



## Autumn 2017



Dear friends,

Thank you for praying for us and for supporting us. This is a shorter newsletter and just going out by email, so if you know anyone who relies on a paper copy please share the info with them!

We have had a really interesting time over the summer with lots of highs and some lows. We had the joy of being present and helping out at the opening of the new primary school on Hallam Fields. NEARER was given a card thanking us for our practical help and support and which thanked us for 'loving the school into existence even before the first brick was laid'! Which was a wonderful affirmation of God blessing our attempts to love and serve our community.

We had the joy of seeing Joshua and Lindsay being married and they are now in Dundee in a lovely flat. Joshua submitted his PhD thesis and has started a new job as a psychology lecturer in Dundee University. Lindsay has also found some part-time work in Stirling University. They are very happy and settling in to married life!

It was great to have Ben and Mélodie with us for the wedding and to meet Mélodie for the first time – she is such a lovely person!

It was sad that Caleb and Carole couldn't be with us for the wedding, but Caleb was in the final stages of his police training and they would not grant him leave to attend. Happily Sharon and I will be at his passing out parade on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Rouen. Caleb has done very well, coming in the top third nationally. He has got his first choice of Lyon as the city where he will go and work. However he needs to find a flat and move there between now and the end of September! This is challenging at best and we would appreciate your prayers for them as they flat hunt.



On a negative note we learned that Stephen's contract with the parish is not being extended. So we need to find out where God wants us to go and what He wants us to do from mid-February. The house we live in we rent from the diocese, so we will have to move out when this contract ends. So far Stephen has applied for jobs in the Fresh Expressions of Church area – as a practitioner or as a trainer. Nothing has come up as yet. We are exploring a suggestion from the diocese of a 'house for duty' post – looking after a rural village church 2 days a week in exchange for accommodation - but how we would survive financially is somewhat complex! We would need more financial support through SKI and/or either/both of us would need to find other paid part-time work. Sharon still has her English Language training but she only has about 10 hours a week. So we are seeking God's guidance and provision and we would appreciate prayer that we would be led to the right place, the right balance of employment/ministry etc.

Thank you for your prayer for us and for those who support us financially. Please uphold us in this stressful time of transition and pray that God would keep us in the centre of His will for our lives.

Be blessed, be a blessing!

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