

Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

This month the magazine letter has been written by our treasurer, Nick Tustian. Thank you Nick.

With best wishes for the month ahead.

Eddie

Normally my turn to write the “Letter from the Minister” on behalf of Eddie comes round in the middle of winter when its dark and miserable outside and I have to think of something to say to lift the spirits. So it’s a real joy that this time it’s spring and even though as I write this, the wind is howling, my garden is flooded and its freezing cold, I feel a renewed sense of optimism and enthusiasm for the time ahead.

There are always gardening metaphors we can think of but a few weeks ago I was sat in my greenhouse pretending to work hard in potting hundreds of seedlings and even though I lovingly cared for the plants with a heater and plenty of fertilizer they’ve all looked a bit sorry and bedraggled and I was getting a bit worried that I might lose some. That was until a few days ago when we had a day of sunshine and warmth and in that one single day the plants started to thrive and look much healthier.

Over the last few months we’ve been thinking more and more about the impact of God on our lives; with the stories of Hope and the almost constant theme in recent services about how the touch of the Holy Spirit can have such an amazing effect on each one of us – maybe God is trying to tell us something.

God has given us all the tools we need and just as even the smallest amount of sunshine and warmth had such an instant effect on my plants so the power of the Holy Spirit can do that to us. We can grow and become even more effective as Christians and we can do amazing things with the power of God in each one of us.

Nick Tustian