



Message from Sarah Bingham

New Year?

Our calendar year runs January to December, but the academic year runs September to August and Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) often falls within a few weeks of the start of the new school year too. At church, we have 'Promotion Sunday' and children of the right age move into new Sunday School groups.

New Year is often a time for reflection and development. I wonder when was the last time you thought about your own gifts, skills and talents and reviewed how you can or do use them to bless your neighbours and our congregation? The apostle Paul said he became all things to all people so that he could form a connection with them and share the gospel. Indeed, much of the book of Acts shows Paul doing this!

So, what about you? Are you hospitable? Do you ask lonely neighbours round for a cuppa and a chat? Do you drop in to Tea and Toast to see who you could gossip the gospel to? Are you good with your hands? Can you teach a skill to a group through Mend-It or the TMO? Could you do a bit of practical DIY or gardening for local neighbours who need a hand? How has God blessed you and how in turn can you bless others?

Why not take the opportunity of the 'New Year' to pause, reflect and pray and see what the Lord invites you to do?

Rev. Sarah Bingham

Flower Rota

Sept 10th Mr & Mrs J. Jenkinson

Sept 17th Miss Jenny Hill

Sept 24th HARVEST Mr & Mrs R White

MEND-IT

Mend-It will re-start on Tuesday 5th September after the summer break, with an exciting events schedule. As well as the normal weekly activities, on the 5th we begin with a Health and Well-being event focusing on Heart and Stroke awareness. Then we start our themed fortnightly Cultural Cooking classes on Thursday 14th with a Pakistan themed cooking cuisine session, giving the opportunity for people to learn different cultures and skills, plus enjoy wonderful food.

If you would like to take part, booking is required by email: mendit@glbc.org.uk or call in and see us to book a place.

