

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear all,

I am not generally excited about Autumn as a rule (although it does bring me a bit closer to Christmas which I love.) but this year feels a little different.

After a long time of lockdown and worry, we find ourselves looking at this Autumn as a new beginning. Rather than thinking about shorter days and colder weather, our days have been filled with newly reopened activities and planning for things to come.

As methodists, this is very appropriate since Autumn for us is not the end of summer but rather the beginning of our connexional year and a time of change and growth.

Autumn with frost and bright sun can be beautiful but in fog and rain it can be unpleasant - how will this season of change and new beginnings affect you? Will you approach this season with a 'cold and damp' frame of mind or will you approach this new journey with God with a clear mind and an open heart? I pray it will be the latter and I pray too that you will feel the light of God's love surrounding you and inspiring you in this New Methodist year.

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