Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Bible and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant Leader and the growing of disciples.

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I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate

not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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New Year's Day

Preacher:: Reverend Gordon

Sunday, 1st January, 2023

Theme: Reliance on God

Bible Reading: Twenty-Third Psalm

Mission Statement: To draw people





to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

STICKABILITY

When I was in high school, a student in our class was told by the teacher to remove chewing gum from his mouth. "One day," he continued "I will tell you what is in chewing gum!" Years later, I met the teacher again, and related this incident. He could not remember the occasion, nor what substance was in chewing gum.

Having recently stepped on chewing gum, I went to the computer to discover what chewing gum was made of, and how this stubborn and irritating nuisance could be removed from a sneaker with a corrugated sole. Plastic is the ingredient that makes chewing gum...chewy, and it is listed in the ingredients as gum base.

The New Year summons us to have the ability to endure or persevere – to stick with God. To have spiritual stickability.

Joseph had an incredible ability to stick with God. Though he had been falsely imprisoned, you never read where he complained about his situation. Joseph was faithful to God even while it looked for a while that he had been abandoned by Him. The advantage that Joseph had in sticking to God was that He KNEW what was ahead. Nothing should deter us from our 2023 decision to remain faithful to God. Sticking with God requires our focussed determination. We must make the decision to actively stick with God and His purpose for our lives.

Stick with God no matter what. It will be worth it...you'll be glad you did!

(Reverend Gordon)

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times. Martin Luther

a Prayer for the New Year

Lord, Whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

> I pause to give thanks. Thank you for being with me every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new** and for giving me the grace of fresh starts

and *new beginnings*. Remind me of your presence in the days to come, even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness. Be glorified in my life this year.

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months abead with the bright hope

that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

Amen

Prayer For The New Year

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered us in time.

We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one.

We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.



SUMER IS ICUMEN IN

- Jonathan's Annual Leave: 27th December to 10th January, 2023
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 1st January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 3rd January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 5th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Working Bee: Saturday, 7th January: 8.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 8th January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 10th January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 12th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 15th January: 10.00 am
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesday, 17th January: 9.00 am: Café de Grove
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 19th January: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 22nd January: 10.00 am

O New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. GOD's LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY To you for the year ahead.

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