



*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

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Greetings, everybody!

We are getting settled down in our new home and involved in the community, mainly through Hope Church. We are involved in Sunday Services (leading worship on occasions, meeting and greeting on occasions), Pop-Up Café on Wednesday Afternoons (an open invitation to a warm space, tea, coffee and cake, a light meal, live music and play area), House Group twice a month, Knit & Natter for Liz and Senior Men's Walking Group for Phil. Phil still is involved with South Ruislip Christian Fellowship as a Trustee and Quiz/chat nights and Cell group via Zoom.

Phil is closing in on his 25th Volunteer and 250th ParkRun, which is now at Church Mead ParkRun, Amersham .

Liz goes to Scottish Country Dancing in Little Chalfont. We enjoy being able to walk out into the woods and country or down into town.

Extension of our lounge began in August and is now reaching completion (see photo!). A long haul but fun to watch it develop! (without having to do anything!)

Waiting on builders has limited our trips away but we have been to Bolton to visit Becky's family and to Hampshire to visit my sister Ros and enjoy the New Forest.

As far as the family is concerned:
Joshua visits us during breaks in his studies, when passing through on his way from Swansea to Heathrow or elsewhere!



Dan has left Brunel University to work as full-time Pastor at Hillingdon Park Baptist Church, Jenn continues to work as a job coach for a housing association. We still 'do grandparenting' on Tuesdays, looking after Reuben during the day and collecting Elijah and Bethany from school.

Mark & Becky continue to work in and around Bolton and serve in a church in Tyldesley. Anya is still at school but Zac is now working as a football coach and at McDonalds.

We're glad to be living near to Jon and Ella. Jon is struggling with Long Covid and finds work exhausting. Ella is living with CFS and works part-time in a Craft Café, organising pottery painting sessions.

Tim has been teaching Chemistry, as a maternity-leave substitute, and is on a Dragon-boat crew. Sarah continues to teach full time and Matthew has been a teaching assistant. Christmas this year is a little different as we fly out to Penang, Malaysia so we can spend time with Tim, Sarah, Matthew and Joshua (who flies out with us) so Christmas in a hot climate – a novelty for us.

As always we look forward to your emails and letters and celebrating in the heat and humidity of the tropics!

Yours in Jesus,

Phil & Liz Platt