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Hi,

⁹The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. John 1:9-13

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The year began with more waiting as the house move went through a string of delays. Tim, Sarah, Joshua and Matthew came back from China for the Chinese New Year. For us, finally, on 12th April we moved into our new home (see above) in a hail storm! The waiting was replaced by a hectic round of 'settling in'. The main aspect of that was running a hotel as family and others visited us.

Tim, Sarah, Joshua and Matthew returned from China in late June as they prepared to move on to a new home in Penang, Malaysia. So our 'retirement home' now housed 6 on and off. While here Matthew was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. The NHS was excellent, allowing him to start term in Penang fully trained and equipped to overcome the problem.

In the midst of this we celebrated our Golden Wedding anniversary with a weekend in Stow-on-the-Wold. Our biggest celebration of marriage came on 19th August when Jon and Ella married in St. Mary's, Chesham. Sarah and Matthew were unable to come as the school year had started in Penang.



The Platt family at the wedding!

By the end of August Tim had taken Joshua to Swansea to start University and then he returned to Penang.

Since then life has calmed a bit and we are getting to know the area, our locality, our new local church, neighbours and Chesham. We chose the bungalow because we asked God for a nearby church, bus route and local shops and we have all three within 2 minutes walk! Thank you, God! Our new 'Hope Church' is Cof E but very informal and has deep 'free church' roots.

We are decorating steadily and had Solar Panels fitted so we are 'micro generators' which keeps us amused. (sunshine= cheap electricity, cloud is bad!) we have plans approved for a small extension and the garden is beginning to change but involves a lot of digging!

Liz has joined a local Scottish country dance group and a 'Knit and Natter' group. Phil now does Church Mead Parkrun in Amersham and has joined a walking group. We keep in touch with South Ruislip through a Zoom Quiz/chat night, House Group (when it doesn't clash with Hope Church activities) and visits.

When the weather is fine we can walk out of the house and in minutes be in beech woodland and the rolling Chiltern Hills. We are very blessed.

As always we look forward to your emails and letters and celebrating that the light has come!

Yours in Jesus,

Phil & Liz Platt