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AND FINALLY...

❖ A Letter from Sally...

Dear Friends,

As we move in to the New Year I am sure that many hopes, dreams and possibly resolutions may have been made. I must admit that I have made many in the past and then given up, but of course we all need new beginnings, and thankfully God offers us those anytime we choose to turn to him and start again.

It seems amazing that as I am writing this that Lent is almost upon us again, in a few short weeks not only will we be beginning to see the longer days re-emerging, but we will also have turned from the manger to the cross. To help us to do that I am going to offer a Lent Course again on Monday mornings. This year we will journey with the Passion narrative from John's Gospel. Please let me know if you are interested.

For now, though, may I wish you blessings for 2018 and beyond.

Sally

❖ New Lights in the Church Hall

You may have noticed that the lights in the Church Hall have changed! New LED lights have been installed which make the room much brighter and should also be cheaper to run. These have cost £2,000 which has been paid for by our Lunch Club and a legacy of £1,000 from Pat Singleton. We are very grateful to Pat for this gift and will think of her each time we put the lights on!

❖ New Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes for 2017 are now available to pick up at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like to know more about giving to Wesley Hall, please see Matt.

❖ Thank You from The Sunday Centre

Our Harvest donations of both food and money went to the Sunday Centre, which provides meals for the homeless at Victoria Hall. They are very grateful and we received a note back from Steve Clark, who runs the project saying, "Your gift is timely and welcome. We are very busy at the moment and have fed 80 to 90 each week recently. Could you pass on our thanks to the congregation please? In addition to the practical help, it is good to know that people are thinking about and praying for our Guests and our volunteers."

❖ Warm Clothes & Bedding Urgently Needed

Warm clothes and bedding are urgently needed for the drop-in centre, as more people are living on the streets than ever before. Anything you can offer will be welcome and Jim and Dorothy are very happy to collect any items you can donate.