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Dear Friends

Have you made a New Year's resolution? Are you managing to keep it, or have you broken it yet? The New Year is often a time when people look back, reflect and decide it is time for them to make a change in their life – even if it only lasts a few weeks!

Whether you are one for New Year's resolutions or not, looking back and reflecting on 2020, it has certainly been quite a year! This time last year, who would have thought that we would have shut the country down as we did in March and (generally) willingly curtailed our freedom in the way we have.

So much in the way we live has changed – we take social distancing for granted, we wear face masks when shopping, in the news we are updated daily on the number of cases and hospital admissions, social occasions such as wedding receptions, Christmas parties just haven't happened, and the New Year Fireworks are cancelled.

Amidst all this, the Church has had to change and adapt too – sanitised our hands, Holy Communion without the wine and singing restricted to small choirs and music groups. Yet, amidst all this change God has not changed – the Bible tells us that Jesus is “the same yesterday and today and for ever.” No matter what we face in the year to come, nothing can change the fact that Jesus died for us. If you are looking for a New Year's resolution, why not decide this year to find out why he did?

Every blessing

Martin King