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TELL!

'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Mat 28:19-20

Sitting here thinking about what our Lord would have me share that will encourage, inspire and perhaps challenge us as we step into the gift of each new day in the year ahead. Two passages come to mind, the greatest commandment to love God and neighbour and our Lord's sending out to the great commission, go and make disciples of all nations. There is something spectacular about having a living faith. A love for Jesus Christ that stirs in us an urgency to respond to our Saviour's call in a way that becomes transformative to us and to those who are far removed, yet entrusted into our care. How will they know if they have not heard?

Our response to this call will take courage to embrace diversity, faith to practice generosity and love to maintain unity in our differences. I pray that the year ahead will see the church become the centre of our communities where love, joy, generosity, and peace abounds. Where the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ continues to be accessible and welcoming. Good News Verified: Knowing Jesus transforms lives and communities. Diane G

MEET THE TEAM . . . Alison Earl

I worked as a teacher and headteacher for 32 years before joining the Lightwave Community in 2019 and I am the Co-Leader of Lightwave Community church Red lodge. We have an amazing team of 5 mission enablers who work together to spread the good news of Jesus and share His love with those He places before us and entrusts into our care.



Family

I am the youngest of 3, born in Ipswich, from a long line of Christian pioneers/missionaries who served in the Congo and before that in Spain in the early part of the 20th century. Many of my family members are currently leading in churches across the country, what a blessing it is to have this heritage and current support. I have been blessed with 3 children, now all adults who are all committed Christians and married to Christians! I have 3 grandchildren so far, and hoping for more!

What is your favourite Colour, Food, TV & Musical Artist?

Blue, I associate it with the sea and sky; muesli, nuts, granola: I like to watch Strictly Come Dancing as I love the feel good, happy vibe! Currently, Brandon Lake and Phil Wickham.

What are your hobbies?

I need to find time to do some! I used to like sewing, knitting and outdoor activities. Now, I love having the family together and being with my grandchildren.

What is something you would like to learn next?

I would like to learn more Forest School crafts and activities to use in our woodland when our family get together and we have church groups visiting.

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

I really don't read much other than leadership books and Bible study guides.

What are you believing God for right now?

That I can live as an apprentice of Jesus, and play my part in not only telling people the good news of Jesus but can support them in their own apprenticeship/discipleship as they live in community as a part of God's kingdom.

Do you have a prayer request?

That each of us grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith and love.

THANKING GOD FOR RURAL SUFFOLK MISSION

Emerge

Lightwave Community Emerge - had their last Youth Club of 2025 by making festive pizzas in a pizza oven, building snow flake decorations and enjoying hot chocolate, of which 14 young people attended.

Emerge as a new website...

website www.weareemerge.org



Forest Heath Team

Lightwave Community Red Lodge, had a surprise visitor at the finale of the Christmas Choir Carol Train event in Red Lodge, The Grinch, however after hearing some carols & the story of Jesus Birth, he departed a caring, sharing and happy person.

Place By The Water

9th December was the licencing of Rev Kathy to Lightwave Community The Place by the Water, and curate to the Wilford Benefice, Thank you to Arch Deacon Rich and friends for making it all so special.



Bungay & Beyond

The Lightwave Community Bungay had a great Christingle and Carol Service, with the Soul Children's Choir performing at St Mary's



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



Sally Gaze Farewell Service Sunday 11th
January 3.30pm St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Please pray for. . .

The Lightwave Community Churches across Suffolk, Bridge Community, Emerge, Bungay, Place by The Water and Lightwave Community Church Red Lodge serving on the frontline of God's mission.

Continue to pray 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 Charlotte, David, Angie and Kirk who have stepped up to train as Elders and doing the preaching course.

Please pray for unity in mission for Lightwave and the parish church in rural Suffolk.

Thank you for all your prayers.
Every Blessing

Diane Grano

