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Dear Friends in West Fife Trinity Church,

The Kirk Session recently agreed to produce a triannual magazine covering the whole of the West Fife Trinity parish with news and updates about the work we are doing in the different villages and worship centres, but work is still ongoing with this. So I decided to send this letter out in order for you to receive the most up to date information.

It has been six months since the formation of our new church family, resulting from the Presbytery of Fife's Presbytery Mission Plan. West Fife Trinity is just one of many adjustments being made across Fife and Scotland as a whole. The main task of these months has been to put into place people and teams to take the work forward. It has also been to begin to build what I call 'a blended family'. It is my hope that this new family will develop as we get to know each other.

In relation to this you may be interested to note that the congregation will meet after worship (starting at 10.30 am) in Saline on 12th July to begin the process of looking for a new minster. At that meeting, the congregation shall be invited to elect thirteen people, who are on the Electoral Roll of the congregation to serve on a Nominating Committee. If you wish to propose anyone to serve on the Committee you may do so at the meeting providing the person has indicated a willingness to serve.

Most importantly for now is the change in Service times recently agreed by The Kirk Session; beginning on Sunday 5th July, worship in the Oakley building will be at 9.45 am and the Kincardine building at 11.15 am. Services in Saline will continue later on a Sunday afternoon or early evening twice a month beginning initially at 6.00 pm; we intend that once a month there will be a joint service, planned mainly to take place in Saline while we still own the church buildings there. These arrangements are currently timetabled till the end of October to allow the Kirk Session to reflect on the effect of these changes. Please see the programme on the other side of this letter for details.

Change is not easy, especially when we get set in our ways. Yet change is not new to any of our former congregations-with the closure of the Blairingone building and the union of Tulliallan and Kincardine still in living memory and, most recently, the closure of the Carnock building.

So, none of us are strangers to change, yet that doesn't make it any less difficult. On the other hand, not changing can also be difficult. We live in a changing world, and what was 'normal' only a few years ago, is often not acceptable. Today we have to be very careful of what we say so as not to offend, we have to be more accepting of others' outlook, and it can be a tricky balancing act between what we don't agree with and our own moral and spiritual compass.

I am of an age these days where change doesn't come easily, and yet, if I can see the need, I will embrace it. But there is a caveat to that, especially for us who are Christians, and that is whether the change that is needed is in accordance with God's Word.

I fear that too often we mould the Word of God to fit our own situations rather than allow it to mould us. In Romans 12:2, Paul writes "*Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will*".