

Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Church

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 15th April 2020



Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

It was an unusual Easter, but we were still able to celebrate in different ways. Some of us watched the Provincial service, some watched the service which I had recorded using the Easter liturgy, and some used the worship materials in the newsletter. Some of the Fulneck members who live in the Settlement sang Easter hymns together (making sure to keep their distance from each other).

Last Thursday we received a letter from the Provincial Board with an update:

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Greetings from the Provincial Board.

A few weeks ago, the Provincial Board wrote to all congregations and ministers regarding the decision to ask all congregations to suspend all regular Church activities, including Sunday and midweek worship until Easter. Due to developments in government advice we will be continuing with this suspension until further notice.

Church House continues to be closed, and members of the Church House Staff are working from home where possible.

As we have already said, now more than ever it is essential to remember that even if we cannot meet together physically, we still remain committed to one another as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We have heard of many examples of fellowship being continued in the virtual world or online, and the continued efforts of maintaining links and fellowship with our ecumenical partners. We are encouraged by all that you are doing and commend you to continue, especially as we are currently discerning new and exciting ways of being Church. The Church has been commissioned to respond to the needs of society, and it is a privilege to see how the Holy Spirit is leading us and will manifest into the future.

However, we do not underestimate the challenges in these difficult days. Our history and heritage remind us that, although the particular circumstances are different, we have overcome challenges before. Let us lift all our key workers,

decision makers and all in authority in prayer. We also continue to pray for the most vulnerable in our society that they may know God's comfort.

As this situation continues, we again encourage good stewardship, asking everyone to maintain their financial giving. We are sure that each congregation has already discussed how best they can manage both their finances and buildings but would like to assure you of the continued support of the Provincial Board.

As we journey through these remaining days of Lent on into Easter, we are again reminded that God remains with us: guiding and guarding, encouraging and supporting, weeping and rejoicing with us every step.

Yours in Christ's Service

Roberta Hoey

On behalf of the Provincial Board

The Provincial online services will continue to be produced each Sunday. I will also be producing services using the Morning Prayers liturgies. If anyone would like to help by recording themselves reading part of the service, please let me know. Links will be provided on the Fulneck website, on Facebook and by email.

The Bible Book Club will meet online on Wednesday 22nd at 2pm to discuss the letters of John. If you would like to be involved, please let me know.

Fulneck School will be open again for key workers' children from Monday, so please avoid the Junior School end of the terrace during the school day.

Stay safe and well. If you haven't received this newsletter electronically and would like to in future weeks, please send me an email.

Yours in Christ,

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