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messages from Myanmar that make me ask the question, "How do I deal with this, now that I know about it?" !

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of Jesus's promise of fullness of life for all peoples. Amen.!

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The Rev'd Andy Braunston is the URC's Minister for Digital Worship and a

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