

Dear Friends in the Lord,

We wanted to get this edition out right at the beginning of the month as we wanted to share with you what will be happening tomorrow evening, Friday 2nd, at the Alpha course. We said last month that the course had got off to a flying start with lots of people interested. Tomorrow evening will be the third session and it looks like interest is being kept up by those who have been invited. There are normally 7 people who will come along with the possibility of another one or two.

This is a really encouraging number and what is encouraging too is the fact that some have shown an interest in previous activities that have been held in the church. Some time back Graham prayed with a man "M" who has a Muslim background and who showed a real interest back then. Here he is again and it would be great to see him come through for the Lord.

Tonight we will be having our home group bible study and prayer and another lady, "C", who contacted us to attend the Alpha course has been redirected to us as she found the course a bit late and a bit far from where she lives. She came along to our first session which was just an organising session and although couldn't come to our first meeting as such she has indicated that she would like to come along regularly. We are praying that she will join us tonight. She has had many problems of different kinds and is very Catholic in what she believes so we really need your prayers for this lady.

A very quick update on the sale of the Voice of the Gospel property. It does look as if the sale is going ahead but probably won't be finalised until March or April next year. We continue to place this whole affair in the Lord's hands.

Graham has continued to visit smaller churches in the area from time to time and recently was invited back to the little church in APT. We served there for two years from 1997 to 1999 and some changes in the circumstances in the church have allowed us to be able to go back there. We go back up again on the 11th of this month.

As is usually the case at this time of year many special services will take place around Christmas. Our special Christmas service will be on the 18th but there will also be a service in the church on Christmas day.

We continue to praise God for His goodness and kindness to us as a family and this year we will spend Christmas and New Year with our son Stephen and his family in Leeds. It has been a long time since we've spent Christmas elsewhere so we look forward to that.

We take this opportunity of thanking you again for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers throughout another year and we do wish you a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year in the will of the Lord,

Graham et Alison.

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