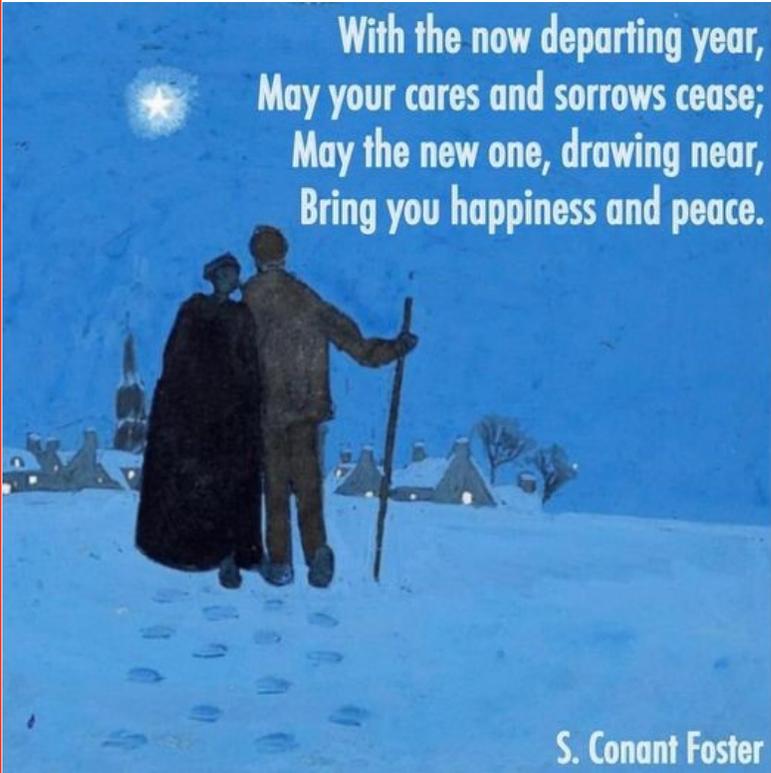




# DU Grape Vine



**JANUARY 2022**



With the now departing year,  
May your cares and sorrows cease;  
May the new one, drawing near,  
Bring you happiness and peace.

S. Conant Foster

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

And so it is that the calendar is flipped and we begin a brand new year. Last year, 2021—with its mix of joys and sorrows, goals met and goals missed, friendships gained and friendships lost—is behind us. Sadly the COVID virus is still with us and we must all continue to be vigilant for our safety and that of our community.

For many, New Year is just another holiday. For others, it's a time of deep reflection, both on the past year and on the one ahead. For followers of Jesus, New Year has no unique significance. There's no central biblical narrative informing our celebrations.

But this doesn't mean Christians shouldn't pause and reflect on the turning of the calendar.

New Year can also remind us of the new birth. In a sense, each day with Jesus is a chance to turn the page on an old way of life and embrace a new one. We are, after all, new creation people, and we serve a King who renews us daily by the Holy Spirit.

Setting goals for a new year are an important sign that we're intentional about glorifying God in our callings—work and business, home and church, private and public witness. But before we write out our goals, we should begin in the heart. The temptation for Christians is to make our plans and add a dollop of Jesus on top, rather than allowing him to form in us the desires and motivations to do his work.



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**



Op Shop hours:  
Monday—Friday  
11 am—4 pm  
**IN JAN: Saturday 9.30 am—12.30 pm**



Rev Jeanne Beale and Rev Temukisa at the Cutting of Ties service—28 Nov 2020.

**This months' services**

- 2 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Linley Liersch HC
- 9 Jan — 10.30 am Wayne's Team
- 16 Jan — 10.30 am Project Connect service—Wayne
- 23 Jan — 10.30 am Jenni's Team
- 30 Jan — 10.15 am Combined Linked Congregations service at Drysdale

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

Congratulations to Colleen Diamond and Graham Clutterbuck who celebrate their 70th birthdays this month. May God's blessings give you great joy on this special occasion.

**SAMARITAN HOUSE LOOSE CHANGE**

Our loose change offering for Samaritan House resulted in almost \$2000 and has been rounded to that. They are being invited to attend the annual meeting to receive it.

Ideas for the loose change recipient for 2022 are now being considered. Please let Wayne know any suggested organisations.

**OP SHOP**

The Op Shop got off to a great start in 2021 selling over \$5000 worth of stock in just six weeks; this is much more than was budgeted for. In line with our decision to give back to the community, donations of \$150 each were given to Springdale Kinship Carers and Drysdale Family Support foodbank. The distribution to the church was \$5000. Thank you to all who have donated goods or purchased goods—

your support is appreciated by all volunteers and the church.



**ANNUAL MEETING**

The congregation annual meeting will be held on Sunday 5 February over lunch following the morning service. There will be elections for elders, for congregation Chair and Secretary, reports, loose change decision and any other business.



**Happy birthday!**

**JANUARY**

- Kelvin Benney
- Tracey Myers
- Melva Stringer
- Graham Clutterbuck
- Hazel James
- Semesa Tuikoro
- Colleen Diamond
- Aisake Kayaca
- John Reid

**Happy birthday!**

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	READING	PRAYERS	VESTRY	COUNTING	FLOWERS
JAN 2	Volunteers	Ken	Margaret	Pat	Pat	Wayne	Marg
9	Melva & Brenda	Brenda	Wayne's Team	Wayne's Team	John	Marg	Val
16	Alma & Win	Lynda	Win	Carol	Claire	Colleen	Lynda
23	Glenice & Kelvin	Ken & Glenice	Jenni's Team	Jenni's Team	Ian	Ian	Denise
30	Marie & Margo	Val	Susan	Marie	Lynda	Sue	Judy

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**MOWING**

JAN Ian & Denise