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Dear Friends

Happy New Year ..... or is it?!

Let's start with a New Year joke.

*I answered the door this morning and a 6-foot beetle punched me. Apparently, there is a nasty bug going round!*

Despite it being the New Year there is a lot going on that can get us down and make us feel negative. At the same time, I can't help noticing how positive the New Testament writers are despite huge difficulties, danger, persecution and even death all around them. So, why are they so positive?

I'm sure they struggled just as we do today, and I'm sure they groaned, grumbled and wrestled with all that was happening, but what kept transforming their outlook was looking from their situation to the God who was with them. They kept trusting that God would make a difference while not always knowing how.

The phrase that appears again and again in the New Testament is GOD IS ABLE:

He is able to help us (Hebrews 2.18)

He is able to save (Hebrews 7.25)

He is able to keep you from falling (Jude 24)

He is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day (2 Timothy 1.12)

He who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3.20)

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has positive answers:

We say: It's impossible

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18.27)

We say: I'm too tired.

God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11.28-30)

We say: I can't go on

God says: My grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12.9)

We say: I feel all alone

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13.5)

As we begin to journey into 2021 let's remember and remind one another that GOD IS ABLE.

With my love and prayers,

Kip

## And finally ....

- Most of you will know services in church have been suspended for the time being. We will be reviewing the decision towards the end of this month. The weekly online service continues on YouTube, and I am really grateful to all those who contribute and put it together.
- With this new lockdown, let's all look out for each other, and if you have particular concerns for anyone please do contact the Hub (0151 428 6810) and leave a message.
- Next Saturday (January 16<sup>th</sup>) at 9 am we have our monthly Zoom prayer meeting. To receive the link for this please email Julia: [curate@stpeters-woolton.org.uk](mailto:curate@stpeters-woolton.org.uk)
- At 8 pm Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January, we have our Winter Quiz Night hosted on Zoom by Hub Coordinator Jen: more details are on our webpages and you can email [hubcoordinator@stpeters-woolton.org.uk](mailto:hubcoordinator@stpeters-woolton.org.uk) to book your screen.
- We are in urgent need of a PCC secretary. If you are a committed member of St Peter's and think you may have the skills for this role, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.