



**Thursday 26 August**

# Growing in God

## Lightwave discernment

Lightwave was launched in 2019 as part of a six-year project and it started with a big vision: to make and grow new disciples and disciple-making leaders in the countryside, and see rural Suffolk transformed for good as Jesus is made visible by loving service. Archdeacon Sally Gaze was appointed to lead the project and now after almost three years we have seen God do amazing things.

The creation of the Lightwave Community has resulted in hundreds of people of all ages being involved in our groups – with over 200 encountering the love of Jesus for the first time. The vision continues to be:

- to make and grow new disciples and disciple-making leaders in the countryside
- for our rural environments to be transformed for good as Jesus is made visible by loving service
- for our church culture and structures to be continually shaped for and by mission so that God's mission continues to flourish in the countryside for years ahead.

If you want to find out more about Lightwave, what it does please do have a look at our short YouTube video.

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Archdeacon Sally Gaze - Lightwave.

It's always been envisaged that Lightwave work will continue past the end of the current project in 2024, so that God's mission continues to flourish in the countryside for years ahead. So, we are asking you to be part of the discernment to discover how the Lightwave Community should explore God's vision for the future. Over the coming months the Lightwave leaders are engaging in a programme of prayer and fasting seeking the way ahead, both for our individual small groups and for the wider Lightwave teams which support the groups. Please pray with us and get involved:

1. Download our discernment pack from our website – which includes small group resources, materials for young families, children and young people
2. Meet in your group to discern and pray together – making use of the small group resources, and then let us know how God has been speaking to you through the 'Listening for Mission' feedback form
3. Take part in our 'Catch and Chat' setting aside some time to pray as a family or group and share what you have been learning with Lightwave using our Lightwave response form
4. Join us for a prayerful discernment afternoon on Saturday 6 November 2.00pm to 5.00pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket. A free lunch will be served at 1.00pm.

You can access all these and find out more – including ways to let us know what you believe God is saying to us as a community at [www.light-wave.org/discernfuture](http://www.light-wave.org/discernfuture). Please get involved by praying and listening to God - and we'd love to hear from you. For further information please contact [nina.seaman@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:nina.seaman@cofesuffolk.org)

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### **Reflection space at St Leonard's Church in Horringer**

Following the creation of new reflection spaces, two family activity days have been held at St Leonard's church offering visitors the opportunity to take a moment to sit down and enjoy the rich diversity of nature in the churchyard and reflect on creation.



Helen Woodroffe, Children's and Families' Minister said: "The children really enjoyed sowing seeds at the wildflower area. They then went and filled the bird feeders at the bird watching area – one five-year-old girl even painted one of our bird boxes. At the plants and trees space, the children explored the area, cut out their own leaf shapes and took part in bark rubbing. But the real hit was the mini-beast hotel. At the first activity day the children helped build the hotel while the second group got to open it up and find out who had moved in."

To find out more please click [here](#).

## Events

### Launchpad

Friday 10 to Sunday 12 September

Vauxhall Christian Trust, CO7 6QQ (between Ipswich and Colchester)

Join the Lightwave Community for a weekend away to encounter God afresh. This weekend is for those wishing to enjoy a weekend away and find out more about Jesus, to find out more about Lightwave and what it does and to learn how Lightwave works so well for discipleship. The weekend will include the commissioning (or recommissioning) of our Lightwave leaders by Bishop Mike on Saturday evening. Please visit: [www.lightwave.org/launchpad](http://www.lightwave.org/launchpad) to book and/or email queries to [lightwave.community@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:lightwave.community@cofesuffolk.org).

**'Time is Nigh' Climate Sunday** by Churches Together in Woodbridge and Melton

Sunday 19 September, 2.00pm-5.00pm

Kingston Field, Woodbridge IP12 4BA

How we get from A to B, how we heat our homes, what we buy and how we interact with nature are all issues which are likely to come under the spotlight on Climate Sunday. This event in Woodbridge covers net zero emissions, recycling, our natural world and how we can all live a greener life. Speakers include Professor Peter Hobson on the creation of a greener Woodbridge, Rachel Smith-Lyte, Green Party Parliamentary candidate and the Revd Richard Stainer who will examine the carbon net zero conundrum. There will be live music and various supporting stands from relevant organisations. For more information please click [here](#).

### Mission Shaped Ministry Flexi



Mission Shaped Ministry (MSM) is a one-year learning journey, equipping people to begin, sustain and grow mission initiatives including Lightwave groups. This flexi version of the course is specifically designed for whole teams who want to work together to reach out

to their community or network and help others to discover God's love. You choose the modules you want and the order you do them in. You choose whether to meet in person or online. You can receive training and resources to facilitate the course yourselves, or you can have expert trainers from the Lightwave team depending on availability.

To register your interest in joining the MSM Flexi programme please click [here](#) and give your name and email address, plus the details of someone who is prepared to give you a reference, together with your benefice/parish name. Please contact [andrew.gosden@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:andrew.gosden@cofesuffolk.org) for information about course costs and if you need to discuss financial assistance for your group.

### **Mission Shaped Ministry Saturday forums**

10.00am-12.30pm

These Saturdays look at a current challenge in mission. They need to be booked separately by each participant and cost £10 each. These Saturdays forums are open to anyone in the Diocese and are free to participants in ongoing MSM flexi groups and CMD allowance can also be used. The sessions are on Zoom (an in-person day workshop may be offered instead as we come out of the Covid-19 crisis). Click the links below to book:

[13 November 2021 – Mission in a time of Reconstruction](#)

[29 January 2022 – Discipleship in a time of Reconstruction](#)

7 May 2022 – Community Engagement in a time of Reconstruction - save the date - booking details to be confirmed.

### **Imeasurably More Online Conference**

16 October 2021, 9.30am to 3.30pm



A practical conference on sharing your faith, having an angelic Christmas, Jesus Shaped People and more. Key speakers are Canon Gordon Dey (Jesus Shaped People) and Lucy Moore (Messy Church). Ipswich Deanery only - please save the date - more details to

follow. Download the poster [here](#).

### **Notices**

**Please visit the Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up to date information and guidance for churches during the Covid-19 pandemic.**

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**General Synod Elections:** Becoming a General Synod representative is an opportunity to represent your community and your diocese at a national level. If you are interested in standing for General Synod, please discuss this with your priest, deanery synod lay chair, Tony Allwood (Chair of the House of Laity, Diocesan Synod) or email [Lorna Todd](mailto:Lorna.Todd). The

closing date for nominations is 1 September 2021. Further information is also available on our website [here](#).

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## **Vacancies**

[Marketing Manager](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 31 August 2021

[Development Manager](#) | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | Closing date: 31 August 2021

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