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The Methodist Church
in the Isle of Man



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To the Methodist People of the Isle of Man.

Dear friends,

Along with this letter you will have received, Manx Methodists at Service Together (MMAST) sheets for the 24th and 31st of January. These sheets have a dual purpose. If you are connecting with the recorded services on our YouTube channel at www.methodist.org.im they will help you to follow the service. If you are not able to do this they act as a stand-alone resource to assist you in your devotions. New versions of MMAST are added each Sunday and can be accessed at any time. I am grateful to all those who are doing the work necessary to make this possible.

I want to begin this letter by updating you on certain matters to do with proposed business meetings.

We are due to have a Property and Finance Meeting on Jan 21st and a Circuit Meeting on Jan 26th. Both these meetings are now being postponed. The Circuit Meeting will now take place on February 9th. It is hoped that by then we will be able to meet face to face but whether we can do this or not the meeting will take place on that evening, if necessary, by Zoom. There is important business which we cannot postpone beyond that date. This meeting will also include the business of the Property and Finance Committee. Please note the date and look out for further information if you are a member of the Circuit Meeting.

Yesterday's bulletin from our Chief Minister carried with it a note of optimism. The measures we are taking seem to be having an effect which gives us the encouragement we need to continue to be careful in all that we do.

It is difficult for all of us to not be able to meet together, particularly when we had been used to our freedom but the end result will be worth it.

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Most of us have not been able to share in our annual covenant service this year but we are reminded of the message it carries. Sometimes life will be hard and we will have to do things we don't enjoy "Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us."

We look forward to the day when we can come back together in person and one of the first things we do will be to share in the covenant service but until then please continue to make use of our online resources if you can. We have, with the help of SUMT, re-introduced a "MMAST" for young people so please look out for that and point those who might find it helpful to our website.

Lockdown was easier when the sun was shining but we will come through this time remembering that God is with us.

If you need help during the lockdown you can contact your local minister (*phone numbers below*) or call me on 822541 / 315315 or the District Office 625408.

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God Bless.



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