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## **Dear Friends**

First of all I would like to say a big thank you to the congregation for the lovely painting that was presented to us as a leaving gift along with the bag decorated with crocheted flowers which had previously been on the Church gate. Although we would have loved the opportunity to see people at a more conventional farewell event it was still a very special occasion. We appreciated those who joined us on Facebook at the time or watched the recording later. Although we have only had a short time at Fenwick the congregation will always have a special place in our hearts.

We still do not have a definite date for the Induction. I was told everything should be processed by October. We felt that it was better to have a wee break before rather than after starting. We have booked the removal for 8<sup>th</sup> October, which is Laura's last day at school before half term, taking the following two Sundays as holiday. I then decided as I have still got sorting out to do and have a further 2 Sundays to take this year it would be better to take off the Sunday before moving. I am hoping that my Induction will be straight after our holiday. If not I will still have responsibility for Fenwick and Riccarton, but as I'm working mostly online and by phone that should be possible, although far from ideal.

I am conscious that the future of the congregation is uncertain and the prospects of being allowed to call another minister even on a shared basis do not look likely in the near future. Hopefully by the time you read this you will at least know who your Interim Moderator will be. It is very easy to become discouraged as we look to find a way forward for the Church not just in Fenwick but throughout Scotland.

I am reminded of Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he told them:

“There was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardship, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Cor 12:7-10)

That was true not only for Paul. It sums up the history of the Church for over 2,000 years. When it has relied on its own strength it has been weak. When it has relied on God’s strength his power has been displayed. The Church needs to wake up to that truth today!

Here is a song that I find helpful for reflection and I hope that you will too. It picks up on those verses:


The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me


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God Bless!

Colin A. Strong



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## **FENWICK NURSERY (EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE) – UPDATE**

A huge thank you to everyone who came forwards to form the ECC (Nursery) working party.

We are now reviewing the existing Council proposal to build the Nursery at the top of the KGV playing fields, as well as looking at the merit of other possible sites, and engaging the council with open questions. We will share this work with the village, and then consult everyone to understand which location carries the most support and what your priorities and concerns are.

Suggestions, questions, or opinions, or a wish to join the ECC working party can be directed to Nick Lobnitz, Chair Fenwick Community Council. Email: [Nick.Lobnitz@gmail.com](mailto:Nick.Lobnitz@gmail.com), Tel. 07981 339215.

### **Fenwick Carpet Bowling Club**

The club will not open in October for the 2020/2021 season because of the current Covid restrictions.

The club has been open for play each year since it was founded in 1900. As far as I know because of the number of members in reserved occupations (food production) the club was open during both world wars but this invisible enemy has closed it.

George McGavin

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## **Fenwick Bowling Club**

The club is now closed for the season. Due to a recent change in restrictions, the members were allowed to play on a Saturday afternoon wappenschaw. This meant we could meet up with others we had not seen all season. For some time before that members were allowed to play in limited numbers, with organised pre-booking. This was taken up most days by a number of people, proving to be a successful decision by the committee.

Unfortunately, at present, there is no sign that the winter whist drives will be able to take place. Some of the gents have been working inside the clubhouse, painting and doing necessary repairs, so it is all prepared for when we are allowed to get back to a “normal” way of life.

### **FENWICK SWI**

As with all organisations, Fenwick SWI has been unable to hold meetings or other events since lockdown in March. Sadly, the situation continues to prevent holding our monthly meetings and it looks likely that restrictions will be in place for some time, and at least until the turn of the year. The Federation Show scheduled for 17th October has been moved to October 2021. It has not been possible for Irene to put arrangements in place so when we are eventually able to hold a meeting, this will most probably be in the afternoon and take the form of an informal get-together for a catch-up and cup of tea – from your own cup! Again, such an arrangement will be held under the rules and guidelines in place at the time in respect of numbers, etc – it would be really nice to meet folk face to face even if we still have to keep a bit of distance! Watch this space for updates.





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Hopefully in the New Year sometime we will get back to normal with all clubs and organisations meeting and reporting for your information

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