

Jenny and Steve Townsend's News 2024

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1 v 21

It's that time of year when we look forward to the postman coming, as he delivers Christmas cards from friends and family and we hear your news. Here is some news from us.....

This year we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary! We enjoyed a family meal together at a local hotel, a weekend with other friends who were also celebrating their 50th this year, and a River cruise on the Danube. We travelled from Budapest to Linz and back stopping at lovely places with some very interesting guides relating a lot of information. We then went from Budapest to Vienna by coach and spent three nights there. Life on the boat was amazing - great accommodation and delicious food. We also met a lot of interesting people. It is difficult to say what the highlight was but we did enjoy attending a classical concert in Vienna.

No more babies this year! We really enjoy times with the grandsons - babysitting, sleepovers and taking them on outings. We look after Rohan (1) one day a week. We often take him to soft play which he really enjoys. Joshua (5) has started school and has settled really well. Eli (4), Hayden (3 nearly 4) and Finlay (2) are all growing up fast.

It's good to spend time together with Tim, Izzy, Brian and Naomi and the boys and we've had visits from Matthew, Susannah & Eli. We've been down to Stockport to visit them.



Our new minister, Dave McCarthy, started at our church in March this year. He has settled well and we are much encouraged by his ministry. We have had many new people join the congregation including several asylum seekers temporarily accommodated locally. It is lovely to see such a mix of ages and ethnicity each Sunday. We are thankful for continued good health that enables us to actively contribute to the life and ministry of the church. Steve is one of the elders supporting Dave, and also serves on the Vestry; Jenny oversees safeguarding in both the church and diocese, and also helps run the foodbank ministry. We look forward to all our Christmas services - including carol singing at the local pub at the request of the owner!

We want to wish you a blessed Christmas and all the best for 2025!