



Christmas 2018

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It is quite a surprise to realise that Liz's dad has been living with secondary bone cancer from prostate cancer all this year. As a result Liz has been developing care assistance for him. So we have enjoyed more time with him and until recently going out to shops, Museum of Power (Maldon, Essex) and garden centres (mainly because they have cafes!)(and trips to hospital, etc) The current action plan involves Liz and Louise working a shift at Hatfield Peverel: 10 days on, 10 days off. Sue is there almost permanently. In addition they have employed carers morning, midday and evening.



Liz with her Dad at another Garden Centre!



Playing the Piano together

Much of the rest of our lives has been on hold. Phil continues with grandchild care (Elijah & Bethany) on Tuesdays; Teddy Bear Club on Wednesdays, which Liz joins when she is home. Phil also continues Razzmatazz and Job Seekers Club, joining Liz on Fridays when she is at Hatfield Peverel and coming home together on the Saturday. Jim is now struggling to stand and is therefore limited to bed and chair in his room.

The family is growing up. Joshua, Zac and Matthew are now High School / Secondary School students! Anya is at Leverhulme Primary School; Dan and Jenn are looking at schools for Elijah; Bethany has celebrated her first birthday. In July we enjoyed a week with Zac and Anya.

In March it was a privilege and joy to marry Jung Ju and Paul and enjoy their wedding reception.

We did get a few days holiday away in Suffolk – 'Far from the Madding Crowd' in a cottage up a lane near Needham Market.

We both went to Due South, teaming up with Mark & Becky. Liz returned by train and Phil stayed for the week.

Our household has grown with the addition of Ella, Jon's girlfriend. Phil has moved his 'office' into the loft so Ella has the back bedroom.

Phil completed his 100th Parkrun, nowadays divided between 'Northala Fields' and 'Maldon Prom'.



Harness cottage, Creting St Mary

We will spend Christmas with Liz's dad and be home for a family New Year. We are looking forward to The Chinese New Year when Tim, Sarah and the boys will be in England for 5 weeks including a grand weekend with all the family.

We have confidence in God for our long term future and in his unfailing presence now, although the immediate future is not clear.

We wish you every blessing in Christ this Christmas and in 2019.

Phil & Liz