

Joanna's Jottings

As we come to the close of 2017, I end this year with the hymn that myself and my family have sung over the years

"It is well, it is well with my soul"

2018—the year of Jubilee for we celebrate 50 years of God's call and faithfulness upon this modest farm, that God choose to use for "His glory".....
Amen—Great is Thy faithfulness.

Embrace the New Year and see what God can do in your life and as we join together as a church to celebrate this Jubilee year **"Our God Reigns".**

Yours in His service
Joanna

Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year
Just one request I bring;
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way thou ledest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day.
Dear Master make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee.

-- Unknown Author



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First of all, welcome everyone to this new year 2018! "The future lies before us, like a field of driven snow. Lets be careful how we tread it for every step will show". And may we all make good of every moment for the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. While waiting upon Him and reading His word, what has He intimated to you, personally? Because, as the worlds picture darkens, His light has to beam more brightly. That involves everyone who declares being born again and I am determined to grow in stature, not only physical size but internally. If our Lord needed to do that, how about you and I! And the promise comes to us also, "in favour with God and men" (St Luke 2:52). Hallelujah, what a challenge, and a glorious possibility!! And the cost "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind and your neighbour as yourself" (St Matthew 22: 37-39). If you and I are willing to obey the words of Jesus we will be radically changed, whatever our ages, we all will be kinder, more joyful, happy, considerate, willing, contented, generous with our speech and smiles. Hey! Glory! You and I will not be recognised! It is about the inside change that will affect our demeanour. We will be new creatures in Christ Jesus and we will delight in meeting attendance and serving the Lord—with gladness!!! The happiest people on earth!! Lets practice living again starting now—as I read this—changing the atmosphere. I'm at the starting gate—the gun has already fired—it's uphill—but lets go-go-go with Holy Ghost zeal!

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