

Christmas 2023 Letter by David M Gay

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The good news is that I still feel fine. Last December and January, I had 28 radiation treatments. They seem to have worked, as MRIs have since shown no signs that my brain tumor has grown. This Christmas I was going to fly to Michigan to visit family, but, alas, Covid struck them.

I went on some nice trips again this year. In June I attended a meeting in Seattle and had a nice visit with my PhD advisor, John Dennis, his wife Ann, and some fellow students. In late July and early August, I went with the Cathedral Choir for a week in England, which included giving a concert in Hampton Court, singing briefly in Rochester Cathedral, and singing in Canterbury Cathedral (Evensongs and a Sunday Eucharist), plus various sightseeing outings. In late September and early October, I spent about a week in Germany to see my old friend Claudia Stürmer and to attend a reunion of students I studied with in 1970-71 in Freiburg im Breisgau on a “Junior Year” program (though I was a senior).

I still miss Tanner greatly, but enjoy going to various events (such as concerts) with friends. I also still enjoy singing in the Cathedral Choir (St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral), the Symphonic Chorus and the Sandia Singers. Check <https://daveandtanner.net> for recent additions (such as “Some Views (2023)”).

Though I am currently fine, I am concerned about many current issues. While I do not pretend to have solutions to all of the world’s problems, I have some ideas, possibly unusual or contentious, about making some things better. Enclosed is a 2-page summary of some of those ideas. Feel free to provide feedback.



Hampton Court: outside and inside

Canterbury Cathedral: outside, inside, and up



Canterbury gate Sub at Chatham Docks White cliffs of Dover Horn near Constance Reichenau Island church



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JY 1970-71 director Claudia and friend Helmut Diane Fleming & Dave Roberta Favis, D