

Our dear friends

A very Happy Christmas  
to you and yours!

Everything about *Jesus* deserves to be well celebrated!

Christmas sees us again rejoicing in his birth and recounting the well loved story. Incarnation speaks of his total identification with us, entering our world, sharing our humanity and revealing the Father to those far from him. He comes near to say we are loved, chosen and special. Coming as a babe in Bethlehem he demonstrates that we need not be afraid of this God, for who can fear a baby? 'God is great' is a theme we often sing, but the Christmas message reminds us that he is also small: small enough to win us and woo us not intimidate us.

Hallelujah what a Saviour!

**This Christmas** we have a new baby in the family which will make the celebrations special; Tom and Faith's Clemi will be nine months. All of us will be together at Ness and Jon's in Salisbury; it promises to be fun, noisy and exhausting but a wonderful way to party the babe who grew to enjoy a good party himself.

Marilyn and I have taken the tough decision this year to only send Christmas cards to overseas friends. In challenging economic days we felt it hard to justify the expense of cards and postage to so many. Our card list has grown extensively over the years, especially since leaving New Life, and we would just not know where to draw the line.

Thank you to many for your continuing interest and support of us this past year.

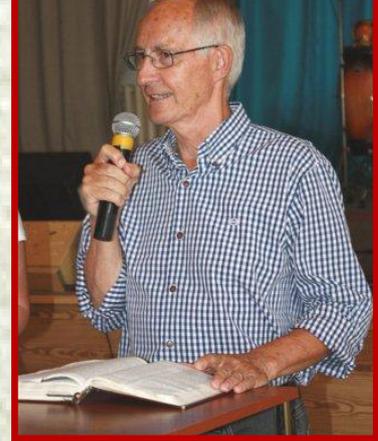


The following are just a few  
of our headlines:



Marilyn with Rom children, Sylvia and the teacher Elena who Partnership supports in Tulca, Romania, September 2010

Andrew preaching in Verkhidneprovsk, Ukraine, summer 2010



- ★ **Christ Church** – we are very happily settled in our new church. Marilyn especially is involved in many activities; Andrew on more than one occasion has been referred to as ‘oh you must be Marilyn’s husband’, which we love!
- ★ **Flowers** – Marilyn has continued with classes and now has her own web site to promote her skills: [www.marilynkane.co.uk](http://www.marilynkane.co.uk). Check her out!
- ★ **Holiday** – we had a glorious sunny week camping in Lymington in June then the usual miserable weather in Polzeath with all the family in August. The kids won the *Polzeath’s Got Talent* competition with their own composition ‘On the way to rainy Polzeath’ to the tune ‘On the way to Amarillo’ – brought the house down!
- ★ **Family** – thankfully all doing well. Most of you will know at least as much as us as their news is there for all to see on Facebook.
- ★ **Health** – Marilyn had two check ups this year, oncologist and surgeon, both a very satisfactory ‘all clear’. Andrew’s polymyalgia finished November 2009 with no recurrence; lost weight by coming off steroids. No signs of aging yet!!
- ★ **Ministry** – busy year, praise the Lord! Overseas travel to Poland, Ukraine, Romania and States twice with delightful relationships with many home and abroad. Your partnership with us makes all this possible – thank you!

*Happy Christmas  
and the Lord’s richest blessing for the New Year 2011.*

With our love,  
Andrew and Marilyn