



Christmas 2025

For it is by the Holy Spirit that she (Mary) has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus—because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 2:20-21

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Greetings, everybody!

We spent last Christmas with Tim, Sarah, Joshua and Matthew in the warmth of Penang, Malaysia.



Local food mall, George Town, Penang

Boh Tea Plantation, Cameron Highlands

We had a full English roast on Christmas Day, courtesy of an air conditioned restaurant named 'Tomorrow' so didn't miss out on turkey and all the trimmings!

On returning in mid-January, we were occupied with visiting family including the funeral of Phil's brother-in-law, Robin. Then we did our best as Hotel managers as Matthew flew in for University visits, Joshua came for Easter, then Tim, Sarah and Joshua stayed over the summer, leaving Matthew with us. We had the fun of taking Matthew to his chosen University, Aberystwyth. We stayed near Aberystwyth a few days.

We left our holiday until October and stayed in a cottage near Tiverton, Devon. The weather was kind so we got in some walking, NT visiting, exploring a woollen mill, visiting Phil's brother in Colyton, Phil's nephew in Bodmin, and friends in Barnstaple.

Our Church has had a change of full-time worker with the retirement of the minister and the arrival of Ed & Zoe with three young children, We continue to serve our turn as Welcome team, leading services, supporting our Pop-Up Café which welcomes anyone on Wednesday afternoon and serves tea, coffee, cake and, after the schools are out, a hot meal for those who want it. We also are part of a Home Group while Phil continues to attend on Zoom the House Group in South Ruislip. Liz assists with 'Illuminate' - a youth group meeting during the Sunday Morning Service. Phil speaks occasionally at various churches including Hope Church.

Tim & Sarah have continued in Penang but Sarah has not renewed her teaching contract as they believe it is time to move on. They await guidance as to what their next step is. Joshua and Matthew are spending Christmas with them.

Becky & Mark remain busy with work and church as they pastor a church plant in Tinsley, Wigan. Zac is a football coach, Anya is doing her GCSEs this year.

Dan continues with pastoring Hillingdon Park Baptist and is also doing ministry training one day a week. Jenn was made redundant in October but is waiting to start a new job with LB of Hillingdon. Elijah, Bethany and Reuben are all in primary school so we collect them from school once a week rather than our previous child care routine!

Jon and Ella struggle as Jon has 'Long Covid' quite severely causing all sorts of problems. We help them out as much as needed.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and a blessed New Year,  
Yours in Jesus,

Phil & Liz Platt