

19. Together



“It’s always better when we’re together,” sings Jack Johnson softly to the gentle strums of his guitar. It’s a love song to his wife but his ‘better together’ point is applicable to relationships of all sorts. How we’ve learnt that over the last year!

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been singing a similar love song and, this Lent, we’re all invited to join in. His love song is directed to communities world-wide disabled by pandemic in many ways. “The Body of Christ is hurting,” he says. “and some parts of the Body are more hurt than others. They need our help.” His words remind us of Paul’s great hymn to togetherness within the Body of Christ, at the end of which he concludes that “If one member suffers, all suffer together” (I Cor 12.26).

In this photo, food relief has just reached a vulnerable community in Bangladesh, but as well as essential supplies, the appeal is also funding bicycles, training and PPE to support virus prevention wherever needed. Pandemic takes no notice of borders. Nor does human need. We’re all in this together, members of the same Body, and when those members care for one another, “How good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity” (Ps 133.1).

Join in the love song on Bishop Graham’s Lent Appeal page.

Today...

...strengthen our togetherness in you
through caring collaboration, O Christ.

Amen