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Bishop of St Andrews  
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Scottish Episcopal Church

To all members of  
St Luke, Glenrothes  
and St Finnian, Lochgelly

1 May 2020

Dear friends,

I am delighted that today marks the beginning of the ministry of the Revd Gerry Dillon as Priest Evangelist of the Central Fife Centre of Mission, and Priest-in-Charge of St Luke's and St Finnian's.

Gerry's Licence, giving him my authority for his ministry, would usually be given to him at the service of Institution, to which we had all been looking forward. As it is, Gerry is receiving his Licence by post, but we will be celebrating this new ministry, and welcoming Gerry as Priest Evangelist, at an Institution service, involving everyone in the two congregations, which will be arranged once the situation changes.

These are unusual as well as tragic times, and this is a very unusual way for anyone to begin a new ministry. But I know that you are praying for Gerry as he starts to serve you in this new and exciting ministry, one which we have desired and planned for a long time, and which is beginning today.

I hope and pray that everyone in the two congregations is well and keeping well, and I look forward very much to the day when I can be with you again, to welcome and bless Gerry in his ministry as Priest Evangelist.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer, even though you cannot for the moment gather in church, and for everything you are doing for your community, especially for those whose stories of deprivation, loneliness and loss usually go unreported and un-noticed.

With blessings and thanksgiving for Eastertide,

*Bishop Ian*