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Dear Friends

So, goodbye December, hello January! Be gone, turkey soup, it's time to take stock and look ahead to the coming year. 2019 has been 'interesting' - what on earth does the New Year have in store? Are you fearful, excited, unsure, or a mixture?

Lots of things excite me about 2020.* But staring me in the face is the link to talking about having perfect vision - '2020'! I remember getting my first pair of specs from a Milton Keynes opticians tucked away above the shopping centre, aged about six. Walking down the stairs, the pink carpet floated alarmingly – not a feeling I enjoyed... But things settled down, and as a seasoned glasses wearer I've never looked back.

Wearing my glasses makes all the difference in the world – without them I can't read, drive, or even hear nearly so well! And seeing the world as God's creation, with me and others as his uniquely crafted creatures, makes all the difference as I consider the future over in Kent.*

My fears are answered by heavenly hope. Excitement is earthed in the reality of God who loves to bless us. Our uncertainties are met with an unshakeable confidence that depends not on the political landscape or the weather, but on God's faithfulness.

Will *you* take time to see 2020 from God's perspective? Take a butchers at speaklife.org.uk/videos (produced by a very talented friend), or join us at church and explore for yourself.

Have a Peaceful New Year

Pete Deaves

** We're facing a big move as I prepare to take up my new post - more details on p16.*