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Dear Friends,

My hope is that you are being supported by family, friends, neighbours and the people of Rosemary at this time of Corona Virus. My prayer is that you are being encouraged through these letters, phone calls and other communications as we seek to help each other through this period. When we get to the other side of this present crisis we will be able to enjoy each others company and friendship all the more. For now though we will continue to make the most of our distant socializing.

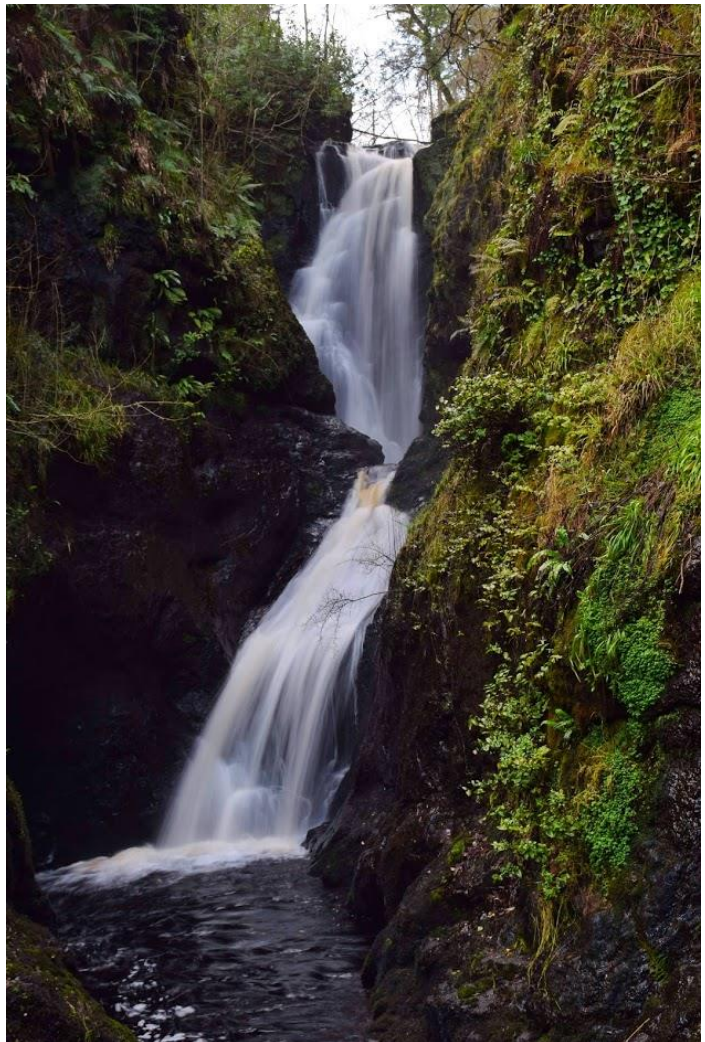
A couple of months ago I went with my family to Glenariff and was impressed with the large waterfall cascading down through the glen. The torrent of water was so powerful, transforming the scenery.

This large volume of flowing water reminded me of Jesus meeting with the Samaritan woman in John 4. She had no idea who this man was at the well but was transformed by what He said. Jesus concern for her is shown in His words to her.

***'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'* (John 4:13-14)**

Jesus later explains (John 7:38-39) that this Living Water is a reference to the Holy Spirit, whom those who believe in Him receive.

What Jesus words indicate to us here is that our longing to know God is met in Him, through the Holy Spirit in our lives. He is the one who gives us understanding of God as He teaches us through the Bible. He leads us closer to Jesus as He helps us to pray, even helping us with words to use. In reality, He is God's presence within us and is able to lead us and produce fruit in our lives which resemble God's character. He is the one who enables us to do the work God asks us, providing us with God's gifts and strength to do His will.



God is doing a work in us through faith, through the Holy Spirit in our lives. This is the hope we have and especially in this Corona virus time, this living water will well up in us into eternal life. God will complete His work in us for eternity, His commitment to us is not half hearted

This time of Covid 19 is a tremendous opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God through His Holy Spirit. We are reminded (Isaiah 40:31), that those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength.

May God bless you as you seek and serve Him during these weeks and may you know the reality of the love of God in Christ, the compassion of family and friends and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, the Living Water.

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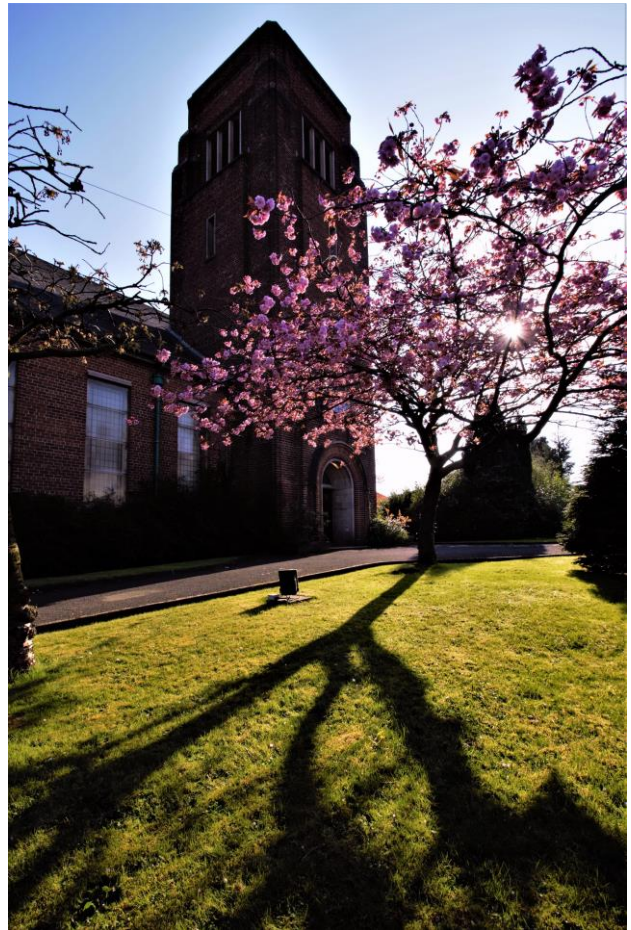
A message from the Treasurer

Many thanks to the numerous members of the Congregation for making contributions to Rosemary Presbyterian Church during this period of lockdown. This is very much appreciated and enables us to meet our financial obligations as they become due for payment. I would encourage you all to contribute and would suggest these are made on a month by month basis until our normal weekly service resumes. This can be done by post or on line banking.

For FWO and / or other funds of the church - by cheque payable to Rosemary Presbyterian Church and posted to me at 18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland, Carrickfergus, BT38 8XH.

For FWO only - by on line bank transfer to 95.01.21 account name Rosemary Presbyterian Church and account number 61034898. As a reference quote your surname + FWO number. For example EAKIN No 123. This will assist greatly in identifying the donor for gift aid purposes.

Roy Eakin



ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have been trying to keep in touch with everyone in Rosemary Presbyterian Church, by letter, email, phone and Facebook and Church website. Our fear is that anyone would be missed in our communications. If you know of anyone who has not been contacted please let me or any of the elders know in order that we can remedy this. Many thanks

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