

January 2021, reflection from Lorna

When I first looked at having a mission group service for the start of January with the churches I serve, none of us really knew quite what the New Year was going to bring. We knew that to plan anything in the midst of the uncertainty of these times was to go forward in faith and be prepared to adapt.

Adapting is something we have had to do an awful lot of over the last year. Some will have thrived on the dynamic of change, but others will be more than a little weary of the constantly moving goal posts and be longing for the predictable.

Yet, for me, at the heart of our Methodist tradition of covenant, is a willingness to be adaptable. To respond to God in ways we perhaps didn't imagine and may never have chosen. That will, at times, be hard, but have the promise that, in all things, God is ours and we are God's.

Whatever the year ahead holds then, we can be assured of our place as Covenant people. People who God calls to service in many different ways. People who are called to go forward in faith and be prepared to adapt.

The Covenant Prayer:

*I am no longer my own but yours.
Your will, not mine, be done in all things,
wherever you may place me,
in all that I do and in all that I may endure;
when there is work for me
and when there is none;
when I am troubled and when I am at peace.
Your will be done
when I am valued and when I am disregarded;
when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking;
when I have all things, and when I have nothing.
I willingly offer all I have and am
to serve you, as and where you choose.
Glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
May it be so for ever.
Let this covenant now made on earth
be fulfilled in heaven. Amen..*