Welcome to the 11th weekly prompt on **Gladness and Generosity**.

So here we are, in the middle of January.  Christmas and New Year are becoming a distant memory.  The decorations are packed away, and its back to work, heads down, full on, over three months to go before the next bank holiday.

Does this mean that Gladness and Generosity are packed away, or thrown out with the remains of the tree?  No.  Jesus was born once in a stable, but raised from the dead, and is with us now, here, always.  He has promised to be with us every day, and in yesterday’s Covenant Service we affirmed God’s commitment to us, and ours to him.

So we can be glad that Jesus is with us throughout the year, and the generous giving of Christmas can continue too.  Ok, the bank account may be depleted, but we have so much else to give – our time, our skills, our friendship, our love.  Fireworks, one of our Junior Church groups, is showing the way.  In December they made cakes to sell in church and raised £158.  They are using this to help rough sleepers in Sheffield, via the Archer Project and Crisis at Christmas.  And they are not stopping now that its January – the weather may get colder and the needs for help greater.

How can you be generous to those you love, and those you don’t even know, in 2019?

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