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Some people fill each and every day – some go for more of a 'pick and mix' approach and some will be content to do as little as possible. The diversity of humanity will never change that and I am not convinced it is anyone's role to interfere anyway.

However, it seems that as one year draws to a close and a new one is ushered in there is a sense of renewed promise and enthusiasm, a blank canvas just waiting to be filled and we have the power to do that as we choose.

Jesus' public ministry had periods where he took himself off but mostly it was a fairly punishing, relentless time, in exhorting his followers to do likewise we could be forgiven for thinking it is too hard to keep up, we need built in rest periods. Yet Jesus would be the first to tell us it is about balance, it is about doing some things and doing them well, instead of trying and failing to do everything!

2018 was a challenging year for our church and our pastorate, we have come through and now we look ahead in confidence and hope and trust to the year that is to come. As we do so let us pray that by our action we will make the most of what it offers and that in our own small way we can make a difference to the lives of others.

I wish you a happy and healthy 2019

*Sarah*

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Dave Spray; 3rd Bella Douglas; 6th Ann Thomas; 14th Sarah Simpson; 18th Carol Smith; 25th Eileen Grist; 26th Midrid Ainscow

#### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd June Dolan; 14th Graham Allnatt; 15th June Rose; 23rd Ben Edmeston

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

27th Eddie Leitch; 29th Marc Evans

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### JAN— APRIL 2019 SERVICES

**6 JAN 10.30 Café Style Worship Sara Crabb**

**13 JAN 10.30 Bernard Crabb**

**20 JAN 10.30 Brian Leitch & Junior Church**

**27 JAN 10.30 Rev. Sarah Simpson H/C**

**3 FEB 10.30 Café Style Worship Sara Crabb**

**10 FEB 10.30 Rev Andrew Francis**

**17 FEB 10.30 Terry Riches & Junior Church**

**24 FEB 10.30 Rev. Sarah Simpson H/C**

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