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It is December 1st. and we have already received 4 Christmas cards!- it is lovely to receive cards and hear folk's news. Here is our news...

This year Steve was 70 - on his birthday we went for a meal and then tenpin bowling, a game of table tennis & pool. We had friends and family for lunch on the Sunday and finally I took him on a mystery journey to meet up with our kids and their partners - he had no idea where we were going - we ended up near Brecon (Wales) and had a lovely weekend altogether

Another 70 was my parents' 70th Wedding anniversary! A great achievement! They celebrated the occasion with friends and family in their village hall. They are so thankful to God for His goodness to them.

We spent quite a bit of time in the garden over the lovely summer - gardening and relaxing! Steve has finished another couple of books - you can find more information at <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/sptownsend>. Jenny has kept busy helping in the church café and being involved in Care in the Community as well as other activities.

We had a few days away in May in Yorkshire and then in October a holiday in Madeira - we really enjoyed our first visit to the island and to be able to spend time relaxing and exploring the island.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and then go into a new year of uncertainty, the name "Emmanuel" assures us that God will be with us. We pray that you and all those dear to you will experience much joy and peace over the Christmas period, and we wish you the richest of blessings for the year ahead.

Now for some news from our 'kids' and partners.

Matthew & Susannah

This year has definitely been 2018 for both of us. We have done a bit of decorating; finally finishing our bedroom, and sorting out the gym and guest room.

We've been on some adventures, watching Wales beat Italy in the Six Nations, a cracking holiday in Cornwall where we caught up with friends, closely followed by celebrating Dad's (Steve's) 70 in the Brecon Beacons.

Unfortunately in June Matthew became poorly, and while we've had a diagnosis recovery has been slow and boring. But he's getting there and we're thankful that it's nothing serious.

We went to a wedding in July which was great but the photos we saw afterwards were of a couple who'd let themselves go a bit. So we joined slimming World, collected our own (old) weight in certificates and lost two stone. Which for a couple of people who love to eat was a fine achievement. We're both still thoroughly enjoying our jobs with Matthew supporting autistic students at Manchester College and Susannah managing The Upper

Room Cafe at St Mary's in Cheadle. In September the café had a much needed refurbish including a name change and the café team have been run off their feet ever since.

Tim & Izzy

This year has been very wedding focused. Trips to Hong Kong and Italy for friends' weddings and the rest of the year spent focusing on organising our own - we are looking forward to having family and friends together in the New Year.

We both still love living and working in London. All the work on the house is now done and we've enjoyed hosting bbqs and making the most of the garden over the summer. Izzy definitely has the greener fingers although is in a constant battle with squirrels and foxes!

We have both taken up rock climbing this year. It's great to have a sport that we can do together and to hopefully whip us into shape for the wedding!

Brian & Naomi

After having bought my flat last year, Brian and I moved in together a year later. We saw in the New Year with Brian's family in Zimbabwe. It was an incredible experience and such a beautiful country that I'll be keen to visit again. White water rafting, an elephant interaction, safari and crocodile diving are just a few of the experiences we had. We've been extremely fortunate to enjoy a ski holiday to France as well as Bestival, Wales and Devon this year. The highlight was a camping trip to the west coast of Scotland in November; 5 degrees, campfires, beaches and very warm sleeping bags!!! As we come to the end of the year, we're looking forward to 2019 as Tim and Izzy and some of our close friends are getting married.



Jenny, Steve, Brian, Matthew, Susannah, Izzy, Tim, Naomi
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