Dear Friends,

I hope all is well with each and every one of you and that as the lockdown continues that you are managing to get through the days without too much stress, worry or concern. As you know, I am in constant contact with all members of our congregation. At the very least, I will call, leave a telephone message or talk to you by text, at least once a week, so be warned!

I know that for some of our congregation the use of online media is not an option, but for those of you who are comfortable with information technology, I will post links that hopefully you may be interested in. I have recently purchased a video editing programme (to replace the loss of my beloved Windows Movie Maker). I have already made two film clips. The first one is a video clip of our friend, Irving Lewis singing ‘Byker Hill’ filmed about two years ago in the One World Café. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWGE7rUTStk> The second film clip is a message of greeting to Moneyreagh Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church; from us to them. Their minister, the Rev. Chris Wilson, a personal friend of mine, specifically asked me to do this. <https://youtu.be/hDXa14WI2dQ>

Some of you will know Chris and his wife, Sandra, they’ve both visited our chapel, a couple of times at least in recent years. I’ve personally visited Moneyreagh a few times and on one occasion Andy Clark and Matt Grant accompanied me on a weekend visit there. The congregation of Moneyreagh were very hospitable and welcoming and we had a very enjoyable time. If you want to know more about the Moneyreagh church here are the Facebook and website links: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/MoneyreaghNonSubcribingPresbyterianChurch/videos/?ref=page_internal>

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I’ve also been watching Chris’s daily sermons which you may see either on Facebook or again, on their website. You will find that Chris has is own sincere and inimitable style in making scripture relevant, especially to the current situation.

Perhaps you might find inspiration for these difficult times in the words of St Paul who wrote:

*I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:11-13)*

My best wishes as always

Bob