

We all say it - where has this year gone!?

We welcomed a new member to our family in March - Finlay Noah Ritchie - a brother for Joshua (and another son for Tim & Izzy). He is a delight and is always smiling! Joshua is 3 and full of energy and chat.



In April Brian & Naomi got married after it being delayed because of Covid. We spent the weekend at the venue and nearby accommodation - welcoming guests from Australia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Bermuda and other countries. We had a lovely time celebrating. I suppose not surprisingly 17 of us caught Covid over the next couple of weeks!

We have had one or two trips down South to visit family - lovely to catch up after not seeing some for 2 or 3 years. In July we had a round trip from Aberdeen to London, Berkshire, Hampshire, Devon and Stockport and back home!

During the summer we enjoyed the garden and had a lot of different fruits and vegetables. The plum tree produced 8 plums! - the tomato plants produced many many tomatoes!!

We continue to be involved in our church - Steve preaching from time to time and is one of the Elders. Jenny continues to help with the foodbank and a new initiative - a well-being café where it's ok not to be ok!

In November most of us met up in Wilmslow where we rented a house for the week. It wasn't far from Matthew, Susannah and Eli's. We enjoyed the time together and celebrating Susannah and Eli's birthdays. Eli is now 2 and chatting away. Unfortunately most of us got a cold, one of those that has lingered.



Now we are looking forward to Hayden's 2nd birthday just after Christmas. We look after him on a Tuesday and it is lovely to see him develop and are amazed at all the grandsons' understanding.

As we approach Christmas we remember those who will find Christmas difficult particularly those who are struggling financially. Our prayer is that we keep the true meaning of Christmas in sight - the birth of Jesus - and not be overwhelmed by the pressures to buy more than we need.

Whatever kind of year you have had - we wish you a blessed Christmas and all the best for 2023.

Love from Steve & Jenny x