and us, next!

In the Bible, when we read about the appearances of the risen Jesus to his disciples and friends, we are mindful that something incredible has happened – something beyond our knowledge or understanding. We are in awe, as well being somewhat nervous. For if God has power over life and death, we wonder what else can God do – and that has relevance for us as we seek to discern God’s will and purpose for the church’s mission today as we travel into a new tomorrow. In essence, we don’t just look at what we used to do, but we look at what we are called to do, and by God’s power, are enabled to do!

Together we hold each other, and the continued mission and ministry of the church, in our prayers.

Be encouraged - live in hope.

Grace and peace,

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