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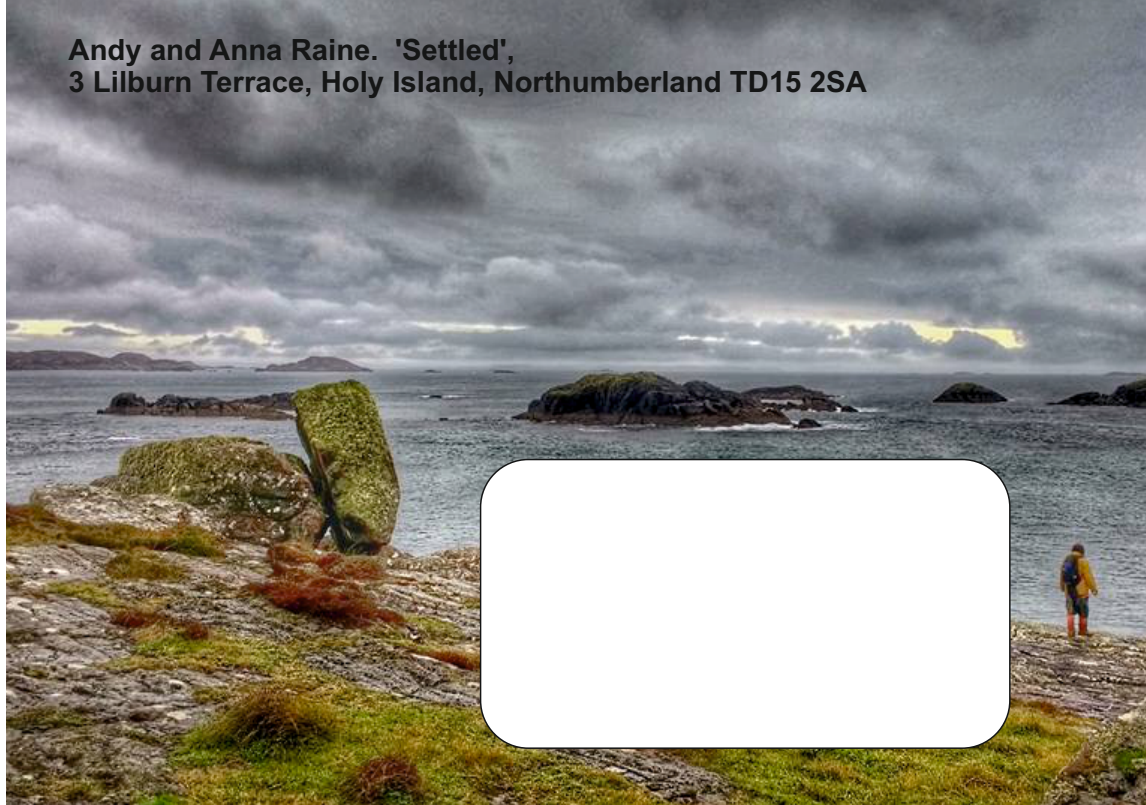
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Wishing you well this Christmas
and in 2017
Andy and Anna
Joel, Martha



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**Not knowing where to turn. I turn to YOU. Not knowing where to go.
I go to YOU. Not knowing how to speak. I speak to YOU.**

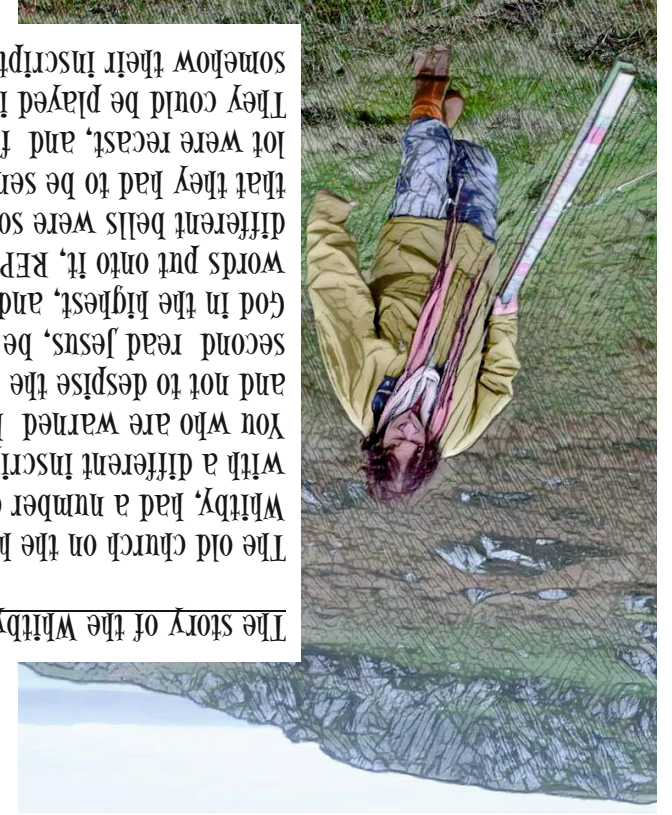


**....Here is a place where the silence is more subtle.
Blessed are YOU, who waits in the world.
Blessed are YOU, whose name is in the world.**

from Book of Mercy -
Leonard Cohen

The old church on the hill, opposite
Whitby, had a number of bells, each
with a different inscription. One said,
You who are warned learn rightness,
and not to despise the gods and a
second read Jesus, be our speed, another said, glory to
God in the highest, and peace to men. The latest had the
words put onto it, REPENT in time! Strangely, these four
different bells were so badly out of tune with each other
that they had to be sent away for adjustment. The whole
lot were recast, and from them six new ones returned.
They could be played in tune, and others added, but
somehow their inscriptions had been lost in the melt!

The story of the Whitby bells.



February found us in Calais, helping out at L'Auberge warehouse, then in the Jungle and Dunkirk camp. Huge respect for volunteers, and for the refugees we met who have endured so much.

All 4 of us wanted to go and we went.

This has been a year for travelling - helping support refugees in Calais. Celtic stuff in Wales, and Othona, teaching dance in Ghana and at Greenbelt. House that John built teams in Isle of Man and on Iona. Community networking in Slovakia. Teaching on giftedness + motivations in Spain, Northumberland, Rome, Cheshire and Dunbar. Anna and Andy have been able to travel together for a number of these trips.

Martha and Matty have been together a year now. Martha continues with A-levels, and singing. Midwifery is no longer the plan. Had her 18th birthday and party, themed around images from one of her songs....*and in my dreams, there are trees with butterflies as leaves...*

Martha is driving competently, and hopes to soon pass a test, and eventually buy and insure a car.

Joel is still doing a film-making degree in Leeds, and focusing on documentaries. Sharing house with girlfriend Alex and number of other friends. Does bar-work in a club, which he really enjoys.

Anna has begun process of more recording as 2016 draws to a close. We enjoy some involvement with music and festivals in local area. Had 'Walcher's Song' event in St Mary's, Gateshead, the location of Walcher's murder and on its anniversary.

Andy has more writing completed and publishing to negotiate.

As we were reading his Book of Mercy, Leonard Cohen died.



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