

From the Manse: A Thought for the Week

Sunday 30th March 2025

Dear Friends,

This week, I would like us to take some time to explore an important and thought-provoking question: What is our vision for the future of the Church? More specifically, what does the future of the Church of Scotland look like?

Let us begin with some words from Ephesians 3:20-21:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

These words remind us that, no matter how uncertain the road ahead may seem, God is already at work, shaping His Church beyond what we can see or even imagine, and praise be for that.

Discussions about the Church's future often bring a mix of emotions—hope and hesitation, excitement and concern. But we must remember this: the Church is not a static institution. It is a living, breathing body, shaped by the Holy Spirit and the faithfulness of its people, the faithfulness of you and me, so no pressure then!

Amazingly each of us has a role in building the Church of the future. Some are called to encourage and uplift, others to teach, serve, or lead in new ways. Perhaps your calling is to listen, to extend hospitality, or to share Christ's love in your daily interactions. Whatever our role may be, our task is to be faithful—to pray, to act, and to trust that God is at work.

So, I leave you with these questions:

- **What is your vision for the Church, both locally and nationally?**
- **And how is God calling you to be part of it?**

As we consider these questions and seek answers, may we continue to look for His guidance to help build together our Church and thus our community in faith, hope, and love.

Blessings,

Rev Jade