

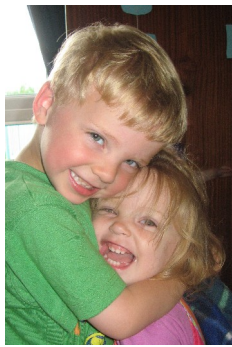
2008 Newsletter

Another year has passed! There have been so many little changes and developments in our family that life feels very different from a year ago. The children are all much further on, and life in Niddrie is continuing to be challenging and exciting. The church continues to grow, with one of Lizzie's friends becoming a Christian recently.



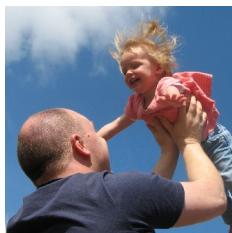
We have a new addition to the family - **Holly**, our cat. We got her in the summer from the Cat and Dog Home and she has settled in well. She is remarkably tolerant of the children, especially Rosie.

Kirsty is nearly five. She is having an extra year in nursery which has definitely been the right decision. The teachers in her new class are lovely and she is getting on really well. At the moment we seem to be working our way through the health service with her, but she has been signed off from the growth clinic, the physios and the oro-pharyngeal clinic. She just gets some speech therapy now, and is due an occupational therapy assessment in the new year. The biggest news about Kirsty is that she became a Christian in November. Having seen Lizzie's friend becoming a Christian, she realised that she needed to say sorry to God and ask Him to help her and take control in her life. She prayed in her own words in the car on the way home from Granny's.



Ewan is three and a bit. He is loving nursery (he's in a different class to Kirsty, but they still see each other at playtime). He still loves his dolly but now prefers orange and blue to pink. Ewan's favourite stories are about Thomas the Tank Engine, and his favourite song is "Here I am to Worship". He still goes to two toddler groups, but is pretty much the oldest child at each. He can recognise some letters and numbers. Ewan is lovely, but much more introverted than either of the girls. He still likes lots of tickles, though.

Rosie is twenty months old now. She has mastered crawling, walking, running and jumping and is a very adventurous climber. She is a very strong-willed girl, and makes her desires clear, even though she doesn't have much in the way of speech yet. She has a great joy in life and can get quite wild. She loves singing, but gets a bit stuck on "Old MacDonald" - eeiieeiieeiieei... Rosie also enjoys drawing and will grab any pen or pencil that she can reach and start scribbling.



Andrew has been doing some DIY round the house, including installing an outside tap and tiling round our bath and putting up a shower. He's now formally in charge of AV and IT at church, which involves ensuring that the AV equipment works and that people are around to operate it as well as maintaining the church website and email.

Lizzie is enjoying running Toddlers at the church. She currently is meeting up with a couple of women for discipleship. At every opportunity Lizzie is practising her new hobby of face-painting. She is gradually getting better and learning new techniques. Most of her time goes to keeping three children and a house in order.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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