

**From the Manse
January 2018**

Dear Friends,

The New Year is a time of taking stock, of new beginnings and of course making resolutions.

Taking stock of a whole year requires more than a brief paragraph, particularly a year as full as 2017 was for us. We had a number of 'one off' events, some more successful than others, several 'firsts' which I hope will become established features, some of our existing activities evolved and others became more firmly embedded in the life of the fellowship. It was quite a year!

For us, January now means organ concerts, and this year's series promises to be as varied and delightful as ever, a real treat for music-lovers, which attracts enthusiasts from far and wide.

Our first new beginning in 2018 is 'Crafts with a Cause', which will be taking place on Wednesday afternoons. Information has been widely circulated and is available from Katie. We hope the sessions will be fun, creative, sociable and useful.

Also from the start of January we will be distributing our 'Winter Survival Bags' for homeless people through Carecent. Response to this initiative has been high, aided by the impressive retiring collection from the Southbank Singers' Christmas concert, but also thanks to the generosity of our members. We continue to accept gifts of money and nutritious snacks.

On a personal note, my resolution for the year ahead is to spend more time with the fellowship, collectively and as individuals. To make that possible, I will be stepping back from some of my commitments within the wider church, and also making sure that I take time off to recharge my batteries and, I hope, maintain a better level of health.

Yours in Christ, Alison

January Diary

Weds 3 rd	Crafts with a Cause, 1pm - 3pm
Sat 6 th	Organ Concert, 12 noon
Sun 7 th	Communion Service, 10.15am
Tues 9 th	Coffee Morning, 10.30am - 12 noon Informal worship, 12 noon - 12.30pm
Weds 10 th	Crafts with a Cause, 1pm - 3pm
Sat 13 th	Organ Concert, 12 noon
Sun 14 th	All age worship, 10.15am
Tues 16 th	Coffee Morning, 10.30am - 12 noon Informal worship, 12 noon - 12.30pm
Weds 17 th	Crafts with a Cause, 1pm - 3pm
Sat 20 th	Organ Concert, 12 noon
Sun 21 st	Morning Worship, 10.15am
Tues 23 rd	Coffee Morning, 10.30am - 12 noon Informal worship, 12 noon - 12.30pm
Weds 24 th	Crafts with a Cause, 1pm - 3pm
Fri 27 th	Community Lunch, gathering from 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start
Sun 28 th	Morning Worship, 10.15am
Tues 30 th	Coffee Morning, 10.30am - 12 noon Informal worship, 12 noon - 12.30pm
Weds 31 st	Crafts with a Cause, 1pm - 3pm



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Please pray for:

- The Church Fellowship and how it may develop over the coming year;
- Those of our fellowship who are struggling in body, mind or spirit;
- Students returning to York after the break;
- All those who will visit us during this month, that they may feel welcome and sense God's presence;
- Our Mission Partners in the Community Foundation;
- The various groups which use our building;
- Our Synod as it considers how our administrative and decision-making structures can best support local churches in changing circumstances.



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