



HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

So, the big, great new item for those of you who don't know yet is that this year I got married! More on that later, just to build a little suspense...

The early part of the year was typically busy on both the work and the home fronts, especially with trying to fit in meeting up with the lovely Andrea Weightman. As well as making time for our fledgling relationship, I trekked up north for my first trip of the year to Northumberland, where good friend Pob was holding a dedication service for his 2 kids at the Northumbria Community. We had the first big 24-7 Prayer gathering of the year in London, celebrating 10 years since the launch of the charity that I spend most of my working hours trying to keep running effectively! It's amazing to see what God has done globally through our charity, and 10 years on there's still a huge amount of life around 24-7 Prayer. I don't think I'll be finishing working for them for some time yet!

I began a photography course early this year too, and had a great time making friends and producing a portfolio of my work. Although I'm quite an experienced photographer already, it was great to formalise some of my skills and talk through how I was taking shots with my tutors. I had



plenty of opportunity to hone my skills when Andrea and I took some time out in Istanbul, and when I did some work for my brother Phil, at an exhibition in London hosted by Johnny Ball (famous TV presenter in the UK in the 70s).

The summer was busy work-wise, as we set our vision for the next 10 years, moved office (again!) and had various staff changes. It was a summer of birthday fun as well though, with a party for my nephews Charlie and Felix in Wendover Woods, and a friends 70th birthday on a barge in West Drayton.

August saw another photo shoot, this time at a cycle race organised by VC10, a new national cycle club that Phil has helped set up, and which we're both involved in developing the website for. I put my camera down for a while so I could be a regular punter at the Reading Rock Festival, and then picked it up again for some promo shots that my church in Reading wanted to promote their latest Alpha course. I think the shots made the local rag!

September was particularly frantic, with the organisation of 24-7 Prayers main International conference in Edinburgh. Being that end of the country enabled me to disappear off to Northumberland again, this time to Holy Island with a group of lifelong friends for me to reaffirm some of my vows as a Christian. We had a fantastic time of worship and celebration on a wonderfully sunny day, including a service on the white beaches on the north shore of the island, and a slap up meal in one of the small communities' pubs. Amo from Reading and I then travelled to the Lake District for an overdue walking holiday before returning home.



During all this shenanigans Andrea and I had been falling more and more in love (awww), and had decided that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. So, on a wonderful day in November, we were married in Andrea's old church in Ashted. Obviously the prior couple of months were taken up with all of the arrangements, but we were determined not to wait around too long; neither of us are spring chickens and we didn't fancy a long distance relationship for any more time than was necessary! Both the wedding and the reception went off really well. The church was packed, swelled by lots of friends from both sides, and from Andrea's church – if you don't know her already, she's a vicar! The reception was fab too, and we had a wonderful honeymoon in a beautiful snowy Lake District, where we had first met.



Well, that's the news for 2010! It's been a great year, and we hope and pray that God blesses your 2011 as much as he has blessed us this year.

Have a great time celebrating Jesus birth this Christmas.

Love,

Pete + Andrea