



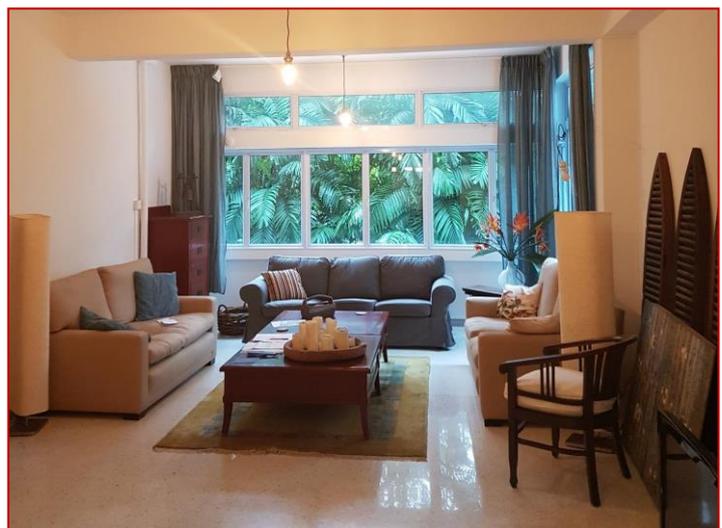
February 2018

Dear friends,

We hope that you were able to get time for some meaningful Christmas celebrations and that you have had a good start to 2018.

For us, Christmas had its usual round of church activities and services so things were busy, although for the first time for as many years as we can remember (if ever) we found ourselves alone on Christmas Day, and a little bit lonely! However, we made up for it by going off to visit friends, James and Katie Harding in KL Malaysia, on Boxing Day and included in that a meeting about possible future Cathedral partnerships too.

2017 ended with a flourish. We moved home into a Cathedral flat which came free in November, and spent time helping with some of the renovations which we enjoyed doing. At the same time, Ineke handed in her notice at the Hollandse club. After some staff changes, she found that her role was demanding more and more unrealistic and unsociable hours with no signs of improvement. She decided to step away to focus on setting up the new home and to have time available for the visits of two of our sons (one in December and one in



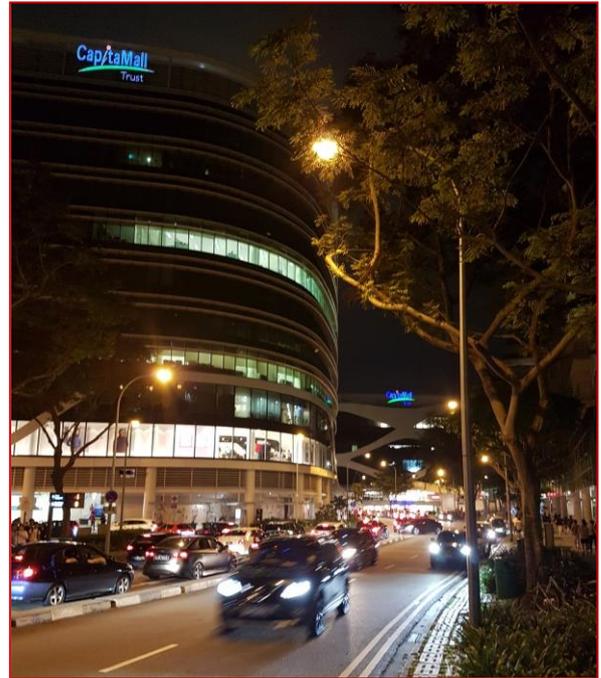
Peter and Ineke's new home

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January). The sadness of Ineke leaving was that she had made some good Singaporean friends of other faiths and was able to share with them and help them in their struggles. She was also frequently meeting new people from all around the world which Ineke always enjoys. There are some possibilities of other positions available if Ineke feels it is right

to take up some work, but there is nothing concrete. One difficulty in Singapore is finding a way for a dependant (Ineke is dependent on Peter's visa) to be allowed to do casual work or to find a flexible position.

Peter's role in the senior leadership team of the Cathedral continues much the same. 2018 marks the beginning of the Diocesan theme of A Year of Prayer, which is preparation for a nationwide evangelistic effort in 2019. It is being arranged by the Singapore Council of Churches, of which our Bishop is currently the chair. The Cathedral will be playing a role in this. For Peter, it is particularly pleasing that he now has two students from Trinity Theological College placed with him - to supervise them in their placement at the Cathedral. One is from Myanmar and the other from Thailand, which is very encouraging. He continues to be invited to preach and teach in other churches and has been asked to do the teaching at Holy Trinity Church's camp/ conference in June. At the Cathedral, there have been a very good number of people coming to Alpha and also to the baptism and confirmation courses that we hold regularly. It is thrilling to be a part of this.



Peter and Ineke's new neighbourhood

Looking to the future, do please join us in praying for discernment at this time. In many ways, when you are overseas and depending on visas and short term 'contracts', one lives with a shorter-term mentality. We have always tended to take one year at a time, even shorter. However, there are times when one considers the future years and what comes next. We are sensing that we are currently in a time of discerning how we serve in mission for the next season of our lives at the end of this year, and that we will soon need to make some decisions towards this. We look forward with hope and a sense of peace as we trust the Lord in his leading. Please join us in prayer and do pass on any words of wisdom or insight you may have.

Wishing you every blessing,

Peter and Ineke

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