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## Marlborough St Mary's Window on the World

Our whole school topic for Term two was Window on the World. The children set off on exciting adventures to explore different countries, cultures and phenomena. This topic also allowed them to explore literary traditions of different countries or stories set within that location.

Amazed by the natural wonders of the Aurora Borealis, the Year Six children completed some powerful descriptive writing and then tried their hand at persuasive writing to encourage people to visit Denmark. Have they succeeded in their mission?

Also exploring Scandinavia, Year Five came face to face with the gruesome monsters that Beowulf and the Geats had to battle against. The children read the story, adapted by Kevin Crossley-Holland, and predicted their own endings. Linked to this, they designed and created their own raised images of one of Beowulf's gruesome foes!

Visiting modern day Greece, Year Three explored the current and sensitive issue of refugees. They read a book called 'There's A Boy Just Like Me' which explores the similarities and differences between a boy in the UK and a refugee. The children were amazed to find out that this book was written by Frasier Cox when he was just nine years old! The text clearly had a significant impact upon them as the writing produced was very thoughtful and emotive.

**Gemma Harris, Teacher**

**Front Cover::** Beowulf's dragon, by James

# Refugee Children's Letters by Year 3

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The children imagined they were refugees and wrote letters to someone they left behind telling them about their experience escaping their home country and what it was like in the refugee camp.

## Refugee Letter

by Peter

Moria Camp, Lesbos, Greece

Monday 22nd October 2018

Dear Granny and Grandad.

I hope you are safe and together. The night we split was terrible. I was hysterical for hours after we separated. I was heartbroken when I looked behind me and you could not catch up and I knew I had lost you. I was petrified and devastated but Mum was emotional. We are all homesick.

When we arrived, I smelt an eye-watering smell! I looked at the row upon row of tents and there is a putrid smell about everything (it probably came from the sewers). The tents are in cramped conditions and you have to walk six miles to get food and drink. I was hungry but I got used to it – now I feel safe.

Every day we go and get our food for the whole day and then I go and play. I like playing ball the best. My hopes for the future are that I get to see you again, to be safe, to go back to our home country and to live peacefully. There are lots of children like me and we play lots of games together. We wish you could come and join in.

I hope I see you soon.

Lots of love from Peter xxx

by Phoebe

Dear friend.

I hope you are safe and sound? I was hysterical when I looked back and you weren't there. Me and my brothers were homesick the whole way there. I couldn't stop thinking about you. I really do want to know if you are safe I really do. I feel like that was the last time I will see you. I guess it was.

When we arrived, I was starving for food! I stopped crying because I smelt a putrid, eye-watering smell. Now I have been here a while, I have loads of friends. We play tag every day. Sometimes we get homesick!

My hopes for the future are to see you again and stay with you forever and to be peaceful and safe. I hope you have that now.

Lots of love, Phoebe

P.S Hope I see you again!



Dear Oma and Opa.

I hope you are okay because when I noticed you had disappeared, I was heartbroken and as my Mum and Dad dragged me and my brother along I cried and wailed for hours and hours. I felt like my whole heart had smashed into thousands of pieces. As we walked further and further away from you I became more and more homesick! I had millions of butterflies in my stomach when I lost you and I thought I would have them forever.

When we arrived, I smelt the putrid smell but I soon got used to it. Every day I walk to get water and after I play with the other children that are here. We hope you have food because we don't so we are starving all of the time and we don't have breakfast, lunch or dinner.

I really hope we meet up again because we all want to see you again. I also hope we can go back to our country to live together nice and peacefully.

Lots of love from Leila

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## Northern Lights by Year 6

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As part of our topic, Window on the World, the Year 6 children were asked to do some persuasive writing in the form of a travel brochure, encouraging people to visit Denmark (see pages 21, 22 and 23). Also some short descriptive pieces, describing the Northern Lights.

## Northern Lights by Christina

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Rising up from behind the treacherous precipice, a minuscule light bleeds open into strong colours of light. Surrounding the magnificent sight, a starry, blue sky sneakily hides behind the eye-catching lights. Slowly, lurking over the majestic mountains the malevolent darkness crept in like fingers burrowing into light grains of sand. The king of the mighty mountains towered over all of the grand scenery. Reflections of the powerful colours appeared upon the breath-taking lake. Isolated rocks were scattered everywhere, also laying on the calm, whispering lake. The Aurora Borealis is like flowing, tender ripples in the sky. Using its magical vibes the jaw-dropping, breath-taking Northern lights spread their exquisite shine onto the amazing army of snow sprinkled mountains. Standing at attention, the spiked top mountains stood like statues and looked down at the crystallized lake. The mysterious mountains worshipped the vivid lights which merged into one another.

## Northern Lights by Erin

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Beaming lights bedazzle in the night. Flying flames irradiate up through the atramentous night sky. All the lights were fluorescent and luminous. The prominent lights blended into each other. The whole sky was covered from tip to tip with elegant pleated lights, standing on the peaks of the mountains. Tumbling down the colossal mountains was the snow.

## Northern Lights by Parker

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Flaming sea of light, drifting elegantly dusting peacefully over colossal mountains as they whisper ancient secrets. The proud mountains stand high with a soft white blanket laid across them. Dark souled boulders stretching through, sending heaving snow to tumble down. Leading off onto a pearlescent lake with magnificent colours mirroring the mysterious curtains of light. As you gaze at the Aurora, you feel a bitter wind against your face. Everywhere you look there is instant colour.



# Northern Lights by James

There was a spectacular show of light, the sky covered in different shades of blue and green. The faintly twinkling stars just above the elegant curtains of light. The high mountains, covered in faintly luminescent snow. Directly in front of the colossal mountains lay the slightly reflective rock-pools, reflecting the glamorous sight of the Aurora Borealis. Slowly, surely, the malevolent darkness starts to creep in and envelop the sight, until all you can see is the light of your torch and the reflection of it on the lake. Suddenly, the darkness is driven back to reveal the grand finale of dancing light, the most dazzling thing that your eyes have ever seen. Then, slowly the sun starts to rise, majestically climbing until the Aurora Borealis finally disappears.

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*If you are one such person, please contact David Du Croz (St Peter's Trust Chairman) so that we can send you an invitation - email: [du.croz@btinternet.com](mailto:du.croz@btinternet.com); phone: 511725; by mail to 25 The Green, Marlborough SN8 1AW, or just pop a note into the church. We look forward to hearing from you.*

# Beowulf

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This writing is from Year 5. The children were reading **Beowulf**. They predicted the endings, acted these out and then wrote them. They also created some art work to accompany their writing. They imagined what either Grendel, Grendel's mother, or the dragon looked like, designed this and then created raised images with papier mâché. Five of these images are on the front cover and page 11.

## Beowulf by Rachel

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Once Grendel was out of sight, Beowulf blew the victory horn as loud as he possibly could. The Danes were awake like a flash of lightning and surrounded Beowulf, cheering and shouting all the time – some even fell to their knees and cried! As the sun rose, they hung Grendel's arm above the doors of Heorot and started to celebrate. They held a great feast, however they all fell silent when Hrothgar swiftly lifted his arm.

“Brave Beowulf, you have rid us of a ghastly beast and we cannot thank you enough!” announced Hrothgar, “but we humbly present you with this mighty sword as a symbol of gratitude.”

“I will use it wisely. However, now my Geats and I must return home” proposed Beowulf.

After celebrating (which I assure you, felt like days), the thirteen remaining Geats were led triumphantly down to their ship by Beowulf.

Meanwhile, back at Heorot, Grendel's mother – a bony, elderly woman – flew past on her dragon and saw her son's severed arm above the door. She was so surprised that someone had been able to injure him at all, therefore she went to search for him and to seek out revenge.

Unfortunately, he wasn't on the moors, where he usually retreated to, but hidden in a cramped, minuscule cave that was as dark as night. Grendel explained to his mother what had happened earlier and how he overheard where the Geats' home was. In the end, they came to the conclusion that they would follow Beowulf's ship. They would follow him to the ends of the world if they had to! They would have their revenge and Beowulf would die – even if it meant death for them too!

As the Geats' ship met with the shore again, Beowulf was greeted with welcoming words and open arms. He was a true hero. All night long, there was a party no-one could miss therefore nobody noticed when Beowulf quietly slipped away. He went into the feasting hall but the scene that met him was truly dreadful.

There lay Hygelac, on his throne, dead. Beowulf ran over to him, shouting for help as he went. However, he was not surprised, for he could smell the gruesome scent of Grendel.

Eventually, help arrived and Beowulf watched helplessly as Hygelac was carried away. “In the morning, my army and I shall seek out Grendel!” ordered Beowulf.

So that was what happened. At sunrise, Beowulf and his best men were out in the courtyard preparing for battle when, out of the woods, came Grendel. Bravely, Beowulf stepped forward with his sword and shield at hand whereas Grendel came with no shield, no sword – nothing! Grendel plunged down at Beowulf and the fight began.

Beowulf was doing well when all of a sudden, Grendel’s mother emerged from the wood! Beowulf struggled on though until Grendel held him tight, legs dangling. There was only one way out. Full of hope, Beowulf flung his sword straight into Grendel’s mother’s heart. Then Grendel did exactly what Beowulf had hoped he would. He dropped Beowulf and ran to his mother. But it was too late. She was dead!

As quick as a flash, Beowulf had Grendel’s other arm in his hands. Grendel fell to the ground and died. Beowulf walked over to Grendel’s mother to examine her but he heard someone whisper “I shall avenge my son!” and felt a cold piece of metal run through him.

And so, the three of them lay on the blood-stained path however Beowulf lay with a smile on his face for Grendel was finally dead and he was proud to be a true hero.

## Beowulf by Svea

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With satisfaction, Beowulf hung the muscular, severed arm on the entrance of the Great Hall. Soon after that, Hrothgar announced to the people of Heorot that a celebration was to be held for the brave Beowulf. The celebration began.

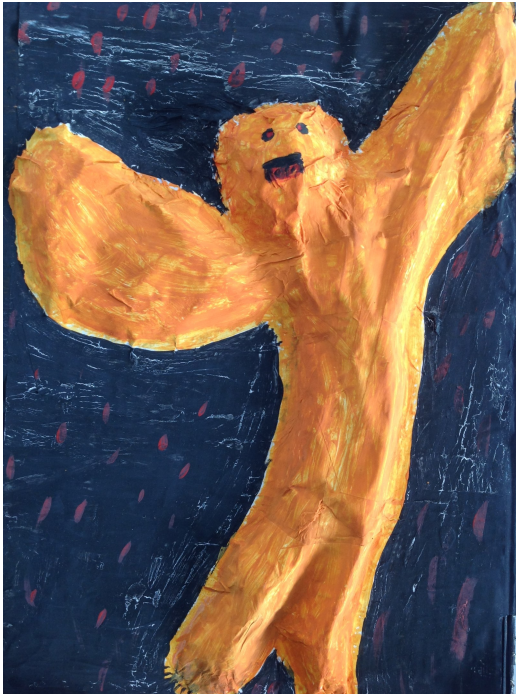
“Presentation time! I would like to invite Beowulf to the stage!” announced Hrothgar as Beowulf approached. “After your amazing fight, you rid us from the ghastly monster therefore you shall be rewarded with this golden sword.”

“Oh thank you but we must be heading home.” exclaimed Beowulf.

After celebrating once more, Beowulf suggested they journeyed home to share the great news. Meanwhile, Grendel’s mother soared through the sky on her dragon and spotted Grendel’s arm hanging on the Great Hall. Confused and upset, she went on a search for Grendel. Finding him curled up in a dark, damp cave, she couldn’t wait for revenge!

Back in Denmark, the Geats had set sail and the unhappy pair were following them! Finally, on board the battle ship, one of the men bellowed “Land Ahoy!” A few minutes later, their mammoth ship had done them good and they were home. Another endless celebration was held for the courageous and powerful Beowulf but something was bizarre – he had not seen his uncle since he had returned. Beowulf did not know, when all the party food was being eaten, Hygelac had suffered an unfortunate and ghastly death! To his surprise, Beowulf found the King with organs spurting out and blood everywhere. He knew there was only one monster capable of this horror. Beowulf went back and ordered his army to search for Grendel, unaware that there were two!

After hours of searching, the two beasts were found in a damp and inky forest and a fight began. It was treacherous. There were screams of terrified monsters and roars of pain. Beowulf’s sword then scaped his heart as blood rushed out. It was a blood-curdling sight. Near to death, Beowulf took his last breath and wished he has never embarked on this courageous mission but seeing Grendel collapse in pain, he just hoped that they were finally free of death.





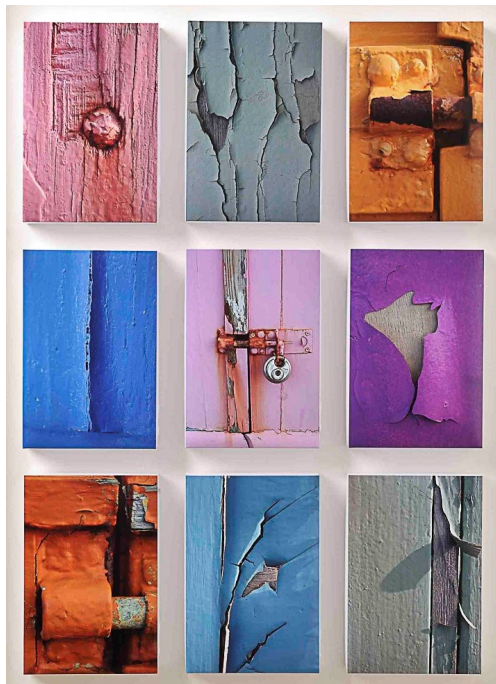
# Arts Review Gabriella Venus

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*From Wiltshire Woods to the Cornish Coast*, at The White Horse Gallery from 1st November to 1st December 2018. This Exhibition of Work by Hilary Stock is a photographic collection of images inspired by these two counties. Last summer, Hilary had a number of exhibitions in Cornwall, where there was considerable interest in her Wiltshire pieces of Savernake Forest, Westwoods, and her nearby home of Great Bedwyn. She is represented by the Harbour Gallery in Portscatho.

In an interview with *Wiltshire Life* magazine, Hilary talks about the inspiration behind the photographs, ‘my favourite season is autumn, when the trees drop their leaves and reveal, in their nakedness, the patterns of the forest’. Caught in the early hours of those crisp mornings, Hilary’s photographs are evocative of the calmness of trees, canal reflections and wooded areas in their most real and true state.

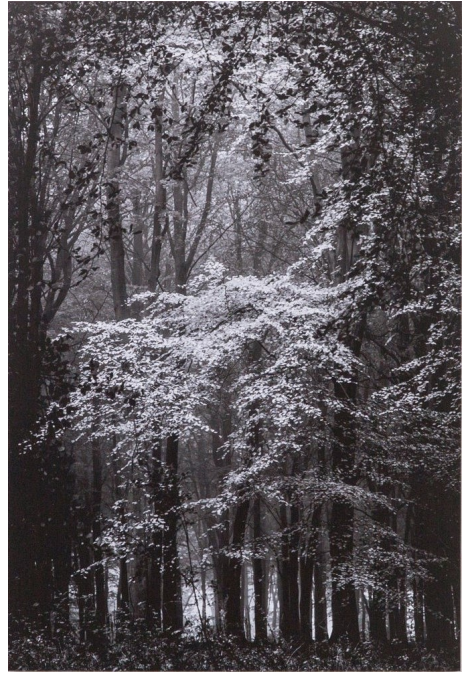
Black and white photography gives drama and atmosphere to a picture and allows the artist to work with positive and negative spaces. In these pictures of the Wiltshire Woods, the bare trees seem ghostly yet alive, still but quiet, loud yet silent. Studying the photos, you get a real sense that Hilary was totally alone but, as she explains, one morning, after waiting for the perfect shot, she turned around to discover she was being watched by a herd of deer – a truly special moment.





In contrast to the woodland shots, the pictures of Cornish boatyards are emblematic of busy seaside towns and harbours. Caught in the midday sun, these summer bleached coastlines, knotted bits of driftwood, nautical ropes, and cracked beach hut paint, are quintessentially Cornish. In contrast to the woodland shots, they present multiple images rather than one picture to one frame.

Hilary Stock's collection is glorious. The mix of realism and storytelling is magical. There is always more to see on each viewing.



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# An Oral History (part 1): Muriel Cobern

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*The Marlborough History Society has kindly given us permission to publish extracts from Muriel Cobern's fascinating oral history of life in Marlborough.*

One of the highlights of my childhood in Marlborough during the 1930s was our annual trip – usually at the end of the summer, or just after Christmas – to see my father's parents in Surrey. Although we never stayed more than a few days as my father was always anxious to get back to the business, these trips did involve some planning, including making arrangements with my mother's sister at Manton to come in every day to feed Jimmy the cat. My grandparents were both Wiltshire born and bred – grandfather from Whiteparish and Granny from Marlborough – so we always took them the good old Wiltshire fare of a lardy cake and a hock of bacon, and when we went at Christmas, one of my mother's delicious home-made Christmas puddings, the ingredients for which, along with the cake and bacon, she bought at the International Stores at 127 High Street, although in those days Marlborough had plenty of other grocery shops to choose from. In the High Street alone, apart from the *Inter*, as it was popularly called, was HW Pocock Grocer at No. 129, Pocock Grocer at Nos. 2/3, the Co-op at No. 7, Mrs. Bennet Grocer at No. 19, and Stratton Sons and Mead at No. 25. While, at the bottom end of Kingsbury Street, Irvings Grocery Store occupied Victoria House at No. 1, and almost opposite in Dormy House was Figgins Grocery Shop. In the Parade, No. 3 was occupied by Burchells the Grocers and No.12 by Cumnors Grocery Store. All were sizeable shops and most, albeit with some changes of ownership, were still in existence for several years after the end of the War.

On the morning of our departure, we would leave our house in St. Martins and make our way down through The Green and Barn Street, along the London Road and into Salisbury Road, where, soon after leaving the George Lane turning, we came to the old Monastery, built on the site of the Gilbertine Priory of St. Margaret. This seventeenth century house, sinister and forbidding behind its screen of trees, was already showing signs of the degeneration that would eventually destroy it. I always passed it with some trepidation, for its reputation was fearsome, to say the least. Many people would not go anywhere near it, preferring to walk by on the other side of the road, lest one of the ghosts that were said to haunt it should suddenly appear. I was too young then to understand its fascinating history, or know about the interesting people who had lived there, but knew only lurid tales about headless monks and wandering spirits.

# Clergy Letter Janneke Blokland

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Christmas: wait for it!?

It is late November, maybe early December, and Advent is about to start. Advent: a time of preparation for Christmas. However, for many of us, the preparations already started weeks ago. Looking at the shops, listening to the radio, and walking down the High Street, it feels more like Advent being the beginning of our Christmas celebrations, not a time of preparation and expectation.

Of course, there is a practical aspect to it. We need to give Royal Mail time to deliver our cards, and those of us who are not on Amazon Prime, will have to get our Christmas presents in good time. We may also be worried that if we leave it too late, there will be no mulled wine, no mince pies, and no turkey left. Also, for many of us, the evenings fill up quickly: concerts, receptions and drinks parties. We'd better get our own event in the diary early, before people have already committed to something else.

Amidst all this busyness, we risk forgetting what Christmas is about. In our anxiety to get everything just right, we forget that Jesus himself came at a time that was, if not unexpected, at least inconvenient. Mary and Joseph came too late to Bethlehem to find a proper place to sleep: there was no place for them in the inn. They were not prepared for the birth of their first child as was customary and desirable, by being married. Jesus came in God's time, not ours.

However, Mary and Joseph were ready in a way that we are often not. They were ready to expect the unexpected; they were ready to live in God's time, rather than their own. This requires a different type of preparation: learning to wait and to let go of our anxiety trying to ensure security.

Expecting the unexpected sounds harder than it is. It requires some, but not a lot, of effort. It does, however, require our attention, as we need to look beyond the obvious. Jesus was born in a stable, not a royal palace. The first people who were told about his birth were shepherds, not religious and political leaders.

So we too can find what Christmas is about in the unexpected corners of our lives, and the life of this Town. Maybe you can invite someone who would be sitting in the dark? Is there something you can share with those who don't have much? As soon as we do that, look beyond the obvious, that is when we can expect to see what Christmas is about. And for that, we don't have to wait!

I wish you and your families every blessing for Advent, Christmas and the New Year.

# What's on

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## Regular events

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### **Every Monday**

7.30pm: Christchurch. Marlborough Choral Society.

7.45-9pm: Bell-ringing practice at St George's, Preshute.

### **Every Tuesday**

10-11.30am: Christchurch. Friendship Club.

2.45pm: The Parlour, Christchurch. Women's Fellowship.

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### **Every Wednesday**

10am: Jubilee Centre. Drop-in, Tea/Coffee. 12.30 Lunch.

1.30-3.30pm: Town Hall. Sunshine Club for the over 55s.

7.30-9pm: St Peter's Church. Marl. Community Choir.

7.30-9pm: Bell-ringing practice at St John's. Mildenhall.

2-3pm: St George's, Preshute (*every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed*) Teddy Prayers & Picnic. A service, tea & cakes for U5s & carers.

### **Every Thursday (or some Thursdays)**

10am: Jubilee Centre. Drop-in, Tea/Coffee. 12.30 Lunch.

10:30-12 noon: Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. Singing for the Brain. Alzheimer's Support. 01225 776481. (*Every Thursday during term-time.*)

1.30-3.30pm: Wesley Hall, Christchurch. Macular Society (*last Thursday in the month*)

2pm Mildenhall Village Hall. Marlborough Floral Club. £30 a year membership. £5 guest. 520129. (*1st Thursday*).

### **Every Friday**

10-12 noon: Christchurch Crush Hall. Food bank and coffee morning.

### **Every 2nd Saturday**

10-12 noon: Library. Marlborough & District Dyslexia Association. Drop-in advice. Help line: 07729 452143

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## December calendar

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### **1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday)**

7.30pm St Mary's Church. Marlborough Concert Orchestra's Winter Concert. Tickets £10, £2 (students) on the door and from Sound Knowledge. See page 13.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)**

7.30 pm Ellis Theatre Marlborough College. Illustrated talk by Richard Cooper: 'A Life of Adventure'. In aid of the Kempson Rosedale Trust.

**3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday)**

2pm Kennet Valley Hall. Embroiderers' Guild. Surprise Speaker and Christmas Lunch.

**5<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**

From 2pm Savernake View Care Home. Christmas Gifts Fair, then carol singing 5.30..  
7.30pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. WI. Christmas Craft Decoration Participation & Social Evening. New members and guests welcome.

**6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

2pm Mildenhall Village Hall. Marlborough Floral Club. 861279.

7pm St Peter's Church. A Discussion with Baroness Jenny Tonge: 'Bethlehem Today. After 51 years of occupation of the West Bank by Israel, what are the prospects of peace today?' Entry free. See page 26.

**8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

7.30pm St Mary's Church. Marlborough Concert Society Christmas Concert. £10. Also retiring collection for Devizes Food Bank. ~See page 13.

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**9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

7.30pm Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. Film: 'The Mercy'. £6.

**10<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**

11am. Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton. Lecture by Adam Busiakiewicz: 'The Queen of Instruments: The Lute in Old Master Painting'. Guests welcome £7.  
Membership Secretary: 01793 840790.

7.15pm Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. The Arts Society Pewsey Vale AGM & Lecture by Mary Swanzy: 'Female Artists from Britain & Ireland'. Visitors welcome. £7. 07775 683163.

7.30pm Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. National Trust Association meeting: Members' NT experiences and mince pies.

**12<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**

Marlborough College: End of Term.

7.45pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. Gardening Association. Quiz and Pot Luck Supper.

**13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

4.30: St Peter's Church Trust 40th Birthday Party. By invitation only - please see notice on page 8.

**14<sup>th</sup> (Friday)**

8pm Town Hall. Marlborough Folk Roots. Concert: St Agnes Fountain. £20 from Sound Knowledge.

**15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

10-3pm Marlborough College. Christmas Fair for Cancer Research, Prospect Hospice and Brighter Futures. Gifts, food & drink, Rock choir, Santa. See page 26.

4pm Marlborough College Chapel. Hope & Homes for Children's Annual Concert. £10 (u.12's free) from Kim Vine & WHB.



**16<sup>th</sup>** (*Sunday*)

11.15am Barbury Race Course. Point-to-Point.

**19<sup>th</sup>** (*Wednesday*)

12.30pm 40 St Martins. Widows' Friendship Group Lunch. 514030.

**21<sup>st</sup>** (*Friday*) St John's Academy: End of Term 2.

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## January calendar

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**2<sup>nd</sup>** (*Wednesday*)

7.30pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. WI. Talk by Angus MacPherson, Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner. New members and guests welcome.

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**7<sup>th</sup>** (*Monday*)

St John's Academy: Start of Term 3.

**8<sup>th</sup>** (*Tuesday*)

Marlborough College: Start of Lent Term.

**9<sup>th</sup>** (*Wednesday*)

12.30pm 40 St Martins. Widows' Friendship Group Lunch. 514030.

7.45pm Wesley Hall, Oxford Street. Gardening Association. Talk by H W Hyde: 'Allium Bulbs & Rhizomes'.

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**14<sup>th</sup>** (*Monday*)

7.30pm Bouverie Hall, Pewsey. The Arts Society Pewsey Vale. Lecture by Janet Robson: 'Let there be Light: Art and Beauty in the Middle Ages'. Visitors welcome. £7 Membership Secretary: 07775 683163.

**17<sup>th</sup>** (*Thursday*)

7.30pm St Peter's Church. History Society: Talk by Clyde Nancarrow & Michael Gray on The Merchant's House Project. £4 for non-members who are most welcome.

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**20<sup>th</sup>** (*Sunday*)

3pm Marlborough College Memorial Hall. Subscription Concert: Jennifer Pike (violin) & Jeremy Pike (piano). £20 (£10 Students). 01672 892246.

**21<sup>st</sup>** (*Monday*)

11am. Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton. Lecture by Steven Desmond: 'Classic Ground: Renaissance Gardens of Italy'. Guests welcome £7. :01793 840790.

7.30pm Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge. National Trust Association meeting. Talk by Merial Larkin: 'The Ship, The Lady and the Lake'.

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**27<sup>th</sup>** (*Sunday*)

7.30pm St Peter's Church. Concert: Dominic Degavino (piano). £10, £8 (Members).

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**All the churches of Marlborough wish you a very  
Happy Christmas and warmly invite you to worship with us.**

### **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

6.00pm Advent Carol Service at Christchurch (MCT)

### **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00pm Carol Service (St John the Baptist, Minal)

### **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Carol Service (Christchurch, Marlborough)

5.00pm Carol Service (St Mary's, Marlborough)

6.00pm Candle-lit Carol Service (St George's, Preshute)

### **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

3.00pm Teddy Prayers Sing-Along Nativity (St George's, Preshute)

### **Christmas Eve – Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

3.00pm Crib Service (St Mary's, Marlborough)

3.00pm Crib Service (St George's Preshute)

4.00pm Family Mass with Carols and Blessing of Crib (St Thomas More)

5.00pm Village Nativity - starting at The Horseshoe Inn (Minal)

9.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Carols from 8.30pm (St Thomas More)

9.00pm Midnight at Bethlehem - Pewsey Methodist Church

10.00pm First Communion of Christmas (St George's, Preshute)

11.30pm Midnight Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

### **Christmas Day – Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Holy Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

8.00am Holy Communion (St George's, Preshute)

9.00am Christmas Mass (Holy Family Church, Pewsey)

9.30am Family Communion (St John the Baptist, Minal)

10.00am Family Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

10.00am Family Communion (St George's, Preshute)

10.30am All Age Worship for Christmas (Christchurch, Marlborough)

11.00am Christmas Mass (St Thomas More, Marlborough)

### **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Holy Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

10.00am Team Parish Communion (St Mary's, Marlborough)

10.30am Section Service (Christchurch, Marlborough)

11.00am Sunday Mass (St Thomas More, Marlborough)

# Marlborough Churches Together

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## Usual Sunday Service times

### **Christchurch, New Road (Methodist - URC)**

- 9.00am Service with Communion (1st Sunday)
- 10.30am Morning Service with Junior Church and crèche

### **Society of Friends, Friends Meeting House, The Parade**

- 10.30am Meeting for Worship

### **St George's, Preshute (C of E)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- 10.00am All Age Service (3rd Sunday)  
Parish Communion (other Sundays)

### **St John the Baptist, Minal (C of E)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion BCP (2nd Sunday)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday)

### **St Mary's, behind the Town Hall (C of E)**

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP on 4th Sunday)
- 10.00am All Age Worship (1st Sunday); Parish Communion and Junior Church and crèche on all other Sundays
- 5.30pm Informal service except on 1st Sunday.

### **St Thomas More, George Lane (Roman Catholic)**

- 11.00am Sung Mass (See also below)

**Marlborough College Services** are shown at the College Chapel

## Weekday Services

**St Mary's** Holy Communion: 10.30am Wednesday

**St Thomas More** Mass: 10.00am Mon, Tues, Wed and Sat Holy Days

**St George's** Tea Time followed by Evening Prayer: 4.30pm Weds.  
Teddy Prayers and Picnic: 2-3pm every 2nd & 4th Wed

# Visit Denmark

As part of our topic, Window on the World, Year 6 pupils were asked to do some persuasive writing in the form of a travel brochure, encouraging people to visit Denmark.

## Visit Denmark by Finn



### Come to DENMARK!

Denmark is part of the wonderful countries of Scandinavia. Copenhagen the capital of Denmark is so clean and fresh that you can swim in the harbour.

### Things to do

Do you have energetic children? Why not go to Cold Hawaii beach brilliant for surfing and picturesque walks along the beautiful coastline. Denmark has 7000km of amazing coast line. For smaller children you can go to LEGOLAND. Did you know that Lego was founded in Denmark?



For you adults, there are lovely restaurants where you can have romantic nights out. You can have delicious meals of fresh fish and homemade pastries. Don't be shy because Denmark has been awarded the happiest nation twice in a row.

### How long to get to Denmark?

From London to Denmark on a plane it will only take 1 hour and 40 minutes. Or you can go through France and Germany.

Now do you want to go to Denmark?



# Visit Denmark by Emily

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## COME TO DENMARK

Denmark is for everyone, even if you have small children. It's a perfect holiday for all and this is why:



### Amazing activities

Families, Movie stars, fashionistas and all of the above will find numerous ways to enjoy their stay at Denmark and all it has to offer. It has many activities such as: amazing art galleries; zoos full of all types of animals; aquatic aquariums; full-on film screenings; concerts you will never forget and even world famous amusement parks

like Legoland- you will never be bored!

### Fall in love with the food

Everywhere from market stalls to world famous restaurants, the healthy appetite for local products, fresh produce and authentic cooking surrounds you. Forget all about chain restaurants and go for a destination that has put the buzz in new Nordic cuisines.



### Beaches beyond belief

But wait, Denmark is up north, how could it be a beach destination? Your beliefs will change once you've seen the white sandy beaches of the west coast or the cool scene at Amager Beach Park in Copenhagen. Even on a winter's day, the landscape is mind blowing!





# Visit Denmark by Meenashi

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## DENMARK...

*Where imagination sparks!*

Do you need to relax? Or are you a more adventurous person? Whatever type of person you are, old or young, girl or boy, Denmark is the place for you!

Located in Scandinavian region, Denmark is a captivating country to visit. Astonishingly, over 5.5 million people live there. Majority of the kingdom is surrounded by breath-taking transparent water. Don't worry about transport, it only takes roughly 2 hours on a flight. Uniquely, the country retains its currency, the Kroner, despite the kingdom being a part of the European Union.

### *Picturesque places to visit*

Fyn – also known as Funen – is the birthplace of Hans Christian Anderson. 5.2 miles away from Odense city, Faaborg is an old port town in the south of Fyn. With ferries to Lyo, Avernako and Bjorno, you'll never be out of places to go! To the south of Funen, Egeskov is



a 462 year old castle built for defence purposes; it's best known for being one of the best preserved castles of its kind in Europe. To the northwest of Odense, in Aarhus, is ARoS Art Museum. It was European city of culture in 2017.

### *Feeling peckish?*

If you come to Denmark, you must try the national stegt faek med persilovs won otherwise known as crispy pork with parsley sauce. If that's not to your liking, other dishes are smorrebread, frikadellar, fiskeboller, wienorbrod and frugtsalat.



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## FROM THE REGISTERS

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**Baptism - we welcome**

18 November Emilia Nolan at St George's

**Wedding - we congratulate**

20 October Bethanie Peck and Morgan Bisley at St John the Baptist

**Departed - we pray for the families of**

7 October Michael Power (82) formerly of St Martins, Marlborough  
*West Wiltshire Crematorium, Semington and St Mary's*

10 October Barbara Joan Stiles (95) of River Park, Marlborough  
*St George's and North Wiltshire Crematorium, Royal Wootton Bassett*

11 October Andrew 'John' Kerr (72) of Stitchcombe, Marlborough  
*Kingsdown Crematorium*

27 October Brian Leonard Davies (88) of Forest Hill, Marlborough  
*North Wiltshire Crematorium, Royal Wootton Bassett*

# Family News compiled by Audrey Peck

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**Tim Emery**, whose mother, Pat, has suffered from Alzheimer's since 2009, took part in a sponsored walk in South Shields, his mother's home town. Pat was a teacher at St Peters Junior School for about 20 years. She is now being cared for in Miranda House, Royal Wootton Bassett. Tim's father, Malcolm, taught at St Peter's too before becoming head of a Swindon school. If you would like to support them, and the Alzheimer's Society, go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mw318680](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mw318680).

**Joe Anderson** had a wonderful surprise when his son, Jason, took him to his 90th birthday party at the Cricklade House Hotel. 60 of his friends and neighbours were there to celebrate and enjoy a special programme of a dinner, a magician, a disco and a thrilling firework display. Joe and his late wife, Kathleen, chose to live in Marlborough in 1983 when the civil engineering company he worked with, Halcrow, relocated to Swindon. Congratulations and late Happy Birthday Joe.

**Hugh de Saram** is not only the very efficient chairman of our Tower and Town committee. Recently at Community First's AGM and Award Ceremony in Devizes, he received the award for The Most Innovative Community Run Project for software written to run and manage the Marlborough and District LINK Scheme. Three further LINK Schemes (Malmesbury, Royal Wootton Bassett and Four Villages) have also adopted it, with others considering. Congratulations to Hugh.

**Pepita Hurd**'s family and friends gave thanks for her life at St John the Baptist Church on September 25th. Friends described her as warm, generous and helpful. Her sons described exciting holidays, usually in the countryside, searching for flora and fauna. She enjoyed walking, reading, yoga, quilting, sewing but her special loves were gardening, fund raising and counselling. She often shared her home for Quiet Days and Away Days in aid of the Church or Willows Counselling Service. In 2003 she trained as a Lay Pastoral Assistant. She is sadly missed by her husband Stephen, sons Chris and William, and the local groups that she was involved with. Our deep sympathy to all of them.

**Bethanie**, née **Peck**, and **Morgan Bisley** were married at Minal Church. Her father, Nigel, gave her away. Her mother, Amanda, made the bouquets. Heidi, the bride's sister, was a bridesmaid with Sarah Moxon and Anne Homer. Bethanie and Morgan want to thank Henry Pearson for conducting such a beautiful and happy service. The reception was at Wellington Barn, Calne. Bethanie and Heidi took photographs to show her grandmother, Elsie Peck, in her care home. The bride and groom live in Marlborough. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

I have decided to take a break from Family News. If you are interested in having a go (i.e. if you are a busybody like me) please contact the chairman, tel: 516830.

# Letter from Colin Goldsmith (extract)

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Dear Sir,

Thomas Maurice, whose tragic death is described in the November issue, was just one of a line of Maurice doctors and prominent citizens. There were three Dr Maurice's working in Marlborough when Dr Tim delivered my children.

Thomas' widow, Cicely - 'Mrs Tom' - continued to live at Manton Weir after his death. She was the last Patron of St George's, Preshute and her final act in this role was to appoint Dick Shorten as Vicar. The only condition was that once a year he should play bridge with Mrs Tom's sister-in-law Sylvia Maurice, of Manton Grange, on her birthday. Sylvia, when she attended St George's, always sat under the memorial plaque to her husband, Charles Maurice.

Yours faithfully, Colin Goldsmith

*The full letter: <http://towerandtown.org.uk/main.asp?varFunction=showletter&varItemid=621>*

## Bethlehem Today

A discussion with

Baroness Jenny Tonge

Independent member of the House of Lords

**St. Peter's Church, Marlborough 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 7.00 pm**

Refreshments from 6.30 pm

Entry Free

After 51 years of Occupation of the West Bank by Israel, what are the prospects for peace today?

and other questions that will be addressed by Baroness Tonge.

*You are warmly invited to join the discussion.*

## Marlborough Christmas

Festive Gifts, Food & Drink, Choirs, Santa

**Saturday 15th December 10-3pm**

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# News from the Churches

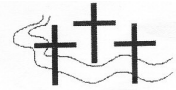
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Carol and Christmas Services: please see page 19 for the dates and times for the individual churches.

**In December St Mary's Church** will be hosting

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1st December	7.30pm, Marlborough Concert Orchestra
8th December	7.30pm, Marlborough Choral Society
12th December	6.00pm, Mencap Carol Service
14th December	9.15am, Marlborough St Mary's School Nativity
19th December	6.00pm, Beer and Carols
20th December	7.00pm, St John's School Celebration



**Marlborough  
Anglican Team**

## **Messy Church for Advent**

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Saturday 1st December, 10am - 11.30am at St George's. Please do join us for Advent activities, informal worship and refreshments. All welcome! (Children should be accompanied by a parent/carer.) Please contact Amanda Brown at [amandabrown46@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amandabrown46@hotmail.co.uk) for more information or to register interest.

## **Monthly Sunday Lunch Club**

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The Sunday Lunch Club will be held on 16th December starting at 12.15pm in Christchurch, cost £7.50 for a two course meal and coffee. January 2019 date to be confirmed, please check church notices. To reserve a place please contact the Church Office at Christchurch: 513701.

## **Marlborough Churches Together** Advent Service

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Start the journey through Advent at our ecumenical Carol Service starting at 6.00pm in Christchurch, Marlborough on Sunday 2nd December.



## **Women's Fellowship** All meetings at 2.45pm in Christchurch

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4th December	Advent Service (Eileen Gilbert)
18th December	Carols and mince pies 4th
	No Meetings in January
5th February 2019	Tea and chat



## **Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group (MAPAG)**

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Monday 3rd December at the Friends Meeting House: follow-up on Wiltshire and Swindon Credit Union and how it could be supported in Marlborough.

Monday 7th January 2019. Bring and Share Supper at 7.30pm.

These are open meetings and all are very welcome.

## **Marlborough Churches Together** Fraternal Meetings

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Monday 3rd December and Monday 7th January 2019.at 12.45pm at Friends Meeting House. These meetings are open, please come along and join us or speak to the clergy for more information.

## **Beer and Carols at St Mary's**

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Wednesday 19th December 6-7.30pm. Carols around the piano, local ale, mulled wine, mince pies. All welcome, free, donations to the Devizes Foodbank.

## **Teddy Prayers Sing-Along Nativity**

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Sunday 23rd December 3.00pm. St George's Preshute. Suitable for under 5s and their parents/carers. Contact Sue Elks ([susanelks@rocketmail.com](mailto:susanelks@rocketmail.com)).

## **Christmas Stocking For Children in Need**

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Many of us will have started our Christmas shopping, but not everyone is in a position to do so. As in previous years, we would like to provide some stockings/boxes for children who would otherwise go without any Christmas gifts, as well as hampers for families who don't have much extra to spend. We are looking for a number of stockings for girls and boys with ages ranging from 4-6 to age 16, as well as financial contributions towards the hampers. Drop off points for donations can be found at Christchurch or Marlborough Anglican Team Office (9am-1pm, weekdays). If you are able to help by making a stocking or providing some materials, please contact Janneke ([jblokland@gmail.com](mailto:jblokland@gmail.com) / 892291).

## **Foodbank**

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The drop-in centre at Christchurch is open every Friday morning, as a collection point for those with Foodbank vouchers or call in to find out more. Don't forget those in need this winter; collection boxes for Foodbank donations are available in our churches, Waitrose and Tesco in Marlborough.

## **Hangout**

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meets every Thursday 7-8.30pm in The Wesley Hall. An open Youth Club providing a safe space and a listening ear. We make toasties, pancakes, play table tennis, listen to music and hang out! Our last meet in 2018 will be on 13th December, which will be Christmas themed (mince pies and mulled juice). We will restart in the New Year on 10th January 2019. More information from Janneke (07754 486575) or Susie (07938 691497).

Hangout & Devotion

## **Methodist Covenant Service**

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The Covenant Service will be held at Christchurch on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10.30am.

## **Forced Migration Course**

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is due to start in January 2019, run by the Quakers. Please check Church Notice sheets for further details.

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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‘Only Justice’ Material for 2019 originates from the churches of Indonesia, where there is a strong emphasis upon the need for unity alongside the nation’s ethnic and religious diversity. The resources also highlight issues of economic injustice and how religious pluralism can face challenges in the face of radicalisation. The theme is based around Deuteronomy 16:18-20, ‘Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue...’ More details on: [ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2018/](http://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2018/)

## **Marlborough Churches Together AGM**

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Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm in St Mary’s Church Hall, bring and share supper. All welcome.

## **Book Group**

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The date for the next book club is: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm at The Mustard Seed. The book is: The Man who Broke into St Peter’s by Chick Yuill. Amazon says “When the caretaker of St Peter's finds that the church has been broken into early on the Saturday morning after Christmas, and that the elderly intruder is still in the building and kneeling at the communion rail, no one is quite sure what to do. What's more, his startling resemblance to the picture of the suffering Christ that has hung in the church for fifty years unsettles all who catch sight of him. ...”

## **Andrew Studdert-Kennedy**

### Institution and Induction in Uxbridge

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Around 55 people from Marlborough made the trip to Uxbridge to attend the Institution and Induction by the Bishop of Willesden of Andrew Studdert-Kennedy as their new Team Rector. Annie and their children Jamie, Phoebe, Alice and Megan all managed to be there, and Annie’s mother.

We all felt there was a good atmosphere and friendly people, who were very hospitable to us. There are clearly going to be new challenges for Andrew in Uxbridge, but I think he will enjoy it, and hopefully Annie will soon make new friendships locally. Please keep them all in your prayers.



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