

Unto us a boy is born, unto us a child is given...

HALLIDAY HAPPENINGS 2010

As we approach the end of 2010, looking back over the past year, we have much to be thankful for. It has been a happy, busy and blessed year for us in many ways, with many comings and goings:

Our family started the year with a trip to London which included a visit to London Zoo, seeing the musical Chicago and a heavy fall of snow. The ice and snow persisted for some time afterwards but had cleared by the half term break when Matthew joined Ian, Chris and Viv for a weekend in Edinburgh, where we explored the Castle and walked up the Royal Mile.

At Easter time the whole family took a trip to Iceland, narrowly avoiding airline disruption due to the erupting volcanoes. All we saw of the volcanoes were distant plumes of smoke, but were stunned by the beauty of Gullfoss, a spectacular ice clad waterfall and Geysir the geyser after which all others were named.

In June Viv and her mum visited the Dordogne region. We were based in Montignac close to Lascaux 2, amazing prehistoric caves. We also visited Sarlat, Rocadamour and cruised on the Dordogne River.

In the Summer Ian, Viv, Matthew and Chris spent a long weekend in Copenhagen while David again travelled to Canada where he spent a couple of weeks visiting Halifax and Edmonton. In Copenhagen we visited the Tivoli Gardens, took a trip across the Oresund Bridge to spend a pleasant day in Malmo in Sweden. Matthew and some friends went for a week in Lanzarote and all of us but David, spent a lovely week in Dubrovnik, where highlights included walking round the walls of the Old City, the beautiful island of Lokrum and a number of interesting boat trips. Matthew rounded off his Summer by attending Leeds festival with some friends.

In the Autumn half term break Ian, Viv and Chris spent a long weekend in Dublin where we visited the Guinness Storehouse, two cathedrals and the zoo.

Ian continues to contract for RBS in London, and is actively involved in church life both in Bebington and London!

Viv continues to have lots of fun doing much the same activities as last year, including Little Fishes, creating and maintaining websites and lots more! David is in his third and final year in Sheffield. He is starting to apply for jobs and hopes to move to Canada. He turned 21 this year and continues to do lots of archery.

Matthew is enjoying his second year at Lancaster University. This year he is living in a house off campus, close to the town.

Chris is continuing in treatment for Leukaemia and is doing well, he will be finished

by this time next year. He got confirmed this year, has passed his GCSEs and is now studying A levels in English lit, RS, economics and history, still at Birkenhead School

It only remains for us to wish every one a merry Christmas and every blessing for 2011,

With much love

Ian, Viv, David, Matthew and Christopher



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