

Stories of Beginnings

Notes for 28 Dec

Catherine Taylor

A Virtual Vestry New Year...



Image: Robbie Shade - [Fireworks over Edinburgh](#)

I looked up a variety of new year celebrations but most of them happen on other dates... except, of course, for [Hogmanay](#). Since my entire Hogmanay knowledge comes from reading *Outlander* and reports of someone I know who was an exchange student in Edinburgh, my sense of this holiday is that it is some sort of drunken dancing debacle invoking Scottish spirits and ghosts. I look forward to further illumination.

So here's the plan:

1. Two or six blessings from the last year that stand out to you. I know that for many of our group, this has been a challenging year, to say the least. I think it's easy to not remember the good things and I think it might be helpful to spend a bit focusing on and sharing them.

2. A Bible verse or three that is helpful for you as you think about the future.
3. A song that you particularly like that helps you along your journey.
4. Celebrations where you live or have lived that celebrate the New Year. I am expecting some Scottish illumination here. Pam and or Sue, what else happens in Australia other than the lights of the Sydney bridge? What is common in Malawi?
5. Favourite things you have done to welcome the New Year.
6. A goal you have for yourself over the next 12 months.

I wish for each of you unexpected gentle blessings.

Catherine