



‘FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER, AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.’

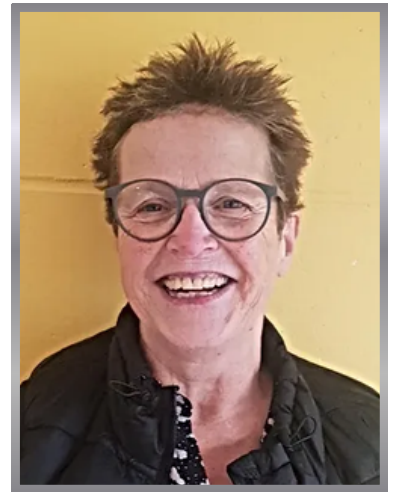
ISAIAH 9.6 (ESV)

I hear you say, It's that time of year again. I have said this many times myself. I wonder what we mean when we say this. Could it be the rush of Christmas shopping and family gatherings, or perhaps it's just simply another year gone by. Isaiah's prophecy, our reality, "For unto us a child is born", causes us to pause, and perhaps for just a moment the noise of the world becomes silent in the light of our almighty Saviour's birth. Another year passes by, but our everlasting Father does not just pass by, his Kingdom has come, he is ever present. He is our strength when the mountains feel insurmountable, our Prince of Peace, when the waves in the valleys of life are high. Our wonderful councillor at life's crossroads. This is the time of year to tell the world, "UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN" and the government shall be upon his shoulders, Jesus is our King, our almighty God, our everlasting Father. I wonder if you would pause a moment to consider who you will bless with this wonderful news this Christmas ?

*Diane G*

## **MEET THE TEAM . . . Angela Finn**

Retired Headteacher, worked in Newmarket as a Cambs Executive Head over 2 Primary schools Follow a call to mission in Nicaragua and Myanmar. Joined the Lightwave Community in 2019 pre-covid and currently part of the Lightwave children and families team for a little over a year focused on outreach in Beck Row in partnership with St John's church here in the village.



### **Family**

I am the middle sister of three girls, born in Ealing. Our family moved out of London to Braintree in Essex! This was where my early love of knowing Jesus began. Blessed with 4 adult children, aged 35 to 45 yrs old, and 5 grandchildren aged 7,8,9,10 and 11 yrs old! 2 Dogs, along with a granddaughter's rabbit and a 'granddog' at times whilst my son works!

### **What is your favorite Colour, Food, Film/Movie & Musical Artist?**

Purple (luckily our work colour!); Aldi's protein vanilla rice pudding. Sound of Music with Julie Andrews, which would also cover my fav music as I love musical theatre

### **What are your hobbies?**

Being with my grandchildren and acting like a 12 year old again. We jump on the trampoline together, ride bikes, play silly card games, make slime etc. Walking the dogs is a great pleasure also, as being out in God's creation keeps me grounded

### **What is something you would like to learn next?**

I am not great with technology, (my grandchildren help me out with this) Recently started an introduction to preaching course.

### **What book are you reading right now (other than the bible)?**

Never Let Go by Suzanne Alderton

### **What are you believing God for right now?**

I am walking with God in His will for the community here in Beck Row. Trusting God to help me reach out to those who need to feel loved and valued in a world which puts so much pressure on them and presents so many challenges to children and adults alike. May God use me and guide those who seeking to become closer to Him.

### **Do you have a prayer request?**

For the parish of St John's church and the community, to see God in all we do here.

# THANKING GOD FOR RURAL SUFFOLK MISSION

## Emerge

Lightwave Community Emerge - have been praying in November for GOD'S Light to shine in our communities. One of the children said "The glow stick circle is GOD'S Love around everyone & it never stops!"

Emerge also have a brand new

website [www.weareemerge.org](http://www.weareemerge.org)



## Forest Heath Team

Lightwave Community Red Lodge, Celebrated a fifth Sunday in the month by having a church family Al Fresco Lunch get together after the morning service, followed by a walk to the Charles Spurgeon Stone along the river Lark, that marks the place where he was baptised.



## Place By The Water

Lightwave Community The Place by the Water have created a Light up Nativity Trail which commenced on 30<sup>th</sup> November with a crib hunt, the trail continues throughout December from 4pm (booking is essential)



## Bungay & Beyond

The Lightwave Community Bungay had a time at Remembrance Sunday together, and think about what it means to build your house on the Rock of Jesus Christ.



## Bridge Communities

Lightwave Bridge Communities run a community Café 1-4pm every Monday at On The Huh, just 2 mins walk from the Diocese Office in Ipswich ,Great Coffee and Tasty Cakes are available.



You can explore, enquire, or join a Lightwave Community Church and small group [HERE](#)

Would you prayerfully consider giving regularly to the work of Lightwave Community across Suffolk? Here is a [LINK](#) to giving



**\*SAVE THE DATE\*** Sally Gaze Farewell Service  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm St Edmundsbury Cathedral

# Please pray for. . .

The Lightwave Community Churches across Suffolk, serving on the frontline of God's mission

Continue to prayers for the work of Lightwave's long-term sustainability are appreciated. We are so grateful to all our faithful and steadfast contributors to the work of Lightwave. Regular giving is one of the best ways to ensure that the team serving in the mission is supported. Would you prayerfully consider giving regularly to the work of Lightwave across Suffolk? Here is a [LINK](#) to giving

Our Trustees, staff, teams, and ongoing work of discernment and planning for the Lightwave community to contribute to and flourish within the wider diocese in the years ahead.

Lightwave Bridge Community and the search for the appointment of a new leader.

The Red Lodge New Church building project, for Father God's provision and guidance as they move in faith. There is an opportunity to contribute to the building fund [HERE](#)

Please pray for those people who made a step of faith to Christ in both The Red Lodge Forrest Heath & Emerge Hubs Alpha Groups that they will follow on in Discipleship Courses, to be starting in 2026

Revitalization, Insight, growth & next calling for Sally Gaze currently on Sabbatical (October-December)

Thank you for all your prayers.  
Every Blessing

Diane Grano

