

## Christmas 2008

### News from the Ashe Family



As Christmas approaches, it is time to reach out and bring joy to one another as we celebrate once more the miracle of the birth of Jesus. Here is some news on what has been happening to the Ashe Family.

After a few weeks of being unwell, **Marion** passed on at the age of 87 to be with our Lord on 31 July 2008. She had given a lifetime of service to God and others, as well as over 58 years of joy to me in our marriage. In the last few years, she ignored constant pain to look after me and to welcome our children and grandchildren into our home. While I mourn the departure of someone whom I loved dearly, I rejoice that she is now free of pain and living with our Lord to Whom she gave her life. I continue to live in Godalming, our home for the last 35 years, and am thankful for the wonderful care lavished on me by a team of loving carers. I know not how long I have before Jesus calls me home where I can be with Marion, but I send my love to all of you at this time of Christmas. I pray that His Spirit may live in each one of us and that we may live each day following His commandment: "Love your neighbour as yourself".

Each of my children bring you up to date with their news.

**Lois and Ken Boullier** moved to Cornwall in June, where Ken has taken up the post of Priest-in-Charge of St. Just in Roseland with St. Mawes. Mary has moved to Southall, London, working at Kingston-upon-Thames hospital training as a pediatrician. Esther completed her photography degree, married Andrew Lewis in October and they live on the Lizard in Cornwall. Zoe is in her final year at Marjon, Plymouth, doing Outdoor Adventure and Community Studies. You can get up to date news at [www.boulliernews.blogspot.com](http://www.boulliernews.blogspot.com)

**Robert and Aam** ([robertashe2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:robertashe2002@yahoo.co.uk)) are still living in Indonesia, where Robert works for UNHCR and Aam is preparing for their retirement on the beautiful island of Lombok, where they plan to retire at the end of 2009. Joel continues to enjoy his job with an environmental company in California, while Peter seems to be surviving the financial crisis with Barclays in London, and Julia is working as a volunteer to help street children in Lombok while applying for jobs after graduating from Chester University in 2007.

2009 will bring great changes for **John and Shelagh** who will be moving to the village of Sparham in Norfolk in the Spring when John takes up his new appointment as Archdeacon of Lynn in the Diocese of Norwich. Shelagh continues to work as a garden designer and consultant and hopes to set up a new business in Norfolk. Jo is due to finish her Masters Degree in January and Suzie and Lucy are in their second year at Oxford University.

**Islay Jane**, Amy and Beth still live in Purbrook. Islay is now working full time with Southampton City Council. Amy is in her first year at Worcester University taking Illustration and Beth is studying A Levels.

**Andrew and Eve**, Rachel, Lois, James, Patrick and Xanthe have moved house - but are still in Maidenhead. Children growing up fast - Rachel is applying to Universities and Xanthe has just started school! Andrew travels a lot especially to Africa.

**Ruth and Yves** are still in Belgium. Yves continues to work in the Casualty dept of a large hospital. Sadly in March this year Yves' father passed away. Sophie started high school in September and Akkara continues at her primary school.

**David and Rose** with Edward and Ben ([www.davidashe.info](http://www.davidashe.info)) live in Australia. Edward, now 5, attends the local Montessori school and Ben is eager to join his brother there next year.

I am grateful to them all for their support, and also to my nephew and his wife, **Peter and Pam Johnston**, who do so much to make my life easier.

With love,

*Pat*