

A Very Happy Christmas

They will call him Emmanuel
which means God with us.

Matthew 1:23



2022 has been an exceptionally eventful year!
Some events were carefully planned;
others very unexpected.

The end of Covid restrictions enabled church activities to resume: fair trade stall in February, Open the Book in April and Holiday Club in August.



We had a new kitchen fitted in March before celebrating our Diamond Wedding in April. We started with a family dinner on the 28th followed by a celebration lunch in the village hall on Saturday for all our friends. Unfortunately Howard was unable to attend the “Lunch” because he had spent Friday night in A&E being rehydrated after a bout of sickness. Thanks to John Nunn who read out Howard’s speech and all those who contributed to the event. Howard was well enough to welcome our guests to afternoon tea, indoors at Brookfield, too wet to be in the glorious garden as planned.

In June, another family event. We, with Sarah, welcomed our daughter Susan, Heather, Stephen and greatgrandchildren William 12 & Graeme 7 from America. We were joined at the weekend by Mark, Jill and granddaughter Grace who insisted on camping on our lawn. We visited beaches and castles for the children and tried to explain Welsh history to Stephen who had never been to the UK before.

In July we stayed in Austria to attend the delayed passion play in Oberammergau.

In October Sarah & I went to my sister’s 80th birthday party for all the family including all the cousins held at a village hall near Banbury.

In December Joe and Sarah became the proud parents of our newest [5th] great-grandson Henry Peter Gaudyn-Jackson. We are looking forward to meeting him in the New Year!

Our biggest surprise came at the end of August when Howard’s vocal cords were so damaged that, in order to breathe, a tracheostomy had to be fitted, followed by a 5 week hospital stay. He had been assured in May that the cancerous spot on his vocal cords had been successfully removed by laser treatment at the end of 2021. Radiotherapy started on 30th of October at Glan Clwyd hospital. Our thanks to Sarah and others who have helped with the daily travel.

Howard is now recovering at home; visited regularly by the district nurse. Apparently the effects of the radiotherapy take six weeks to wear off, but we can expect a big improvement after two, just in time for Christmas. So we are looking forward to Carols and Christmas Day worship on zoom followed by Christmas dinner with Sarah.

In the New Year Howard is looking forward to improved health and discovering the “new normal”. We pray that God will bless you with health and happiness.

Greetings to everybody from Anne & Howard.

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Sister Sue 80th Birthday & Anne



Anniversary Dinner: 28/04



Celebration Lunch: 30/04



J, Sarahx2, A, Jill, M, Grace



Graeme and William with Mark



Howard in ITU



End of Radio Therapy



Joe with Henry Peter



Walking Coastal Path: G, Heather, W, G / Stephen, M, A, J, Susan, Sarah