

Glenrothes & District Churches Together,

As we recount the previous months we should be greatly encouraged. Firstly, to be able to meet in person and share with one another has been a blessing and a reminder that we are created for relationships and fellowships with one another. The period we all had sharing with one another on line, was for a season. May we cherish meeting together in person as we continue our partnership in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Since we have been able to meet again physically, it is only right to give our heartfelt thanks to Allan McDonagh and Mary Patey who were instrumental in keeping Glenrothes & District Churches Together operating. Throughout the challenging season of Covid 19 you have both been invaluable, I speak on behalf of all the churches in partnership with Glenrothes & District Churches Together, we offer you both our gratitude and thanks for your persistence and dedication in keeping us together and moving forward for the sake of the Gospel.

Also at this time it is appropriate to mention George Carratt, for his dedication ensuring that our website is regularly updated and for his commitment to Glenrothes & District Churches Together. It is true that all represented here at this meeting, and meetings previously, that our determination to work ecumenically is profitable for our communities in which we serve to share the Good News of Christ.

May we be encouraged by the success of Holy Week and The Walk of Witness over the Easter Period. Our presence was seen and felt within the town. This together with the outreach of the CoS Covenanted Partnership and the other denominations within Glenrothes & District Churches Together supporting them in prayer, we come believing the Holy Spirit has worked mightily in our midst.

Let us give thanks for John Baker who has taken the role of treasurer and keep John in prayer as he continues to do so. May we pray in unity that the Lord will call forward a new team to work alongside John to fill in the positions on Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. May those who are able and willing come forward as we continue the great partnership we have in Glenrothes & District Churches Together.

We all confess the same Creed that has been defending our faith throughout the ages: one holy catholic and apostolic church. Let us strive to stay united in Christ Jesus and remember the mission set before us. To love one another as Christ loved us and to show our communities the love and light of Christ, the Light of the world.

The 4th Sunday after Easter the Gospel Reading was from John Gospel, Chapter 15. Within verse 1 Jesus says these striking words: 'I Am the True Vine, and my Father is the gardener'. Let stay connected to the true Vine both as individuals and within our partnership of Glenrothes & District Churches Together and not become vines separated from the 'True Vine', that has no gardener.

May we cherish and remain faithful to the call of Christ: to be one in Him and in unity with our brothers and sisters. In humility and by the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, let us serve, support, pray and love one another for the furtherance of God's Kingdom here on Earth, until Christ return.

Every Blessing,

Fr. Ryan Robertson (Holy Cross Orthodox Church)

Acting Chair