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The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. *(Isaiah 9:2)* 

This has been a year of active waiting! As you can see from the above we are still at 44, Crest Gardens.

We celebrated the new year with England-based family joining us. (Tim & Sarah and boys were unable to travel and still aren't) At least we are freer than we had been.

The year has been dominated by our feeble attempts to de-clutter. We have one benefit which is our frequent visits to the local recycling centre as it is next to HS2 works so we can keep up to date as tunnel and bridges and huge earth moving activities change the landscape. We have made use of ebay and freegle and other means of distributing what we don't think we should move!



So much of the year has been mundane, as usual!

One of the highlights was that we were invited to attend a Citizenship Ceremony for a friend who was a refugee but now a fully signed up citizen!

I have been able to support two local churches by speaking at their services and also at South Ruislip Christian Fellowship. I have been called upon to officiate in several funerals, 2 in one week, of friends I have known for a long time. It is always good to celebrate their lives, mourn our loss and rejoice in their new



On a lighter note we chose a holiday in Rosedale Abbey on the North Yorkshire moors. As you can see we had the company of goats! The holiday was somewhat spoiled by us both having a viral infection but we enjoyed the moors most days, Robin's Hood Bay and fish 'n chips in Whitby, etc.

Our on-going job this year has been to



sell our house and buy another. So we have sold the caravan, tidied up the house and garden and 'put the house on the market'. A lot has changed since we last did this (1984) Most noticeable change is everything is done on the internet! So after a few false starts we seem to

have a buyer and are buying a bungalow in Chesham. If all goes to plan we will move sometime in January (but don't hold your breath!) . We will let you know when we finally escape from inside the M25!

As always we look forward to your emails and letters and celebrating that Jesus is here!

Yours in Jesus,

Phil & Liz Platt