

# *Letter from the Minister*

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Dear Friends,

*This month the magazine letter has been written by one of our Elders, Ric Lambert. Thank you Ric.*

*With best wishes for the month ahead.*

*Eddie*

As I was going through Beaulieu the other day I saw the flag of Lord Montagu flying above Beaulieu Palace House and it reminded me that the Royal Standard flies above whichever of the royal palaces the Queen is residing. It is also flown on the car, ship or aeroplane she is using. If the monarch is not in residence then the Union flag is flown. The Queen has two Standards, one for use in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and overseas and the other for use in Scotland. The heir to the throne has his own five Standards, Prince of Wales, used in England and Northern Ireland; Prince of Wales, used in Wales; Prince and Great Steward of Scotland, Lord of the Isles, Duke of Rothesay, used in Scotland; Duke of Rothesay, used by the heir apparent in Scotland; Duke of Cornwall, used in Cornwall.

God is the Lord above all Lords and yet He does not have His own Standard to show where He is residing or who He is. He is not like the monarch who raises their Standard as they travel around so people might know where they are. He is not like the heir apparent who has differing Standards depending on where and what he is doing. Instead God, through the actions of His Son Jesus, has allowed the Holy Spirit to reside in all of us so that we know where He is and what He is doing in our lives. We each have become the Standard of the Trinity. It is through our actions that we are shown to be one of God's people. It is through us showing God's love in everything we do that has God's Standard flying for all to see. As we travel around, if we follow God's instructions, then His Standard will be raised and the Word of God will be spread around.

God did this through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus. We committed our lives to follow in His footsteps. Let's all move forward in God's love and raise His Standard in all we do.

In Christ, *Ric Lambert*