



Lightwave Community News and Events - January edition

Dear Lightwave prayer supporters,

I am writing to you to tell you about some forthcoming news and events that I think will be of interest to you and to ask for your prayers for all that will be happening in the life of the Lightwave Community!

Firstly the top 5 things to give thanks for are;

- A really successful Live Nativity at Otley College on 11th of December. Over 200 people came along, on a cold, dry winter's evening and filled a barn in the grounds of the College, along with alpacas, sheep and cows, lots of music, hot chocolate and craft for children and young people. It really was a community effort, with a local Scouts group, the Rural Coffee Caravan, independent traders and lots of volunteers and the Otley College staff, to ensure it was a superb evening, hearing about the Christmas story! Live nativity highlights can be found at <https://www.light-wave.org/events>.
- A Star Party took place on Monday 6th of January, which despite cloudy skies, some stars were seen and one person in the group brought their telescope.
- The Run with Joy course which starts on the 16th of January for 6 weeks, has received a lot of interest and there has been a lot of demand for further courses like this to be run.
- The Gazes' move to Otley went well and they are settling into the village.
- An encouraging Strategic Development Funding Self Assessment workshop took place, reviewing the delivery, direction and progress of

the Growing in God in the Countryside project, with input Diocesan wide.

The top 5 things to pray for are:

- The Spiritual Practices and Discernment day - on the 1st of February, for good number of people attending and for the practicalities and final arrangements to go well, in preparation of the day.
- For the new pattern of the Lightwave Community Guiding team gatherings, (consisting of support/networking, workshops, teaching and meetings).
- An opportunity has arisen for a potential lambing event in the spring with Otley College.
- For good health for the Lightwave project team, a couple of the staff team are currently unwell.
- For the Lightwave Small group leader training, which starts on 25th of February and runs weekly for 6 weeks.

COMING SOON Launch of Love Rural - further details to follow next month!

Every blessing

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