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Firstly, a very big thank you to everyone who has offered to stop receiving a paper copy of this newsletter and agreed to go online. I'm pleased to report that we have managed to cut the monthly print run from 375 to around 30 copies resulting in a tremendous financial saving and hopefully making the newsletter sustainable for years to come. It has been wonderful to hear from numerous people how valued the newsletter is across the villages and although I know that many of you will miss the paper copy, we are very grateful to you for making the change.

Nothing, of course, stays the same for ever and a New Year is perhaps a time when we look forward and wonder what changes lie ahead. All of us face changes throughout our lives – they might be times of happiness such as marriage or a new baby; times of sadness such as ill health or bereavement; or just times of disruption – a house move or new job. There is, however, one constant in life that we can all rely on. In the Bible the writer to the Hebrews reminds us that; 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever' (13:8). God has been faithful in the past so we can trust him with the present and one day see him face to face in an eternal future.

A lovely poem by Minnie Louise Haskins:

And 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."  
So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.  
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

God Bless  
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