

Summer 2021

## Dear Friends,

The spirit of Christmas has nothing to do with gifts and everything to do with who we spend our time with. There are people who have lost their family and would do anything to spend their time with them again. There are others who have turned their backs on one another or have just let the family drift apart.

At this time of year I'm reminded that love and family are truly one of the most important things in this world. That's what Christmas is meant to remind us. Christmas is about the birth of a child, a precious child that turned a couple into a family that grew to be the world wide family of Christ. But whether a child is planned or a surprise - happy or otherwise; born in unusually circumstances; to those with much or with nothing; a child makes a family and both should be treasured - the child and the family. That family love nurtures, sustains and supports. If we don't have each other what do we really have?

I hope that you will be able to share this Christmas with family and loved ones. If not in person then through social media, cards, letters and the phone. Get in touch share that love and remember family isn't always just those related to us - we all have wider families who also mean much to us.

Spread joy and love by joining in the various Christmas celebrations and services across our communities. Merry Christmas to you all.

Revol Nicki