



Dear Lightwave prayer supporters,

As we enter into December and advent and Christmas, it is often a time of waiting and preparation as we think and reflect about the birth of Jesus and what it means to us.

In **Matthew 1:18-23** "This is how the birth of Jesus, the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said "Joseph son of David do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel (which means "God with us").

There is lots to give thanks for in the Lightwave Community across Suffolk;

- On Friday 6th of November **Ben and Leanne Wale** were appointed and Licensed as Lay Workers and Associate Lightwave Hub Church Leaders and Co-leaders of the Lightwave Community, licensed to the Benefice of Carlford. We welcome Ben and Leanne to the Lightwave team!
- The first **Mission Shaped Ministry (MSM) Flexi** Saturday session took place on **7th of November**, on Zoom, which saw over 45 people joining together from MSM Flexi groups, amongst others, to hear from Dave Gardner and Archdeacon Sally Gaze talk on Mission in Recovery, with resources from the National Fresh Expressions website.
- **A Power of Prayer: Praying through a Pandemic Week**, took place between 15th and 22nd November, which was a **Suffolk in Prayer Ecumenical initiative**. Church leaders from across Suffolk of different denominations created a short teaching and reflection video, on a line of the Lord's Prayer, which was published daily on the Suffolk in Prayer public facebook group and also on the Lightwave website. The videos were accompanied by daily online prayer resources and also there were a number of online prayer events which took place during that week as well. The week concluded with a livestream service from St Edmundsbury Cathedral, combining prayer and praise across Suffolk, led by Bishop Mike Harrison and The Cathedral Dean, Joe Hawes.
- We give thanks for **Lightwave Connect**, in South Hartismere, which is a new weekly **fresh expression of church**, engaging and reaching out within the local community. For more information about this contact Rev Julia Lall or Lauren Moore.
- We give thanks for the **Lightwave team**, Sally Gaze, Andrew Gosden, Nina Seaman, Becky Luetchford, Tracey James, Bob Molton, Diane Grano and team, Ben and Leanne Wale, Kathy Wilson, Peter Plummer, Graham Miles, Andrew Jarrold for their prayers, involvement and energy and throughout 2020 and pray for God's continuing protection and guidance over them in 2021.

There are a few things coming up during December to pray for;

- This coming Sunday, 6th of December, there is a **Lightwave Christingle** on **Zoom** between **4pm and 5pm**. For further details and to book a place go to; <https://lightwave.churchsuite.com/events/2pft4o0c>
- **Doorstep Carols Suffolk** is taking place on 16th of December, between **6pm and 7pm**, encouraging us all to tune into Radio Suffolk and sing from our doorsteps. To find out more and to join in go to; <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/is-your-area-involved-/suffolk>
- On the **19th of December**, **Lightwave and Stonham Barns** will be running a Christmas Carol Cafe event between 3pm and 4pm at Stonham Barns. Refreshments will be available and social distancing measures will be in place for everyone's safety. For more information go to <https://www.light-wave.org/events>
- There are two **Carols by Carlight** services taking place in the **Debenham Community Centre car park on Sunday 20th December**. For further details go to <https://www.light-wave.org/events>
- We continue to pray for the work of **Red Lodge** and here's a short video which highlights their mission and ministry during 2020; click here; [VIDEO AND POP NEWS](#)



Thanks for your prayer support during 2020!

Peace and blessings

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