



## THE YEAR 2015 IS HERE!

It does not seem long since the millennium turned and there was great excitement when we moved from the 20th Century to the 21st. We learnt that 2000 would not be a leap year – leap years occur when the year ends in 00 (as in 1900) but not when the year ends in 000 (as in 2000). And perhaps we remember the ‘millennium bug’ – not a nasty disease but the fear which gripped individuals, companies and governments that computers would fail with enormous consequences throughout the world. Early computers had small memories so every entry was kept as short as possible. The year date was given as the last two digits – 75 stood for 1975 and so on. What would happen when the date was entered as 00 for the year 2000? Would the computer read it as the year 1900 and expire, unable to cope with delivering a parcel in 1900 which had been ordered in 1999? No one knew the answer. No doubt partly due to the skills of computer engineers and partly due to the fact that no one really knew, it all

passed peacefully and the world did not end.

After 15 years we do not remember the ‘millennium bug’ unless someone reminds us. The excitement of the new millennium has faded. And yet the 15 years seem to have passed very quickly. It represents nearly one fifth of a normal human lifespan. If we are wise we will reflect on the purpose of our lives, taking note of the comment of the Psalmist: *when his (man’s) breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his thoughts perish. Psalm 146:4*

God has a purpose with the earth: *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14.* God also has a purpose with each of us, if we are willing to respond: *Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22*

**Will our lives be focussed on the past, millennium bug and all, or will they embrace God’s future?**



# Time for a fresh perspective? Join us for Bible Hour every Sunday morning at 10am.

January Bible Hour Topics:

Sun 4th *The Bible and History* *Youth  
Special*

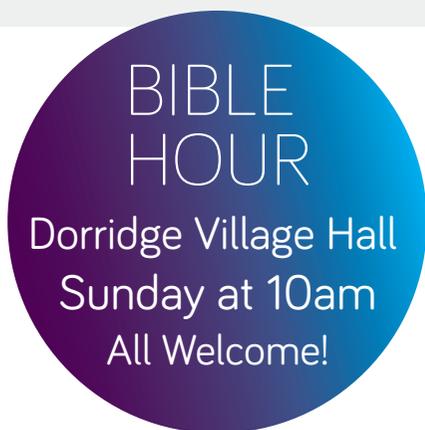
Sun 11th *The Promises to David*

Sun 18th *Morning Meditation*

Sun 25th *Bible Teaching about the Land of Israel*

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