



She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21



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Dear

It is has been an exciting year dominated by visits to our family. The highlight was our trip in February to Xi'an to visit Tim's Family. This was no package travel and we found our way round visas, Beijing airport and on to Xi'an to be met by Tim and Joshua and then to the south of the city to their flat, not far from the Pagoda in the picture (It was cold but dry with a constant polluted fog/haze). We stayed for two weeks, exploring some of Xi'an (Terracotta Army (above photo), two Pagodas, city walls, Mosque, museums, etc.) and sharing in family life, house church, the local park and shops. It was a great experience and we loved every minute of it.



We arrived home in time for the warm spring! (remember, we had a drought!)

Liz's dad celebrated his 87th Birthday and remains remarkably well. At Easter we went to Bolton, with a nostalgic visit to the University Campus (no Maths tower these days, just an ugly drum shaped visitor centre) We spent a day with Mark's parents and exploring!

At last we organised a plumber to refit our bathroom and now enjoy a shower with steady temperature and pressure!

Phil joined a 'flashmob' prayer meeting in Trafalgar Square as the Olympics were in preparation. ('flashmob' is a social media thing, Phil got the message and turned up and joined in the praying!)



We saw the Olympic torch as it came through Uxbridge and Northolt but did not get



tickets partly because we were away at Due South for a week of it. Due South moved to Brymore School, Bridgewater and was a great week the weather was kind at the right time – like the day on the beach, thank you , God! Next year it moves to Taunton, hopefully it will stand still soon!

Next stop was to visit Tim & family again, this time in Llanelli, where they have returned to do missionary training. We stayed in a 17th C farmhouse and explored



Kidwelly, the wetlands Centre and a day in Saundersfoot with Rachel's family (Jon's girl friend) and so on.



Dan and Jenn continue to be very busy at work and in Youth work and worship at Hilly Park Baptist and Jon is also getting fully involved in worship there. Jon has been working at an after-schools club, doing teaching experience things and applying to do a PGCE next year.

This autumn we joined the national day of Prayer event in Wembley and we are now in the middle of the busy run up to Christmas with lots of opportunities to tell the Good News to people. Church has been hard work with lots of people coming to the

various activities (Tuesday Focus(older people), Teddy Bear Club (Parents and Toddlers), Razzmatazz(5-11), The Safe(12-17), Job Seekers' Club(adults), Sunday Services, but we pray for people to want to believe in Jesus and follow him. Phil runs a Job Seeker's Club at which he meets people who are rejected by society and bullied for taking benefits. You are now expected to be computer literate and Phil spends a lot of his time writing CVs and showing how to upload them into an application for a job.

Liz has made use of the Senior citizens travel and trips up to Bolton or to see her dad. All in all there is just about enough time to grow a few vegetables and tidy the garden, go walking, explore bits of London, etc.