

THE POWER OF LIVING WATER
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Dear Sisters

It seems that our theme of water is proving to be a good one given the awful weather we have been experiencing! Of course we need rain, without it crops cannot grow, animals and humans cannot thrive and our beautiful land would not be so green...

During the past few months however, we have seen the destructive effects that large amounts of water suddenly descending can have on the environment and the living creatures, humans included that live there.

We remember those in the Caribbean and the U.S. whose homes and communities were destroyed in the recent hurricanes and storms. At our Executive Committee meeting held at Fetter Lane in September, we decided to use £500 of our emergency fund to help our Moravian brothers and sisters affected by the hurricanes in the Caribbean. It will take a long time to rebuild those communities so I ask that you hold these brothers and sisters and indeed all who have suffered in your thoughts and prayers.

During our October Circle Meeting at Royton, we were all discussing and agreeing that there seems to be an increase in these sorts of storms and that often the rain we receive is frequently much heavier and more intense than it used to be. Perhaps that is just Manchester! However, there was a feeling that the climate in Britain had changed with more blurring of the seasons and increase in rainfall.

As Christians we need to be mindful that we are stewards of God's wonderful world and that if we make a mess of it, we spoil it for future generations, leaving our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with problems that they may not be able to solve.

Many of you will have celebrated harvest festival in the past couple of months, when we thank God for his goodness to us in the provision of food and water and the means to build homes and make clothes to keep us warm and dry.

There is a saying which appears around Christmas, encouraging people to think carefully before buying someone a dog as a Christmas present – "A dog is for life, not just for Christmas". Perhaps we ought to be mindful that remembering that the world is God's gift to us should be something we do all year round not just at harvest time.

Yours in Christ

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