



Christmas 2017



The Caravan at Great Rissington

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Most of the family on the stepping Stones in Dovedale

After last year's travels what next? Tim & Sarah, Joshua & Matthew came to England for the Chinese New Year break so we arranged a family get-together in Ashbourne, Derbyshire. (In February so we were well wrapped up!)

Then in March we had a week with the Page family in Forncett, south of Norwich enjoying Blickley Hall, Wymondham, Bressingham Steam & Gardens, etc.

As usual we went to Due South (a week long youth residential) and served with our church's Holiday Club for a week.

We had decided to buy a caravan and see whether we liked it as a means of short holidays. It took until May to convince ourselves and actually do it! Since then we have spent 3 days in Essex on a nostalgic trip to Walton-on-the-Naze, and other spots; 4 days in the Cotswolds (Great Rissington) enjoying the tourist trails; 8 day in Tenderden exploring E. Kent coast by train, foot and car; 4 days at Napton Junction, exploring Coventry the canals around Napton. Next use will be as an extension of the house for Christmas!

Tim & Sarah had an exciting year. They added two children to their family as foster parents - Chen Chen & Abiah. They were both 2 years old. In time the adoption process went forward and they were both adopted on the same day by families in the USA where they now live with their 'forever families'. That along with both of them teaching and Joshua moving up to High School and Matthew making good progress made for a busy time. Chinese New Year will be a chance for rest & recuperation in Malaysia & Thailand on conferences and holiday.

The family continues to grow up – for example, Zac is now at secondary School, Anya moved to Key Stage 2 and we have another addition!

Bethany Mary Joy was born to Dan & Jenn on 28th November at 3:50am weighing in at 7lb 13 oz.

Our 'normal' week is a skype call to Tim & Sarah on Monday, Tuesdays we have Elijah all day, Wednesday begins with Teddy Bear Club (Parent & Toddler group) and ends with Razzmatazz (a children's club) Thursday begins with Job Seekers' Club and ends with either Housegroup or Prayer meeting, so essentially we have a three and a half day week!

Recently Liz's dad had confirmation of Bone cancer very quickly followed by radiation treatment. He is remarkable resilient at 92. Fitting other things round all this means very little time for projects around the house but we get by!

Grace, mercy and peace to you,  
Phil & Liz



Liz, Jim, Louise, Peter & Sue on a Bressingham train



Bethany with her mum Jenn and big brother Elijah