

# Hot off The Press

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Writing here in the early summer November heat is something I am almost getting used to. Last week it averaged 30 degrees, before dropping a little but with some rain to soften the hard ground. However, today it was 36 degrees. But, hey, the weather is not our news... We can tell you that we are booked on a flight to Heathrow that touches down in about 6 weeks' time!

We are awaiting the confirmation from B.A. that we can actually use our June tickets from 5 months ago. We are of course hoping that any lockdown measures will not prevent our landing. We were helped to a prayerful decision through a series of factors:

1. Our visas expire 21st January so we need to take action.
2. To apply for renewal here takes anything from 3-6 months, assuming you have all your ducks in a row; some of the rules and regs here seem quite quackers.
3. Applying in London, the process is hopefully between 3-5 weeks.
4. An opportunity to visit family, home church and dear friends would be wonderful, though we realise travelling will be limited.
5. To relax, collapse, rest and just step outside of the continual pressure and atmosphere of being here for a while would be a welcome relief, and see our house in Cranbrook and continue the unpacking we started last year - a bonus.

We'll say it again: "We are so grateful for your ongoing interest and care!" And to have an opportunity to step back into the homeland to see family and friends will be a treat. But we are also aware that travelling around the UK in present Covid-climate may be a limiter.





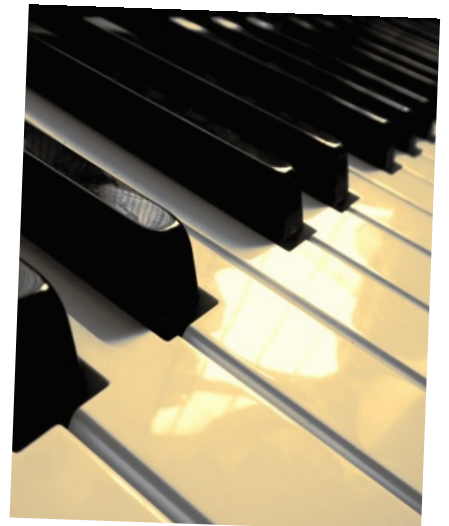
*Enjoying some coffee, cake and conversation in the shade of the car-port.*

Well, let me tell you something of the 'immediate' as there's nothing like the here and now to focus attention. Our team of six, plus our singing cleaner with us for ½ the week, gather each morning around God's Word and pray together. When some issues in life are tough it's a good time to find where you're anchored. Then it's coffee on, and each to our

desks. The quietness in Reception office is interspersed with an occasional visitor and we are musing

on when things will change here. We are hoping this Saturday to hold a leaders' teaching session, which will bring a welcome homegroup style group together. Our Tuesday study group is blossoming as we're working through a discipleship training course to help everyone who wants to help someone in their faith. It's appealing and refreshing, and good for newer students as well as us who have been there before.

Last month I enjoyed a change of keyboard. I swapped my larger Yamaha (DGX660) for a more modest P125B. It was an absolute pleasure to 'sell' the big one to Tristan, son of dear friends, Indio and Desiree. He's a keen musician and is completely delighted and grateful. He's happy, I'm happy, friends happy and I believe God smiles on gestures that work happiness. Kay's online lessons with French, Afrikaans and a smidge of Zulu are quite a daily discipline; hearing the confirmatory "ping" when she gets the answers correct is an increasingly common occurrence.



This Sunday we were joined by a visiting group of Believers for our usual car-port gathering. We had a great time of fellowship and worshipping Jesus, then I spoke to the gathering after which we shared a table loaded with refreshments. Kay usually keeps pretty busy with baking, but she had plenty of extra help for this occasion.

We'll write another bulletin before the end of the year and bring you up to date with any further news of our 'coming'. Thank You for your love and support, your understanding and prayer on our behalf. It truly means a lot to us both! Distance is cancelled in the spirit realm when we meet in God's presence.

May He bless you with His peace in believing!

*Peter & Kay*