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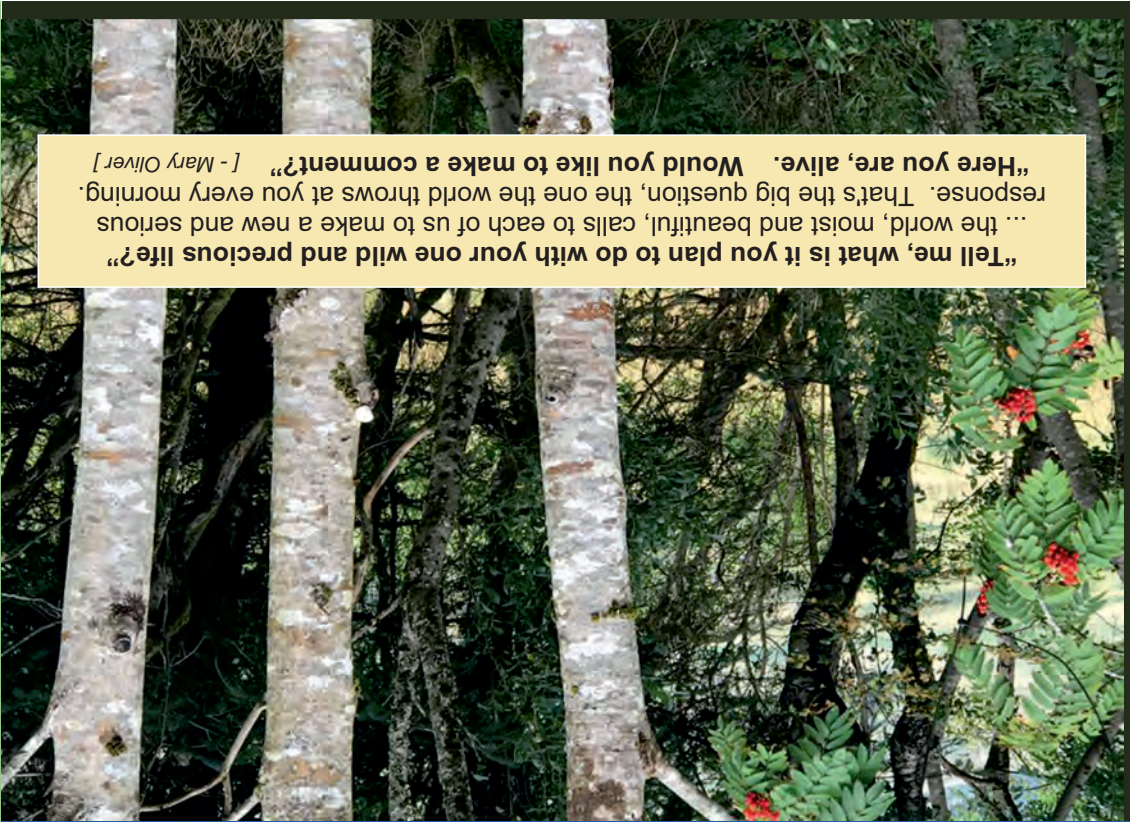
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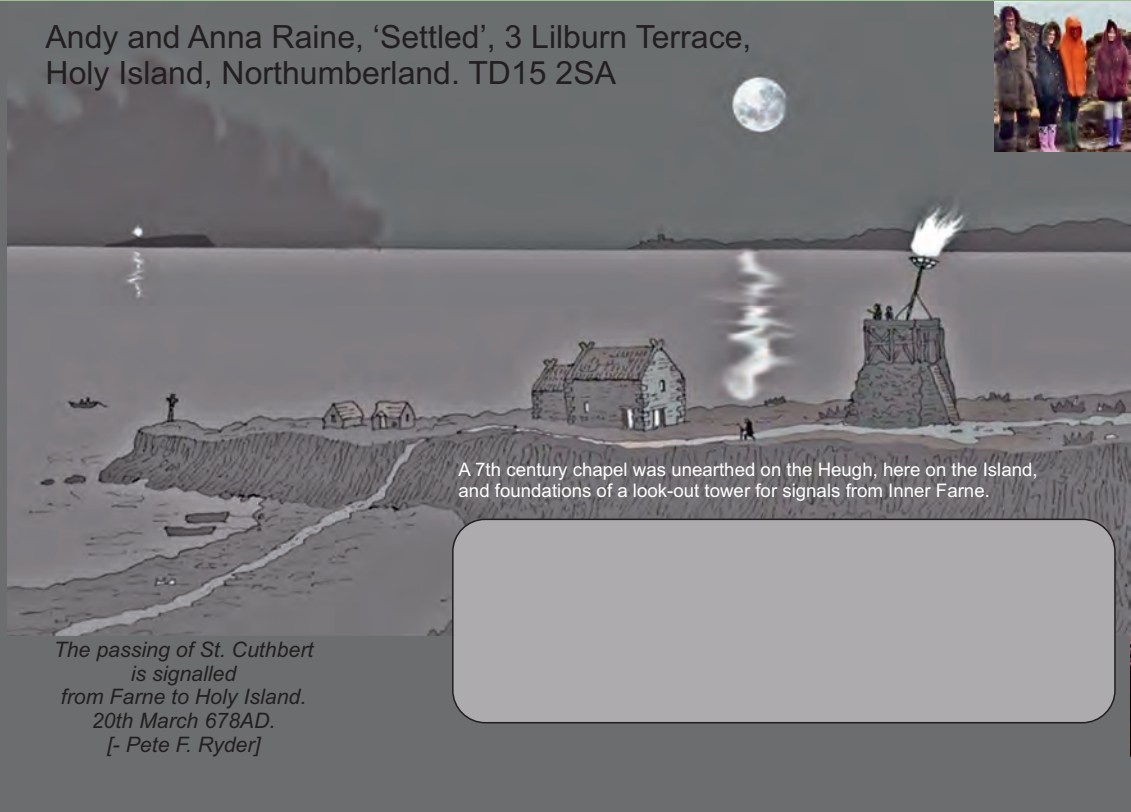


**Wishing you well  
 this Christmas  
 and in 2018**

**Andy and Anna  
 Joel, Martha**



"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"  
 ... the world, moist and beautiful, calls to each of us to make a new and serious  
 response. That's the big question, the one the world throws at you every morning.  
 "Here you are, alive. Would you like to make a comment?" [- Mary Oliver]



Andy and Anna Raine, 'Settled', 3 Lilburn Terrace,  
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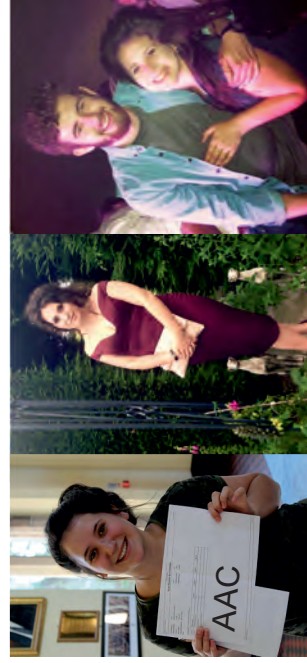
A 7th century chapel was unearthed on the Heugh, here on the Island,  
 and foundations of a look-out tower for signals from Inner Farne.

The passing of St. Cuthbert  
 is signalled  
 from Farne to Holy Island.  
 20th March 678AD.  
 [- Pete F. Ryder]



What will you do with  
 this one brief, shining,  
 fragile life ?

**Joel** is already in his final year of a film-making degree, and still enjoying Leeds. 'Juiced' (which he co-directed) got a Royal Television Society award as Best Student Documentary – it's an interview with a guy using steroids to look good. 'The King of Snapchat' (which he co-directed) won the audience award for British Film School, was chosen to represent BFS at a shorts festival in London, along with Joel's own experimental film, 'How can I lean on you if you're sideways?' which also screened at a festival in York. Joel saw director David Lynch, and asked him about the Log Lady in a Q+A session in Poland! Over Christmas, Joel is working hard at M+S cafe as a barrista! so we'll stop with him and girlfriend Alex, December 28-29 in Leeds.



**Martha** is now 19, + last February passed her driving test first time + with only one minor. She's said goodbye to school life, but walked away with a respectable AAC as A-level results which she was thrilled with. She's currently working at Marygate retreat house on the Island and enjoying the routine and money! and is a few months off buying + insuring her first car.

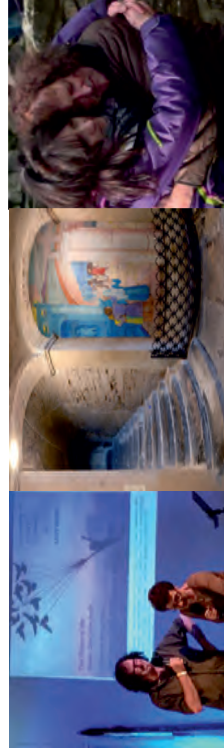
She's still indecisive as to what to do next - too many options! may study at Northumbria, for a Childhood and Early Years degree. But this could change in the following months, as she plans her whole life out differently every day! She + Matty are together for two years already, and happy.

Exams over, her music has come off the backburner:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCF\\_R6egj7QZQihG9zf81Jua](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF_R6egj7QZQihG9zf81Jua)



Andy's taught motivations in some different settings – recently to the staff of a wonderful funeral home at Mossley! This has been a year of losses and funerals for us, too – it had been a privilege for us to spend times with Alan + Sharon Richardson through his last months. Andy was teaching with Anne Griffith in St Etienne, then going afterwards to Lyon. In those few days in France the news came that our dear friend Benny McLaughlan had died. This is huge for Andy, they've been friends since the late 70s, travelled twice together to the US, to Isle of Man (with a team of hermits) but best of all to Tara. In September, Andy walked labyrinth with men from Glasgow at Crianlarich, beside a beautiful rowan tree.



Iona was wonderful in October with 33 of us from House of John network, then Anna + Andy left for El Palmeral, Spain.



In March Andy + Anna, and friend Carol travelled to Castle Douglas and Whithorn, experienced 'The Ninian moment', then Ninian's Cave, took ferry to Belfast, finally made it to Saul with Mark Brown, met up with folk at Ballydugan, followed Columba's story to Moville, Drumcliff and Teltown. We stopped with John + Linda Nelson in Kells. At the famine graveyard, Andy happened upon a dancer and freerunner from Kells called Jack English... Our final visits were to the Hill of Tara, and to Solas Bhride centre in Kildare, now open, and welcoming.

Through 2017 Anna has been working on a new album, with Martin Neil producing it, so he + Bekkah were with us in March, July, November/December. We also had fundraiser concerts in Durham and Jarrow to start the process. It'll be off for mixing and mastering soon, and we're excited. Working title is 'Glimpses of a Celtic Northumberland'. She's also sung in Holy Island festival, and for lots of visiting groups, at a poetry group in Rothbury, a local hospice charity and a music-pub in Pontefract.

In June Anna began working part-time at Marygate



2018 will be the release of Anna's new album,