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Dear one and all,

Last Christmas Day we lead the service at South Ruislip Christian Fellowship and then drove to Lincoln for Christmas Dinner! This year we hope to be 'at home' but that means catering for up to 15 people!

Still it was worth it as Matthew Timothy Platt arrived on 8th January. Liz arrived home from work to find herself eating lunch in the car as we headed north again to spend the evening with our latest new grandchild. And home again to be ready for school/ church the next day!

Spring was busy with an Alpha course, Phil on a trip to a French Prison (Just Visiting!), 40 'Days of Purpose', Half term in Lincoln (can't keep us away!) Dan disappearing off to Southport, Bangor, Prague) and visits to Plumstead. That brings us Easter when we went to Doncaster! That is because Tim & Sarah, Joshua & Matthew moved there so Lincoln is no longer interesting, New Rossington is. During this time Jon ran into problems as the Music department at Queensmead disintegrated leaving him and others struggling with supply teachers providing some help. We thank the Lord he survived and obtained some reasonable AS grades in spite of the difficulties and has got stuck into the new academic year with more commitment and three new teachers.



Summer saw us on two holidays. First to Puddletown on the Piddle! (near Dorchester) with wonderful walks along the coast, etc. We were able to join up with Mark, Becky, Zac and Dan as they were at Due South (YFC summer camp), which was at Chantmarle near Yeovil. Our second

was a trip to Switzerland, thanks to nephew Paul and Denise. We 'did' Lac Lemman, the Jura, Mont Blanc, Geneva and wandered around Nyon where they live.



Phil is very busy working at SRCF and we are thrilled to see God answering our prayers as 5 younger families have joined us. We pray that we will have a real impact on our community in sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Liz's school is being rebuilt around them and this has been particularly stressful but the grass is growing on the new eco-roof so there are signs of real progress.

Dan continues as IT specialist in Human Resources at Brunel. He has changed churches so he can be with others of his own age.

Jon is the party-goer and also very enthusiastic about music. His group is making a 'demo CD' at present and maybe this will lead to gigs.

Mark, Becky and Zac continue with their work in Woolwich and Zac is very lively although he suffers quite badly from Asthma.

Tim, etc. are already involved in a new 'Baptist' church in New Rossington and Tim is doing well in his job there which involves blowing powders and pellets down tubes! He is the test engineer for the company.

May God bless and keep you all,
Phil, Liz and the rest of the family.