

Ian and Viv's Christmas Newsletter 2016

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light"

The regular rhythm of our lives, with involvement in our church and other activities, has remained largely unchanged in 2016, but here some of our highlights.

Viv turns 50

In February Viv turned fifty and celebrated with friends at the Lyceum in Port Sunlight. It was a wonderful evening and it was great to catch up with everybody.



Trip to Dubai

As birthday celebrations continued Ian and Viv travelled to Dubai where they stayed on The Palm. Highlights included afternoon tea at the Burj al Arab, a trip to the top of the Burj Khalifa and wandering round the Souks in the older part of town.



Betty turns 80

Viv's mum also had a significant birthday this year, turning eighty. She celebrated with family and friends at Züger's in Bromborough. We all enjoyed a fabulous, tasty meal.



Viv passes her degree

In May, Viv took the last two exams towards the Bachelor of Divinity for which she has been studying for the last three years. She achieved a first in New Testament Greek and 2.1s in the other paper and her dissertation thus achieving a 2.1 overall. She will graduate in March 2017 along with our friends John and Lis Gibson who also achieved 2.1s.

Ian's new job

After a period without work Ian started a new job in November this year. He is again working in London, this time for the telephone company EE.

Family holiday in Sorrento

In July, the Hallidays and Gibsons again holidayed together, this time in Sorrento. Highlights included visits to Pompeii, Herculaneum and Vesuvius, a trip to Capri and a boat trip up the Amalfi coast.



Cruises

Viv has continued to enjoy cruising this year with cruises to the Northern Lights and around the Mediterranean with Lis and another Med cruise with her Mum.



News from the boys

David has a new job. After several years working at Smyths toyshop, he has secured a position with the Watch Lab in Chester and is now living in a rented flat in Prenton. Matthew is still working for Barclays in Knutsford and has moved to another rented house in Chester which he is sharing with friends. Christopher has finished his Masters which he passed with merit and continues to work at McDonalds while he seeks another position. He is living in Manchester and renting a house with friends.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and every blessing for the year ahead. We look forward to hearing your news or maybe seeing some of you this coming year.

With much love to you and yours

Ian and Viv