

PASTORAL LETTER ...

Dear Friends

Another year over and as always the question 'where did it go?' pops in to my mind. 'Where did it go?' Time does seem to pass ever so quickly, we seem to constantly be looking at our watches thinking about the next thing in our diaries and busy lives and before we know it, it's over and the new one has begun.

How much time do we allow ourselves to reflect on life, not just to remember the good times, but also to learn from it and our experiences? And when we do look back, do we do so with regret? Do we wish we hadn't done some of the things we did do? Hindsight is a wonderful thing, but it's not going to let us change what is past.

What about 2018? Most years I decide on my New Year resolutions for the next twelve months and I try not to be too challenging, but I do seem to come up with the same resolutions year on year; most years they go unresolved! (I've been meaning to learn to play the guitar since 2012!)

But what's wrong with that? New Year resolutions feel like a new beginning; a fresh start. This is what Jesus gave us when he gave his life for us, a fresh beginning, a new beginning where all our sins are forgiven. A chance to start afresh, a new beginning, a new way of life with Christ at the centre.

I was looking at Twitter this morning and I found this tweet:

"As this year comes to an end, don't look back at yesterday's disappointment. Look ahead to God's promises yet to unfold." - Buky Ojelabi

Happy New Year to you all

God Bless

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