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## Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Dear Friends,

As another church year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity to our congregation and to the Lord's work over the past year. It has been a challenging year as we have continued to face the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic but you have responded with generosity and grace. Not only have you continued to give generously to the finances of the church, at such a difficult time for many of you personally, but you have also been generous in your care and prayerful concern for one another and for me, your minister. I appreciate that greatly and ask that you would continue to pray for the life, work and witness of our congregation as we begin to make plans for the next season of ministry and mission in Omagh and beyond.

It was with sadness that we bid farewell to Emma Fleming, our Youth, Family and Outreach worker, after her 3 years of faithful ministry amongst us. Please remember Emma in your prayers as she considers where and what the Lord might be leading her to in the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our office bearers for the additional work that they have carried out over the last year with all the challenges that COVID and lockdown brought our way. This year we will once again not be able to hold our Congregational AGM but enclose with this letter a copy of last year's financial records and a report from each of the office bearers outlining the main areas of business conducted in 2020.

A challenging time lies ahead for the congregation but we are mindful that the church is not our church but God's church and that He is able to bless us abundantly so that we will abound in every good work as we seek to serve him cheerfully. So before a new season of work and witness begins in the autumn, I do hope and pray that you will have a restful and blessed summer.

Yours Faithfully

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Rev. Jane Nelson 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021