

# Newsletter January 2019

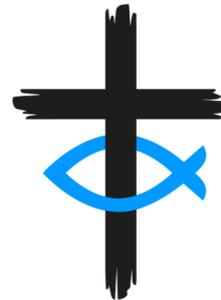
**St. Andrew's  
United Reformed  
Church**

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## Preachers in January

6th Miss Hilary McClintock  
13th Miss Hilary McClintock  
20th Miss Hilary McClintock  
27th Miss Hilary McClintock

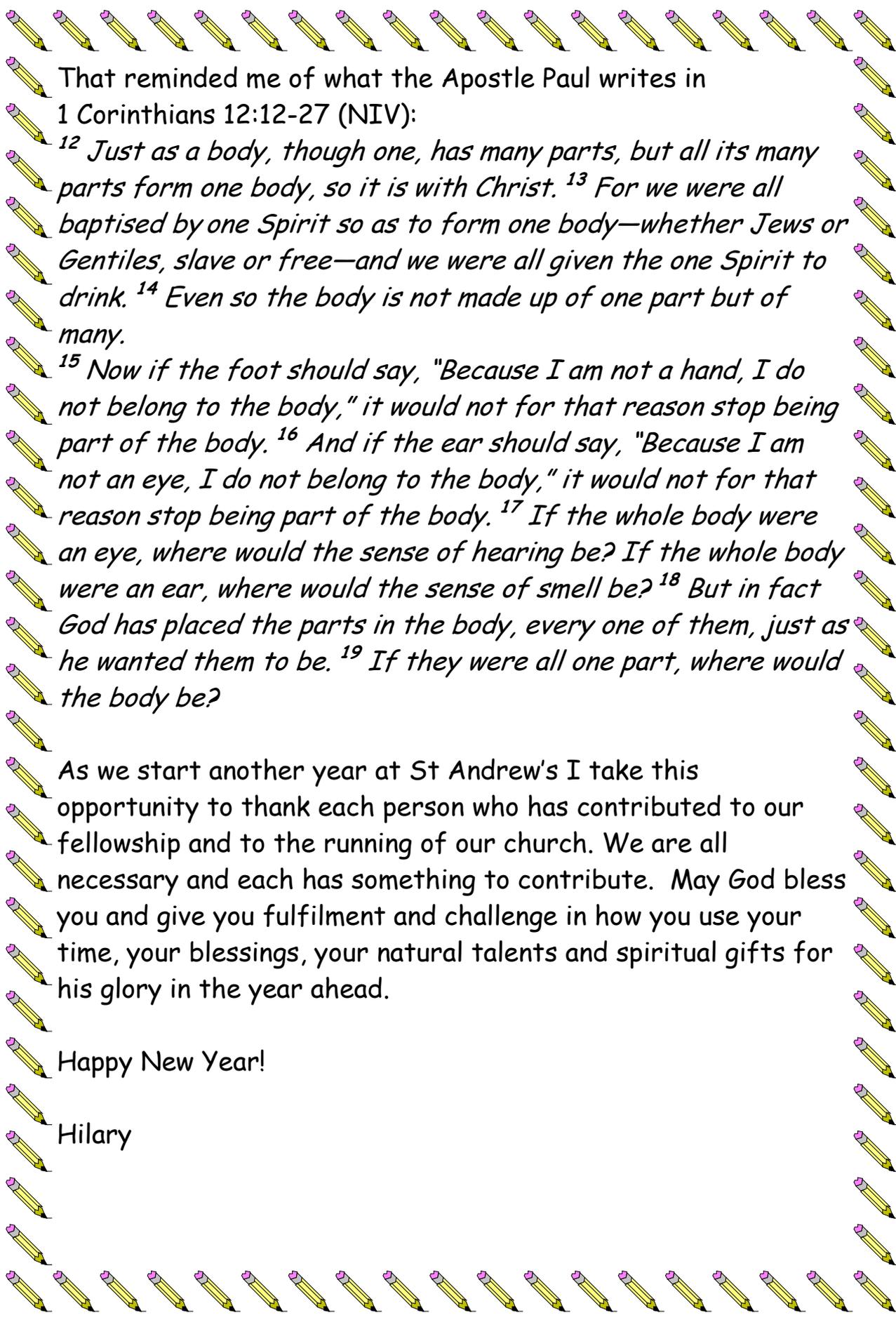


Dear Friends,

All the pieces!

I wonder how long it is since you played with Lego or rather 'created' something out of Lego pieces? A friend of mine received a present for Christmas, a Lego VW camper van to be created out of 1334 pieces. When completed, it will measure only 12 inches (30cm) and will have a fully fitted (Lego) interior! I am fine with large Lego bricks, but could never have the patience or dexterity to make the camper van!

Imagine getting near the end and finding you had lost some of the tiny bricks? All parts and pieces are necessary, and the steering wheel is no more or less important than a wheel.



That reminded me of what the Apostle Paul writes in  
1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NIV):

*<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

*<sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be?*

As we start another year at St Andrew's I take this opportunity to thank each person who has contributed to our fellowship and to the running of our church. We are all necessary and each has something to contribute. May God bless you and give you fulfilment and challenge in how you use your time, your blessings, your natural talents and spiritual gifts for his glory in the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

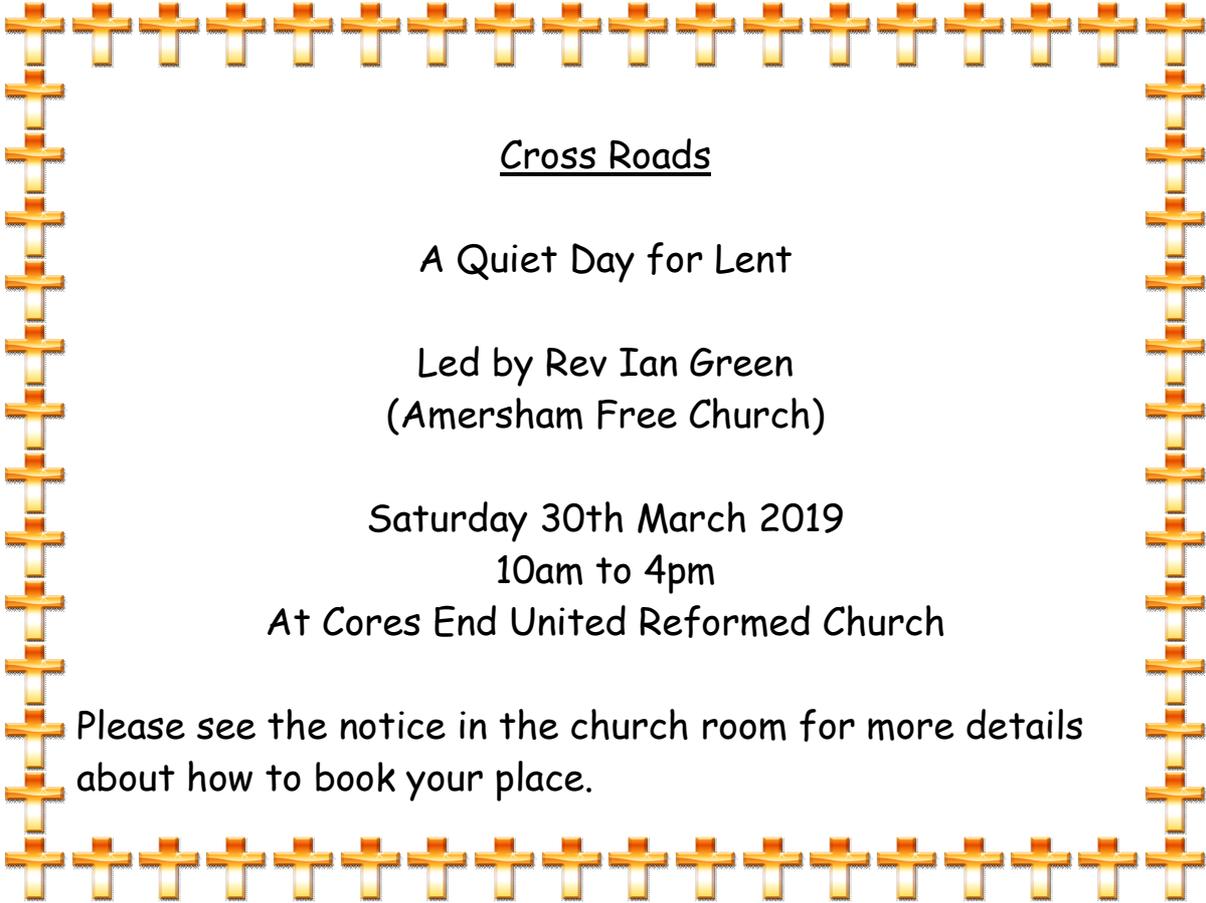
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### Christmas Day Offertory

As is traditional the Christmas Day offertory will be given to charity. This year the Oasis Partnership will receive the £114.12 raised.

The Oasis Partnership, based in High Wycombe, helps people with addictions and their families.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



### Cross Roads

A Quiet Day for Lent

Led by Rev Ian Green  
(Amersham Free Church)

Saturday 30th March 2019

10am to 4pm

At Cores End United Reformed Church

Please see the notice in the church room for more details about how to book your place.

Please remember that if you are writing a cheque to the church it needs to be made out to St Andrews URC Gerrards Cross or the bank will not accept it. Thank you.

## What are you doing in January?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duty Elder</u>	<u>Stewards</u>	<u>Reader</u>
6th	F. Smith	J. Pinchess, F. Fraser	J. Pinchess
13th	A. Elliott	V. Gormly, H. McMullan	S. Vaughan
20th	P. Gorton	D. Gorton, F. Fraser	G. Gorton
27th	D. McMullan	H. McMullan, A. Vanner	A. Vanner

Serving Elders: F. Smith, D. McMullan

Communion Table: H. McMullan, F. Smith, J. Pinchess

Flowers in Church

Thank you to everyone who arranged flowers for the church last year.

The new rota for 2019 is now on the notice board, please sign up if you are able to help this year.

All offers of help are greatly appreciated.

Andrea Vanner



The February Newsletter is due to be distributed on Sunday 27th January 2019. Any items for inclusion should be with Peggy Gorton on or before Thursday 24th January please.  
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