

## Dates for your diary

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

7<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

11<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

14<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

18<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

21<sup>st</sup> Third Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

25<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

28<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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Let the light of your life  
shine in such a  
way that  
others see  
your good  
deeds and  
bring glory to your  
Father in Heaven.  
Matthew 5:16

## January 2018

*Some New Year reflections and prayers ....*

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God, that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'



As this New Year unfolds, O God,  
Enlarge my vision of yourself,  
Deepen my trust in your love,  
Increase my faith in the perfection of your purposes  
That when you speak I may listen,  
And when you direct I may obey,  
Confident that you will never  
cause your child a needless tear. Amen.

'You crown the year with your goodness.' (*Psalms 65.*)

'Many are the plans in the human heart,  
But it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established.'  
(*Proverbs 19.*)

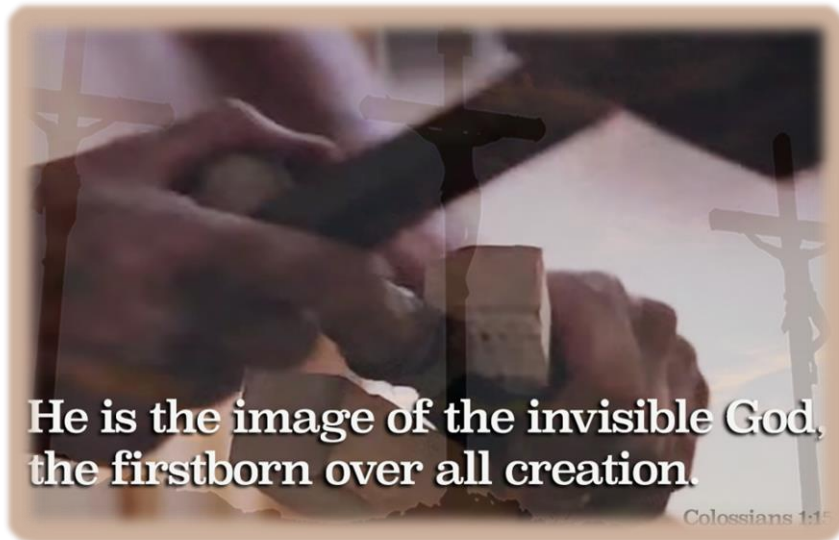
'The Lord knows the path I take:  
When he has tried me I shall come forth as gold.' (*Job 23*)

'Do not worry about tomorrow:  
Tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has trouble  
enough of its own.' *(Matthew 6)*

'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the  
beginning and the end.' *(Rev. 22)*

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Whose years never fail  
And whose mercies are new each returning day:  
Let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,  
Warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;  
That we may pass the coming year  
In joyful obedience and firm faith;  
Through him who is the beginning and the end,  
Your Son our Lord. Amen.**

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**what's happening**

**Help needed ...**

**After the morning service**

**this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup>),**

**help is needed**

**to dismantle the Christmas tree.**

**All able hands on deck, please!**



**Advance notice:**

**AGM meeting in February**

**(date to be announced)**

Recent coffee money was used to help provide  
Christmas gift bags for those who came to the  
Christmas lunch at the Community Café.  
Thanks to Jan Goodall for organising this.

For those wanting to keep in touch, I (Jenny) have  
Jean Brown's (now Wilson's) new address and phone  
number. Please let ask if you would like it.

The new 2018 Church Family List will be coming out  
soon. If there are any changes/amendments, please  
email [jennifer.jones32@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.jones32@btinternet.com)