

HALLIDAY NEWS 2023

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

2023 has been a hard year for us, but there have been many good times and much to enjoy too.

Our dear friend, Lis Gibson, started the year in hospital, and although she came home after a couple of weeks, she never fully recovered, and her health slowly deteriorated through the first few months of the year. She was admitted to hospital for the last time on Easter Day, 9th April, and died there twenty days later on the 29th April. She is very much missed and will never be forgotten.



However, life goes on, and we have enjoyed a number of exciting trips and joyful celebrations through the year. In March, Viv and Ian enjoyed a relaxing cruise in the Canaries, visiting Tenerife, Madeira, La Palma and Fuerteventura.



In June we had a lovely week in Bratislava. We enjoyed our time in this fascinating city and discovering Slovakian culture and cuisine. We took a trip down the Danube to visit Vienna while we were there.

Viv and Matthew very much enjoyed a day at Wimbledon. Ian and Viv were

delighted to attend John Gibson's 60th birthday celebration, and the whole family enjoyed attending John Jr Gibson and Megan's wedding in August.

Other highlights included attending our friend Karen's ordination in Longton. We also enjoyed catching up with friends we hadn't seen for a while including David Woodward, Janet Bunyan, Gill Carpenter, Paul and Bess Brooks amongst others. There was also a short trip to Canterbury with John Gibson to hear a mutual friend sing Evensong at the cathedral in a guest choir.

The family are all well and our circumstances remain largely unchanged. Joshua who celebrated his second birthday in August, is now a busy, chatty little boy. We all enjoyed attending his baptism in July. Chris visited Hungary with his girlfriend Ágota to attend a family wedding there and they will be joining us in Bromborough for Christmas. David is hoping to purchase a new home in the coming year. Ian continues to work part of the week in Birmingham and the rest at home.



Wishing you all a merry Christmas and every blessing for 2024, whatever it may bring.

Ian and Viv xx