



Dear Lightwave Prayer Supporters,

Welcome to March's edition and with news from the Government on it's plans to lead the UK out of lockdown on the horizon, we also look to Easter and the resurrection and hope Jesus brings.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead . . ." (1 Peter 1v3, NIV)

There are a number of things to give thanks for;

- The **Lent** courses; **Run with Joy** and the **Labours of Love** are going really well, we give thanks for the course leaders and all participants engaging with the course material.
- The **Red Lodge Helping Hands team**, who continue to support **families in need** and are thankful for God's **provision** from **West Suffolk's financial contribution**, as well as **Fareshare** and other food donations.
- **Debenham Pop Up Shop** is seeing **40-45 people** weekly making use of this fantastic opportunity for provisions. **Curate, Rev Tracey James, has said "the village of Debenham has embraced it"**.
- The **successful appointment** of a **postholder to the Bungay Benefice** as part-time **Priest in Charge and part-time Leader of the Lightwave Rural Resourcing Hub** church, prayers for the recruitment and induction of this process.
- The **40 days of Kindness** Lent initiative has gone really well, with lots of inspiring ways and ideas to spread kindness - for more details you can join the **40 Days of Kindness facebook group**, or go to <https://www.lightwave.org/40-days-of-kindness>.

Prayer is required for;

- The **Growing in God in the Countryside Strategic Development Unit Annual Review** meeting, which takes place on **25th March**, where Archdeacon Sally Gaze and Andrew Gosden meet with the National Church of England to give a report on the progress of the project, its aims and objectives, outcomes and budget.

- **Easter plans at Red Lodge;** Easter hunt, telling the Easter story with QR codes and a live donkey. The **Benefice of Debenham and Helmingham** are having a **Good Friday sponsored walk.**
- The **Diocesan staff and ministry teams across Suffolk**, as they prepare and plan to support people as lockdown restrictions are eased and **remembrance and rebuilding of communities** takes place.
- For those **working in education and pupils and students** returning to **school/college** and their families/support networks, as schools and colleges **re-open on Monday 8th of March.**
- **South Hartismere Connect**, fresh expression of church (Build friendship, Create Community, Explore Faith), which **re-starts on Sunday 14th of March, @ 4pm**, meeting outdoors. For more details go to; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SouthHartismereChurches/> or contact Rev Julia Lall.



Thanks for your prayers on behalf of the Lightwave Community.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace"
(Numbers 6: 24-26, NIV)

Peace and blessings

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