

## HALLIDAY NEWS 2022

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"*

2022 was the year when things returned, more or less, to normal, though the shadow of Covid still lingers in the background.

Viv and Ian enjoyed a long-awaited trip to Budapest in July and loved exploring the sights, sounds and tastes of this beautiful city. In September we celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by going on a wonderful weeklong cruise to Norway on Iona. We have also attended concerts by Chris de Burgh and Marc Almond, as well as a church houseparty at Cloverley Hall.

We joined our friends John and Lis Gibson for a weeklong break in Brussels in June. Highlights included visits to Leuven, Bruges, the Atomium and drinking Belgian beer!

In early December Viv and Ian are planning to have a short pre-Christmas break in Venice and are hoping the tides will not be too high while they are there!



Viv and Lis have also been away on two cruises this year. The first of these was a cruise across the Atlantic to the Caribbean. Viv particularly enjoyed celebrating her birthday in Roatan in the company of giant iguanas! Their second cruise was to Iceland and Norway. Highlights included a visit to Skara Brae and the North Cape, and most especially travelling with our old friends from the USA,

Ken and Claudia Miska. Unfortunately, Lis caught Covid just at the end of this cruise and when she returned home ended up in hospital with Covid pneumonitis. Although she is recovering well, this will preclude any further cruising in the near future.

Life has, otherwise, remained much the same for most of us, but important family news includes Joshua, who celebrated his first birthday in August, becoming a lively and very loveable toddler and most significantly, the joyous celebration of Matthew and Kirsty's wedding at Peckforton Castle in November. It was wonderful to be able to share this time with family, friends and the happy couple.



Wishing you all a merry Christmas and every blessing for 2023, whatever it may bring.

Ian and Viv xx