

# Christmas Letter



Herewith the 2005 episode of 'the Platt Family'!

As we said in our last letter, the year began with **Phil** taking up a new role in the church employed as an elder. This has been a real adventure.

In February the formal 'induction' happened and it was great to have so many come and support us and our fellowship. Most of the year has been a time of adjustment. New routines, except that pastoral work has few of them.

The **Church** has been very encouraging and more forward looking.

As a result we have a revitalised children's work (called Razzmatazz) and have been stirred up as to how to fulfil our mission.

This has involved two meals, one a 'Passover' meal the other a Harvest Supper. While the Passover was meant to be for the church family a number of friends joined us and the Harvest supper was attended by over 40 non-Christians.

At Easter we changed our name to "South Ruislip Christian Fellowship" - giving more clarity to who we are in a multi-faith community.

So what does Phil do all day?

Having sent everybody else off to school/work there is a time of preparation then either he moves down to the Church or goes visiting. He is now involved in Tuesday Focus (mature folk), Teddy Bear Club (Parent and Toddler group), Razzmatazz (evangelistic show for 5-11 year olds), Midweek fellowship and the Sunday Services. A number of funerals, meetings networking with other churches and other activities make up busy weeks. It is a great challenge and he is enjoying it.

**Liz** has continued working at Sacred Heart School and has been fully involved in Teddy Bear Club and the children's work in the church. Phil's new job has meant a lot of changes to our family life, most of them good! She had a week in Lincoln looking after Sarah and Joshua in the early days.

The family news has been amazing this year.

We began with **Tim & Sarah** living at our home. Tim got a job in Lincoln and they moved back up there and in God's time Joshua arrived, in June. We are, of course, inordinately proud of him.



**Becky and Mark** have been house hunting and are hoping to move into a house in Woolwich in the New Year. They are expecting our 2nd grandchild (Judges or Caleb or Deborah?) in May. The family keeps expanding!

**Dan** finished with XLP in the summer and moved home, where he has stayed, working for Brunel University and 'Coca Cola'. He has a Youth worker job starting in the New year with the local authority (L. B. of Hillingdon).

**Jon** has continued with usual round of school, etc. and finished off the year with a solo vibraphone performance in the school concert and GCSE Mock exams! He moves between drums, piano and making models and just fits in some school work.

Holiday-wise, we went to Spring Harvest at Easter. In the summer we had two weeks in a holiday flat just outside Lincoln. This enabled us to see Joshua every day (and Tim & Sarah!) Liz and Phil spent some days in Cheddar while Becky, Dan & Jon were at Soul Survivor.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and God's blessing in the New Year

*Phil, Liz* Tim, Sarah & Joshua (in Lincoln); Becky & Mark Fraser (in Woolwich), Dan and Jon