



# News from the Warrens in Malta

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## News & Prayer Update

### Family News

We have had quite an eventful start to 2017 with a lot of things happening, and we are still only a few months into the year.

Our eldest daughter, Joanna, announced that she is expecting our first grandchild in July. She is having a little girl and we are thrilled and excited to become Nanna and Nannu (Maltese terms for grandparents) and we are looking forward to meeting our new member of the family. We will be travelling back to UK at the beginning of August for a short time to lend any help to Jo and spend some time with baby, Bethany-Lucy.



Debbie & Nathan relaxing on the beach



Debbie with her birthday sign

Our youngest daughter, Debbie, has been through a very tough time as she was rushed into hospital at the end of January and, according to the doctors, was not expected to survive the night. As soon as we found out what was happening we contacted all our church family here and good friends in the UK and asked them to pray for the situation. Debbie was taken straight to the Critical Care Unit where they began treating her. Debbie started to improve and we were speaking to her by telephone every day. She was soon moved to a general ward and her boyfriend Nathan was constantly by her bedside so we were assured that we didn't need to fly over. Unfortunately, at the end of the first week, she took a turn for the worse and had a total of 4 seizures in quick succession. Our friends, who happened to be visiting her at the time, informed us of the situation and it was then that we decided to fly over to be with Debbie, and also to support Nathan who was naturally worried by what was happening. We booked the

first flight leaving Malta, which was early the next morning.

When we arrived at hospital later that day we found that Debbie had been moved back into the Critical Care Unit and was being closely monitored. But we found her in good spirits and seeing us was quite a boost for her. Later that night she was moved back onto the general ward and was eventually released from hospital 9 days after being admitted. She was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. We didn't realise at the time how much this illness changes your life but at the moment she is coping well and she is getting lots of support and trying to keep positive. However, because of the seizures she had been advised by the doctors not to drive until she has been 3 months seizure free. She will be able to drive again very soon and she is looking forward to being a bit more independent and not having to rely on other people for transport.

We can't thank all the people here and in the UK enough for keeping us all constantly in their prayers. We were able to keep everyone updated by Facebook everyday, sometimes twice a day, so that they were able to pray for the most immediate needs. Although Debbie was seriously ill, we believe that God has a work for her to do and that her life was spared for that purpose. It was good to see Debbie and Nathan a little while ago as they came out to Malta to spend Easter with us. Our church family were also pleased to see her and made a big fuss of her while she was here.

Also, 2017 is a momentous year for our family, not only with our new grand daughter being born but it's Pete's 50th birthday and our 30th wedding anniversary. Both of these occasions are good reasons to celebrate with our friends here. It is also a good time to look back and see God's hand upon us and how He has blessed us so far.

## Church & Ministry News

We are still involved in our church and we are pleased to see new ones being added on a regular basis. All the ladies that were due to give birth since our last news letter have now become mums and these new babies are such a joy to have in our services. Pete is ministering regularly and leading and speaking in the mid-week services as well as Sunday mornings.



Bro. Benyon at his graduation feast

At the end of last year we joined up with our sister church in Mosta at a local hotel for the celebration of the graduation of one of their members, Bro. Benyon. It was a good night of fellowship and we enjoyed a really good dinner.

The church have enjoyed some fellowship outings together, taking time to evangelise as well. We went to Gozo just before Christmas to visit the nativity village in Għajnsielem, and more recently on the Hop-on Hop-off tour of the south of Malta. On each occasion we took tracts and managed to share the gospel with people we met, and as always we had a good meal out together.



Church outing - travelling to Gozo

At the end of April we had our first baptism in the sea for this year, and although the weather was warm and sunny, the water wasn't, so we didn't spend too long in the sea. In a few weeks time the sea temperature will start to rise considerably and we will enjoy swimming and baptising in warmer waters once again.

We are also getting ready for a wedding at the beginning of June, this will be our first one since arriving in Malta. The couple will marry at the registry office, which is common practice, and then have a marriage service and blessing which will be conducted by Peter and Pastor Vince. This will be held in a local beauty spot (Buskett Gardens) and reception at a nearby restaurant.



It looks warmer than it was!

## Accelerated Christian Academy

We are still getting a lot of interest from prospective parents about our school but we are not in the position yet to open because of local regulations regarding private schools and home tuition, which are not favourable at this time. However, Malta is preparing for a general election in June and we pray that things may change and progress as the parties prepare manifestos and make their election promises. Please continue to keep our school in prayer, we would love to be able to tell you soon that we are up and running!

## Other News

On the political scene, there is a lot of uncertainty among British expats in the wake of the Brexit vote, as in many of the EU countries. We believe God brought us here for a purpose and we are not ready to move on yet as there is still much to do, and this is our home. Please continue to pray for us in this respect and for all British citizens across Europe that the negotiations between governments will be favourable toward us.

For many years we have been putting an audio recording (mp3) of Peter's messages and sermons online and have recently started uploading videos of some of them too. One of the sisters generally does a live Facebook broadcast of the preaching on Sunday mornings and regularly gets several hundred viewers. You can access Peter's messages through our website, along with the study notes. These are really popular with visitors who start to hear a teaching topic while with us and want to continue listening. Our church members also listen to the messages again online.

## B&B Project

After a break for a few months we are now ready to begin our B&B again and look forward to seeing some of you this year. We can offer a double room, en-suite with walk in shower, king size bed and air-conditioning. This room has its own private balcony which is an ideal spot for an early morning coffee or something cold in the evening. We also provide a good continental style breakfast which is included in the price and tea/coffee making facilities are also in the room. There are several cafes and restaurants nearby where you can purchase either a snack or a full meal. We do allow our guests to cook their own food but most people like to go out in the evenings and enjoy the famous Maltese hospitality and also the relative coolness of the evening after the heat of the day.

Our guests are welcome to use our large terrace and sunbeds at any time and also to eat outside if they wish. For those who are feeling energetic and like walking we are surrounded by beautiful countryside and our village has some quaint alleyways and old historical buildings to explore. Naxxar is one of the older Maltese villages with a typical Mediterranean flavour. Tradition says that the name originates from the early Christians that lived here during the first century who were known as the 'nazarenes'. Although situated on a main road, we have an amazing view of St Paul's Island and Gozo and never tire of being able to look at the sea every day. We are only 15 minutes from the sea by bus and 20 minutes from the airport. The buses run regularly from the bus stop which is at the end of our road.

If any of you would like to visit Malta for a long weekend or an extended break, just drop us a line by e-mail and we can advise on availability and price. We already have taken bookings for this year and we are grateful that we are able to share our home with others.



Naxxar Parish Church



Countryside view and sea beyond



A 'sqaq' - typical narrow alley

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Account name: **P D Warren**
- **Or through our website:** [www.voice-faith.com](http://www.voice-faith.com) Follow the link to 'sowing into the ministry' where you will see a donation button. By using this facility your gift can be made by debit /credit card or online Paypal account.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR US

- that God will supply all our necessary living expenses.
- For the needs of the ACA Christian School, especially that the current legislation will enable us to open and for those students and teachers that will join us.
- Pray that our contact with the locals will bring them into a relationship with the Lord.
- Pray for our girls and their partners



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