

## **TFTD 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

***Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved. (Matt 9:17)***

I enjoy a glass of wine so this saying of Jesus appeals to me. Don't worry this isn't the start of a long confession. Just an opening gambit for you to either say me too Rachael or I prefer a cuppa/beer/beverage of choice. At the moment I miss having people over and sharing a bottle between us, but as we have noticed, the times they are a-changing.

Some people embrace and thrive on change, the adrenalin pumping through the system as they try new things. Others like the stability of knowing what is to come. I think like many an Anglican, I sit somewhere in the middle, where change is exciting, but not too much!

And as we approach our 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday without being able to meet in our building things have had to change and they have had to change fast.

I think our latest challenge is not to dream of the old as if it were perfect and not to reminisce of Sunday's gone by with our rose-tinted spectacles on. Remember it, yes, but also embrace the new. The old has shaped us, but it is time for the new wine, it is time for a renewing of our faith. Are we going to be malleable, like a new wine skin, or are we going to be rigid, set in the ways of the past?

Jesus disciples were people who had been taught the Jewish law, yet they were able to accept Jesus's teaching. They were able to go through the process of renewing and change. God is challenging us today – are we willing to go through the process of renewing, to see the 'new thing'?

Perhaps this week think about what the 'new wine' is that God is pouring into your life at the moment? Are you ready to receive it? Not scorning what God did in your life yesterday, but ready to embrace what he is pouring into your life for tomorrow.

Remember, you can send your prayer request to: [Prayer@baystonhillchurch.org](mailto:Prayer@baystonhillchurch.org)

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**May you be renewed as you seek Him.**

Rachael