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## LIGHTWAVE PRAYER AND EVENTS NEWSLETTER

Lightwave is a Christian community, meeting in small groups in homes, pubs, offices, schools and other places which works alongside more traditional ways of doing church.



"9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (NRSV)

Welcome to this month's edition of the Lightwave Prayer and Events newsletter. Each edition will be focusing on an area/region within the Lightwave Community, as well as updates from the Lightwave Hubs and mini hubs, prayer needs and events!

***This month's feature item is from Rev'd Debbie Nicholls, who is talking about Gislingham Baby and Toddler group.***



For more information about Red Lodge Lightwave Hub contact:  
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Red Lodge gives thanks for;

- Two lives transformed by Jesus! Carole and Karen made a commitment to follow Jesus at the Holy Spirit day held a few weeks ago at Place by the Water. The photo below is from the confirmation that followed their full emersion in water, with Bishop Mike and Diane. It was lovely to have about 60 people taking part in the service.
- We started a new Youth group for 15 year olds and young adults, with 6 people plus Diane and Alex.
- Largest number of people joining in with Messy Church this month at Red Lodge, approx. 80 adults and children. Thankful for John Hardwick sharing his giftings as entertainer, storyteller and songwriter (see video below)

Please pray for;

- New Youth Alpha course to start after Easter from the 15 year olds and young adults group.
- A team of volunteers and clergy have been into three primary schools sharing the Easter Experience, as written by Diocese Gloucester, on March 27th, 28th and 29th (empty tomb photo below).
- Easter Cafe event which we hope will provide an opportunity to connect and share with the local community.



Red Lodge Messy Church March 2023



For more information about Emerge  
Lightwave Hub contact;  
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We give thanks for;

- The families at Little Bealings Borrowers having fun and making memories together at church in our willow weaving workshops.
- For the Easter Gardens activity when children engaged with the Easter story and the Good News of Jesus. Many of them asked questions, noticed where the name of Jesus was displayed in church and took home a stone with Jesus written on it as a reminder.
- For our Pancake Party and connections with new families in Playford.
- For rapidly evolving ideas on Sundays from the Emerge Team and residents in Playford, bringing the village together around a seed/plant swap with breakfast.

Please pray for;

- Another seed/plant swap later in the Spring in Playford and links with the Playford Growers group. Pray that those we met on the first swap on 26<sup>th</sup> March and invited to our Easter celebrations will be able to come with their families.
- For our Good Friday celebrations on 7<sup>th</sup> April with St Mary's Church in Playford, organising an Easter Egg Hunt, bouncy castle and Bible story trail on the village green.

For more information about Bungay  
Lightwave Hub contact Rev'd Josh  
Bailey; [Josh@htbungay.org](mailto:Josh@htbungay.org)

We give thanks for;

- Praise God for continued great discussions at Youth Alpha and the young people really enjoying worshipping.
- Praise God for Saint Columba Lightwave group and the opportunity to share, pray, learning from the Bible and people having a go at leading.
- Praise God for Lightwave Sundays cafe church, as this church community meets regularly and grows.

Please pray for;

- Good connections between Choir project and Lightwave Sundays on Palm Sunday. As children and parents have been invited to Cafe Church.
- Pray for wisdom for the Bungay Hub.
- Pray for wisdom of what to do after Youth Alpha and Lent Group.

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**COMING UP.....**



**Big Suffolk Prayer Walk weekend - 19th - 21st May 2023** - More information can be found at <https://www.suffolkinprayer.uk/big-suffolk-prayer-walk> or Suffolk in Prayer facebook group; <https://www.facebook.com/gr>

Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel.

- Plans for a new 18-28's group at Little Bealings Church with pizza, discussion and a games café.

COMING UP.....



**Growing New**

fresh expressions of Church

### **Growing New Taster Information afternoon - Saturday 29th April 2023**

This taster event is designed both for people who are potential lay planters and priests or ministers, who want to hear more about what rural church planting may involve. It will be led by Archdeacon Sally Gaze, Leader of the Lightwave Community and the Myriad team and set out the vision for new worshipping communities, some information about the new lay learning hub and stories from planters.

The afternoon is by personal invitation and will start with lunch on arrival at 1pm, with time to network, followed by a two hour taster session, starting at 2pm.

Please be praying for;

- The communications and publicity for the Growing New taster afternoon
- Attendance for the afternoon and for the teams being called to join
- For Mission Accompaniers across the Diocese who are being invited to journey with the Growing New lay church planting teams

### **THE LIGHTWAVE THANK YOU GATHERING**

**16th May 6.30pm-9pm**

**Ringshall Village Hall, Lower**

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**Catching the Fire** - Lightwave led County wide celebration - takes place on the afternoon of 21st May 2023, at White House Farm, The Grove, Great Glemham, Suffolk, IP17 1LS. This will involve a service, bring your own picnic and prayer walking. More details can be found in the flier above and to book your place go to; <https://lightwave.churchsuite.com/events/j3fyomne>

### **Good news story from the Lightwave Community**



"Even 18 months ago, if you had told either of us what was going to happen today we'd have both thought you were talking rubbish. Anyone who knows Mr B knows well that he's not someone who easily gives away his position or is prepared to make public his views. I don't remember what caused us to first find ourselves at a service but I do remember being a little surprised when C said how much he'd enjoyed it. Whatever happened that day set him on a path that has allowed him to explore this in much greater depth. Ever since W was born we have known,

**Farm Rd, Ringshall Stocks,  
Stowmarket IP14 2JB**

A fantastic opportunity to hear about what has been happening in and through the Lightwave Community in the last year, to praise God and to show our gratitude to all those who have been part of making it happen, especially our trustees. The meeting will also include the essential business of the Annual General Meeting for the Lightwave Community.

Here is what is happening...

6.30pm – Yummy cake and hot drinks.

7pm – Worship

7.15pm – News, Interviews and Stories

7.45pm – Annual Meeting including Elections to the Lightwave Council

8.15pm – Prayer and Worship

If you are planning to attend it would be really helpful for our planning, seating, refreshments etc. if you could book in here: <https://lightwave.churchsuite.com/events/sm1uav6f>

We would love for as many as possible to join the electoral roll so as to be able to vote and would also be very interested to hear from anyone interested in standing as a trustee. Details are being sent out separately to Lightwave group leaders and members. If you have not seen this and would like a copy or for any other queries please email [andrew.gosden@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:andrew.gosden@cofesuffolk.org) or call him on 07711 753312. You can also join the electoral roll by completing the form here: <https://lightwave.churchsuite.com/forms/wnvss3lw>

through our village playgroup, how kind and inclusive our local church is. Through them we have met so many people within our community that we might never have known. People who have led us to other things and allowed us to really call this place where we live a home. Those wonderful folk we met all those years ago made it so very easy for the little seed of curiosity to grow into something far bigger than either of us could have imagined. So here we are today, C was confirmed and has taken the mammoth step of declaring his faith before all. Finally the walls it has taken a lifetime to build came tumbling down and he didn't hesitate for a moment. I'm so completely and utterly proud of him!! Well done, and thank you to everyone involved today.

You're all truly amazing!"



**A prayer for Palm Sunday from  
the Church of England website;**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the  
human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the  
example of his patience and  
humility,  
and also be made partakers of his  
resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



**GET  
INVOLVED...**

Peace and blessings,  
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