

CONVERSATIONS

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1. You may or may not do New Year's resolutions, but would you give some regular time to remember that God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. He still loves the world despite the mess his people are making of it. Can you spot anything of his presence in individuals? They may see him in you. Give some time to ponder what's happening in and around us, knowing God is always present.
2. How have you found this Christmas, coming as it does in a time of increased prices and energy concerns? What issues does it surface for you about personal values, about material things, about what changes you may need to make, adjustments to how you manage from here onwards? If everything remains the same have we missed opportunities? What do we learn from these times?
3. Do you have plans for 2024? Do you think that's important? You may have personal hopes you keep to yourself but do you have any things you'd like to share with others?
4. Have the crises in the world prompted you to pray? Do circumstances and individuals tend to turn you to God to share your concerns and make requests? What do you pray about apart from these things?
5. Who have been the most significant people in your life this last year? What difference have they made?
6. If you had to design Bishop Auckland what would it look like? Would you hark back to the past or create something yet unimagined for the future?
7. Does colour matter to you? Some people have good colour sense and others are unable to see what colours go together. Some are unfortunately colour blind. What are your favourite colours and what do they mean to you?

Thank you.