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Dear friends,

Having been traditionally late every year with our Christmas cards, this year we have excelled in our lateness, and so with all our busyness, snow and rushing around, have decided not to post cards this year, and have sent a donation to Amos Trust for the money we would have saved on postage, and will keep the cards for next year. Hopefully, we may be a bit more efficient next year!

The start of the year was rather turbulent for us, with Caroline still undergoing cancer preventative treatment, and Phillip starting out on 2 new careers, one as an independent Engineering consultant in PJW Consultants Ltd, and also candidating for the Methodist Ministry as a Presbyterian. As the year comes to an end we can look back on that time when we see that Caroline has successfully completed her treatment, and Phillip has been accepted, and has started his training as a student minister. PJW Consultants has put food on the table for us.



In July this year, we had a lovely family holiday on Jersey, flying from Bristol and being chauffeured to the Miramar Hotel. The food in the hotel was lovely, it was good to be spoilt, and it was fantastic to spend some time together as a family spending time on the beach and exploring the island that we last visited 21 years ago. Some of the highlights were the "Shell Garden", "Reg's Garden", The Underground Hospital,



and the lowlights were Phillip having to work and do some drawings from the hotel bedroom, and the girls getting sub-burnt.

Other family times away together saw us all working at Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival in August.



Caroline's year has definitely had a number of ups and downs. She completed chemotherapy in March and then went on to have radiotherapy. She is gradually feeling better and is now sporting a head of curly hair. She returned to work after Easter and has built back up to her full hours. During treatment she continued to train at Taekwon Do when she was able. She passed her black stripe belt, won silver in the Southern and Bronze in the British Championships. The year ended with her being named student of the year. The Rangers have continued to grow and she is pleased to have Theresa on board as a trainee leader. This year we put the caravan on a seasonal pitch at Wincanton Racecourse and Caroline has spent much of the summer there resting and exploring the area. She also spent time visiting Graham and Alison Thompson in Norwich. It was great to see them again.

Phillip has found the year quite a challenge, with even more UK and overseas trips than previous years, as PJW Consultants has been assisting his old firm of Metso, with commissioning in Yorkshire, visits to the USA and China, and also a trip to Johannesburg to visit a prospective future client there. Balancing work and college life was also difficult, but he passed his first year on the FDA Mission & Ministry course. September saw Phillip officially start his ministerial training, still at Wesley for now (@ Sarum from Sept 2011), and more juggling as he now also has to add in placements at Parkway & Eastville Park to college and work. (Phillip got to do his first baptism in early December, and it was full immersion in cold water!). Phillip is beginning to wind down his activities within the local area, but is being allowed to carry on with Boys' Brigade for the next 2 years, to build up the leadership of the 36th so it will continue after he leaves. The 36th is doing well and new officers are being trained. One of the innovations that the 36th has made this year, was to launch Messy Church at Bethesda.



Theresa this year completed and passed her first year at Bath Spa, and has changed now to the Psychology single honours course, which is what she wanted to do in the first place. Theresa continues to work with Brownies, and is also now taking more of a leading role in Caroline's Rangers. Theresa continues to work part time in Subway, and is now the longest serving member of staff at that branch, acting often as shift supervisor and even finding her sister a job. After 3 years things did not work out with Brad, and they separated in the middle of the year. Lately Theresa has a new Boyfriend – Gordon. Theresa has attained her Black Stripe in TKD. At the moment Theresa's biggest hobby is knitting, but she still enjoys the piano, accompanying her sister in singing, and leading HMC's Café Band.



Jessica has had a good year. January through to April/May saw a lot of revision getting ready for her GCSE's, which then went very well, after a lot of hard work! With OneSound Jessica has been back to Birmingham, to Coventry, Ely and Leicester, which she thoroughly enjoyed and has now convinced her boyfriend Joe to join. She passed her black belt pre-grading and her grading with a credit and best colour belt female which she was very pleased about. She has also gone back to teaching and is regularly helping out and competing in competitions. She has now started a new sixth form, St Brendans, and at first found it hard to settle in, but now is enjoying herself and revising again for her next round of exams. During the Summer Jessica attended a Boot Camp course at NGM on worship leading and singing. In November Jessica and Phillip went up to London to look at Oasis College, where Jessica hopes she may be able to attend after passing her A levels.



All of us continue to be involved in the ministry of Hanham Methodist Church, and especially in Messy Church where Theresa and Jessica regularly lead the worship, Caroline is responsible for the food, and also is one of the puppeteers. Phillip of course does all the "techy bits". Café style worship is also one of our strengths, with Theresa on Piano, Gordon on lead, Phillip on Bass, and Jessica's boyfriend Joe on drums, Caroline operates the screen and sound.



In June, Caroline, Jennifer (Caroline's Mother), Theresa and Jessica did the Race for Life for Cancer Research, thank you to all who sponsored them.

With Christmas greetings, and every blessing from,
Phillip, Caroline, Theresa & Jessica Warrey