

BC Circuit Announcements 29.3.20

Over the coming months we will all face challenges as we readjust to a new way of life during this covid 19 outbreak. Over the past week MCI have been in regular contact with ministers across the connexion regarding some of these changes that will affect the Body of Christ. Churches across the world are facing many new scenarios because of this tyrant virus and so we are having to find new ways to function until this virus is defeated. As you know our Church buildings have had to close and as a result our weekly offerings have been affected. As the situation stands our number one account will soon be in the red and we will quickly fall into a steady decline and serious debt. To off-set this we are asking you all to think about considering one of the options below regarding your weekly offering to help alleviate a possible financial problem:

1. Pay via standing order through your bank: Danske Bank, Belfast
Acc. No: 61001221 Sort Code 95-02-27
2. Write a cheque and post it to the Manse: 33, Highgrove Drive,
Ballyclare BT399XH

Both Tom Abraham and David McKendry have graciously requested that their phone numbers be available for anyone that may have questions in regard to these financial arrangements. We thank God for Tom and David's willingness to do this.

Tom- Home: 02893349692 Mobile:07875102379.

David- Home: 93342029

I want to thank you in anticipation that we will come through this both financially but more importantly spiritually as we trust God for all that He has given and all that He will give.

During this season of unsettlement due to the covid 19 virus, we are looking at ways of keeping the Gospel at the forefront of our daily lives and also how we might keep in touch with one another. We have a few initiatives currently up and running that I thought would be helpful for you to know about:

-the weekly printed sermon/ Bible study/ announcements etc. (also available on our web-site: ballyclaremethodistcircuit.com)-if you have an email address could you forward it to me at stevebbc2000@yahoo.co.uk (we will email you the sermon etc. rather than post it out, to save on posting)

-a young people's corner on our website where we will put in some links for our young folks who will still be able to learn about the Bible through Bible lessons etc.

-weekly phone calls to make sure you are ok and to see if you need anything (we are still putting a complete list together)- a circuit team has been put together to help with both contacting people and to help deliver any essential items that you may need.

Obviously the three Churches will remain closed until further notice (I had planned to open last Sunday morning for private prayer but we were advised the day before from MCI not to do this due to the threat of spreading the virus), but we will continue to be a Church family who support one another through this time.

Methodist Newsletter- the Methodist Newsletter will not be published in April due to covid 19

We continue to keep Doreen Hollis and her family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of John.

God did not send this virus- He sent His Son (Jn 3:16). Be encouraged today that you are loved by the One who poured His love out on the world, for you. You are loved also by your Church family who are here for you as we journey together through this season of unsettlement. I am confident this virus will be defeated but equally confident that God is calling the world back unto Him. Be a blessing today as you send out love through prayer, phone calls, by post and the internet, telling others that God is Sovereign in all things.

Stephen.