



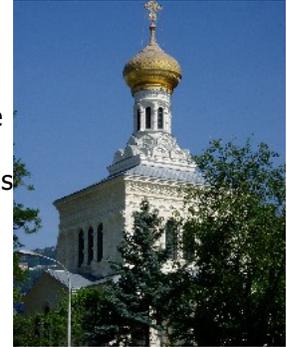
**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE ON EARTH**

## HALLIDAY NEWS 2006



### Italy in February

In February this year Viv turned 40 and the whole family went on a trip to Italy during half term to celebrate. We stayed in Florence and visited the Duomo and the Uffizi gallery. We also took a day trip to Pisa where we climbed the famous leaning tower, as well as looking round the baptistry and the duomo, and eating pizza! She also had a great party when she came home!!



### Switzerland in June

In June, Viv and her Mum went on a rail holiday in Switzerland. They stayed in a town called Vevey, on the shores of Lake Geneva. They visited nearby Lausanne and Montreux, as well as seeing some spectacular alpine scenery. They visited the town of Gruyere up in the mountains and were impressed by its lovely castle, as well as its cheese!

While Viv was away, David was confirmed at St Andrew's Church by the Bishop of Birkenhead, who has now become the Bishop of Birmingham.



### Paris in July

In one of the hottest weeks of the year, we all went by train to London, where we stopped for a night and went to see the musical "We Will Rock You". The following morning, we took Eurostar to Paris, for a trip to Disneyland Paris. We had a great time there, taking time on one of the days to go into central Paris to climb the Arc de Triomphe, walk down the Champs-Élysées and visit Sacré-Coeur.



### Keswick In July

The following week, we went to Keswick in Cumbria. This is a beautiful part of the Lake District, and also the home of one of the biggest Christian conventions. We went to quite a few of the meetings at the convention, but the weather was very wet and windy for almost the whole week. We were able to go on a boat trip on the one sunny afternoon!



### Licensing in October

In both Birmingham and Hastings, Ian was a licensed Reader in the Anglican Church, and in October this year he was licensed again, this time to our home church, St Andrew's, Bebington, in a service at Chester Cathedral.



### **Birmingham in November**

Viv and Ian have been big fans of Chris de Burgh's music since well before they met, and the boys have been listening to his music since they were born! So it was a disappointment to find that he was finally visiting New Zealand this February, after we had left! Instead, we went to this year's only British concert, at the NEC in Birmingham in November. This was every bit as good as we thought it would be, but also gave us a chance to look around Sheldon and central Birmingham and show the boys our old home, our old curryhouse and most importantly, St Giles Church, where we worshipped when we were first married and where David was baptised. There were a few old friends there, and it was good to meet up with them again, even briefly.



### **Church**

We have now been back at St Andrew's Church for over a year, and in that time Viv has started playing in the music group regularly, while Ian, as well as being licensed as a Reader has joined a Prayer Ministry team and a men's breakfast group. We belong to a house group and the boys all attend youth meetings during the week. Viv also helps a group called "Little Fishes" for mothers and preschoolers. David helps with the "tech" at Sunday services and elsewhere. We have also become the parish reps for Crosslinks, a missionary organisation. The biggest thing we have done this year was organise a church weekend in July, called "Won World".



### **Other things**

David rejoined us in England just before last Christmas, and is now in the sixth form at Wirral Grammar School. His 'A' Level choices of Maths, Physics and Chemistry are the same as Ian's were. He is still an enthusiastic archer, shooting most weekends,



and also plays hockey at school.

Matthew is in the fifth form, and spends a lot of his time playing computer games competitively, but also goes out to spend time with friends and go to the cinema. He will be taking his GCSEs this year

Christopher is doing well in the second form at Birkenhead School, where he also plays hockey.



*Wishing you all a peaceful, joyful Christmas and a happy New Year, Ian, Viv, David, Matthew and Christopher*

