

How quickly the last twelve months seem to have gone by. For some this has been a turbulent year and at times a very testing one. I believe that at the start of it Robin stated that it might be. I have suffered sadness myself recently, with the sudden loss of my mother. I feel blessed however to have Oasis as my home in the midst of a storm, for as the church's strapline states, it is a place 'where people matter'. The godly love and care that this church shows to its congregation, to the local community and beyond that, is its bedrock and must continue to be in the future. James' epistle states that we should embrace tests and trials as they develop character and personal growth. I pray that those who have been through such trials over recent times will soon see rewards for their godly patience.

Since the start of 2015 there has been much said about this being a significant year for the church and I would echo those feelings myself. This is indeed an exciting time in the history of Oasis Christian Centre. Physically our church building is about to come down and after much anticipation, be replaced with a newer, grander one. Now I believe is also an opportunity for significant spiritual development. Human hands will build our new physical home but only God can build the church. We must be ready and willing however to respond to His call. Isaiah's cry to God was 'Here I am. Send me.' God is not looking to our talents or abilities in the months ahead but to our hunger. I am expectant and looking forward to what is ahead. My hope and prayer for the forthcoming year is that at the end of it we will be overawed not by the new building but by what God has done amongst us spiritually.

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