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*Changing lives with Jesus, striving to be a Church at the heart
of the community showing the love and grace of Christ to all.*

'Be Still and know that I am God.'

(Ps 46:10)

I hope this letter find you well and that you have been able to enjoy some of the sunny days we have had this summer. The weeks and months are whizzing by, and it is hard to believe that a new school year is already beginning, and shops are making space for future Christmas decorations!

As days pass quickly by, and seasons begin to change, my heart is always steadied to know that we worship a God who is unchanging. It is He, who is our rock and our firm foundation. This past year, and beyond, has seen us navigate much change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has presented us with many emotions: from fear or anxiety, to frustration, to sorrow if we have experienced the loss of someone dearly loved. Yet, amid all that, we can also find much to give thanks for, the most important being the incredible work of our NHS and Scientists who have guided us through this season.

In all the change and transition, we can also give thanks for the God who has remained constant. The One who has journeyed with us, giving strength and comfort when we have needed it most. In Psalm 46, the psalmist pens the words, *'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change...'* The Psalmist continues by speaking out the word of God who says, *'Be still and know that I am God'*. So often in the transitions and changes of life, I am reminded of this Psalm and the simple words, 'Be still and know.' Such simple words hold a powerful peace for us as we believe in a God who is present and who is able. I pray you know the power of those simple words, and that the peace and presence of God is your strength amid these changing seasons.

Looking ahead to coming months we are hopeful that we can begin to see a gradual reopening of many of our groups and organisations. These remain dependent on guidelines produced by The Methodist Church in Ireland (MCI). Please keep an eye on the Church website and social media for information on restarting groups or contact the organisation leader for details.

To begin our autumn season, we are starting with a **week of prayer**. This will begin from **Sunday 5th September**. We invite you to join with us each day using the guide to prayer enclosed as we seek God's blessing together. In addition to this printed material, there will be extra reflections and prayers posted on the church Facebook page that week. We would love for you to engage with that material too if you can.

We do hope that you will join us in prayer during this week in September, as we also hope that we will welcome you to worship with us some Sunday morning.

God Bless

Rev Cheryl Patterson

Sunday Services...

Our **Sunday morning services** continue to gather in the church building each week. The Service will be at **11am**, however, if numbers exceed our limits (allowing for social distancing measures) we will resume the 12pm as a second service to accommodate all who wish to attend. It is therefore **essential** that you continue to book in for Church if you are planning to attend. You can contact **Michael** any day after 10am by telephone (call, text, or WhatsApp) on **07595279260** or by email: **m.gallagher112@hotmail.com** to book.

At present, it is still a requirement to wear a face covering to the service in adherence to guidelines given to us by MCI. We continue to ask that if you feel unwell or are displaying any COVID symptoms that you would **not** come to church.

Evening services will resume online in September at 7pm, and can be accessed on the Church Facebook page or YouTube Channel

Giving...

Your regular giving and generosity to the Church is of vital importance, and we take this opportunity to thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the Church financially over this past year. This is a reminder of ways that you can continue to give whilst restrictions are in place.

1. **Donate via Bank Transfer:** You can transfer funds directly into the Church account via online banking. The details for the church account are as follows:

Account Name: Glenburn Methodist Church
Sort Code: 93 83 43 **Account No.** 26843091

Please reference your donation with your name and/or Freewill Offering Envelope Number. (If you would prefer to set up a monthly standing order, you can contact your bank for arrangements).

2. **Donate via Cheque:** If you would prefer to send a cheque for your giving, then please make it payable to **Glenburn Methodist Church** and post to **Rev Cheryl Patterson, 7 Orchardvale, Belfast, BT6 9TA**. (Please write your freewill offering envelope number on the back of the cheque, if you have one).

If you have any questions or queries regarding your giving, then please contact Rev Cheryl.

Email...

To reduce some costs, we would like to move to sending information electronically in the future (to those with access). If you would be happy to receive electronic updates, then please can you send your contact email details to **info@glenburnmethodist.co.uk**. If you would prefer **not to** receive information from us in the future, you can also indicate this by contacting the same email address.



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