

Our Christmas greetings in 2018

We thank God for his continual blessings to our family and us.

2018 has been filled with activities, mostly in Bellingen but peppered with trips to see family spread north to the Sunshine Coast and south to Melbourne. We continue to love living here and enjoy plenty of community involvement.

In October our precious brother in law, David Sidey, went to be with the Lord. He was diagnosed earlier in the year with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. We had celebrated his 80th birthday in August.

Elizabeth's sister, Prue, now lives in Buderim in Queensland near most of her family.

In November Ken had cataracts removed from both his eyes and is now getting used to his new plastic lenses until he gets his reading glasses.

Elizabeth has had many years of broken sleep until it was discovered it was caused by sleep apnoea - although she does not snore! These problems are much improved now she has a CPAP machine and now encourages friends to have sleep tests.

Our 14 grandchildren and great grandson, with their parents, continue to bring us joy and pleasure. We are looking forward to a reunion of about 70 members of Elizabeth's extended family on Bribie Island for four days over Christmas.

The view from our front veranda reminds us each day of the awesome majesty of our God and of the amazing grace he showed us in Jesus: celebrated at Christmas as Emmanuel, God with us, and all year as our Saviour and Lord.

May you be blessed with wonder, joy and thankfulness this Christmas.

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