



Senior Citizens' Newsletter – January 2021

Greetings

During 2021 I wish you the following:

12 months of happiness,
52 weeks of fun,
365 days of success,
8760 hours of good health,
52600 minutes of good luck and
3153600 seconds of joy.

- 110 Inspirational New Year wishes, messages and greetings 2020

Happy New Year

A bright, shiny new year,
empty, neat, pristine,
waiting, ready, for us to get it right.

Another chance
to love and forgive.

Another chance
to make a real effort
to give more than we get.

Another chance
to make a difference.

A good New Year,
A Happy New Year!

- www.iphone2lovely.com



Christian churches hold 'watch-night' services, a custom that began in 1770 at Old St George Methodist Church in Philadelphia. –

Our curfew prevented Trinity from doing so this year.

1. *A Message from the Office*

Luke 1:37

For with God nothing shall be impossible (KJV)

For no word from God will ever fail (NIV)

For God's promises can never fail (The New English Bible)

Happy 2021!

Wishing you a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in year 2021

We started year 2021 on a very low note. South Africa is in lockdown again because of the COVID-19 high infection rate. But is this all we're going to talk about, COVID-19? Is that what our life is all about? No, there is more to life than worries and questions that have no answers. We have God. Because God lives, we can face tomorrow.

Luke 1:37 – For with God nothing shall be impossible (KJV)

Elizabeth's pregnancy in her old age demonstrates that with God nothing will be impossible, a statement modelled in Genesis 18:14, Is anything to wonderful for the Lord?

Here we have the voice of an angel speaking to one's own insufficiency and bringing a message of the heavenly grace that must be trusted before its ways are known. With God nothing will be impossible. This is the conviction which can come, one knows not how, to still one's own perplexities and to make one sure that the revelation of God's purpose will fulfil itself. Mary put herself in the hands of the Lord, that's what is important. She was ready to obey, and that is the one open door to knowledge and growth, and to a glad discovery of the fulfilment of life to which God's grace leads one.

Is anything too hard for the Lord? The answer to the question is, nothing is too hard for God.

The proof that God can do anything is seen in:

Luke 1: 37

Genesis 21:5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him

- 1 Samuel 1:20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him"
- John 5:5-6, 9 One who was there had been an invalid for 38 years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to be well".
At once the man was cured, he picked up his mat and walked.

These are just a few examples; we have many that are recorded in holy scriptures. Indeed, nothing is too hard for God. We have a calm assurance that our God cannot fail.

I write to you at a time where we're all praying for the world to be cured from the COVID-19 pandemic. People are dying and others losing their jobs. We are in a crisis. Is there anything too hard for God? God holds the world's future in his hands. God is our faithful parent. God is bigger than any pandemic, so we know that our problems are not greater than God. God will heal the world.

Hymn 66 Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. **Amen.**

Conclusion:

Always know that you are important to us. Trinity is not Trinity without you. Because of our seniors, our Church is what it is today. We appreciate all that you've done for our Church.

Continue being the backbone of our Church. We love you.

Blessings,

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Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book - write a good one.

Brad Paisley

2. Estelle's Report

A very blessed, happy & healthy New Year to you all!

We have unfortunately not started this year on a good foot with COVID-19 still raging!

Unfortunately, this means we will not, at this stage, be able to resume our monthly 'get togethers' until further notice.

Please don't lose heart remembering all will happen in His time.

We, as the Seniors Committee, will endeavour to keep contact with each one of you.

At any time should you be in need of any support, please contact one of our committee ladies who will endeavour to assist you.

We are all in this period of 'lockdown' together and have good & bad days to contend with.

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Just a word of encouragement from me to you...

Think of every new day as a cup with two handles,
One handle is ANXIETY the other handle FAITH...
Which handle are you taking hold of?

Psalm 55 vs 22:

*Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you,
He will never let the righteous fall.*

Every day we face an empty page filled with the unknown...
We can face it with ANXIETY and FEAR or face it with the comfort of FAITH,
HOPE and LOVE...

Think about these known facts...

God loves you! He has every aspect of your life under His control.
He has a plan for your life, we can trust Him to handle each day with us...

Whatever stresses or problems you may face, trust the God who loves you
and He will see you through!

Thank you, dear Father, for always being with us in Spirit.

My love to you all,
Keep happy and keep busy!

Estelle



May your New Year be blessed abundantly by Him who is
worthy of all our praise!

– Dayspring

3. A Blessing for 2021 from Trevor Hudson

I want to bless you today.

I want to bless you with a deep inner knowledge,
a deep assurance of who you are:

You are God's beloved.

You are God's beloved daughter, God's beloved son.

I want to bless you with a deep knowledge
that God lives in you, delights in you.

And that you may know today that over your life,
God sings a song of Joy!

I want to bless you with a deep knowledge
that you are God's image bearer.
That you have been made in God's image.
That you have been fearfully and wonderfully made.
That God has knitted you together uniquely in your mother's womb.

I want to bless you with a deep knowledge
that you are God's work of art –
God's handy work created in Christ Jesus
to do good deeds that God has designed for you to do.

I want to bless you with a deep, deep knowledge,
a deep assurance of God's faithful presence with you.
That when you go through the waters,
the Lord God is with you.
When you go through the rivers, you will not be overwhelmed.
And that when you go through the fires, you will not be burned –
for the Lord your God is with you!

I want to bless you with a deep knowledge
of just how precious to God you are.
That God knows you by name.
God calls you by name.
That all your sighing and groaning and longing and yearning
is known to God.
That the spirit of God prays in you with groans too deep for words.

Above all, I want to bless you with a deep, deep assurance,
A deep knowledge – there is nothing, nothing,
no circumstance,
no situation,
no pain, no grief, no loss
that can ever separate you from God's love in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

And so, I bless you in the name of Christ
that as you enter this year,
you may know who you are.
Amen.

† † † New Year Superstition - Open the doors at midnight - Actually, just before midnight, so you can let the old year out and welcome the new one. (It doesn't have to be for long - even those who believe in the superstition can get cold!)

4. *Prayer – John Birch*

Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep Spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.



- Author unknown

† † † I'm going to stay up late this New Year's Eve – not to ring in the New Year, but to make sure this one leaves.

5. *Bible Verse*



Bless us in this New Year, O Lord.
My times are in your hands.

- Psalm 31:15.

† † † New Year Superstition - Don't clean the house - we can really get behind this superstition. If you're concerned about 'sweeping' or 'washing' away any luck coming your way, don't do any cleaning – including dishes and laundry.

6. Birthdays

'I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope.'

Jeremiah 29:11

Happy Birthday –

wishing you another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing.

January

5	Julie Pelser	20	Norah Swart
8	Ruth Miller	23	Lorraine Schultz
9	Joan Bezuidenhout	25	Margaret Keown
11	Lawrence Davies	26	Hilary Graham
11	Renée Champion		



Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.
Middle age is when you're forced to!

Bill Vaughan

7. News from the Seniors' Committee

Lettie Marais spent New Year in hospital. She has recently been unwell.

Marianne Conradie burnt her face just before Christmas, arms, hands and fingers very badly and was unable to go down to her family on the farm. She is busy having skin grafts.

We pray for a speedy recovery for both of you.

We also welcome a new member of Seniors: **Mavis Isaacs**.

8. Date of next meeting

Unfortunately, during COVID-19, Lockdown 3, we are unable to hold any meetings for Seniors. Our Seniors Committee will keep you updated should there be any change.

