



Christmas Greetings from the Ryans 2011



Rachel & Paul

Ben & Sam

And so another year passes....! We have been lucky to get through the year without any major mishaps or disasters—hope this has been the same for you too.

We have had some lovely highpoints—good holidays in Cornwall & at New Wine in Newark, where we had the best week for camping in the whole of August. The tent has also had a few other outings this year—a lovely weekend in Richmond with the McTimoney's & then Cub Family Camp which thoroughly tested its waterproofing!

Cornwall also came to us this year, in the form of our Cornish friends, the Williams family (all 9 of them, plus 1 dog!) coming to stay with us! We had tremendous fun showing them our end of the country and meeting up with other friends, some of whom they hadn't seen several years. We ventured up to Edinburgh, York and Fountains Abbey, no mean feat with 13 of us in tow!

At the end of April we were delighted to share in the wedding celebrations of Ben's godmother, Alison, when she married Richard. The boys excelled themselves in the roles of Ring Bearer -Ben, and Chief confetti Thrower—Sam! (see photo bottom right!) It was a fabulous day, blessed by good weather, great worship, lovely food and fab ceilidh.

This year also saw us celebrate Paul's father, Mike's 60th birthday and retirement. In September Mike & Eileen, both now freed from "school holidays", flew to China for a once in a lifetime holiday which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Paul's work continues keep him extremely busy, travelling all over the globe—India and Russia, added to the list this year. Church-life is also busy for us both in our various roles, especially at present whilst we await a new vicar.

We look forward to catching up with your news from 2011!

I have had a great year! So many things have happened I can not begin to tell you all of them, but here are some of them:

I passed my piano exam, and got a Distinction! I went on Centenary Cub camp and in our Christmas play I was Solomon Bungee, the spider and I sang 3 verses solo.

*I hope you have good year,
From Ben.*

Sam says "I have done some stages in swimming lessons and started Beavers. Playtime is the best bit of school. That's enough now!"

