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Dear Friends

I trust that you are all continuing to manage with the present challenging circumstances. It has now been 8 weeks since we have had a regular worship in the 'Meeting House'. It has been a time of great change for many of us, some of us are now unemployment, some have been given furlong, other working from home, there is also home schooling for our young folk and a great many are on lock-down, for others it is quite normal apart from the social distancing we have to go out. However these are the symptoms of the effect COVID is having on every day life for many of us, there are also a number of our members who are ill at the present time and others caring for loved ones with various illnesses. Please, keep an eye out for each other in these times, there are many people having difficulties managing their circumstances, maybe it could be your phone call or wave through the window, sometimes that is all that is required to get someone know that others are thinking about them enough to call, what an encouragement that can be.

I trust, each of the worship times, broadcast on YouTube have been of encouragement to you, you all have been a great encouragement to me in the preparation of them as I hear of some of the blessing you receive while keeping in touch in this way. Like you, I also miss coming together to worship our almighty God in His House, I trust that in the coming weeks, maybe months, as restriction are lifted gradually we will be able to worship in public again in some form, it will probably be very different form what we have been doing in the past.

In the mean time, may I encourage you with this weeks message based on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 'The Resurrection Hope'. This can be found by following the link from Aughnacloy and Ballymagrane face book page or directly on Aughnacloy and Ballymagrane You Tube channel. While you are on You Tube there are many other worship service broadcast too, may I also direct to the Moderator each Sunday on the Maze Presbyterian Channel too.

Announcements:

Keep This in Mind Please

In light of the present Coronavirus pandemic it is uncertain when our congregations will be able to meet again, it may not be before the end of June. This will impact upon our congregations regular income. With this in mind can we encourage you, if you are able to continue with your regular giving, this can be done through a bank standing order or making direct electronic bank transfers. Bank details for your congregation can be forwarded on request, either through your congregational treasurer or myself, to individuals. If this is not possible we request that you continue to fill up your church envelopes on a regular basis and put them on the offering plate when the current restrictions are lifted.

Keep Safe and God Bless you all

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