



TELSCOMBE CLIFFS COMMUNITY CHURCH
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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

New Year 2018

Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past. Look, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; can't you see it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18,19

Dear Friends,

The journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to Jordan began with great joy and hope, many miracles and the tangible presence of God. However, instead of reaching the Promised Land in about a year, as they should have done, the Israelites took forty years – by which time many of the original group had died. What went wrong and what's that to do with us?

Don't cling to the past. Under trial, the Israelites began to think they'd have been better off if they'd stayed in Egypt. Some Christians are always looking back to 'those good old days' too, but God has something *new* for us and we must follow the Spirit's leading today.

Don't grumble about the present. As God tested the Israelites, they responded with grumbling and complaints against God and their leaders. Criticism, gossip resentment, grumbling, bitterness – these things can quench the Holy Spirit and can keep us in the spiritual desert for years. When the pressure is on, often we look for someone on whom to offload our frustration and anger. This scapegoat may be someone we have never truly forgiven for some past hurt. But God forgives, and we must do the same if we really want to experience his blessings.

Be full of faith for the future. God is able to do new things, unless our unbelief prevents him. He wants to change this moral and spiritual wilderness into a land filled with the fruit of his Spirit. Do we believe this? Then let us worship and praise the Lord together. Let us offer this New Year to the Lord in faith. Happy New Year!

Yours in the Love of Christ, Celia and Peter.

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living. All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good that you tried to do and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have – these slumber lightly waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Source unknown .

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

7th JANUARY – ELDERS MEETING – 8.15AM

4th FEBRUARY- CHURCH MEETING

6TH MAY – CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

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***ROTAS FOR
ELDERS AND WELCOMERS***

COMMUNION

Jan 7th Tom Rose Linda Paddock
Feb 4th Sam Shepherd Liz Hunter
Mar 4th Kathy Gillott Tom Rose

Welcoming Organised by: Philip Slinn

Vestry Duty

Jan 7th Val Barritt
Jan 14th Neil Watts
Jan 21st Linda Paddock
Jan 28th Sam Shepherd
Feb 4th Kathy Gillott
Feb 11th Tom Rose
Feb 18th Liz Hunter
Feb 25th Val Barritt
Mar 4th Neil Watts

Please arrange a substitute if you are unable to fulfil your duty

Preaching Plan

Dec 31st Neil Watts
Jan 7th Peter Elliott
Jan 14th Wyn Funnell
Jan 21st Barbara / Liz Sayers
Jan 28th Peter Elliott
Feb 4th Peter Elliott
Feb 11th Neil Watts
Feb 18th Graeme Allan
Feb 25th Peter Elliott
Mar 4th Peter Elliott

**TELSCOMBE CLIFFS
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

SERVING ELDERS

Treasurer	Sam Shepherd
Asst Treasurer	Linda Paddock
Church Secretary	Neil Watts
Asst Church Sec	Kathy Gillott
Preaching Plan	Val Barritt
Serving Elder	Kathy Gillott

Serving Elder	Tom Rose
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Serving Elder	Liz Hunter
Non Serving Elder	Janet Coghlan

FABRIC COMMITTEE

Tom Rose
Elizabeth Hunter
Max Rosser

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Linda Rose

CHURCH MUSIC:

Kathryn Gillott

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
At all the times you can, to all the people you can,
As long as ever you can**

John Wesley